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PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT DRIVE LAUNCHED

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Personal protective equipment (PPE) for health-care workers and other essential service providers is critical to protecting them and others as they work on the front lines against COVID-19.

An initiative to collect PPE has started as a joint effort between community physicians, the municipality of Halton and the Ontario Medical Students Association, with assistance from St. John Ambulance and the Ontario Medical Association.

The scale of the pandemic in our province is taking a toll on resources. "We fear that a shortage in PPE supplies can hin-

der efforts to control spread and provide care to those affected," states a press release from the Ontario Medical Students Association.

There are drives in Halton Hills, Milton and Oakville looking to collect PPE from individuals, local businesses, offices and clinics to help critical service workers in their respective local community. PPE includes masks, gloves, gowns and face shields among other items. If you are able to donate PPE, simply email organizers to make arrangements to have your donation picked up, or to receive information on where you can drop these items off.

Halton Hills — email: HaltonHill-sCommunityDrive@gmail.com.

Milton — email: miltoncommunity-drive@gmail.com

Oakville — email: OakvilleCommunityDrive@gmail.com

"We cannot do this without you and appreciate your generosity," the students' association stated in their release.

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With Halton's coronavirus cases rapidly increasing, please visit the IFP.ca for daily updates.

You can check out our summary at https://www.theIFP.ca/news-sto-ry/9913708-here-is-a-summary-of-corona-

virus-cases-in-halton/

Our readers are also encouraged to go to our website regularly for comprehensive coverage on how the region — and its individual municipalities — are coping during the pandemic.

