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Good evening all,

A few updates from the CPTF:

1. It is vital that we conserve our PPE. Staff members should only have two surgical masks to wear while in the hospital at any given time. Masks should be rotated between being worn and being sanitized. The same mask may be used anywhere from 2-4 days, depending on the length of time worn during your shift before needing sanitizing. Please continue to use the same two surgical masks for as long as possible. **The two surgical masks should last you two weeks.** To have your mask sanitized, please take them to either the Med/Surg Nurses' station or the Surgical Suite in the MOB. In each location, a green tub is marked for masks that need sanitizing. Staff members are to place their masks in a plastic shopping bag and place it in the green tub. Clean masks are then returned to each location after being sanitized. Clean masks are returned in a paper lunch bag. Please clearly mark your full name and department on your mask and the paper lunch bag. Surgical masks are sanitized using UV light – only surgical masks should be sanitized using this process. **No N95 mask should be sent for sanitizing with this process.** N95s need to be sterilized differently. A method for N95s is still being developed. The CPTF thanks you for your cooperation in conserving PPE, but we all must do our part to ensure we have enough product to protect ourselves and to care for our patients.
2. Maggie delivered spray bottles of E23 and rags to several departments today. Please spray and wipe down your work area/station/department often each day to ensure we are properly disinfecting high-touch areas. The best way to disinfect surfaces is to spray the E23 disinfectant and lightly wipe the surface. Do not wipe dry, leaving the area a little wet allows for the E23 solution to be more effective in killing the virus than wiping it dry. If you have any questions or would like some education, please reach out to Maggie or any EVS staff member.
3. If anyone knows of anything donated to the hospital, please make sure either Laura Doty, Angela Carver, or Deb Good know what was given and by whom. Deb and Angela are keeping a list of everyone who has made donations. We want to make sure we are properly thanking the people and organizations that are supporting us throughout this pandemic.

Thanks,
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