City of Daly City Donates Critical Personal Protective Equipment to Seton Medical Center

*Daly City* – As Seton Medical Center begins accepting patients with COVID-19 through a designated space agreement between the State of California and Verity Health System, which owns the hospital, the procurement of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) during a global shortage in supplies has been a major challenge. Hospitals across the country are struggling to equip medical staff with enough gloves, masks, gowns and other necessities during the pandemic.

While Seton continues to establish a sustainable PPE supply chain, the City of Daly City scrubbed its inventory of supplies to locate gowns, gloves and masks to donate to Seton. “We are doing everything we can to support our local hospital by donating PPE from our own very limited supplies,” said Daly City Mayor Glenn Sylvester. The City continues to make employee safety a top priority by outfitting City staff, such as Police Officers, Firefighters and infrastructure personnel, with PPE as they conduct vital public-facing services.

“North County Fire Authority is donating 500 protective gowns from our own inventory so that medical staff is better prepared for an influx of patients with COVID-19. We know that the integrity of our local hospital is key to our work as first responders,” said NCFA Chief Ron Myers. Gowns have been a particularly critical need.

Last week, Seton received a donation of nearly 12,000 N95 masks and 1,200 goggles from the County of San Mateo’s emergency stockpile. The City’s Department of Water and Wastewater Resources is also donating 750 gloves and 100 masks from its reserves. “We are donating whatever amount we can in order to support the critical work by Seton medical staff, without leaving our own employees, who are in the field every day maintaining the City’s water and sewer infrastructure, at greater risk,” said Tom Piccolotti, Director of the Department of Water and Wastewater Resources.

The City will be delivering supplies on Monday, April 6, 2020 at 2:30PM to the loading dock at Seton Medical Center, 1900 Sullivan Ave, Daly City CA 94015.

“Our City Council has always been an adamant supporter of Seton. We have advocated against its closure and have taken steps to ensure that the property remains a hospital. We are grateful to the State for keeping it operational through the pandemic, and extremely thankful to the frontline healthcare workers that need to be protected,” said Vice Mayor Juslyn Manalo. Seton is a vital part of the statewide ramp up in hospital capacity to treat patients with COVID-19. The City is doing its part to support this community hospital and is working closely with Verity Health to ensure the community stays safe.

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