March 19, 2020

Dear Tucson & Southern Arizona Business and Community Leaders,

I am a cardiologist and on the front lines of care at the local university hospital. I have called Tucson my home for more than 20 years, and am fully invested in the success of our community. I have been following COVID-19 from the beginning of the outbreak and I am writing to plead with you to ACT TODAY on behalf of our entire community.

When this pandemic is over there will be graphs like the one below, on a state-by-state / city-by-city basis. This graph shows the trajectory of the virus’ spread, with higher curves meaning more virus infections. Our concern is that a high curve will overrun our local health care system with cases, decrease our ability to treat patients effectively, and increase our mortality rate.

![Graph showing country-by-country trajectories of COVID-19 cases](image)

You have the opportunity to help, right now, lower Tucson’s transmission curve by donating unused personal protective equipment (PPE), such as N95 face masks. COVID-19 is a respiratory virus spread via air droplets, so a key component of limiting transmissions is ensuring our medical professionals have enough PPEs. Our current local supply is running short, as it is nationally and internationally. Manufacturers are not yet able to bring enough masks online, so we are likely facing an immediate shortage of N95 masks.

I am asking for your help in collecting PPE for our community health care providers who are on the front lines treating COVID-19. The largest supply of N95 masks OUTSIDE of medicine is the construction / painting / building industry. Other cities and states have paired with these industries
to provide an emergent supply of masks. We are asking your help by donating your UN-USED UN-OPENED BOXES OF N95 MASKS.

1. Drop off location:
   Cirrus Visual
   601 N. Stone Avenue
   Tucson, Arizona 85705
   Point of Contact: Brandon Blair
   brandon@cirrusvisual.com
   If you are in need of an East side location, then please contact Keri Silvyn of Lazarus & Silvyn P.C. at ksilvyn@lslawaz.com or 520-270-7099.

2. Your donation will be itemized and stored. We will only use your donation IF we are in dire need of N95 masks. If your donated equipment if not used, then we will return to you after this pandemic has abated.

3. In partnership with the Sarver Heart Center, we will provide a donation letter for tax purposes via mail.

4. We will work with ALL of the local hospitals to distribute PPE as needed.

5. We may ask for other PPE equipment in the future (surgical masks, gowns, gloves, etc.) if supplies are low.

Your assistance could significantly help our local medical community fight this pandemic and potentially flatten the curve locally. Anything you can do to help, no matter how small the donation, is appreciated. If our curves look different from the rest of the states in the next year, you will be a hero.

I am happy to assist is any way that I can and am happy to talk by phone.

Sincerely,

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