

## POTS MAKES MASKS



### WHY MAKE MASKS

America faces a critical shortage of hospital-grade masks during an unprecedented pandemic. What equipment that is available is prioritized for health care and other front-line professional use. Everyone else being asked to shelter in place and wear masks whenever outside of their homes. Unfortunately, given the expense and difficulty of accessing manufactured masks, most POTS' clients are not able to obtain a mask at all. This is an even more critical issue for members of the POTS community who have no home, or who reside in a shelter where social distancing may not be possible. A lack of a mask risks not only the health and life safety of the person but also those around them.

POTS is asking volunteers to make and donate cloth masks to help us encourage safe practices for our Bronx neighbors. *We call it POTS Makes Masks (#POTSMakesMasks).*

#### Here's why we hope you'll join this campaign:

1. Cloth masks can be made at home easily - with or without a sewing machine.
2. Cloth masks are re-useable because they're machine washable.
3. We believe mask makers are more likely to set good examples in public by wearing their own masks!

If you have any questions please contact our Volunteer Coordinator Stephanie Caban at [scaban@potsbronx.org](mailto:scaban@potsbronx.org)

### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

First, check out some [mask-making ideas from the CDC](#)

Second, to ensure the safety of our community, we're asking mask-makers to:

- Wash your hands first, and wear a mask as you make masks
- Use either brand-new cloth materials or recycled cloth that have been laundered in hot water and machine-dried at a high setting
- Place each finished mask in a large plastic "ziploc" bag or place all masks in a large, clean plastic bag

Send an email to Volunteer Coordinator Stephanie Caban at [scaban@potsbronx.org](mailto:scaban@potsbronx.org) to let us know you're participating

Provide your name, phone number, city/state, and how many masks you plan on dropping off or mailing.

Last but not least, have fun!

*Thanks for taking action and being part of the solution! Be sure to follow the [#POTSMakesMasks campaign](#) on social media ([Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram @potsbronx](#)). There's a good chance you'll see photos of your handiwork!*