



**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

**PRESS RELEASE**

**LOCAL FEDERAL COURTS DONATE PERSONAL PROTECTIVE  
EQUIPMENT TO COMMUNITY HEALTH CARE WORKERS**

**APRIL 9, 2020**

The Central District of Illinois is committed to helping healthcare workers stay safe during our country's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. The District donated nearly 500 masks, including 175 N95 respirator masks, previously stored at its various courthouses, to help combat the personal protective equipment (PPE) shortage our nation is facing. Each division donated its PPE as follows:

Peoria: Advanced Medical Transport of Central Illinois

Rock Island: UnityPoint critical care and Pediatric Group Associates critical care

Springfield: Hospital Sisters Mission Outreach for distribution to Memorial Health Systems, SIU Medicine, Springfield Clinic, and HSHS Illinois

Urbana: Champaign Public Health, collectors for the Carle Foundation Hospital

“On behalf of the judges and employees of our Court, we extend our gratitude to the healthcare providers and essential workers who are keeping our communities safe and our supply chain operational. We hope our donation is one small way we can help the greater cause of defeating this deadly virus.” Chief Judge Sara Darrow.

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