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Video Update on Face Coverings and Available Healthcare Workers

"I want to thank you for your continued compliance with the stay-at-home order, with practicing good social distancing guidelines, and with practicing good hand hygiene. I have a couple of thoughts this morning. There's new information on COVID-19 that suggests that widespread use of face coverings may slow the spread of the virus. Because of these recommendations we have decided at the hospital that we're now requiring, strongly recommending, that everyone within the hospital wear at a minimum a cloth face covering. We are experiencing a shortage of these cloth face coverings and I would ask that if any of you have a supply or are sewing these cloth face coverings that perhaps you can contact me at the hospital and let me know if you might be able to help us out with this. The last couple of days we have not had a sufficient quantity for our staff to use. We are trying to preserve the surgical masks in the event that we might have a significant increase in the number of COVID-19 patients that are being treated here at the hospital.

In that regard, my second thought is that we do expect an increase of COVID-19 patients at some point; we have not experienced that yet. One of our concerns will be while we do have adequate space to add bed capacity, we are concerned that we may not have adequate staffing to provide the care to the patients. So in this regard if you are a licensed health care professional, we ask that you consider working. If you're not working, if you're available we would like you to contact us at the location listed below on the screen (fairchildmed.org/respond), and let us know that you might be available as a licensed professional. You may be able to help us out and make a significant difference as we implement our surge plan and really scale up the number of beds that we have here locally at Fairchild Medical Center. So again, two requests: one, we're now strongly recommending that everyone wear a face covering as it may slow the spread of the virus, and we could use an additional quantity of face coverings. And secondly, we expect to experience a surge in the number of patients we ask that if you're a licensed health-care professional that you contact us if you are available to work. Thank you.