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**PRESS RELEASE**

Ritz Lutheran Villa and Mitchell Nursing Home are putting out a request to all local companies for donations of Personal Protective Equipment.

The homes' Administrator, Jeff Renaud says 'that there is a very high degree of supply chain uncertainty and definitely a backlog for certain types of equipment ordered.' He adds that 'our main objective is to ensure the safety of our residents and staff and that securing PPE supplies is our top priority'.

'During a pandemic, masks are especially important as they keep our staff safe and slow the spread of the disease'. Gowns are also in short supply for the homes.

He says they've reached out to everyone from the province to the hospitals, but even they are in need.

Both homes are willing to accept donations. N95 masks, Surgical and procedural masks, and gowns and gloves will be needed.

Before the homes can accept a donation, it has to be verified as having come from an acceptable source. The home says anyone willing to donate must first contact them by email.

They ask that generous people not drop off supplies without coordination in order to maintain social distancing.

You can coordinate donations and drop-offs with Ritz Lutheran Villa at [info@westperthvillage.ca](mailto:info@westperthvillage.ca) or by calling 519 348 8612 ext 222.