

Sewing – the STEM that saves lives

Idaho STEM Action Center's COVID-19 response, #IdahoMakersUnite, is a **call to action** for people across Idaho with basic to advanced skills in sewing to help supply healthcare workers, elderly citizens, immunocompromised individuals, first responders, and others in their communities with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). The greatest need is for **cut-and-sew masks** made of basic fabric or with filter materials and elastic. Whether by hand or with modern digital machine, it's the science, technology, engineering, and math Idaho **communities need today**.

Help those on the frontlines of care with your time and skills

Our communities' essential services are powered by nursing home workers, medical staff, police, fire fighters, foodservice workers, and many more. PPE supplies will not be adequate to protect those who protect and serve us in our communities. **Each mask made makes a difference!** Visit us at <https://stem.idaho.gov/idahomakersunite/> to:

- Connect your skills to an organization in need of masks
- Find mask patterns and instructions
- Inquire about elastic supplies
- Apply for funding for supplies and shipping support for completed masks

Spread the word

If you know of others interested in making masks with their skills, machines, and supplies, please share this, send them to <https://stem.idaho.gov/idahomakersunite/> or email us at Erica.Compton@STEM.idaho.gov. Connecting makers to those in need and supporting their efforts is what makes our place in Idaho so STEM-azing.

With gratitude,

Idaho STEM Action Center

Idaho STEM Action Center is a statewide agency, housed under the Office of the Governor. Our mission: Engineering innovative opportunities for educators, students, communities, and industry to build a competitive Idaho workforce and economy through STEM and computer science education.