

Walgreens donation drive to benefit hospital workers

In-store donations being collected Dec. 14-27 in 80 Valley locations

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Dec. 10, 2020) – Walgreens has partnered with the [Banner Health Foundation](#) to collect donations of a variety of products in high demand by hospital workers on the frontlines of the COVID-19 pandemic.

From Dec. 14-27, Walgreens shoppers in the Valley of the Sun can purchase and donate products in-store that will go directly to Banner Health hospital teams to provide a bit of comfort, relief and nourishment as they continue battling the virus and caring for our sickest patients. Items being requested most include:

- Travel-size gentle skin care products such as cleanser, moisturizer, lotion, and anti-chafe to soothe the discomfort and irritation of PPE contact with skin and frequent handwashing;
- Toothpaste and hygiene products for those working long shifts, often overnight;
- Mints, gum, candy, chocolate treats, protein bars, granola bars and other grab-and-go snacks;
- Bottled water and other beverages.

Specially marked bins are available in each store to collect donated products, which will be sorted by community volunteers and delivered to Banner Health hospitals across the Valley.

“With a nationwide shortage of trained professionals to care for the surge of COVID-19 patients in Arizona and across the country, healthy and able frontline hospital staff are working round the clock—making great personal sacrifices,” said Dr. Marjorie Bessel, Chief Clinical Officer for Banner Health. “We are so thankful to Walgreens and our community for stepping up to provide these comforting products to our teams. Not only do these items provide convenience and relief during long shifts, they also serve as a reminder that the community appreciates their sacrifice.”

Products and snacks are made available to hospital staff in specially designated Respite Rooms in each hospital—calm, quiet spaces where staff can safely remove PPE, rest and recharge with stress-reducing activities. Comfortable furnishings, technology to aid with guided meditation and music, special lighting, snacks and beverages provide a few comforts of home. To make a monetary contribution to keep these rooms stocked beyond December, visit <http://give.bannerhealth.com/coronavirus> and choose Respite Rooms from the gift designation menu.

Established in 2001, the Banner Health Foundation engages the community and stewards charitable contributions to advance Banner Health’s nonprofit mission of **making health care easier so life can be better**. Contributions are invested locally to support patient care programs and services operated by Banner’s many hospitals and health care facilities across Arizona. For more information, please visit www.bannerhealthfoundation.org.

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