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**PORTLAND NON-PROFIT SENDS OVER 70,000 SURGICAL MASKS TO CHINA**  
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Portland, Maine (January 28, 2020) - In the past week, Partners for World Health (PWH) has sent out two shipments of surgical and N95 masks to Wuhan, China to assist with the Novel Coronavirus outbreak. Their first shipment went out last Tuesday, January 28, sending out 15,000 surgical masks and the second shipment sent 151 boxes with 60,000 surgical and N95 masks.

“As the virus continues to spread, there has become a shortage of masks throughout China. PWH is just happy we are able to assist with this demand.” Elizabeth McLellan, Founder and President of Partners for World Health.

PWH received a call earlier in the week from one of Dr. Xu’s (MingXu Xu, a Chinese Physician from Flushing, New York) associates looking for assistance in gathering the needed supplies. PWH quickly organized a package with the masks and other essentials including sterile gowns.

PWH collects medical supplies and equipment from healthcare facilities, manufacturers, other organizations, and individuals. They sort, evaluate, repackage, and prepare these supplies and equipment for distribution to individuals, communities, and healthcare facilities in need both locally and internationally.

The World Health Organization officially declared the new coronavirus outbreak a global health emergency. The number of cases increased significantly in just a week, and the pneumonia-like virus has spread to over 20 countries. At least 213 people have died, and nearly 10,000 have been infected.

PWH would instruct anyone from the general public to contact their primary care physician with any concerns regarding the Novel Coronavirus outbreak. You can also find more information through the The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) by following the link provided below:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/index.html>

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