

# PVAMU librarians sewing surgical masks for Beaumont center caring for individuals with disabilities

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*Library also offers free, pre-sewn fabric to students to create their own surgical masks by hand.*

**HOUSTON** – With the onslaught of the Coronavirus pandemic across the world and the growing demand for surgical masks, Northwest Houston Center (NWHC) Distance Services Librarian Elizabeth Brumfield is doing her part.

On Tuesday, March 24, 2020, Brumfield held a special "Tech Tuesday," an initiative at the NWHC, called the "20-Minute Surgical Mask." She demonstrated how students could create surgical masks by hand. Video of the session will be made available on PVAMU's eCourses site.

To abide by the social distancing plan in effect at PVAMU, students can pick up the free pre-sewn fabric at the John B. Coleman Library on the main campus, and a step-by-step guide to creating the masks. The students' masks will be for their personal use.

"I think it's good to be a part of something, and maybe lift spirits, because everyone seems kind of down. I think having something positive usually brings people up," said Brumfield.

Meanwhile, Brumfield and Phyllis Earles, an Archives and Special Collections librarian on the main campus, are sewing 100 surgical masks to donate. They are following guidelines established by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](https://www.cdc.gov).

Their machine-sewn masks will be delivered to the [Spindletop Center](#) in Beaumont, which provides psychiatric and rehabilitation services to people of all ages with mental health and intellectual & developmental disabilities. It needs 500 masks for adults. Brumfield will deliver the masks next Wednesday, April 1, 2020.

Read the full article on "[From Pencil Skirt to Surgical Masks](#)."

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