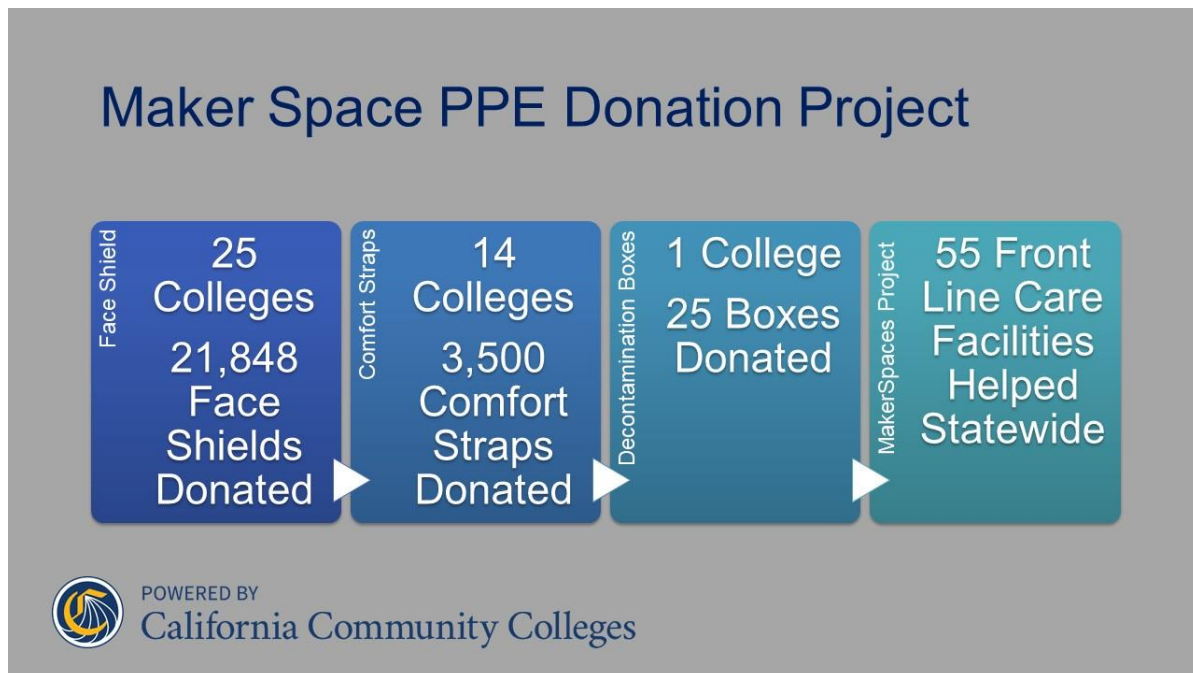


Community College Makerspace Donations in Response to COVID-19

The Statewide and Regional Directors from the Advanced Manufacturing, Business & Entrepreneurship, Health, and Transportation & Logistics sectors worked together to support the success of the California Community Colleges Makerspace response to COVID-19 PPE crisis.

Although production capacity was limited and labor was voluntary, the volunteers donated over 21,800 Face Shields and nearly 3,500 comfort straps to date across California. One college Makerspace successfully crafted and donated 25 decontamination boxes for sterilization of PPE equipment. Currently most Makerspaces are winding down PPE production due to reduced demand, exhausted supplies and the increase of local manufacturing production to support any new demand.

In total, 25 colleges participated in the project supporting over 50 hospitals and health care facilities. Weekly calls helped coordinate the effort statewide. Regional Directors of Business and Entrepreneurship and Advanced Manufacturing sectors coordinated the volunteer production efforts that included faculty, deans, administrative and clerical volunteers for the makerspaces. Regional Directors of Health contacted health care facilities to determine demand, and the Regional Director Transportation and Logistics for the Inland Empire region secured delivery transportation through OnTrac at no charge.



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