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Massachusetts Schools and Students: Supporting the Community, Even When Schools Are Closed

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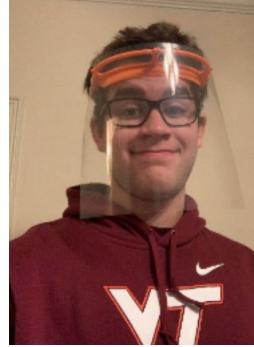
Massachusetts schools closed in mid-March, and everyone soon heard about the shortage of personal protective equipment for medical staff and first responders.

Vocational technical schools with medical training programs realized that they were sitting on hundreds of masks and gloves and decided to donate them.



(Photo courtesy of Greater Lawrence Technical School)

Meanwhile, students and teachers went to work making more. Schools and families with 3D printers have been making face shields, and one effort led by educators at Hopkinton High School, Mashpee Middle-High School, and a private school in Minnesota has involved people in 25 states and produced more than 11,000 face shields. To learn more or to get involved, go to [The Shield Team's website](#).



(A member of Massachusetts' Class of 2020 who is making face shields with The Shield Team. Photo courtesy of The Shield Team)

In a separate effort, [six students in Andover](#), including a graduating senior, have already made 200 masks.

We're proud of the way our schools and the Class of 2020 have responded to this pandemic. Congratulations, seniors!