Community College donated surgical masks, isolation gowns, exam gloves and other personal protection equipment from its health science programs to help frontline medical professionals as they battle COVID-19.

The college's Emergency Response Team has been coordinating with the state Emergency Management Agency on the collection of supplies from the college's Health Sciences and Business & Workforce Development divisions. The effort came in response to the request by the Economic Development Council of Western Massachusetts for personal protection equipment (PPE) needed at Baystate Medical Center and other area hospitals.

The college's collections included boxes of isolation gowns, exam gloves, masks, goggles, hand sanitizer, and microbial wipes from its nursing, radiological technology, veterinary technician, biology, forensic science and certified nursing assistant programs.

Capt. Dale Brown conducted the inventory of the PPE supplies at the campus police station as he prepared the donation for pick-up by MEMA last week.

HCC shares PPE equipment

In response to requests from area hospitals experiencing shortages of supplies, Holyoke Community College police Capt. Dale Brown stacks boxes of personal protection equipment at the campus police station. The college donated supplies from its health science programs for use by frontline health care professionals at Baystate Medical Center and other health centers across the region. (HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PHOTO)