

'Heartfelt thanks' as Arise Hotels donates 5000 face masks to Qld hospitals

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Hotel group Arise Hotels & Apartments has delivered 5000 protective face masks to two of South East Queensland's busiest hospitals.

The donation saw 2500 high quality N95 masks delivered to both Gold Coast University Hospital and Brisbane's Princess Alexandra Hospital.

Arise Hotel & Apartments CEO Michael Song says the masks were initially ordered as protection for essential employees working across its portfolio of 15 hotels and apartment sites from COVID-19.

"The donation of 5000 respiratory protector masks to Queensland's healthcare workers is one small way Arise Hotels & Apartments would like to help our community and in particular, provide some added assurance to our frontline health workers that as a community, we are doing everything we can to support them," he said.

"We initially ordered a large amount of PPE to protect guests and staff in preparation for our properties to be used as isolation sites as and when required.

"And while some of our sites are already acting as 'isolation' homes for healthcare workers, assisting them to limit contact with their own immediate families by providing a safe place for them to reside; we have been able to retain a suitable quantity to orchestrate that while donating the remaining supply to Gold Coast University Hospital and Brisbane's Princess Alexandra Hospital for their immediate needs.

"In the scheme of things, this is a very small gesture but we hope it can contribute in some small way to taking some pressure off our incredible frontline health care services during this time."

A spokesperson from the PA Hospital says the donation was gratefully received.

"Masks have proven to be one of our most valuable resources in the healthcare environment at the current time," the spokesperson said.

"We offer a heartfelt thanks to Arise Hotels and a round of virtual high-fives for this special donation which will help us advance some of those clinical services which have been postponed due to COVID-19."

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