



**Hello medical people of awesomeness!**

**Along with the rest of the nation, we thank you for continuing to look after us.**

**Kia kaha**

A few points to note about the shields:

**Please use only where absolutely necessary.** Ideally the face shields would be single use, but we are flooded with requests for shields. Our challenge now is going to be keeping enough production rolling over to fulfill as many requests as possible. If you are comfortable to disinfect and re-use them that would help the wider community to get access to face shields.

**These have not been sterilised - Disinfect before use.** We figured you are the experts and wanted you to be comfortable with your own sterilisation methods should you choose to do that. We have taken every precaution to keep clean manufacturing environments and minimize any handling with bare hands. But please remember these have been made in people's homes, garages, offices and workshops.

**They are not made from high temp plastics.** The frame of these shields has been 3d printed in either PLA or PETG. If exposed to temperatures above 70°C they will become soft and start to warp. Consider this for any sterilisation method.

**We are not suppliers of official medical-grade PPE.** While we have blessings from various DHB's to distribute these face shields, this initiative has no official backing by the Ministry of Health or any other government department. So please understand, these are to be used at your own risk. If you know of a contact from your DHB who may be able to offer advice, we would love to hear from them. [www.shieldsup.org.nz](http://www.shieldsup.org.nz)

We rose to action when doctors and other health professionals made the issue known in our community. Whilst totally unconventional, our network of 3d printing enthusiasts around the country is likely the best solution for providing alternative PPE shields. We are both excited and humbled to support such an effort at this time.

The Shields Up project is currently being self-funded by members of the team all around the country, like myself. We don't expect anything in return, but if you'd like to make a Koha donation, there's a [givealittle.co.nz](http://givealittle.co.nz) page running, just search "makers nz covid 19 community action" or scan the QR code below.

Shields UP, Stay Safe!

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