



"To support and promote statewide emergency preparedness, disaster response, and mutual aid between water and wastewater utilities responding to major emergencies."

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Re-usable Cloth Masks for Water/Wastewater Utilities in Indiana in COVID19 Response

Indiana Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (InWARN) is pleased to announce that The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), through a joint effort with the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) and their workgroup partners have provided 70,000 washable, cloth face masks to InWARN for re-distribution to all water and wastewater utilities in Indiana.

EPA identified InWARN as the Point of Distribution (POD) in Indiana, allowing FEMA to provide these cloth masks directly to the Water/Wastewater Sector. The Water/Wastewater Sector is one of sixteen Critical Infrastructure Sectors defined by U.S. Department of Homeland Security, Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA). Functioning critical infrastructure is imperative during the response to the COVID-19 emergency for both public health and safety as well as community well-being. Certain critical infrastructure industries have a special responsibility in these times to continue operations.

Safe drinking water is a prerequisite for protecting public health and all human activity. Properly treated wastewater is vital for preventing disease and protecting the environment. Thus, ensuring the supply of drinking water and wastewater treatment and service is essential to modern life and the Nation's economy.

"InWARN recognizes how critical the certified water and wastewater operators and supporting staff are to operating and maintaining the utilities in Indiana, which is why our organization worked diligently putting together a re-distribution plan, so this critical workforce can obtain masks to keep them safe," said InWARN Chairperson Jaimie Foreman with City of Carmel Utilities.

Ten PODs, one per district, established across the state, all at Utility locations, will minimize travel time to pick up masks. Utilities will pick up at the District POD that their county resides in. Masks will be distributed to utilities at a rate of five (5) masks per essential employee, starting as early as May 6, 2020, depending on POD location. The POD locations and schedules of when pick-ups may occur is included. As supplies may become limited, this allocation rate may be adjusted.

About the cloth face masks:

- Single size (one size fits all)
- Fabric touching skin is 100% cotton
- The cloth facemasks are reusable and machine washable, up to 15 times
- NOT for use with chemicals or in hazardous environments where N95 or other respirators are required

A special thank you to all the InWARN partners including AIM Indiana, Alliance of Indiana Rural Water, Indiana Department of Environmental Management, Indiana Department of Homeland Security, Indiana Section American Water Works Association, and Indiana Water Environment Association and to the 10 Utilities that willingly offered locations as PODs.

Questions or requests can be emailed to InWARN Chairperson, Jaimie Foreman, at jforeman@carmel.in.gov.

Points of Distribution (POD) Locations & Schedules

| District 1- Valparaiso City Services | | | |
|---|-------------------------|----------------|--|
| Pick-Up Dates/Times | Address | Contact | Counties |
| 5/5/20 10am-2pm | 1855 Joliet Rd. Door #6 | Mark Geskey | Jasper, Lake, Laporte, Newton, Porter |
| 5/6/20 10am-2pm | Valparaiso, IN 46383 | 219/405-9128 | |
| 5/7/20 10am-2pm | | | |
| District 2- Nappanee Water Utility | | | |
| Pick-Up Dates/Times | Address | Contact | Counties |
| 5/6/20 10am-2pm | 660 N. Nappanee St. | Gale Gerber | Elkhart, Fulton, Kosciusko, Marshall, Pulaski, St. Joseph, Starke |
| 5/7/20 10am-2pm | Nappanee, IN 46550 | 574/356-6034 | |
| District 3- Fort Wayne Utilities- Paul L. Brunner Water Pollution Plant | | | |
| Pick-Up Dates/Times | Address | Contact | Counties |
| 5/5/20 7am-3pm | 2525 Dwenger Ave. | John Clark | Adams, Allen, Dekalb, Huntington, La-Grange, Miami, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Whitney, Wells |
| 5/6/20 7am-3pm | Fort Wayne IN 46803 | 260/445-2965 | |
| 5/7/20 7am-3pm | | | |
| District 4-Lafayette Water Works | | | |
| Pick-Up Dates/Times | Address | Contact | Counties |
| 5/13/20 10am-2pm | 1020 Canal Rd. | Ron Hurst | Benton, Carroll, Cass, Clinton, Fountain, Montgomery, Tippecanoe, Warren, White |
| 5/14/20 10am-2pm | Lafayette, IN 47904 | 765/807-1700 | |
| District 5- Carmel Utilities | | | |
| Pick-Up Dates/Times | Address | Contact | Counties |
| 5/6/20 12pm-4pm | 5484 E. 126th St. | Jaimie Foreman | Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, Morgan, Shelby |
| 5/13/20 12pm-4pm | Carmel, IN 46033 | 317/379-3115 | |
| District 6- New Castle Utilities | | | |
| Pick-Up Dates/Times | Address | Contact | Counties |
| 5/6/20 12pm-4pm | 432 Broad St | Greg Phipps | Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Grant, Henry, Howard, Jay, Madison, Randolph, Rush, Tipton, Union, Wayne |
| 5/7/20 12pm-4pm | New Castle, IN 47362 | 765/524-4654 | |
| District 7- Bainbridge Utilities | | | |
| Pick-Up Dates/Times | Address | Contact | Counties |
| 5/6/20 8 am-12pm | 201 N. Grant Ave. | Eric Gibson | Clay, Greene, Parke, Putnam, Owen, Sullivan, Vermillion, Vigo |
| 5/8/20 1pm-3:30pm | Bainbridge, IN 46105 | 765/720-0998 | |
| District 8- Jackson County Water Utility | | | |
| Pick-Up Dates/Times | Address | Contact | Counties |
| 5/7/20 8am-1pm | 1119 West Spring St. | Larry McIntosh | Bartholomew, Brown, Jackson, Lawrence, Monroe, Orange, Washington |
| 5/8/20 11am-3pm | Brownstown, IN 47220 | 812/358-3654 | |
| District 9-Silver Creek Water Corp. | | | |
| Pick-Up Dates/Times | Address | Contact | Counties |
| 5/7/20 12pm-4pm | 8104 County Line Rd | Scott Ham | Clark, Dearborn, Decatur, Floyd, Franklin, Harrison, Jefferson, Jennings, Ohio, Ripley, Scott, Switzerland |
| 5/8/20 12p-4pm | Sellersburg, IN 47172 | 502/396-7460 | |
| District 10- Jasper Municipal Gas and Water | | | |
| Pick-Up Dates/Times | Address | Contact | Counties |
| 5/12/20 7am-3pm | 825 East Second Ave. | Tim Doersam | Crawford, Daviess, Dubois, Gibson, Knox, Martin, Perry, Pike, Posey, Spencer, Vanderburgh, Warrick |
| 5/13/20 7am-3pm | Jasper, IN 47547 | 812/639-0871 | |

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