



"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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