

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

City of Rochester launches “Need a Mask, Just Ask!”

July 7, 2020 - ROCHESTER, MINN. – After receiving 4,000 homemade masks for first responders and other front line workers, the City of Rochester is ready to distribute the remaining face coverings to individuals in need.

According to Mayor Kim Norton, the “Need a Mask, Just Ask!” project will help ensure that Rochester residents are able to follow local rules and regulations requiring individuals to wear masks in public.

“Community members were kind enough to make and donate enough masks to support our city teammates and first responders, and others. We have over 2,000 masks yet to distribute,” says Norton. “We know that wearing these will help slow the spread of COVID-19 and we want to offer those that do not have access to a mask an opportunity to pick one up while supplies last.”

Cloth masks will be available at the locations listed below. Supplies are limited.

Rochester Public Library Bookmobile:

Visit <https://www.rplmn.org/services/bookmobile> or call 507-328-2300 for a list of upcoming Bookmobile stops.

The Day Center: The Day Center is open from 8:30am to 7:00pm and is located in the Mayo Civic Center at 30 Civic Center Drive SE.

Rochester Police Department squad cars: Each squad car will have homemade masks. Individuals can ask patrol officers for a mask.

Rochester Fire Stations: Visit any Fire Station in town between the hours of 9:00am to 5:00pm.

- Fire Station 1: 521 S Broadway
- Fire Station 2: 2185 Wheelock Drive NE
- Fire Station 3: 2755 2nd Street SW
- Fire Station 4: 1875 41st Street NW
- Fire Station 5: 305 28th Street SE
- Temporary Silver Lake Fire Station: 702 W Silver Lake Drive NE

Intercultural Mutual Assistance Association: Call 507-289-5960 for additional information.

- Main Office at 2500 Valleyhigh Drive NW between 8:30am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday
- Meadow Park Office at 1348 3rd Avenue SE between 9:00am to 4:00pm, Monday through Friday

Norton says she and other city leaders appreciate the donation of masks. “Their generosity will help keep residents and visitors safe during COVID-19.”

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EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS

**City of Rochester
Declaration of Local Emergency**
*March 17, 2020, and amended
May 25, June 27, and July 6*

**Olmsted County
Public Health Emergency**
Issued March 17, 2020

**Minnesota Peacetime State of
Emergency EM-3453**
*Issued March 13, 2020 and
extended on June 12*

**National Emergency
Concerning Novel Coronavirus
Disease (COVID-19) Outbreak**
Issued March 13, 2020

**Stay Safe Minnesota
Executive Order 20-75**
Effective May 18

*For a complete list of state orders:
[https://mn.gov/governor/news/
executiveorders.jsp](https://mn.gov/governor/news/executiveorders.jsp)*

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Ensure Community Lifelines

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Timely Community and
Teammate Communication

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Community Stability

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operation of critical government
and business functions and are
essential to human health and
safety or economic security.*

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