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IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (DEP), CONCERNING CLOTH FACE MASKS

FEMA is providing washable, reusable free cloth face masks to Water and Wastewater purveyors in Pennsylvania. **This notice applies to Community Public Water Supplies and Wastewater Systems.** Distribution will be provided by the Pennsylvania's Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (PaWARN). **PaWARN membership is NOT required to receive the masks.** US EPA and AWWA National were instrumental in obtaining the masks through FEMA.

You may have received a similar notification about this effort from a Water or Wastewater organization, these notices are concerning the same initiative, multiple groups are providing the information to ensure it reaches the largest audience possible.

The masks will be allocated at a rate of five face masks per full-time employee (FTE), with a priority given to on-site working staff only.

PaWARN is asking that you [fill out the survey form](#) so that they can:

- Get an accurate count of "Reporting to Work" employees
- Schedule distribution of the masks
- Track the distribution of these masks

This is on a first come/first service basis as supplies are limited. Orders should be placed no later than Friday, May 8, 2020.

PaWARN requests that each utility coordinate their response to ensure that only a single request is submitted per utility. For organizations with numerous PWSID and/or NPDES numbers, simply list all of them allowing for a single request submittal. To minimize in-person interactions, one utility may pick up masks for multiple utilities. If you choose this pickup method, please identify the utilities that will be receiving your inventory on the [survey form](#).

Please understand that once these items are picked up at our regional distribution sites, it is then the responsibility of the receiver to deliver the masks to each utility. There will be at least one distribution site in each DEP Region. PaWARN will be announcing pickup sites via email once your request is received.

Please note that as masks become available, the distribution method will be as follows:

1. PaWARN will contact the requester through email to schedule date and time of pickup at the announced distribution site. **Requesters should wear a face covering when picking up the masks!**
2. On the date of pickup, your order will be labeled and placed at the designated site. The days and hours of pickup will be announced by each PaWARN regional representative.
3. You will be required to show a company ID or driver's license when picking up the masks.

To maintain proper professional distancing, there shall be zero interaction between location personnel and that of the requester pickup personnel.

[Please fill out this survey form](#) and email it to the PaWARN Regional Representatives from your region listed on the form.

Remember to return your response to the appropriate PaWARN Contact, not DEP.

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