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MIWARN still has masks available for water and wastewater utilities from the shipment we received from EPA. We would like to offer these masks to communities again. At this time masks we will be allocated to requesting utilities at the rate of five (5) masks per full time employee. These masks are meant for all employees who work at the water and wastewater plants along with any employees who work in the distribution or collection system of the utility.

If you are interested in requesting masks, we ask you to fill out our survey on SurveyMonkey by clicking here <u>https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GYWXJ8B</u>.

We are asking that you fill out the form completely and accurately, so we have all pertinent information. For tracking purposes, we will require your WSSN or NPDES permit number to request masks.

In order to distribute the masks, we are still working with several municipalities to be pick-up points for the masks which will allow reasonable access for communities to pick up masks.

When filling out your request form, please indicate your closest (or desired) POD so that we can forward requests to the appropriate location. Once we notify the location of the requests and verify, we will email you with details for pick-up and when you can pick up. We will provide you with a point of contact for you to notify the day you plan on coming. The pick-up days will be on Tuesday and Thursday at all locations, but the times will vary, and we will notify you in your confirmation email.

We ask that you please consider working with neighboring utilities to coordinate the pick-up of masks for multiple utilities in your area if possible. If you choose to pick up on behalf of multiple utilities, please confirm that the utility has filled out the request form and notify MIWARN which utilities you are picking up for. Please understand that once items are picked up at the POD, distribution is the responsibility of the receiver.

MRWA has agreed to assist with distribution and/or coordination with multiple utilities where that fits within their capabilities and schedule.

We ask that you please follow all recommended social distancing and other protective requirements and guidelines that may exist at the time of your pick-up or delivery.

Please remember that these are cloth masks and are not PPE masks so please do not cancel or reduce any orders you currently have for masks or for PPE masks. We hope to have enough masks for all water and wastewater personnel but there is no guarantee, and this is on a first come first served basis.

MIWARN is happy to be able to assist with this effort as a means of supporting all water and wastewater utilities in Michigan during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

If you have any questions or need to coordinate pick-ups for multiple systems or need assistance with potential delivery for multiple systems, please reach out to me at <u>tneumann@mrwa.net</u>.

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