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## George County set to provide a free facemask to all County residents

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The George County Emergency Management Office is organizing a free facemask giveaway for all George County residents starting this week on June 3 and June 5.

The distribution site will be within the City of Lucedale at the public parking lot on the corner of Ratliff Street and Summer Street behind the County Courthouse (across from the George County Administrative Building).

This will be a drive-thru pick up only. The County is requesting drivers and residents remain within their vehicles. A County employee will come to your car with the free facemasks. Drivers will enter, by vehicle, from Ratliff Street and exit onto Summer Street.



The giveaway program will begin with two separate dates of distribution. The first will be this Wednesday afternoon (June 3) from 1 p.m. until 4 p.m. The second scheduled event will be Friday morning (June 5) from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. If facemask supplies remain, additional events will be scheduled in the month of June.

The facemasks are the “KN95 model” which is according to manufactures, rated to capture 95% of small particles (0.3 micron). The facemasks have been directly provided to George County by the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency as part of an ongoing effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

“This is a good opportunity for all George County residents to participate in the distribution of these KN95 facemasks,” explains Nancy Smith, George County Emergency Management Director. “These masks are another layer of defense during this pandemic for residents and their families. The goal is to help those who have not been able to get masks to-date.”

Below are the Distribution Guidelines for George County:

- Be a George County resident
- Display a George County tag on your vehicle
- Pick up one facemask for every household member (Max 6)
- Do not exit your vehicle (drive-thru only)

Since mid-March the County's Emergency Management staff has been picking up and disturbing medical and health supplies from the State for the COVID-19 pandemic. A vast majority of these supplies have been distributed to local health agencies, first responders, and George Regional Health Systems.

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