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WARREN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS USES CARES ACT FUNDS TO PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTE MASKS TO AT-RISK POPULATIONS

WARREN COUNTY, OHIO – The Warren County Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) has allocated a portion of CARES Act funds to purchase additional masks for strategic community distribution. During a public meeting on September 1, 2020, Board President Commissioner Dave Young suggested prioritizing a strategy that will help protect the most vulnerable residents in Warren County by providing them with readily available masks. Warren County local school districts have already received 18,000 masks and 2,170 have been delivered to The Council on Aging as a part of this initiative.

Warren County Health Commissioner Duane Stansbury advised that “Warren County continues to see 10 cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 population per day. Wearing a mask and maintaining 6 foot social distance are still the best ways to protect yourself and your family.”

With the goal of making KN95 masks available to Warren County’s most vulnerable populations, the Warren County Commissioners have partnered with local jurisdictions, first responders, and various county agencies to make this possible. Each Monday in October, mask distribution will take place at designated locations in Warren County. Coined as “Mask Monday,” this initiative will get the highly recommended KN95 masks into the hands of those who identify as at-risk members of the community.

Commissioner Young remarked, “Our Board is pleased to offer these protective devices to our at-risk constituents. At this point, we know much more about this dreaded disease than we did at the onset of the pandemic, including who is most at-risk. Our hope is to assist those residents who self-identify as at-risk protect themselves with these KN95 masks. I believe this strategy of protecting those who are most vulnerable will assist us all with our collective goal of a return to normal. While nothing in life is certain, we are happy to provide this extra layer of protection.”

Masks will be provided at no cost and available for pick up each Monday in October at seventeen different locations throughout Warren County. Select jurisdictions have arranged for additional pick-up days throughout the month to accommodate as many at-risk residents as possible. Please visit www.co.warren.oh.us for a complete list of locations and distribution times.

About the Warren County Board of County Commissioners

The Warren County Board of Commissioners is the legislative and executive body of county government. As the governing body, the Board is fiscally responsible for taxpayer dollars and for provision of services as required by state and federal law or mandated by the public. The Board works, through community partnership, to conscientiously protect and enhance the health, safety and quality of life of all Warren County residents, businesses and communities in a respectful, efficient and fiscally responsible way that addresses the needs today and invests in tomorrow.

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