



City of Beacon, New York

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City of Beacon to Distribute Fabric Face Coverings Manufactured by Hanes Brands, Inc.

BEACON, NY – In another extraordinary measure of the best of humanity, the Dutchess County Emergency Management team is making fabric face coverings, manufactured by Hanes Brands, Inc. Each municipality in Dutchess County has been provided two boxes, containing 100 five-packs of washable fabric masks in each box. The masks will be distributed to municipal staff members, local businesses and organizations, as well as within the City of Beacon for essential staff to use (i.e. grocery stores, convenience stores, gas stations, food delivery, etc.).

Any business or organization who employ essential staff and are located within the City of Beacon may contact Collin Milone, Assistant to the Mayor at (845) 8385010 or email him at cityofbeacon@cityofbeacon.org in order to coordinate a time for pick-up.

County Executive Marcus Molinaro said, “We encourage local businesses and organizations to take advantage of these cloth face coverings for their staff. Social distancing and face coverings help prevent the spread of the coronavirus and each of us must do all we can to keep ourselves and others safe.”

Mayor Lee Kyriacou said, “With the Executive Order from the Governor that essential employees interacting with the public must be provided face coverings, this public private partnership is a continued example of the American spirit.”

About the City of Beacon:

Beacon, New York is located on the eastern shore of the Hudson River 60 miles north of New York City, with a population of 15,000. Originally a Native American settlement, the area was purchased from the Wappinger Tribe in 1683 and settled by Dutch and other Europeans, leading to the riverfront community of Fishkill Landing on the Hudson, and the mill community of Matteawan on Fishkill Creek. The two communities were incorporated together as the City of Beacon in 1913, named for the Revolutionary War signal fires on Mount Beacon. Beacon thrived as a 19th and 20th Century factory city, but as factories closed after WWII and the local economy declined, the city went through a period of hard times. Today, Beacon has successfully reinvented itself as a 21st Century river community centered around tourism, the arts and access to the scenic Hudson River heritage area. A diverse and thriving small city, it is now home to DIA:Beacon (one of the largest exhibition spaces in the country for modern and contemporary art), a network of Hudson River parks connecting to Fishkill Creek and Mount Beacon trails, and a vibrant historic Main Street of art galleries, shops, cultural venues and restaurants.

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