Caddo mask distribution sites announced

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Caddo Parish residents can pick up free face masks from 8 a.m. until noon Thursday, April 23, at pre-selected sites within the parish, said Sheriff Steve Prator, director of Caddo's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Fourteen locations have been identified in Shreveport and rural Caddo Parish where residents can drive through and receive new reusable masks donated by the Hanes clothing company to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our area. Over 110,000 masks will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

"Finding the proper equipment to protect ourselves and our families has been difficult for many of us," Prator said. "Everyone has a part in eliminating this virus, so we're grateful to Hanes for providing supplies that we can pass on to our citizens."

In Shreveport, masks will be distributed at the following parks and locations:

- Bill Cockrell, 4109 Pines Road;
- Airport, 6500 Kennedy Drive;
- Sunset Acres, 6700 Quillen Blvd.;
- Southern Hills, 1002 W. Bert Kouns Industrial Loop;
- AB Palmer, 547 E. 79th Street;
- David Raines, 2920 Grove Lane;
- Bilberry, 1902 Alabama Ave.;
- Valencia, 1800 Viking Drive;
- AC Steere, 4009 Youree Drive; and
- LSU-Shreveport, One University Place

Parish residents can pick up a mask at the above locations or the following rural sites:

- North Blanchard Compactor, 7340 LA Hwy 1, Blanchard;
- Keithville Compactor, 5159 Keithville-Springridge Road, Keithville;
- Mayo Road Compactor, 124 Mayo Road, Shreveport; and
- Westpark Compactor, 7294 West Park, Shreveport.

City and parish leaders said they were grateful for the Hanes donation and appreciate the company's concern for the health of our citizens. The company donated over 2 million masks to the state, which were divided among parishes based on population.

“I am glad we are able to provide our citizens with masks to protect them as we move through this pandemic,” said Mayor Adrian Perkins. “This is just one more step in our efforts to stop the spread of this virus.”

Caddo Commission President Mario Chavez said,“As we band together to fight against COVID-19 in our nation, state and our parish, this donation from the Hanes Corporation is critical to keeping our citizens safe. The Parish is excited to partner with the Office of Homeland Security and City of Shreveport to provide access to masks, and we urge citizens to practice the guidance of wearing masks in public places to help prevent the transmission of COVID-19.”