## CITY OF RENTON FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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## City of Renton to begin distribution of 20,000 masks free to residents

Masks available at Renton Community Center on Wednesdays and Thursdays starting July 2

**RENTON, WA** – The City of Renton will start distributing 20,000 masks free to residents starting Thursday, July 2 to help combat the spread of COVID-19. Distribution will continue every Wednesday and Thursday through the end of July or for as long as supplies last.

Mask distribution will take place at <u>Renton Community Center</u> (1715 Maple Valley Hwy) from 4 to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays and from 9 to 11 a.m. on Thursdays. Residents are asked to drive to the building's main entrance and each vehicle will receive two (2) five-mask packets. There will be no proof of residence required and we ask that you only pass through once. Members of the city's recreation and neighborhoods and human services divisions will distribute the masks.

Renton seniors picking up lunches at the Renton Senior Activity Center as part of the senior lunch program will also receive masks.





The masks will help Renton residents comply with the <u>governor's order</u> mandating the wearing of masks across the state which took effect on June 26. King County has had a <u>similar mandate</u> in place since May 18.

The <u>Centers for Disease Control and Prevention</u> and <u>Public Health – Seattle and King County</u> have emphasized wearing face coverings helps stop the spread of the virus. The experts also recommend frequent hand washing and maintaining a social distance of at least six feet from individuals who are not members of your household.

The city received the masks from King County. Any masks remaining at the end of the month will be distributed to non-profit organizations in Renton.

## About the City of Renton

The City of Renton, Washington, with a population of 105,500 (2020), is located on the southeast shore of Lake Washington, just south of Seattle. Renton's strong economic base, diverse marketplace and favorable business climate have attracted the attention of nationally recognized companies that are providing employees and their families an outstanding quality of life. Renton is the home of Boeing, PACCAR, IKEA, the Seattle Seahawks, and the eternal resting place of Jimi Hendrix. More information can be found on our <u>website</u>, <u>news releases</u>, or <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Nextdoor</u> pages.

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