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Tri-County Health Care to Distribute Free Face Masks

WADENA, Minn. – **May 11, 2020** – Tri-County Health Care will host a Community Mask Distribution on Wednesday, May 13 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wesley parking lot. This initiative will provide free reusable masks to help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 in local communities.

The Centers for Disease Control recommends wearing cloth face masks in public settings where social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, such as in grocery stores and pharmacies.

"Our goal is to ensure and prioritize the safety of our patients, staff, friends, families and communities," said Ryan Damlo, Tri-County Health Care Foundation Executive Director. "Providing these face masks free of charge is another important step toward achieving our goal of stopping the spread of COVID-19 and protecting public health in our communities."

Distribution of the face masks will be done via a drive-through line so community members will not need to leave their vehicles. The Wesley parking lot is located at the corner of Elm Ave NE and 1st St NE in Wadena. There will be signs directing traffic to the mask distribution location.

ABOUT TRI-COUNTY HEALTH CARE

Tri-County Health Care is a private, not-for-profit health care system based in Wadena, Minnesota. It offers care services such as primary health, surgery, cancer care, diagnostic imaging, obstetrics, orthopedics and rehabilitation. Tri-County Health Care operates a hospital and medical clinic in Wadena, and serves the counties of Wadena, Todd and Otter Tail through five satellite clinics and two physical therapy clinics in Bertha, Henning, Ottertail, Sebeka and Verndale. Visit TCHC.org.

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