## Macomb County to provide Back-to-Business kits for companies preparing to reopen

Today, Macomb County announced that it will provide Back-to-Business kits for businesses of all sizes as they prepare to reopen or resume full operations. The kits will include reusable face coverings, face shields, gloves, a no-touch thermometer and other materials to help protect employees and customers from the highly contagious coronavirus.

"This has been a challenging time for our business community," said Macomb County Executive Mark A. Hackel. "As we take steps to re-engage our economy, these Back-to-Business kits will help local companies protect the safety of their employees and customers."

To request PPE, simply go to MacombGov.org and click on the back to business PPE icon. Those requesting a kit will receive a confirmation email with details about their assigned time frame for a no-touch pick-up at the county warehouse located near Hall Road in Clinton Township.

The program will be administered through the business development unit of the Macomb County Department of Planning and Economic Development with support from Macomb County Emergency Management. Up to \$5 million worth of materials will be distributed. When possible, supplies purchased for the Back-to-Business kits will be locally sourced.

"We plan to start setting pick-up appointments as soon as Monday," said Vicky Rad, director of Macomb County Planning and Economic Development.

Funding for the program comes from an allocation of \$152.5 million received by the county through the federal CARES Act and the Coronavirus Relief Fund. Remaining funds will be used to recover expenses incurred by the county for response activities, to provide support to people at higher risk for exposure to the virus, to offer assistance to those facing financial distress caused by the pandemic, to aid local municipalities and other economic recovery programs.

More information is available in a video here.

About Macomb County Planning & Economic Development: The Macomb County Department of Planning & Economic Development supports an environment where businesses prosper and people thrive. Its activities and programs are focused on stimulating the local economy through business retention, expansion and attraction while improving the overall quality of life for residents. The department specializes in providing services to businesses at all stages of development with a concentration on the high-growth industries of aerospace, alternative energy, advanced manufacturing, defense, and homeland security. For more information, call 586-469-5285 or visit www.MacombBusiness.com

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