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MONROE COUNTY EXECUTIVE ADAM BELLO ANNOUNCES MASK DISTRIBUTION SITES

As smoke from Canadian wildfires continues to affect air quality in Monroe County, masks will be made available at libraries and DMV offices

ROCHESTER, NY — Monroe County Executive Adam Bello today announced free protective masks will be made available to residents at area libraries and Department of Motor Vehicles Offices as smoke and haze from Canadian wildfires continues to affect air quality throughout our region.

"Smoke from Canadian wildfires is affecting our area again today and it's likely this will continue to happen intermittently in coming weeks," said County Executive Bello. "Fine particulate matter in the smoke can cause negative health impacts for some residents, which is why I'm making high-quality masks available to the public. I encourage residents who are sensitive to this smoke to take precautions and limit their exposure to outdoor air when necessary."

County Executive Bello partnered with County Clerk Jamie Romeo to make masks available at all area Department of Motor Vehicles Offices.

"If and when unhealthy levels of smoke return to the Rochester region, residents can come in and pick up free masks at all four local DMV locations," **said Clerk Romeo**. "We thank County Executive Bello for his partnership and encourage those spending time outside to be safe."

Residents are encouraged to monitor air quality levels by visiting <u>airnow.gov</u> or monroecounty.gov.

Masks will be available at the following locations until supplies run out:

Henrietta DMV Frontier Commons 1225 Jefferson Road Suite A26 Rochester, NY 14623

Irondequoit DMV Titus Mall 545 Titus Ave. Rochester, NY 14617

Arnett Branch, Rochester Public Library 310 Arnett Boulevard Rochester, NY 14619

Rochester Downtown DMV 200 E. Main St., Ste. 101 Rochester, NY 14604

Greece DMV The Mall at Greece Ridge Use entrance #2 near Ruby Gordon Rochester, New York 14626

Central Library of Rochester and Monroe County Library 115 South Avenue Rochester, NY 14604

Brighton Memorial Library 2300 Elmwood Avenue Rochester, NY 14618

Charlotte Branch, Rochester Public Library 3557 Lake Avenue Rochester, NY 14612

Chili Public Library 3237 Chili Avenue Rochester, NY 14624

East Rochester Public Library 317 Main Street East Rochester, NY 14445

Frederick Douglass Community Library, Rochester Public Library 971 South Avenue Rochester, NY 14620

Gates Public Library 902 Elmgrove Rd. Rochester, NY 14624

Lincoln Branch, Rochester Public Library

851 Joseph Avenue Rochester, NY 14621

Lyell Branch, Rochester Public Library 956 Lyell Avenue Rochester, NY 14606

Maplewood Community Library, Rochester Public Library 1111 Dewey Avenue Rochester, NY 14613

Mendon Public Library 22 North Main Street Honeoye Falls, NY 14472

Monroe Branch, Rochester Public Library 809 Monroe Avenue Rochester, NY 14607

Newman Riga Library 1 South Main Street Churchville, NY 14428

Phillis Wheatley Community Library, Rochester Public Library 33 Dr. Samuel McCree Way Rochester, NY 14608

Rush Public Library 5977 East Henrietta Road Rush, NY 14543

Sully Branch, Rochester Public Library 530 Webster Avenue Rochester, NY 14609

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