

April 20, 2020

Dear Essential Business Partners,

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to ensure the safety of your employees and patrons. We recognize the increased stress and pressure that many of you are under and appreciate your resilience in this rapidly changing time.

In anticipation of the requirements outlined in Executive Order 202.16, we brought together various mask-making efforts throughout Tompkins County and we are collaborating with TST BOCES to initiate a cloth mask production effort in order to provide cloth masks to essential businesses that need them for employees.

Here's the language from EO 202.16:

*For all essential businesses or entities, any employees who are present in the workplace shall be provided and shall wear face coverings when in direct contact with customers or members of the public. Businesses must provide, at their expense, such face coverings for their employees. This provision may be enforced by local governments or local law enforcement as if it were an order pursuant to section 12 or 12-b of the Public Health Law. This requirement shall be effective Wednesday, April 15 at 8 p.m.*

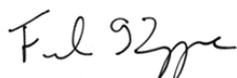
[This form to request cloth masks](#) for your essential business was made in partnership with the Tompkins Chamber and other local mask-making efforts. Please fill out the form to make a request. You can also request hand sanitizer through this form. Guidance on the use of masks can be found [here](#).

We are committed to making free masks available to those businesses that need them. If you are able to procure or produce your own cloth masks we request that you do so, and if you are interested in purchasing masks through local entrepreneurs making them please identify your ability to pay in the form and we will connect you with makers directly.

Once the Health Department approves your request for masks you will receive a letter indicating approval that you can present at Angelo's Dry Cleaners at 315 North Meadow St. in Ithaca to pick up your masks, we anticipate availability this week.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [masks@tompkins-co.org](mailto:masks@tompkins-co.org).

Thank you,



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