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**Public Health**  
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## FREE FACE MASKS AVAILABLE ONCE AGAIN AT SHELBY COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH CLINICS

SHELBY COUNTY, TN – Beginning tomorrow, June 11, 2020, the Shelby County Health Department will once again dispense fabric face masks to the public at 814 Jefferson and its other public health facilities located around Shelby County.

The masks, provided in partnership with Tennessee Governor Bill Lee’s Unified Command Group, have been declared safe for human use by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Tennessee Department of Health.

The masks are treated with a chemical called Silvadur 930, an antimicrobial that inhibits the growth of odor-causing bacteria. Many fabrics are treated with Silvadur 930, including sheets, pillow cases, athletic wear and underwear.

According to the EPA, once Silvadur 930 is incorporated into the fabric, it is extremely unlikely it would be inhaled; therefore, the EPA considers inhalation exposure to be negligible and not a health concern.

The masks may be picked up, while supplies last, at all Shelby County Health Department locations listed below during the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., with the exception of the Collierville clinic, which is open Tuesday and Thursday only. No appointment is needed to pick up a mask.

### **Cawthon Public Health Clinic**

1000 Haynes, 38114

### **Collierville Public Health Clinic (Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.)**

167 Washington St., 38017

### **Hickory Hill Public Health Clinic**

6590 Kirby Center Cove, 38118

### **Shelby Crossing Public Health Clinic**

6170 Macon Road, 38133

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**Southland Mall Public Health Clinic**

1287 Southland Mall, 38116

The Health Department will also provide the masks to partnering agencies for them to distribute in the community.

For more information about COVID-19 call the Shelby County Health Department's COVID-19 hotline at 833-943-1558 or visit our COVID-19 webpage:

[www.shelbytnhealth.com/coronavirus](http://www.shelbytnhealth.com/coronavirus).

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