

# **New Bedford “Stop the Spread” FREE mask giveaway events**

Mayor Jon Mitchell announced the MaskNB initiative on May 14, 2020. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend the wearing of cloth face coverings in public where social distancing is difficult to maintain; cloth face coverings are not a substitute for medical-grade masks, but provide more protection against the spread of viruses than not covering one's face at all!

More information on the best use and effectiveness of cloth face coverings to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is available at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>.

New Bedford “Stop the Spread” pop-up, walk-up neighborhood FREE mask giveaway event will take place on Thursday, July 30th from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the Serenity Gardens, 41 Bedford Street, corner of Bedford and South Sixth Streets and again at on Thursday, August 13th from 10:00am-12:00pm at Loretta Bourque Park, corner of Ruth and McGurk Streets.

Additional dates may be announced based on available supplies.

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