



Office of Minority Health

## Newsletter - June 2020



The Summit County Local Office of Minority Health is partnering with Full Term First Birthday of Greater Akron to implement a Mask for MOMS program. The Masks for MOMS wants to get reusable cloth face masks to the moms and moms-to-be who need them in the Akron area.

The aim of the Masks for MOMS campaign is to ensure that pregnant people and people in labor and delivery have access to face masks at their prenatal visits and when they arrive at hospitals for delivery. Even though masks do not provide absolute protection from COVID-19, all individuals are encouraged by the CDC to wear masks when they

leave their homes. Those attending prenatal care visits in person and moms about to give birth will also benefit from the reduced stress that is likely to come from wearing a mask in their interactions with their prenatal healthcare providers.

Our program will involve the following:

- Ask for volunteers to make a CDC approved mask(s)
- Drop-off donated mask(s) at one of the donation locations
- Masks are delivered to local healthcare providers
- Masks and education materials are provided to Mom's at their prenatal visit and/or when they arrive at the hospital for delivery

Masks for Moms will launch Monday, June 15th

[Click Here for the Latest Summit County COVID-19 Updates](#)



Minority Health Advisory Committee Meeting

Next scheduled meeting:  
July 20, 2020 11:00 AM

We are looking into virtual meeting options.

\* Feel free to share this invitation

## FIND A FOOD PROGRAM

### Akron Canton Regional Foodbank

To the best of our knowledge, this list of programs is up to date. Due to current health concerns, always call to confirm hours of operations and any safety procedures.

The Akron Canton Regional Foodbank Our online database lists the 500 food pantries, hot meal sites, shelters and other hunger-relief programs, which are partners of your Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. Click the button below to start searching!

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## PRIDE MONTH



**Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month** is currently celebrated each year in the month of June to honor the 1969 Stonewall Uprising in Manhattan. The Stonewall Uprising was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. In the United States the last Sunday in June was initially celebrated as "Gay Pride Day," but the actual day was flexible. In major cities across the nation the "day" soon grew to encompass a month-long series of events.

Today, celebrations include pride parades, picnics, parties, workshops, symposia and concerts, and LGBTQ Pride Month events attract millions of participants around the world. Memorials are held during this month for those members of the community who have been lost to hate crimes or HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the commemorative month is to recognize the impact that lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals have had on history locally, nationally, and internationally.

Akron Pride Festival 2020

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