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**Birmingham Shopping District Provides Businesses with Personal Protective Equipment**

**BIRMINGHAM, MI**, May 28, 2020 – The Birmingham Shopping District (BSD) is providing Small Business "Starter" Kits with Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to help BSD service-related businesses as downtown slowly reopens. Kits include various sizes of gloves, masks, touchless thermometer, and sanitizer.

Earlier this week, BSD staff members passed out kits in a "drive through" format in the parking lot behind City Hall at 151 Martin Street. Additional kits will be passed out on Friday, May 29 from 10 a.m. – noon. Businesses should keep an eye on [www.AllinBirmingham.com/COVID19resources](http://www.AllinBirmingham.com/COVID19resources) for the announcement of additional distribution dates throughout June. The BSD is providing 150 kits and Oakland County provided an additional 250 kits.

"This is a team effort to help businesses get back on their feet and we appreciate Oakland County's support," said Ingrid Tighe, Executive Director of the Birmingham Shopping District. "The businesses are extremely grateful for these kits. When they are permitted to open their doors to the public, they'll have equipment in place to keep their staff and customers safe."

Birmingham businesses that are not able to pick up a kit are encouraged to contact the BSD to arrange a special pick up or drop off time at [info@allinbirmingham.com](mailto:info@allinbirmingham.com).

Additionally, the BSD has compiled a list of resources to obtain additional PPE for downtown businesses. The list includes vendors offering masks, antimicrobial disinfectants, and plexiglass guards. The list is available at [www.AllinBirmingham.com/COVID19resources](http://www.AllinBirmingham.com/COVID19resources).

Learn more about downtown Birmingham at [www.ALLINBirmingham.com](http://www.ALLINBirmingham.com).

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*Established in 1992, the BIRMINGHAM PRINCIPAL SHOPPING DISTRICT is comprised of nearly 300 retailers, including clothing retailers, restaurants, salons & spas, and antique shops. The district is also home to offices and a variety of businesses from financial services to technology-based firms. Located among some of the nation's most affluent suburbs, Downtown Birmingham is a center for business, social, cultural, and community activities for Birmingham residents and neighboring communities.*

