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## **Workplace Restart Expands to Seven Triad Counties**

### *Workforce Board provides Free Faces Masks and Covid-19 Health Trainings*

Kernersville, North Carolina, May 18, 2020 – Today, May 18, 2020, the Piedmont Triad Regional Workforce Development Board opened the Workplace Restart initiative to Caswell, Davie, Forsyth, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry, and Yadkin counties. Workplace Restart provides up to two Nightingale Face Masks and COVID- 19 health training to local employers and their staff. Previously this initiative was only available in Forsyth County. Small and midsize local businesses should visit [www.ptrc.org/restart](http://www.ptrc.org/restart) today to submit an interest form.

The PTRWDB's purpose in providing comprehensive Covid-19 health training, designed exclusively for Triad workplaces, and protective masks, manufactured in the region, is to get businesses open and people back to work while ensuring the health and safety of our communities. As of today, the initiative has provided over 6,000 masks to local businesses in the region.

"Many of our employees did not have access to protective items during this pandemic. This will certainly go a long way to keep our employees and our workplace safe from Covid-19. We are appreciative of the Piedmont Triad Regional Workforce Board for the wonderful initiative" said Jeremy Robinson, Controller at Thermcraft, Inc. The Workforce Board provided Thermcraft over 100 masks last week after completing the Covid-19 health training.

To participate in the Workplace Restart initiative, employers should visit [www.ptrc.org/restart](http://www.ptrc.org/restart), submit a registration form, and a team member from the PTRWDB will contact you, after completion of the courses the masks are distributed to employers based on product availability.

### **Piedmont Triad Regional Workforce Development Board (PTRWDB)**

PTRWDB is a division of the Piedmont Triad Regional Council (PTRC). PTRWDB serves the counties of Caswell, Davie, Forsyth, Rockingham, Stokes, Surry and Yadkin. The mission of PTRWDB is to assist the development of the regional workforce to meet the needs of employers now and into the future. Members of the board include representatives of PTRC, regional employers and community colleges. PTRWDB oversees local area NCWorks Career Centers and NextGen Youth Program and are a part of the state and national Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act system. For more information about PTRWDB, visit [www.ptrc.org](http://www.ptrc.org).