



On behalf of the Government of Canada, the Canadian Red Cross is distributing N95 respirator masks to organizations located in communities at risk of exposure to wildfire smoke that may impact air quality.

N95 Respirator Masks Available

Starting July 2024, organizations can request to receive N95 respirator masks by filling out the online request form available here:

redcross.ca/maskdistribution.

- Organizations can further distribute respirator masks to the communities and people they serve to help mitigate the impacts of wildfire smoke.
- Please note that the order will be processed in bulk by cases. The minimum order quantity is one (1) case, which includes between 440 and 500 masks depending on the type of masks requested by organizations.
- Organizations who wish to place larger orders (for example, a pallet or more), should indicate this in the order form. A member of our team will contact organizations to arrange a shipment that is suitable to their community's needs.



How can N95 respirator masks help?



Fit Matters

The respiratory protective device is designed to achieve a very close facial fit when fit tested.

In some cases, individuals choose to wear an N95 that has not been fit tested. This means that the fit, or how well the N95 seals on the individual's face, has not been checked by a qualified fit tester. In the context of reducing exposure to particulate pollution (like smoke or smog), N95 respirator masks can be effective even if they are not perfectly fitted.



Smoke Travels Far

Smoke can travel hundreds or thousands of kilometres from the fire zone.

Even if you're not close to a fire, you can still be affected by the smoke. There is no safe level of exposure to wildfire smoke as it can pose a risk to your health even at very low levels. Learn more about wildfire smoke, air quality and health at canada.ca/wildfiresmoke.

Any organization can be provided with N95 respirator masks, free of charge, from the Canadian Red Cross.

Please be aware that fit testing will not be provided by the Canadian Red Cross.

The Canadian Red Cross will assume no responsibility or liability arising from the donation of N95 masks, and it is donated "as is", with no representations, warranties, conditions or guarantees as to the functionality or safety of the N95 respirator masks. The content of this document and the Guidance sheet is for guidance purpose only. Under no circumstances shall these documents replace the guidelines published, and updated from time to time, by the relevant public health authority. Users and potential users should always consult the guidelines published by the relevant public health authorities on the use of personal protective equipment, such as N95 respirator masks, before using an N95 respirator mask.