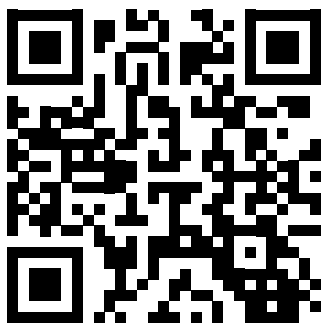




On behalf of the Government of Canada, the Canadian Red Cross is distributing N95 respirator masks and medical masks, free of charge, to organizations located in communities that may be affected by wildfire smoke, respiratory viruses and other public health events requiring personal protective equipment.



N95 Respirator Masks Available



Starting July 2026, organizations can request to receive N95 respirator masks and medical masks by filling out the online request form available here: redcross.ca/maskdistributionorderform.

- Organizations can further distribute respirator masks to the communities and people they serve to help mitigate the impacts of wildfire smoke and other respiratory health risks.
- 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.

For Public Health Agency of Canada and Canadian Red Cross tip sheets with guidance on how to wear unfitted N95 respirator masks and technical specification sheets on the masks organizations can request, scan the QR code or visit: redcross.ca/maskdistribution

Protection Matters



N95 respirator masks and medical masks serve different purposes and can help reduce respiratory health risks in different situations. N95 respirator masks can help reduce exposure to airborne particles, including wildfire smoke. For the best protection, the respirator should fit closely to the face and form a good seal. Medical masks are not designed to protect against wildfire smoke. They can help reduce the spread of respiratory viruses and provide a barrier against respiratory droplets in community and public settings.

Respiratory Risks



Wildfire smoke can travel hundreds or even thousands of kilometres from the fire zone, while respiratory viruses and other public health events can affect communities anywhere. Whether responding to poor air quality, respiratory viruses or other public health events, access to N95 respirator masks and medical masks can help communities be prepared for a range of respiratory health risks.

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

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

Canadian Red Cross will assume no responsibility or liability arising from the donation of N95 masks and medical 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 and medical 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 or medical masks, before using an N95 respirator mask or medical mask.