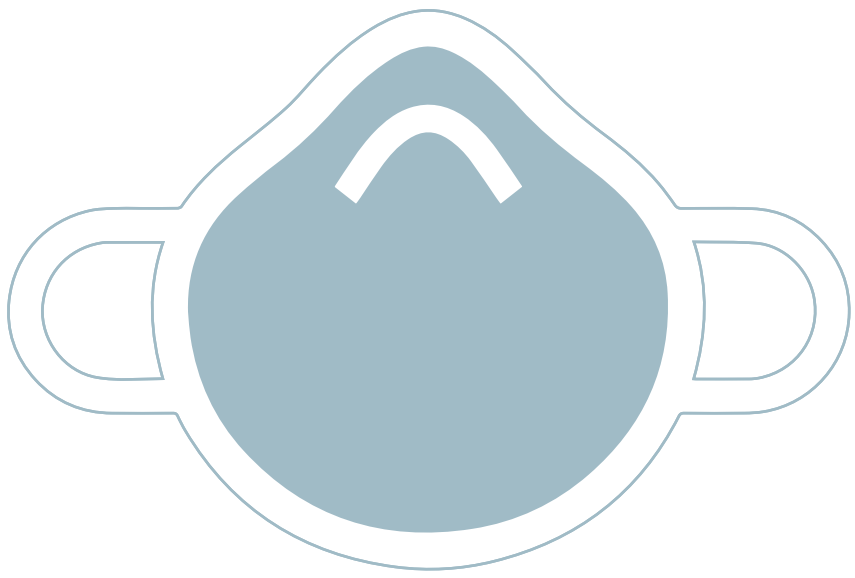
N95 Masks Available



On behalf of the Government of Canada, the Canadian Red Cross is distributing N95 masks to support people living across Canada who are facing the unprecedented impacts from this year's wildfire season.

The Canadian Red Cross is distributing N95 masks to individuals, organizations, and corporations located in communities where exposure to forest fire smoke has impacted air quality.

Starting July 10, 2023, organizations and corporations can request to receive N95 masks by filling out the online request form available here: redcross.ca/maskdistribution

- Organizations can further distribute masks within their own networks.
- Please note that the order will be processed by cases, minimum order quantity is one (1) case (a case includes 20 boxes of 20 masks for a total of 400 masks per

How can N95 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 respirators can be effective even if they are not perfectly fitted.



Smoke Travels Far

Smoke can travel hundreds and 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. For more information on how to limit exposure to wildfires smoke, please read this **Public Health Update on the Health Effects of Wildfires by the Public Health Agency of Canada.**

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

Please be aware that:

- Fit testing will not be provided by the Canadian Red Cross;
- N95 masks available for distribution by Canadian Red Cross have a "use by" date set for October or November 2023.

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 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 masks, before using an N95 masks.