



Public Health Brief

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400 Million High-Quality Masks to the American People

The Biden Administration announced (Jan 18, 2022) ASPR will make more than 400 million NIOSH-approved N95 masks from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) available to the American people for free. The N95 masks began shipping from SNS facilities on Jan 20. The masks will be made available at thousands of retail pharmacies and community health centers nationwide that are already vaccination partners.

Visit [ASPR's website](#) for additional info and where to find masks.

This distribution effort is the largest deployment by the SNS to date and [largest deployment of personal protective equipment](#) in U.S. history.

Frequently Asked Questions:

- How can I get one of these masks?
 - Masks are being distributed to most pharmacies that are part of the federal COVID-19 vaccine program. Most pharmacies that are distributing COVID-19 vaccines will also distribute the free masks.Visit [Vaccines.gov](#) to find participating pharmacy partners. Community health centers also will receive an allocation of N95 masks. More information at: [Health Resources & Services Administration Health Center COVID-19 N95 Mask Program webpage](#).
- How many masks can I get?
 - Three masks will be available per person for free. These high-quality masks also are in ample supply and widely available for purchase.
- When will masks be available?
 - N95 masks began shipping out from the SNS on Jan. 20. The SNS will continue shipping N95s for weeks to come.



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- Where are these masks coming from?
 - These American-made N95 masks are being distributed from the SNS, the federal government's emergency reserve of medical supplies for health emergencies. This initiative is made possible thanks to steps taken to restore the SNS over the past year. Since Jan. 2021, the SNS has tripled the number of N95 masks held in the SNS to more than 750 million.
- With these 400 million N95 masks coming from the SNS, do you have enough for healthcare workers?
 - This current deployment will not touch the almost 350 million surgical, FDA-approved N95 masks currently held in the SNS and intended for use by healthcare workers. Today, our healthcare workers have the masks they need, and ASPR is ready to deploy additional supplies from the SNS in the event healthcare supplies run short and commercial availability cannot meet demand.

In Alpine County, we will not be receiving these masks as our Public Health Clinic. Therefore, please seek out a supply for you and your family at your favorite local pharmacy.

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