

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**FREE PARTICULATE MASK DISTRIBUTION**

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Free Particulate Mask Distribution Locations

Due to continuing unhealthy air conditions resulting from the Thomas Fire, free particulate respirators (N-95 masks) are being distributed as part of a coordinated effort of the Ventura County Public Health Department, Emergency Medical Services Agency, various County agencies, City government and multiple community based organizations. To date, over 500,000 masks have been distributed throughout Ventura County. The sites that will distribute masks are available and update routinely on readyventuracounty.org and current locations are listed below.

SANTA PAULA

- Santa Paula Community Center, 530 W Main St
- Santa Paula Fire Department Station 82, 536 W Main St

VENTURA

- Ventura County Fair – Red Cross Shelter, 10 W. Harbor Blvd
- EP Foster Library, 651 E. Main St. Ventura
- Beth Torah Temple, 7620 Foothill Road
- Barranca Vista Center, 7050 Ralston Street
- Museum of Ventura County, 100 E. Main Street
- Hill Road Library, 1070 S. Hill Road
- Saticoy Library, 1292 Los Angeles Avenue
- San Jon Yard, 336 San Jon Road
- City Hall, 501 Poli St. (entrance at back parking lot)
- Academic Family Medicine Center, 3291 Loma Vista Road, Building 340, Suite 201
- West Ventura Medical Clinic, 133 W Santa Clara St
- Ventura County Health Care Agency, 5851 Thille St
- Ventura County Health Care Agency, 2323 Knoll Dr # 414

OXNARD

- Oxnard College Gymnasium – Red Cross Shelter, 4000 S Rose Ave
- North Las Islas Family Medical Group, 2400 S C St
- South Las Islas Family Medical Group, 2400 S C St
- Ventura County Public Health-South, 2500 S C St
- Ventura County Public Health-North, 2240 E Gonzales Rd
- United Farm Workers, 920 South A St
- Vons, 1291 S. Victoria Ave
- Channel Islands Harbor Patrol, .3900 Pelican Way (Hours 8a-5p)

OJAI

- Nordhoff High School, 1401 Maricopa Hwy
Look for the Red Cross vehicle
- Ojai City Hall, 401 South Ventura Street
- Ojai Hospital, 1306 Maricopa Hwy
- Ojai Library, 111 E. Ojai Ave. Ojai
- Meiners Oaks Library, 114 N. Padre Juan Ave. Minors Oaks
- Oak View Library, 555 Mahoney Ave. Oak View

FILLMORE

- Fillmore Fire Department Station 91, 711 Sespe Place

Please note that the N-95 masks require a tight seal to be effective and as a result the available adult sized masks will provide only limited protection for most children. N-95 masks when fitted properly provide some protection from the fine particles in smoke. Ordinary dust masks and surgical masks do not provide this protection. Limited quantities of small masks are being distributed to locations that are more likely to have a concentration of children. When properly worn, these masks should provide a tighter seal for a child's smaller face. Please note, that only limited quantities of these masks are available. Masks are distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be available as supplies last. Wildfire smoke and face mask guidance attached.

For updated information see Ready Ventura County: <http://www.readyventuracounty.org/>