SiQ 2023 Community Mask Redistribution

Sick in Quarters (SiQ) recently received a donation of KN95s from BonaFide Masks to redistribute within our communities. With Covid and other pathogens circulating rampantly, it's crucial to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) to keep each other safe, especially when our governments repeatedly fail us with nonexistent mitigations or precautions in place. We must protect the millions of disabled and newly disabled populations. **This affects marginalized communities of color, particularly Black and Indigenous communities, at a disproportionate level, and it is our collective responsibility to ensure that everyone has access to safety and protection. It is a human right.**

We redistributed our donation of KN95 masks to physical locations with existing distribution efforts in both NYC and LA, see our Instagram post with more information : SiQ Instagram

SiQ does not currently have more masks to redistribute elsewhere, but we're working to build a network with other community-centered groups doing mask distribution locally as a form of mutual aid.

Please fill out this form if you're willing to join our mask redistribution network. This means that your physical location would hold a quantity of masks to give FREELY to anyone in your local area. SiQ is based in the so-called 'U.S.', but we're hoping to expand this into an international effort. All form responses will be shared as a public access spreadsheet database for mask access.

If you have any access needs in filling out this form, or general questions, **please contact us directly at dove@sickinquarters.com.**

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our community safer! 💚 [green heart emoji]

In solidarity & gratitude,

the SiQ Team

bgr2034@nyu.edu Switch account

* Indicates required question

Email *

Your email

What is your name and/or affiliation? *

Personal name, mutual aid group, organization, venue, gallery, storefront, etc.

Your answer

Where are you located? *

SiQ resides in the so-called 'U.S.', but we're hoping to expand this as an international effort!

Your answer

How will you be redistributing masks? *

Please check all that apply.
SiQ is currently unable to assist with shipping costs, anyone redistributing by mail is responsible for those costs.

- [ ] Local in-person distribution at a specific site
- [ ] Local in-person widespread distribution - deliveries, drop-off sites, etc.
- [ ] Domestic shipping only
- [ ] Domestic & international shipping
- [ ] Other:

If you are redistributing masks locally, where can they be received?

NOT REQUIRED - if you don't have a specific physical location or don't want this information publicized, please feel free to leave this blank, or indicate to reach out directly for more info!

If you are including information, please provide a physical location - a shopfront name, a venue, a landmark, etc. This information will be public access on our redistribution community network spreadsheet unless designated otherwise. Please include any addresses with discretion and personal safety in mind.

Your answer

What kind of masks will you be redistributing in your community? *

Please check all that apply and list additional options under 'other'.

- [ ] Non-surgical or cloth masks
- [ ] Surgical masks
- [ ] KF94 / FFP2 masks (ear-loop straps)
- [ ] KN95 masks (ear-loop straps)
- [ ] N95 masks (over-head straps)
- [ ] Transparent / clear-windowed masks
- [ ] Kids masks (please specify type in 'Other')
- [ ] Other:

What is the best way for anyone to find info about your mask distribution effort, or to contact you about this? *

This information will be public access on our redistribution community network spreadsheet. Please include details with discretion and personal safety in mind. Ex. Instagram handles, emails, phone numbers, etc.

Your answer

Some quick notes on disposable masks

- A well-fitted surgical mask provides more protection than a loose cloth mask, or nothing at all, but their filtration ability is much lesser than other types of disposable masks. Surgical and cloth masks are not holding up to current immunity-evading variants.

- KN95s (ear-loop straps) and N95s (over-head straps) offer higher protection from virus particles than surgical or cloth masks.

- N95s offer the highest filtration out of disposable masks (approx. $20 for 20 masks). NIOSH approved N95s are certified for their filtration quality. A NIOSH approved N95 mask will have the code "TC-84A-" followed by a 4 digit number printed on the front of the mask. Be wary of purchasing counterfeit masks online through resellers, as they're often price-gauged and not secure.

- Recently, Optrel released NIOSH certified N95s with a clear mouth vent for communication accessibility. (approx. $40 for 20 masks)

- There are even higher filtration disposable masks that are further financially inaccessible, such as N99s and N100s (approx. $10+ for 1 mask). Respirators, such as elastomeric masks, are a larger investment for long-term reuse.

- **ALL of these types of masks are disposable and will need to be replaced!**

The People's CDC has a condensed and printable version of basic disposable masking info on their website.

Thank you for filling out this form and contributing to keeping our communities safer!
We will be announcing this effort on Instagram and building a public access network for mask redistribution sites soon. ~ the SiQ Team

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