

Subject Distribution of COVID-19 tests, masks, and respirators

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Overview

This bill establishes a program for the commissioner of health to distribute COVID-19 tests, masks, and respirators to individuals in Minnesota at no cost to the individuals receiving them.

Summary

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1	Program to distribute COVID-19 tests, masks, and respirators.
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Directs the commissioner of health to distribute COVID-19 tests, masks, and respirators to individuals in Minnesota at no cost to the individuals receiving them.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms for this section: antigen test, COVID-19 test, KN95 respirator, mask, and respirator.

Subd. 2. Program established. Requires the commissioner of health to administer a program to distribute COVID-19 tests, masks, and respirators to individuals in Minnesota at no cost to individuals receiving them. Allows masks and respirators distributed to include child-sized masks and respirators. Specifies how COVID-19 tests, masks, and respirators may be distributed, and allows the commissioner to prioritize distribution to communities and populations disproportionately impacted by COVID-19 or who have difficulty accessing tests, masks, or respirators.

Subd. 3. Process to order COVID-19 tests, masks, and respirators. Allows the commissioner to establish a process for individuals to order COVID-19 tests, masks, and respirators to be shipped directly to the individual.

Subd. 4. Notice. Allows an entity distributing certain respirators to include a notice that individuals with certain medical conditions should consult with a health care provider before using a respirator.

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Subd. 5. Coordination. Allows the commissioner to coordinate this program with other state and federal programs.

This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2 **Appropriation; program to distribute COVID-19 tests, masks, and respirators.**

Makes a blank appropriation in fiscal year 2022 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for a program to distribute COVID-19 tests, masks, and respirators. Provides this appropriation is available until June 30, 2023.

This section is effective the day following final enactment.



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