



## **P R E S S R E L E A S E**

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### **FREE N-95 MASK DISTRIBUTION FOR DECEMBER 18-22**

**(SANTA BARBARA, Calif)** –The N-95 masks will continue to be distributed free at the following locations:

- Goleta Valley Community Center, (5679 Hollister Ave.), Mon-Fri 10 a.m. – 7 p.m.
- Goleta City Hall, (130 Cremona Dr.), Mon–Thurs 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Fri 9 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- Santa Barbara Public Library, (40 East Anapamu St.), Mon-Sat 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Sun 1 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- Carpinteria Public Library, (5141 Carpinteria Ave.), Mon 10 a.m. – 7:30 pm., Tues 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Wed 10 am – 7:30 p.m., Thurs and Fri 10 a.m. – 5:30 p.m., Sat 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Buellton CVS, ask store staff (218 East Hwy. 246, Buellton), Mon-Fri 8 a.m. – 10 p.m.

The N-95 masks are adult-sized masks and will provide only limited protection for most children. N-95 masks when fitted properly with a tight seal provide some protection from the fine particles in smoke. **Ordinary dust masks and surgical masks do not provide this protection as they do not provide a tight seal.**

Individuals with heart and lung conditions should consult their health care provider before using an N-95 mask. Please note that your mask can be used for multiple days provided it is not damaged. Agricultural and other outdoor workers may need to use a new mask daily.

Mask distribution continues to be a collaborative effort of Direct Relief, the Santa Barbara Medical Reserve Corps, area cities and CERT volunteers, the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, and libraries. More than 300,000 masks have already been distributed in Santa Barbara County affected by unhealthy levels of smoke from the Thomas Fire.

