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Free Adult KN95 Masks Available to Public in Kalamazoo County

Kalamazoo, MI – Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department (HCS) has provided community partners with adult KN95 masks to be distributed to residents, free of charge. Residents can pick up masks from the specified locations during their normal hours of operations and while supplies last. Masking, when done correctly, is a critical tool for preventing the spread of COVID-19 and KN95 masks are more effective at preventing spread than disposable or cloth masks.

On Monday, January 31, 2022, Kalamazoo County HCS distributed 30,000 masks to community partners who are now providing those masks to the public. KN95 masks are not available for pick-up at Kalamazoo County HCS. Residents can receive KN95 masks free of charge at the following locations, during their normal business hours and while supplies last:

Comstock Community Center

6330 King Hwy
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Northside Association

612 N Park St
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

Edison Neighborhood Association

816 Washington Ave
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

South Community Center

606 Spruce St
Kalamazoo, MI 49097

“While community transmission of COVID-19 remains high in our community, it is important to take all of the preventive measures we can to reduce spread. That includes getting vaccinated and boosted against COVID-19, following quarantine and isolation guidelines, but also proper mask wearing, and when possible, using masks that are most effective at preventing the spread of viruses like COVID-19.” said Dr. William Nettleton, Medical Director at Kalamazoo County HCS.

KN95 masks, when worn correctly, are effective at preventing the spread of COVID-19 variants such as the Omicron variant. Kalamazoo County HCS encourages residents to take advantage of these free masks available to the community.

HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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How to wear a KN95 mask



1

Wash your hands or sanitize if you can. Unfold the mask and flatten the metal nosepiece. Hold the mask under your chin with the nosepiece facing up.

2

Place the straps over each of your ears. Pull the mask on your face with the nosepiece covering your nose

3

Adjust the nosepiece using fingers from both hands to mold it to the shape of your nose.

4

Adjust fit as necessary. All parts of the mask should be flat against your face with no gaps. You shouldn't feel air leaking out as you breathe.

Other things to know:

- Do not wash or sanitize your KN95. With proper care, the mask should be reusable for an extended period of time (depending on use).
- Between uses, store your mask in a safe location where it can't get wet.
- Facial hair can impact your KN95's ability to tightly seal to your face, reducing your protection.
- Throw away and replace your KN95 when it becomes dirty, has stretched out, or has become damaged.



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