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**Providing Filtering Respirators/Surgical Masks to Vulnerable Social Groups and Personnel Performing Epidemic-fighting/Public-facing Tasks**  
 Starting May 25th, 19,760,000 masks supplied to central/local governments

- The Ministry of Food and Drug Safety (Minister Lee Eui-Kyung) will **specialy supply a total of 19,760,000 masks** starting **May 25th** for the goals of **supporting vulnerable social groups and epidemic fighting, etc.** to prevent the spread of **COVID-19 throughout community.**
- The government plans to supply filtering respirators and surgical masks to **vulnerable social groups and personnel performing epidemic-fighting/public-facing tasks** according the **requests of the central government agencies/local governments** requiring such filtering respirators/surgical masks.
  - More specifically, a total of 8.9 mil masks will be **supplied to 17** central government departments, including the **Ministry of National Defense; National Police Agency; and the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport**, for public purposes such as **epidemic prevention management and public-facing operations**, and
  - **a total of 10,860,000** masks will be supplied to **7 cities/provinces** including **Seoul, Busan, and South Jeolla Province** for **vulnerable social groups and epidemic prevention management.**

< (May 22nd, 2020) Status of Supply of Public Retail of Filtering Respirators/Surgical Masks >

- On May 22nd, 2020, a total of **7,861,000** filtering respirators/surgical masks were supplied

(Unit: 10,000 masks)

Category	Total	Regular Supply			Prioritized Supply	
		Pharmacies	Haaro Mart	Post Offices	Medical Institutions	Other
<b>5/22 (Fri.) Planned Supply Volume</b>	<b>786.1</b>	<b>697.3</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>6.7</b>

- **As a part of our policy, 67,000 masks are supplied to the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport for transportation personnel.**
- The locations where you can **purchase filtering respirators/surgical masks as of today** are: **①pharmacies** across the country, **②Nonghyup Hanaro Marts** (excluding Seoul/Gyeonggi Province), and **③post offices** (in Daegu/Cheongdo and Eup/Myeon-level regions).
- A **five-day rotation system** according to the purchaser's **birth year** is being implemented. On a **Friday**, people whose **birth year ends in 0 or 5** can **purchase up to 3 per person**, and **divided purchase over the weekend** is also allowed.
- In case of **proxy purchasing**, all necessary documents should be brought to make purchases **according to the last digits of a proxy purchaser or a beneficiary's birth year.**
- **When putting on a filtering respirator/surgical mask**, wash your hands first with **soap and water** or use **hand sanitizer**. After putting on a mask, **check if there is any gap between your face and the filtering respirator/surgical mask** and **keep your hands away from the mask while wearing it.**
- Furthermore, make sure to follow **everyday instructions** such as **washing your hands**. **Filtering respirators/surgical masks must be worn** if you have any **respiratory symptoms** such as **coughing** or are **visiting a medical facility.**

<Attachment> Eligibility for Proxy Purchase of Public Filtering Respirators/Surgical Masks and Required Documents

## Eligibility for Proxy Purchases of Public Filtering Respirators/Surgical Masks and Required Documents

Cases Eligible for Proxy Purchase	Proxy Purchaser	Required Documents
<b>①</b> All family members (persons living together) * Implemented 5/18/2020	Person listed as living at same address on Resident Registration records or person listed as family member on Family Relation Certificate	① Officially recognized ID of proxy purchaser ② Resident Registration Certificate (to confirm cohabitation) or Family Relation Certificate (to confirm family relations) which indicate the proxy purchaser's relationship to the beneficiary
<b>②</b> Disable persons	No restrictions	① Disabled certification specified in the INCOME TAX ACT or disabled registration card indicating the resident registration number of the person eligible for proxy purchasing * If the resident registration number is not included on the disabled registration card, a publicly recognized ID of the person eligible for proxy purchasing must also be presented
<b>③</b> Wounded patriots/veterans	No restrictions	① Confirmation document of being subject to the ACT ON ASSISTANCE TO PATIENTS SUFFERING FROM ACTUAL OR POTENTIAL AFTEREFFECTS OF DEFOLIANTS, ETC. AND ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATED ORGANIZATIONS or a patriot/veteran ID issued by the Ministry of Patriots and Veterans Affairs which indicates the resident registration number of the person eligible for proxy purchasing and their wound (disability) grade
<b>④</b> Convalescent hospital patients	Convalescent hospital employee	① Certificate proving the person is an employee of the concerned convalescent hospital (issued by the head of the convalescent hospital) ② Consent document for the collection/use of personal information and the proxy purchase of public filtering respirator/surgical mask for the convalescent hospital patient concerned(issued by the head of the convalescent hospital)
<b>⑤</b> Beneficiaries of Long-term care benefits	Nursing facility employee	① Certificate issued by the head of the nursing facility, proving the person is an employee of the nursing facility concerned ② "Letter of Approval for long-term care" of the beneficiary from the nursing facility concerned

\* (Foreigners) If a "Alien registration certificate" is submitted to the filtering respirator/surgical mask seller in place of a resident registration certificate or family relation certificate, proxy purchasing for family members living at the same address (persons eligible for proxy purchasing) will be possible