

Re: KN95/N95

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Good morning , this calculation is correct

Thank you

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On Sep 6, 2020, at 3:54 PM, PA Demande EPI AMG / AP PPE OGD Request (TPSGC/PWGSC) <TPSGC.PADemandeEPIAMG-APPPEOGDRequest.PWGSC@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca> wrote:

Hello David,

This is to follow up on our telephone conversation on last Friday, September 4.

As discussed, please kindly confirm the following at your earliest convenience:

- Quantity ordered: 3,465
- Quantity shipped: 2,501
- Quantity outstanding: 964
 - 482 N95s
 - 482 KN95s

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information.

Thank you for your continued support and collaboration.

Regards,

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Subject: RE: KN95/N95

Hello Mark,

Thank you for your response.

In our record, you have 1,365 N95 masks order outstanding:

- o Quantity ordered: 3,465 (see attached POs)
- o Quantity shipped: 2,100
- o Outstanding: 1,365

Please Kindly advise if you still require 1,365 units or the quantity has been reduced to 964 units, with 482 N95s and 482 KN95s.

Regards,

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Good afternoon,

We have engaged with our Health Canada client Branches to inquire if the replacement of N95 masks with the readily available KN95 masks would be possible. The majority of our science based clients using N95 mask do so as a standard practice as their level of risk and exposure requires these specific units. We have however determined that some users would be able to substitute KN95 masks as their risk assessment indicates these are suitable.

Health Canada is willing to reduce our request for N95 masks (964 units) by 50% and take receipt of KN95 masks (482 units) and N95 masks (482).

Thank you and your team for the collaboration and assistance.

Thank you,

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Colleagues,

I am writing as your department has recently made a request for NIOSH certified N95 masks. Due to global supply shortages, we currently have only 77,000 N95 masks in stock, relative to outstanding orders of approximately 1.75M N95. Given these shortages, I am asking departments to re-evaluate the need for N95 masks and to give consideration to the alternative of KN95 masks.

PSPC has procured high quality KN95s from the company BYD, which are readily available for federal departments as an alternative to N95s.

Both N95 and KN95 achieve 95% filtration for non-oily particles. Their filtration performance is identical, however, their physical designs are allowed to vary.

Neither the N95s nor the KN95s guarantee fit for all users. NIOSH N95s come in a variety of shapes and sizes, and like the KN95s, not all of them will fit every individual. At the moment, PSPC is not in a position to buy the specific models that correspond to all of your staff's fit preferences.

At the start of the pandemic, some KN95 masks presented a fit challenge due to the ear-loop design, but all the KN95s PSPC now has in stock have the head-strap design, which fits better in a North American setting.

Given the shortage of N95 respirators and our current KN95 respirators inventory, I would ask your concurrence in accepting KN95 masks for your outstanding orders. I can assure you that KN95 respirators procured by PSPC have been subject to a rigorous Quality Assurance review, including additional testing by Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) to ensure the product performs as designed (i.e., filtration and breathability testing). All of the KN95s currently in stock have been cleared by PHAC and are immediately available for order fulfilment.

I would ask that your department advise PSPC at TPSGC.PADemandeEPIAMG-APPPEOGDRequest.PWGSC@tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca whether you are open to receiving KN95 masks to fulfill your outstanding N95 orders by Thursday, **September 3, 2020**, so that we can proceed with distribution. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me.

Thank you for your ongoing collaboration.
Desiree on behalf of Sébastien

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