

Subject Distribution of COVID-19 antigen tests and respirators

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Overview

This bill establishes a program for the commissioner of health to distribute COVID-19 antigen tests and KN95 and similar respirators to individuals in Minnesota.

Summary

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1	Program to distribute antigen tests and KN95 respirators and similar respirators.
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Directs the commissioner of health to administer a program to distribute COVID-19 antigen tests and KN95 respirators and similar respirators to individuals in the state.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms for this section: antigen test, KN95 respirator.

Subd. 2. Program established. Directs the commissioner of health to administer a program to distribute COVID-19 antigen tests and KN95 respirators and similar respirators to individuals in the state, at no cost to the individuals. Lists distribution methods that may be used and permits the commissioner to prioritize distribution to communities and populations disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.

Subd. 3. Process to order antigen tests, KN95 respirators, and similar respirators. Allows the commissioner to establish a process for individuals to order antigen tests and respirators to be shipped directly to them.

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

Subd. 5. Coordination. Allows the commissioner to coordinate this program with other state and federal programs that distribute at-home COVID-19 tests or respirators to the public.

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This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2	Appropriation; program to distribute antigen tests and KN95 respirators and similar respirators.
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Makes a blank appropriation in fiscal year 2022 from the general fund to the commissioner of health for a program to distribute COVID-19 antigen tests and respirators. Makes this appropriation available until June 30, 2023.



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