FEMA Guidelines Regarding the Use of Cloth Face Coverings

Eligibility to Use Face Coverings

FEMA asks that you honor the “donor’s intent” as follows:

Eligible Users/ Recipients of Masks:

- Staff and volunteers within your organization only during operations.
- Other nonprofits for their staff and volunteers only during operations.

Ineligible Users/ Recipients of Masks:

- Clients, survivors and other members of the general public may not receive or use these masks.
- State, city, county or other government employees may not receive or use the masks.
  FEMA clarification statement: “Government personnel have their own sources for masks and are not allowed for this offer. FEMA is also sending out supplies to states and municipalities for their staff.”

Other Considerations:

- These masks may not be sold.
- Masks are intended to be distributed/used primarily within Virginia.
- An organization may ship masks to volunteers responding to a disaster out of the state.
- An organization may share with nonprofit partners in adjacent states.
- Masks must be used only within US states, territories or tribal nations.

If you are aware of any organization that is using or distributing the masks in a manner that is not in keeping with donor intent, please notify:

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