

RE: PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT DISTRIBUTION to AG – AUGUST 7, 2020

To: Agricultural Operators in San Diego County

The County of San Diego Department of Agriculture, Weights & Measures' (AWM) top priority is the health and well-being of our community. We are very excited and fortunate to be distributing supplies of N95 respirators for agricultural pesticide applicators and handlers; and paper face coverings (disposable surgical masks) for field workers. These supplies are a result of months of hard work and collaboration between California Departments of Food & Agriculture and Pesticide Regulation, California Office of Emergency Services, and AWM to survey the needs for personal protective equipment (PPE) during this pandemic and communicate these needs to State leadership. We want to ensure that these PPE are appropriately distributed as intended because they are a scarce and critical resource. Distribution is going to be closely monitored to make sure they go to the right workers and procurement of future supplies. Your cooperation is appreciated.

**The N95 particulate respirators are:**

- For businesses that apply pesticides to produce an agricultural commodity
- For businesses that have an Operator ID, Restricted Materials Permit, or registered with AWM as an agricultural pest control business
- For protection of agricultural pesticide applicators and handlers against potential pesticide exposure and
- Not to be used for other PPE needs like dust or COVID-19 protection
- Not for resale
- Limited to 100 per agricultural business (additional masks may be provided on case-by-case basis)

**The face coverings (i.e. disposable paper surgical masks) are:**

- For agricultural businesses with employees not performing pesticide regulated activities
- Priority given to businesses that did not receive any masks during the first round of distribution in May
- Disposable/one-time use only
- NOT for use for pesticide handling and applying
- Limited to 200 per agricultural business (additional masks may be provided on case-by-case basis)

**Event Details:**

- **Friday, August 7th, 2020 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.**
- At 151 E. Carmel St. in San Marcos

- Drive-thru only---No appointment needed
- Follow the signs in our parking lot to pick up your masks
- Remain in your vehicle; an AWM employee will assist you

To request additional masks (i.e. more than 200 face coverings or 100 N95 respirators), please let us know by Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>, so we may track our supplies and ensure that we can get the appropriate amount of masks to ensure equitable distribution.

Thank you for your efforts to continue protecting the health and safety of agricultural workers and for providing critical essential services during this challenging time.