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### **Free Mask Distribution for Tuesday, December 12, 2017**

Due to continued unhealthy air conditions resulting from the Thomas Fire free N-95 masks will be distributed as part of a coordinated effort of the Santa Barbara Medical Reserve Corps, City of Carpinteria CERT, City of Lompoc CERT, and Direct Relief. The sites that will distribute on Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> are listed below. There is no charge for the mask.

- Costco in the Camino Real Marketplace (7095 Market Pl Drive, Goleta), 10am - 2pm
- Franklin Community Center (1136 East Montecito Street, Santa Barbara), 10am - 2pm
- Santa Barbara Public Library (40 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara), 10 am - 7pm
- Lompoc Home Depot (1701 East Ocean, Lompoc) 10 am - 2 pm
- Buellton CVS, ask store staff (218 East Hwy 246, Buellton) 8 am - 10 pm
- Santa Maria Fire Department 10 am - 5 pm
  - Station #1: 300 West Cook Street
  - Station #2: 416 West Carmen Lane
  - Station #3: 2305 North Preisker Lane
  - Station #4: 2637 S. College Drive
  - Station #5: 1670 East Donovan Road

Please note that the N-95 masks require a tight seal to be effective and as a result the available adult sized masks will provide only limited protection for most children. N-95 masks when fitted properly provide some protection from the fine particles in smoke. Ordinary dust masks and surgical masks do not provide this protection. Individuals with heart and lung conditions should consult their health care provider before using an N-95 mask.

