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## Pueblo libraries to give away 30K KN95 masks starting Wednesday



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PUEBLO COUNTY, Colo. (KRDO) -- All Pueblo City-County Library District (PCCLD) branch locations will resume giving out KN95 and other surgical-grade masks starting Wednesday, Feb. 16.

In a news release, the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHSEM) provided an additional 30,000 KN95 masks for all Pueblo libraries to help prevent the spread of COVID-19.

All 30,000 KN95 masks have been distributed across the eight PCCLD locations. Those who can't attend the weekday giveaway will be able to pick up a mask from any of the Pueblo locations on Saturday during library hours.

On Friday, Jan. 21 during the previous mask giveaway, most PCCLD locations ran out after nearly four hours. During another mask giveaway on Tuesday, Feb. 1, most PCCLD locations ran out within two days after receiving 15,000 KN95 and surgical-grade masks.

Below, there's additional information on the pick up requirements and which Pueblo locations offer medical-grade masks:

### For those interested in picking up a mask

- Masks are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- There's a limit of five masks per person, per month.
- Masks must be picked up in person.
- No proof of ID or library card is required.
- Curbside pick up is available by calling (719) 562-5600.
- There are limited quantities of each type of mask; library staff cannot control the type of masks that are available.

### Mask may be picked up at the following locations

- Barkman Library, 1300 Jerry Murphy Rd.
- Tom L. and Anna Marie Giadone Library, 24655 U.S. Hwy 50 E.
- Greenhorn Valley Library, 4801 Cibola Drive, Colorado City
- Lamb Library, 2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.
- Library at the Y, 3200 E. Spaulding Ave.
- Patrick A. Lucero Library, 1315 E. 7<sup>th</sup> St.
- Pueblo West Library, 298 S. Joe Martinez Blvd., Pueblo West
- Robert Hoag Rawlings Public Library, 100 E. Abriendo Ave.

The state of Colorado recommends people to upgrade from a cloth mask to a medical-grade mask. All PCCLD locations currently require masks to be worn inside the libraries.

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## Thousands more COVID-19 masks to be available from Pueblo's libraries this week



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The Pueblo City-County Library District is expecting thousands more KN95 masks to be available for Puebloans this week, an official with the library system said Monday.

Library locations across town will be offering a portion of 30,000 masks throughout the day on Wednesday, with another portion being saved for Saturday, Feb. 19, when masks will be made available to people who work during the week, the library system's marketing manager, Anne Boyden, told The Chieftain.

The last time the libraries gave out free masks, at the start of the month, they ran out within a few days. Previous mask distributions have also seen high demand, Boyden said, with long lines forming outside some locations before the buildings opened and some handing out their entire allocation within hours.

Distribution at the libraries starts as soon as a facility opens. The masks are available for free on a first-come, first-served basis with a limit of 5 per person, per month. No identification or library card is required to take part in the program and at many locations, other surgical-grade masks are also available.

Curbside pickup of masks is also available for those who don't want to enter the library, Boyden said.

The mask distributions are part of a state-wide effort to ensure Coloradans are well protected from the COVID-19 pandemic. Following guidance from the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), the state has taken steps to expand access to KN95 masks, which are believed to be more effective at protecting against the virus.

Libraries offering free masks this week are:

- Barkman Library, 1300 Jerry Murphy Road
- Tom L. and Anna Marie Giodone Library, 24655 U.S. Highway 50 East
- Greenhorn Valley Library, 4801 Cibola Drive, Colorado City
- Lamb Library, 2525 S. Pueblo Blvd.
- Library at the Y, 3200 E. Spaulding Ave.
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