



Reusable Respirators

Reusable respirator masks are devices that protect wearers against airborne hazards such as particulates, gases, vapors, and certain diseases. Here are reasons why we need to promote them as viable, important alternatives to single-use masks...

Will there be timely access to good quality respiratory masks in the case of another pandemic?

No, at least not in the first 3-6 months. Supply chains take a long time to ramp up and current stockpiles are insufficient.

Can't we just build larger stockpiles to be prepared?

No, because stockpiling enough disposable masks would be prohibitively expensive and require an enormous amount of physical space.

Why are reusable respirators a sustainable solution?

ONE reusable respirator can replace HUNDREDS of disposable masks.



Would healthcare workers want to use reusable respirators?

Research shows that healthcare workers in high-risk settings **prefer reusable masks**.



Aren't reusable respirators more expensive?

No. In the long run, they are much less expensive than the hundreds of disposables they would replace.

What can the US government do?



Urge Congress to authorize and appropriate sustained funding for personal protective equipment in the US Strategic National Stockpile.



Encourage healthcare facilities to stockpile and use their own reusable respirators.



Signal to manufacturers that there is demand for reusable respirators.

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