



Purchasing COVID Tests (RATs) and Masks in Bulk for Less Money

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RAT bulk companies 2025 spreadsheet

RATs TLDR (too long didn't read)

The government doesn't supply rapid COVID tests anymore. For now, we're all left to purchase them, but they're expensive at retail pharmacies etc. We at Indy Mask Bloc reached out to numerous authorized US suppliers and compiled info on how to order from them. If you're a business or non-profit (NPO) there are more purchasing options for you, but this info can still be utilized by autonomous grassroots groups like Mask Blocs or just individuals pooling together funds.

We bought 252 Indicaid tests expiring in 3 months for \$1.20 per test. If you are part of a business or NPO, you may be able to purchase rapid tests for even less, like almost \$1/test. If this applies to you/your group, please try to connect to your local mask bloc to offer this privileged resource so their autonomous group can benefit from further reduced costs. Later in this document there's an email script you can use to reach out to the supplying companies of your choice.



Above is the spreadsheet with compiled info for each company. If you have questions feel free to email us indymaskbloc@proton.me. As always, we're not sponsored/affiliated/whatever. Please note prices and availability may not be current. If you reach a company and get updated info on inventory and/or pricing, email us the info and we'll do our best to update the sheet.

RAT Purchasing

This is intended to be a resource to anyone looking for these tests at a price less than what you would pay at a traditional retail store such as groceries, pharmacies, or even online shops that probably also sell respirator masks. Please feel free to share this info with Mask Blocs, community groups, non-profits, and even other COVID-cautious folks who may want to go in on a purchase together. Consider collaborating with other groups to pool funds and share supplies.

Since the government HHS program which supplied free COVID rapid antigen tests (RATs) to both households and bulk requesters has been defunded, we are left to research and source tests on our own. Attached is information for various companies that provide *bulk* orders—meaning a minimum of 1 case. *Please note that the quantity of Tests per Case varies across test brands, so be sure to verify.* Each company determines the inclusion/exclusion criteria to patronize them as a client. Some require B2B (business to business), some permit registered non-profits, and others welcome individuals/groups to purchase as long as you are not re-selling the product(s).

If you or your group have the capacity to distribute tests with “short-date” expiration (typically expiring in the next 2-6 months rather than the standard 1yr from purchase) then it is an incredible opportunity to access tests for less cost. However, there's no guarantee companies will always have short-date inventory available.

Side note: We did *not* have any success when we asked if companies had RATs that were too close to expiration for them to sell and offering to just pay shipping or some other arrangement.

IMB reached out via email to almost every company shown as authorized distributors of FlowFlex RATs as [listed on the manufacturer ACON's website](#). The info gathered and entered to the spreadsheet was either per company websites or via email exchange with an employee. We ultimately were able to successfully purchase a case of 252 Indicaid tests expiring Dec 29 2025 from Pro1Tek for the price of \$1.20/TEST (final cost breakdown after shipping etc). The next best option for us would have been iHealth Labs which had iHealth tests expiring Dec 2025 for \$1.50/TEST.

Note: we did NOT include the company Pharmalynk as they *allegedly* sold FlowFlex tests that were counterfeit. Pharmalynk is also NOT listed as an authorized distributor of FlowFlex tests per the ACON website.

<https://flowflexcovid.com/public-notice-of-counterfeit-flowflex-covid-19-test-kits-3/>



There was another company—Astor Drugs—with even cheaper prices, but required their clients to either be a business or non-profit so we were unable to proceed with them. If however, you are a registered business or NPO, you can apply to be a client by emailing them this form: [Astor - client application](#), which only takes approx 1 day to process, and then make an order. As of mid-September 2025, they had a shorter shelf-life option of Indicaid rapid tests expiring Dec 2025 for just \$1.05/TEST.

Our hope is that sharing the info we gathered can both save other people the time/energy/spoons of doing the same labor, AND demonstrate to businesses, non-profits, community grassroot groups, etc that these supplies are out there and very obtainable. People should not have to spend \$10+ at a retail pharmacy for one over the counter test, especially when serial testing is necessary.

This is just one opportunity to pool resources with your community and provide a supply to each other for significantly less cost than if everyone did it alone. It also shows how even \$5 given to an autonomous direct-action can make a significant impact. Hello, mutual aid!

Additionally, if folks commit to obtaining extra-discounted tests *that expire sooner*, distribute those tests, and then restock *on an on-going basis* with the next batch of expiring inventory, we would all spend less per test and consistently keep these supplies in the hands of people who need them.

Example: we're currently distributing the tests that expire in December. Come December, we will reach back out to some of these companies to ask if they now have any discounted inventory that expires *in the spring*. We would then purchase that at a discount, distribute those tests, etc. Repeat as able. This costs less than purchasing the inventory with a 1+ year shelf life.

Below is an email script you may use (and modify as applicable to you or your group) to reach out to companies.

Email template for RAT companies

Hello,

Our group is interested in a purchase of rapid COVID tests this fall. At this time we are interested in COVID-only rapid tests (no COVID + Flu combo tests).

We are specifically interested in discounted inventory with short expiration dates! Our goal and preference would be \$1.50/test or less, and most likely a quantity of 1 case or approx 300 individual tests to stay within our available funds.

Are you able to provide an updated list of the test brands you have in stock, including the expiration date, price for each, and quantity of tests per case?

Also wanted to clarify that our group is simply a few volunteers pooling together funds for supply purchases. We aren't a registered company or NPO/non-profit, and have no licenses etc. We



also do not re-sell any supplies or administer the tests; all supplies we acquire are just given to people for free. Knowing that as our structure, would we still be able to proceed with purchasing?

Masks TLDR (too long didn't read)

This is info we wish someone had told us when our group was starting to try to build up our mask inventory and is meant to be a reference. Again, we are not sponsored/affiliated/whatever with any company. This info is geared for mask blocs and other groups who want to source high numbers of the same types of masks, as opposed to individuals who are looking for discounts on smaller quantities of masks for personal use, though there may be overlap in who can benefit and use the info. Mask info is in the last section of this word document.

Note: throughout the document, when saying “mask” we mean a high-filtration respirator such as KF94, KN95, N95

Bulk Masks Purchasing

The resource we always first point folks to is <https://linktr.ee/buymasks>

This truly invaluable resource is well-organized and amazing for both groups and individuals.

Factors to consider when evaluating what type of masks to order:

- Individually wrapped masks generally cost more compared to, for example, 10 masks in a bag/pack. Consider how the masks are being distributed. If you are supplying masks at public “stations/kiosks” where people can walk up and take what they need, then the individual sealed packaging may be necessary. If you are storing masks for long-term disaster planning, or are creating custom “variety packs” of masks to re-bag and give to people, then individually wrapped masks may not be necessary.
- Consider the demographics you are working with – headstrap rigid cup-style N95s may be good for disaster supply planning, but that is not a mask style folks are drawn to for everyday wear. Although white masks are often cheapest, do folks need masks in colors other than white in an effort to minimize attention and therefore the social risks/harassment they're facing in public or workplace etc?
- Auras and bifold earloop KN95s such as Powecom are very recognizable to people compared to duckbills or boat/trifold shape styles. However, anecdotally we find boat/trifold shape (whether headstrap or earloop) exist in a wider range of sizes and often pleasantly surprise folks who try them on as having a better seal and not moving when they open their mouth and talk (compared to the recognizable bifold styles). Duckbills also are very lightweight and breathable yet often overlooked. Every face is different!



- Companies can't sell masks once the product is beyond its printed expiration date. However, *obtaining expired masks is a great opportunity for mask blocs and others as the masks are still good for use.* We created a guide on this and referenced guides/info from @breathefreeIE on IG & Mask Bloc East Bay <https://linktr.ee/MBEastBay>
https://www.canva.com/design/DAGkkORm9ok/kug_nUeQl4FNMvVd9PY6Aw/view

Companies to Ask for Donations

If you are a registered non-profit (NPO) or have a fiscal sponsor, there are some additional options available to you to receive official donations of supplies from companies. Reach out to these companies to ask if they have any stock available for donation, but honestly it's worth reaching out and asking any company; it doesn't hurt to ask. Be sure to explicitly state if you are a registered 501(c)3 etc when you contact them.

- <https://wellbefore.com/> support@wellbefore.com
- <https://bonafidemasks.com/> donations@bonafidemasks.com
- <https://behealthyusa.net/> info@behealthyusa.net
- <https://planetofkind.com/> hello@planetofkind.com

Sites to Check for Deals

- <https://www.govdeals.com> search "mask" and "respirator"
Often these lots are large pallet-size quantities, but sometimes there are smaller lots. If you happen to see a good deal but it's beyond your geographic reach, you can always pass the info on to the mask bloc located in the respective area; maybe they'll be interested in pursuing the items!
- <https://hibid.com/> search "respirator"
- <https://behealthyusa.net/collections/free-mask>

Free expired masks, you just pay shipping*.

This has been a significant resource for us and is how we have obtained a high volume of stock for several mask styles.

The available inventory fluctuates so check the site somewhat regularly, and sign up for email updates from the company.

Additional info below in the next section on our specific recommendations for styles of masks.

***Note for mask blocs:** if you see a deal for a large box of free masks, email BeHealthy and ask if they have any inventory available for donation, and provide the zipcode your order would ship to. They may be able to provide you a discounted shipping rate, which may bring the cost down to like \$0.12/mask.

- <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B08J1THV9G>
We intentionally do not purchase from Amazon, but did make one exception for this bulk expired Aura purchase as it is **\$0.07/mask**.
Discussion of testing to rule out counterfeit product here:
<https://www.reddit.com/r/Masks4All/s/u7lonaJ2Vq>
"fake Aura 9205+s from US Amazon seem to be extremely rare"



Comparing Mask Styles from BeHealthy (the free masks)

Maybe you're excited to see the variety of options you can get for such a great deal (at the highlighted link above) but aren't sure which are the right ones to order?

*Note: we generally do **not** recommend the **adult** large "2D/bifold" style masks of either brands Blue or BOTN on the site as we have yet to find someone who can achieve a seal with that shape of mask from these 2 brands.

Here's our guidance from experience:

Large adult = **Blue 3D Large KF94**

- <https://behealthyusa.net/collections/blue-large/products/blue-kf94-3d-masks-large-adult-size>
- "Blue" is the brand, not the color; 3D means trifold/boat shape.
- **These are genuinely size Large and are the largest dimension mask in our stock.** For reference, they measure the exact same as both a Harley KN95 trifold and a Wellbefore KN95 trifold (size regular).
- Thin earloop material (ears may get sore with long wear time).
- Folks may need to add adjustable earloop beads to tighten for a snug fit.
- Mask is available in black color on the site, but we've never seen the black ones listed in the free mask/just pay shipping deals.
- **1 box of 720 masks at \$124 shipping = \$0.17/mask (October 2025)**

Medium/average adult = **BOTN Large KF94**

- <https://behealthyusa.net/collections/botn-large/products/botn-kf94-healthcare-particulate-disposable-mask-kfda-approvedfda-registered>
- **Package listed as "Large" however we find these to fit like a Medium/Average adult**, meaning that if someone wears a bifold KN95 (*such as a Powecom) comfortably, then this mask is likely to fit them.
- The nose bridge and chin coverage is shorter/less deep compared to the above Blue 3D Large mask.
- People with a smaller face would need to tighten the earloops and likely staple/tape the excess material under the chin to get a snug fit.
- Bonus: it is adjustable with earloop tighteners built-in.
- Thin earloop material (ears may get sore with long wear time)
- BOTN has Small (kids), Medium, Large, and Xlarge sizes plus various colors, but we've only seen size Large in color white available in the free mask/just pay shipping deals.
- **200 masks for \$35 shipping = \$0.18/mask (August 2025)**

Medium/average adult in colors = **POSH KF94 Large**

- <https://behealthyusa.net/collections/crazy-offers>



- The POSH masks are known for the variety of patterns offered, and often there are lower quantities of different patterns on clearance (not large cases for free to just pay shipping though).
- These can be a good option to have for folks who need colorful/patterned masks to help diffuse social situations where they are facing hostility for masking.
- **Package listed as “Large” however we find these to fit like a Medium/Average adult**, meaning that if someone wears a bifold KN95 (*such as a Powecom) comfortably, then this mask is likely to fit them.
- People with a smaller face would need to tighten the earloops and likely staple/tape the excess material under the chin to get a snug fit.
- Note that there are kids size small and adult “large” sizes.
- Bonus: it is adjustable with earloop tighteners built-in but can be slightly challenging to figure out how to pull to loop through correctly.
- Thin earloop material (ears may get sore with long wear time)
- **50 masks at \$45 = \$0.90/mask (March 2025)**

Xsmall adult/teenager = **Blue 3D Tiger Small KF94**

- <https://behealthyusa.net/collections/blue-small/products/blue-kf94-kf80-tiger-3d-masks-small-kid-size>
- “Blue” is the brand, not the color; 3D means trifold/boat shape.
- These are listed as Small and as a kids mask—in our opinion they are sized **for older kids such as teenagers, or an adult Xsmall.**
- These Tiger masks are *smaller* than Wellbefore trifold smalls.
- These measure the same dimensions as Dr. Puri KF94 smalls, and Harley KN95 smalls.
- If someone wears a Powecom SMALL Bifold, this Tiger mask may fit them well.
- Again, folks may need to add adjustable earloop beads to tighten for a snug fit.
- Thin earloop material (ears may get sore with long wear time)
- Available in black or white in the free masks/just pay shipping section of the site.
- **1 box 880 masks at \$124 shipping = \$0.14/mask (March 2025)**

Kids approx age 5-10 = **Blue 2D kids Small KF94**

- <https://behealthyusa.net/collections/blue-small>
- “Blue is the brand, not the color; 2D means bifold shape
- White, black, and colors (as available)
- For reference, these are slightly smaller than a Demetech Small KN95 bifold
- Kids may need adjustable earloop beads added to tighten for a snug fit as the earloops are somewhat long in proportion to the small mask.

Kids approx age 2-4 = **BlueBon 2D toddler XSmall KF94**

- <https://behealthyusa.net/collections/free-mask/products/free%F0%9F%94%A5-100pcs-blue-kf94-2d-mask-x-small-white-toddler-size>
- Tiniest masks we’ve ever seen!
- “Blue is the brand, not the color; 2D means bifold shape



- There have been a couple special-edition colors as well, but just on clearance, not free.
- **100 masks at \$15 shipping = \$0.15/mask (September 2025)**