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**NM small businesses to get donated face coverings**  
*State partners with business groups on project*

SANTA FE -- The state of New Mexico is partnering with various business organizations to give 171,000 cloth face coverings to small businesses around the state for free distribution to workers and customers who don't have their own.

The masks, manufactured by the apparel company Hanes, were donated by the Federal Emergency Management Agency with distribution coordinated by the New Mexico Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management in partnership with the Association of Commerce and Industry and local chambers of commerce.

The department received 171,000 cloth masks and delivered 60,000 of them to Albuquerque on Thursday. The rest will be delivered around the state by next week, said Secretary Bianca Ortiz-Wertheim.

“Gov. Lujan Grisham is committed to opening up New Mexico and doing so safely. Face masks are an important tool to making this happen,” Secretary Ortiz-Wertheim said. “The Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is pleased to support this goal, and we’re grateful to the Association of Commerce and Industry and our many Chambers of Commerce who are assisting in distributing these cloth masks across the state,” she said.

“As we reopen New Mexico, it is important that our local businesses have the equipment they need to keep their employees and customers safe. We are grateful for the partnership with the state of New Mexico and our local chambers in helping to get these masks to businesses all over the state,” said Rob Black, president and CEO of New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry.

The masks will be distributed in these New Mexico cities through their local chambers of commerce and the New Mexico Association of Commerce and Industry:

Alamogordo  
Albuquerque  
Angel Fire  
Artesia  
Belen  
Carlsbad  
Clovis  
Cloudcroft  
Deming  
Farmington  
Grants  
Las Cruces  
Lovington  
Portales  
Roswell  
Ruidoso  
Santa Fe  
Silver City  
Taos

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