

Press release

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Covid-19: Pharmaceutical companies donate 1 million masks to the French Red Cross teams

Protective masks for healthcare professionals. Involved since the very beginning of the pandemic to ensure business continuity and to keep hospitals and pharmacies supplied with essential medical supplies, France's pharmaceutical companies will donate 1 million surgical masks to the French Red Cross, which need them to care appropriately for patients and vulnerable individuals.

- 500,000 masks will go to staff working in the healthcare, social and medico-social facilities run by the French Red Cross
- 500,000 masks will be distributed to Red Cross volunteers working with vulnerable people in the community (delivering first aid services, delivering basic essentials to those in need of welfare support, delivering pharmaceutical products to those self-isolating, street teams, etc.)

Supplies of these protective masks will begin over the next few days, and continue as soon as ongoing availability allows.

This collective commitment of pharmaceutical companies is being focused through Leem, and has been made possible by the support of Tulipe, a non-profit international emergency and support agency set up by pharmaceutical companies to centralise donations of pharmaceutical products.

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