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U.S. Postal Service to Deliver Face Coverings to Every American Household

Historic Delivery of 650 Million Face Coverings is in Partnership with the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Department of Health and Human Services and a Consortium of Textile Manufacturers

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service today announced it will distribute 650 million reusable cotton face coverings on behalf of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to every residential delivery point in America, beginning in areas which HHS has identified as experiencing high transmission rates of COVID-19 and to workers providing essential services throughout the nation during this pandemic.

This unprecedented undertaking is being done in partnership with the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and a consortium of textile manufacturers. Project: America Strong sub-task force within the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Unified Command Structure, is complementing the Administration's whole-of-nation response to COVID-19

The first shipments are expected to reach U.S. households as early as April xx.

"The United States Postal Service is proud to partner with the White House Coronavirus Task Force, the Department of Health and Human Services and a consortium of textile manufacturers in delivering on this critical national initiative," said Postmaster General and CEO Megan J. Brennan. "Our organization is uniquely suited to undertake this historic mission of delivering face coverings to every American household in the fight against the COVID-19 virus. Our employees have been providing essential service to the American people throughout the frontlines of this crisis delivering vital goods and services and serving as a lifeline for millions of people as this pandemic tragedy has unfolded. Today, we stand ready to deliver, as we have for 240 years, to the American public to help our country combat the pandemic."

The Postal Service will utilize its unrivaled distribution network to deliver the face coverings. Letter carriers, rural carriers and others will deliver one pack of five face coverings to each residential delivery point and PO Box. The packs will arrive labeled with a generic Postal Service barcode, not a specific address, and will include HHS instructions on proper use.

HHS will determine the delivery points and timetable by counties within select geographic areas. Orleans and Jefferson parishes in Louisiana will be the first areas to receive face coverings, followed by King County, WA; Wayne County, MI, and New York.

The Postal Service provides a vital public service that is a part of this nation's critical infrastructure.

The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

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