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Colleagues:

On January 5, 2022, an [Illinois Massmail](#) was sent to announce the University of Illinois' recommendation of the use of KN95, N95 or level 3 surgical masks in place of other face coverings. Campus also recommended that all university faculty, staff, and students [review these training materials](#) to maximize personal safety.

As previously noted, campus is providing one mask to each faculty, staff, and student. As of this morning, the Library has received the campus-issued K-N95 masks, and Norris Purdy will soon be distributing these masks to units. (Thank you, Norris!) They are intended to be distributed within units to permanent employees.

If they have not already done so, student employees and graduate assistants may pick up their free mask at one of the locations listed here: <https://union.illinois.edu/visit/covid-19-procedures>

To see more information about these types of masks and their usable life, [see this page on the CDC website](#). In addition, N95s are being freely-distributed nationally (e.g., via pharmacies); you may want to read this [CNN article](#) or this [NPR article](#) for more information.

Best,

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