

## *Advice for pharmacies*

13 February 2020

Given the ongoing national shortage of masks, we have had to prioritise the initial distribution of masks to pharmacies with a demonstrated need.

When assessing need in our previous distribution of surgical masks to general practice, we considered the following risk factors: having a relatively high number of foreign nationals including students and tourists; having a relatively large Aboriginal population; proximity to a port or airport; or having a relatively high number of patients with existing respiratory conditions; and having a low number of masks in stock. The same criteria are being applied to pharmacies.

[Complete the online form here](#) to register for surgical masks.

To allow us to confirm your requirement and to meet some of the reporting requirements back to the Australian Government Department of Health, please complete all fields in this [online form](#).