



# WEST COVINA

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## West Covina Unified Donates 21,600 Masks to Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center

**WEST COVINA, CA** – West Covina Unified School District is aiding efforts to protect public health officials and curb the COVID-19 pandemic by donating 21,600 masks to Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center.

The District delivered 20,000 medical face masks and 1,600 N-95 respirator masks to Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park Medical Center on March 31.

The masks were part of the District's emergency stockpile of personal protective equipment (PPE) and donated at the direction of the WCUSD Board of Education.

During and after the H1N1 virus pandemic that occurred in 2009 and 2010, West Covina Unified officials took steps to prepare for the possibility of a future pandemic.

Such efforts included adding precautionary cases of face masks to the District's yearly orders, ensuring the District would have an abundance of masks to protect staff.

"Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park has been a great business partner and does exceptional work in our community and surrounding areas, and during this challenging time, it is important we stand together and offer any support we can," WCUSD Superintendent Dr. Charles D. Hinman said. "We are grateful to the medical professionals who are working hard every day to ensure the safety of our community, including our staff, students and parents."

### PHOTO

**WCUSD\_MASKS:** West Covina Unified donated its surplus of more than 21,000 medical masks to Kaiser Permanente Baldwin Park on March 31. Senior Vice President/Area Manager Eugene Cho (left) accepted the donation on behalf of Kaiser Permanente from WCUSD Superintendent Dr. Charles D. Hinman (center) and WCUSD Board Member Michael Flowers (right).

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