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COVID-19 N95 Voluntary Use

The revised University of Arizona Voluntary Use of Respiratory Protection During COVID-19 protocol allows employees to use self-provided filtering face piece respirators (i.e., N95) in all locations on campus other than those areas, locations, or environments where use of respiratory protection is required by the University.

Requirements for Voluntary Use of Self-Provided Filtering Face Piece (i.e., N95):

1. Respirators must be self-provided. At this time, respirators will not be supplied for voluntary use
2. Prior to use, all wearers must read and agree to the [Voluntary Use of Respiratory Protection During COVID19 -Appendix D](#) in EDGE Learning



General Information:

Respirators protect against airborne hazards when properly selected and used.

Respirator use, including medical clearance, fit testing, and training, is regulated by the Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA) Respiratory Protection Standard ([29 CFR 1910.134](#)).

The University will continue to provide N95 respirators to employees for whom respiratory protection is required, such as: health care workers, researchers, and other workers at high risk for exposure. These workers must be enrolled in the [UA RPP](#) to complete medical clearance and fit testing per OSHA regulations.

If a supervisor, unit, or department requires the use of respirators in the work environment, that is **not** voluntary use. When respirator use is required, a hazard assessment with RLSS or RMS and enrollment in UA RPP is required.

Respirators as a means of protection against COVID-19 is permitted under the following conditions:

- Respirators are worn and maintained in accordance with manufacturer's instructions and recommendations
- Filtering face piece respirators must not have an exhalation valve
- Employees electing to wear self-provided respirators should be medically able to wear them

Guides:

3M: [Putting on Your Respirator](#)

CDC: [How to Put on and Take off a Disposable Respirator](#)

Makrite: [N95 Disposable Respirators](#)



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