

UArizona Occupational Health Personal Protective Equipment Planning Checklist

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, UArizona Occupational Health (OH) **remains operational and continues to provide services**, such as OSHA-mandated medical clearances, respirator fit-testing, and training for all our valued **UArizona faculty and staff**. However, due to severe worldwide shortages of personal protective equipment (PPE) and a need to maintain the limited clinical inventory they currently possess, **OH is unable to furnish UArizona clients with PPE, particularly N95 respirators**, when providing these services. Potential PPE sources are listed at the bottom of this page and will be updated as new sources are found. Research Laboratory and Safety Services (RLSS) and Risk Management Services (RMS) support OH and can assist in respirator assessment and selection; however, they are also unable to provide workers with PPE.

Prior to beginning the process of obtaining respiratory protection, all **supervisors** should complete this checklist, which is intended to challenge you to think critically about your needs and supply of PPE, particularly respirators, to ensure the continued health and safety of your employees. Due to increased demand and the shortage of PPE, OH will only be fit-testing employees who bring respirators with them to fit-testing and training.

It is an OSHA requirement (29 CFR 1910.132) that protective equipment, including personal protective equipment (PPE) shall be provided by the employer [supervisor] at no cost to the employee.

<https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.132>

	Y	N	Not sure
I have determined, in conjunction with UArizona safety organizations (RLSS and/or RMS), a need for respiratory protection.			
I have determined that there are no feasible alternative processes and/or controls to mitigate the need for respiratory protection (e.g. elimination of the hazard, additional engineering controls, different administrative practices, etc.).			
I have procured respirator(s) for myself and/or staff to take with them for the fit-testing and training procedure (ideally, 2 types in 2 sizes). KN95s and surgical masks are NOT respirators.			
I have calculated my rate of use for respirators and other PPE for my workers using the CDC PPE Burn Rate Calculator Spreadsheet.			
I currently have a stock or potential source of respirators for myself and/or staff for regular use (NOTE: this must match what is used for the fit-testing and training).			
I have a both a short and long-term plan for a consistent supply of respiratory protection, outside of OH and UArizona Facilities Management.			
I have assessed whether my current and future stocks will be sufficient to meet the needs of my workplace (number per person, frequency of use, etc.) using the CDC PPE Burn Rate Calculator Spreadsheet.			
If applicable, I have ensured that I have an understanding of reuse protocols and requirements for respirators.			
I have communicated and trained workers on respirator reuse instructions, in accordance with UArizona Occupational Health and CDC guidance .			
I have provided supplies and written guidance to workers reusing respirators, in accordance with UArizona Occupational Health and CDC guidance .			

Potential PPE sources

Source	Contact	Contact Information	PPE
Research Laboratory and Safety Services (RLSS)	Maggie Murphy	520-626-5111; mamurphy@arizona.edu	N95 respirators and PPE for work exposures
Tucson Safety and Medical Supply	--	520-628-7267	N95 respirators, available in packs or singles

*This list will be continuously updated as new sources are made available.