State of Kansas COVID-19 Response Kansas N95 Respirator Decontamination Program

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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1.	What is the Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System (known in Kansas at the Kansas N95 Respirator Decontamination Program)?	The Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System™ addresses the current shortage of critical Personal Protective Equipment across the United States. Battelle CCDS™ is designed to work on N95 respirators for the decontamination of the novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2).	4/26/20 Copied from Battelle FAQ Page
2.	Who is eligible to have their N95 masks decontaminated for reuse?	Eligible Agencies – Any agency, operating in the state of Kansas who wears an N95 to protect themselves or others while performing health associated care or services.	4/26/20 Top two created by SEOC
		Non-Eligible Agencies – Any agency who wears an N95 for any non-healthcare associated purpose (e.g. chemical/pharmaceutical purposes, food safety & supply).	based on guidanc e from
		Additional Details - <u>Battelle's Emergency Use Authorization</u> allows us to provide N95	Battelle
		decontamination services to healthcare personnel . The Emergency Use Authorization defines healthcare personnel as follows:	Copied from Battelle
		"Healthcare personnel refers to all paid and unpaid persons serving in healthcare settings who have the potential for direct or indirect exposure to patients or infectious materials, including body substances (e.g., blood, tissue, and specific body fluids); contaminated medical supplies,	FAQ Page

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		devices, and equipment; contaminated environmental surfaces; or contaminated air. These	
		healthcare personnel include, but are not limited to emergency medical service personnel,	
		nurses, nursing assistants, physicians, technicians, therapists, phlebotomists, pharmacists,	
		dentists and dental hygienists, students and trainees, contractual staff not employed by the	
		healthcare facility, and persons not directly involved in patient care, but who could be exposed	
		to infectious agents that can be transmitted in the healthcare setting (e.g., clerical, dietary,	
		environmental services, laundry, security, engineering and facilities management,	
		administrative, billing and volunteer personnel)."	
		Non-medical personnel who are participating in an emergency response to COVID-19 may	
		qualify as healthcare personnel under the Emergency Use Authorization.	
3.	What is the cost for	If you meet the criteria listed above in Question 2, there is NO COST to the agency for sites	4/26/20
	organizations/facilities in the	located in the state of Kansas.	
	state of Kansas to use this program?		
4.	What kinds of equipment can	At this time N95 respirators are the only type of Personal Protective Equipment approved to go	4/28/20
	be decontaminated?	through this system. See the Operations document for more specifics on the type of mask that	' '
		is able to be decontaminated through this system.	
5.	How do we get our respirators	A shipping process designed specifically for the state of Kansas is being developed and will be	4/26/20
	to the decontamination unit?	shared by the Kansas Division of Emergency Management/State Emergency Operations Center	
		when it is finalized.	
6.	How do our respirators get	A shipping process designed specifically for the state of Kansas is being developed and will be	4/26/20
	back to our facility?	shared by the Kansas Division of Emergency Management/State Emergency Operations Center	
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7.	How does an agency sign up to use this program?	View the Kansas N95 Decontamination Program – Initial Steps document for how to get signed up. You can also contact your local county emergency manager for more information about	5/7/20
	to use this program:	how to sign up for the program through the state of Kansas.	
8.	When can I start signing up to	The application and registration process will start based on the type of agency:	4/26/20
	use this program?	Hospitals – on or after April 28, 2020.	
		Long Term Care – on or after April 29, 2020.	
		First Responders, Local Public Health and state of Kansas Agencies – on or after May 1, 2020.	
		All other N95 users with personal care interactions – on or after May 4, 2020.	

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9.	How long will this program be available?	The decontamination unit should be up and running the week of May 4, 2020. The unit is contracted to be in Kansas for at least 6 months.	4/26/20
10.	A. Can one service agreement be signed for all of the county agencies? B. Can one service agreement	 A. Yes, the preferred options would be to have one service agreement to cover all of the agencies within the county. Public Health, Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement can all sign up on under one account however you may need multiple Site Codes (please see Question 11 below about Site Codes). B. Yes, the preferred options would be for a parent company to sign one service agreement to 	4/26/20
	for all agencies/locations be signed by a parent company?	cover all of the agencies/locations operating in the State of Kansas. If the parent company signs the service agreement, you may need multiple Site Codes for each location (please see Question 11 below about Site Codes).	
11.	How many site codes should my agency have?	The number of Site Codes your agency request is up to you. This is done during the registration process by submitting the Site Locations and POC Information form to Battelle. Here are a few things to keep in mind when determining how many site codes you should have a for your agency: - Each Site Code will require its own bio-bag and box. - Different Site Codes cannot be bagged/boxed together. - Keep in mind there is a second set of numbers called the Site Location ID (see more information in Question 12). - When respirators are decontaminated and repackaged, they will be done based on the Site Code AND Site Location ID (if used).	4/26/20
12.	What is the difference between the Site Code and Site Location ID?	Site Code – This code is assigned by Battelle. It is required to be on every mask. Site Location ID – This code is assigned by the agency to further breakdown the location within the site where the mask goes. The Site Location ID is optional. If an agency chooses to use the ID, it must be marked on every mask to ensure masks are returned back to the right floor/unit/station. The Site Code and Site Location ID should be marked on every mask as follows: Site Code Site Location ID (Assigned by Battelle Point Of Contact) (Assigned by Healthcare Facility)	4/26/20

13.	What characters can I use	You can use up to two of the following when creating a Site Location ID:	4/26/20
	when creating a Site Location	- Up to two numbers.	
	ID?	- Up to two letters.	
		 Combinations of numbers and letters with a maximum of two characters. 	
14.	How do mask get to and from	There are three options available to get your N95 respirators to and from the decontamination	5/5/20
	the decontamination unit to	unit to your facility. Please view detailed instructions on how to utilize these options in the	
	our facility?	N95 Decontamination Program Transportation Plan.	
15	When will this program be	The decontamination unit is up and running as of May 5, 2020. The unit should be in Kansas	5/5/20
	available?	for at least 6 months.	
16	What if I have plenty of N95	While you may currently have plenty of N95 respirators available; we anticipate there will	5/7/20
	respirators available in my	continue to be a demand for them. With uncertainty surrounding the ability to continue to get	
	inventory, should I still decon	new respirators, we encourage you to have your used items deconned. Then place them back	
	my dirty respirators?	into storage for use in the event your supply of new N95 respirators runout.	
16.	If I have additional questions	If you have questions, you are encouraged to call your local county emergency manager or	4/26/20
	about this program, where do	local public health department who can provide you with answers or track one down from the	
	I go for answers?	state if needed.	