

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

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#	Question	Answer	Date Updated
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?	<p>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.</p> <p>Non-Eligible Agencies – Any agency who wears an N95 for any non-healthcare associated purpose (e.g. chemical/pharmaceutical purposes, food safety & supply).</p> <p>Additional Details - Battelle’s Emergency Use Authorization allows us to provide N95 decontamination services to healthcare personnel. The Emergency Use Authorization defines healthcare personnel as follows:</p> <p>“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,</p>	4/26/20 Top two created by SEOC based on guidance from Battelle Copied from Battelle FAQ Page

		<p>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).”</p> <p>Non-medical personnel who are participating in an emergency response to COVID-19 may qualify as healthcare personnel under the Emergency Use Authorization.</p>	
3.	What is the cost for organizations/facilities in the state of Kansas to use this program?	If you meet the criteria listed above in Question 2, there is NO COST to the agency for sites located in the state of Kansas.	4/26/20
4.	What kinds of equipment can be decontaminated?	At this time N95 respirators are the only type of Personal Protective Equipment approved to go through this system. See the Operations document for more specifics on the type of mask that is able to be decontaminated through this system.	4/28/20
5.	How do we get our respirators to the decontamination unit?	A shipping process designed specifically for the state of Kansas is being developed and will be shared by the Kansas Division of Emergency Management/State Emergency Operations Center when it is finalized.	4/26/20
6.	How do our respirators get back to our facility?	A shipping process designed specifically for the state of Kansas is being developed and will be shared by the Kansas Division of Emergency Management/State Emergency Operations Center when it is finalized.	4/26/20
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 how to sign up for the program through the state of Kansas.	5/7/20
8.	When can I start signing up to use this program?	The application and registration process will start based on the type of agency: 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.	4/26/20

13.	What characters can I use when creating a Site Location ID?	You can use up to two of the following when creating a Site Location ID: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Up to two numbers. - Up to two letters. - Combinations of numbers and letters with a maximum of two characters. 	4/26/20
14.	How do mask get to and from the decontamination unit to our facility?	There are three options available to get your N95 respirators to and from the decontamination unit to your facility. Please view detailed instructions on how to utilize these options in the N95 Decontamination Program Transportation Plan.	5/5/20
15	When will this program be available?	The decontamination unit is up and running as of May 5, 2020. The unit should be in Kansas for at least 6 months.	5/5/20
16	What if I have plenty of N95 respirators available in my inventory, should I still decon my dirty respirators?	While you may currently have plenty of N95 respirators available; we anticipate there will continue to be a demand for them. With uncertainty surrounding the ability to continue to get new respirators, we encourage you to have your used items deconned. Then place them back into storage for use in the event your supply of new N95 respirators runout.	5/7/20
16.	If I have additional questions about this program, where do I go for answers?	If you have questions, you are encouraged to call your local county emergency manager or local public health department who can provide you with answers or track one down from the state if needed.	4/26/20