

AOHP Beyond Getting Started Series

Respiratory Protection in Healthcare Settings

Web Reference Guide

OSHA Web Resources

OSHA Web Pages

Hospital Respiratory Protection Program Toolkit Resources for Respiratory Protection Administrators – May 2015
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/OSHA3767.pdf>

Safety and Health Topics – Respiratory Protection <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/respiratoryprotection/guidance.html>

Hospital eTool, Healthcare Wide Hazards, Tuberculosis <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/hospital/hazards/tb/tb.html#RespiratoryProtection>

OSHA Best Practices for Hospital-Based First Receivers of Victims from Mass Casualty Incidents Involving the Release of Hazardous Substances – 2005
https://www.osha.gov/dts/osta/bestpractices/html/hospital_firstreceivers.html

OSHA Bulletin: General Respiratory Protection Guidance for Employers and Workers – 2011
https://www.osha.gov/dts/shib/respiratory_protection_bulletin_2011.html

Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Guidance for Healthcare Workers and Healthcare Employers – 2007
<https://www.osha.gov/Publications/3328-05-2007-English.html>

Respiratory Protection eTool <https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/etools/respiratory/index.html>

Respiratory Protection Training and Reference Materials Library https://www.osha.gov/dte/library/materials_library.html#respiratoryprotection

OSHA Videos

Medical Evaluations for Workers Who Wear Respirators https://www.osha.gov/video/respiratory_protection/medevaluations.html

Respirator Fit Testing – English and Spanish https://www.osha.gov/video/respiratory_protection/fittesting.html

Respirator Safety: Donning and Doffing and User Seal Checks Training Video – 2009
English – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Tzpz5fko-fg> Spanish – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jgRkuRcTGEE>

Respirators Protection Training Requirements – English and Spanish https://www.osha.gov/video/respiratory_protection/training.html

Respiratory Protection for Healthcare Workers Training Video – Respirators in Healthcare Settings <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qkXV4kmp7c>

The Difference Between Respirators and Surgical Masks Training Video – 2009
English – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ovSLAuY8ib8> Spanish – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K53pbXueDJw>

NIOSH Web Resources

NIOSH Web Pages

Healthcare Workers Prevention Controls <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/healthcare/prevention.html>

Healthcare Respiratory Protection Resources <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/hospresptoolkit/default.html>

Respiratory Protection Week <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/Respiratory-Protection-Week-2019.html>

Respirator Trusted-Source Information Page https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/topics/respirators/disp_part/RespSource.html

Respirators: Your TB Defense <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/video/tb.html>

Workplace Safety and Health Topics – Respirators <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/respirators/>

National Personal Protective Technology Laboratory <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/>

NIOSH Fact Sheets

Fit Testing <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2018-129/default.html>

User Seal Check <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2018-130/default.html>

Respirator Reuse and Extended Use <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2018-128/default.html>

Other Web Resources

American Association of Occupational Health Nurses AAOHN Academy Respiratory Protection Program Training and Resources
<http://aohn.org/page/online-learning> (Note: Create a guest account using the tutorial to access continuing education and competencies.)

Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare/OSHA Alliance Respiratory Protection in Healthcare Settings Web Resource
Guide <http://www.aohp.org/aohp/TOOLSFORYOURWORK/ToolsforYourPractice/RespiratoryProtectionResources.aspx>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Isolation Precautions – Guideline for Isolation Precautions: Preventing Transmission of Infectious
Agents in Healthcare Settings – 2007 <https://www.cdc.gov/infectioncontrol/guidelines/isolation/index.html>

The Joint Commission

Hospital Respiratory Protection: Resources and Projects

<https://www.jointcommission.org/resources/patient-safety-topics/infection-prevention-and-control/respiratory-protection/hospital-respiratory-protection--resources-and-projects/>

Implementing Hospital Respiratory Protection Programs: Strategies from the Field (2015)

https://www.jointcommission.org/assets/1/18/Implementing_Hospital_RPP_2-19-15.pdf

The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, Medicine

Occupational Health Nurses and Respiratory Protection: Improving Education and Training – Letter Report (2011)

<https://www.nap.edu/catalog/13183/occupational-health-nurses-and-respiratory-protection-improving-education-and-training>

Preventing Transmission of Pandemic Influenza and Other Viral Respiratory Diseases: Personal Protective Equipment for Healthcare Personnel Update (2010)

https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docket/review/docket129A/pdfs/NIOSH-129-A_IOMreport.pdf

Reusable Elastomeric Respirators in Health Care: Considerations for Routine and Surge Use. Consensus Study Report (2019)

<https://www.nap.edu/catalog/25275/reusable-elastomeric-respirators-in-health-care-considerations-for-routine-and>

The Use and Effectiveness of Powered Air Purifying Respirators in Health Care: Workshop Summary (2015)

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/25996018>

United States Pharmacopeia – National Formulary

General Chapter <800> Hazardous Drug-Handling in Healthcare Settings

<https://www.uspnf.com/notices/general-chapter-hazardous-drugs-handling-healthcare-settings>

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