Three UArizona Safety & Compliance Units (SCUs) have combined resources to better serve University Staff and Student populations that are required to enroll into the RPP and wear a respirator.
N95 Respirator versus Face Covering/Mask

• The CDC does not recommend that the general public use a respirator for protection against respiratory diseases.

• Many applicants are rejected for enrollment in RPP due to misguided expectations that the workplace/supervisor will provide a respirator, or that a respirator is needed for their protection.
  • Voluntary respirator use Policy (guidance/forms)
    • [https://occhealth.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/UA%20Voluntary%20Respirator%20Use%20Policy.pdf](https://occhealth.arizona.edu/sites/default/files/UA%20Voluntary%20Respirator%20Use%20Policy.pdf)

| Face Covering/Mask | N-95 Respirator |
Respiratory Protection Program (RPP) Process

Step One (Assess Hazards & RPP Eligibility)

• Do not issue respirators or demand that staff/students wear a respirator without enrollment into the UArizona RPP.

• Individuals and Groups Determined to be Eligible for RPP Enrollment will be notified via email to complete the “OSHA Respirator” Form in the Medical Surveillance Program data system (MSPd).

• Individuals and Groups Determined to be ineligible for enrollment into the RPP, whose assessed hazards do not require respirator use, may wear a respirator abiding by the “UA Voluntary Respirator Use Policy”.

Groups or Individuals Concerned about Respiratory Protection Contact RLSS or RMS for “RPP Hazard Assessment”

• Complete Online Qualtrics "Hazard Assessment" Survey
• (https://uarizona.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8dZW9SqtG0rxFI1)

RLSS / RMS Arrange Group or Individual Hazard Assessment

• May include site visits, telephone, remote conferencing, or completion of additional online questionnaires or forms

• RMS/RLSSPrescribe Respirator Needed by Group or Individual (RPP Rx)
Respiratory Protection Program (RPP) Process

Step Two (RPP Form Completion & Review)

- After submitting the “OSHA Respirator” Form, and other questionnaires and forms if directed, the OH clinical staff may need to communicate with you about specific information in your forms, or ask you to upload medical records to determine your ability to safely wear a respirator.

- Do not direct Individuals to wear a respirator, or issue them a respirator (including PAPR) if they have not been “Medically Cleared” for respirator use by OH staff.

SCU (RMS, RLSS, OH) Informs Eligible Enrollees (Individuals or Groups):
- About their Individual/Group RPP Rx
- To Complete the MSPd “OSHA Respirator” Form
- About Other Questionnaires and Assessment Forms that May be Required in MSPd

Individual Completes “OSHA Respirator” & Other SCU Directed Forms in MSPd
- MSPd https://msp.occhealth.arizona.edu/msp/msp.php
  - Navigate to “My Forms”
  - Click on “OSHA Respirator” and “Initiate”
  - Be sure to Click “Submit” once Completed

OH Clinician Reviews Forms to Determine if Individual is Healthy Enough to Wear the Assigned Respirator (RPP Rx)
- Clinician will Inform the Individual about their Ability to Safely Wear the Respirator via the online OH Patient Portal. (arizonaomportal.pointnclick.com)
- Individual can use online OH Patient Portal to Upload Required Medical Records and Securely Communicate with OH Clinical Staff
### Respiratory Protection Program (RPP) Process

#### Step Three (Medical Clearance & Fit Testing)

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<td>1. OH Clinic Communicates with Individuals and SCU “Fit Test Clinics”</td>
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<td>2. RMS/RLSS “Fit Test Clinics” Arrange Fit Testing Services with Individuals “Cleared” by OH to Wear Assigned Respirator(s)</td>
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| 3. Individual Passes Respirator Fit Test and Wears Respirator Assigned for Work/Learning | • Individuals must wear the exact make/model of respirator that they passed fit test.  
• Supervisors must provide the exact make/model of respirator fit tested or Individual must be fit tested with provided respirator. |

- **Fit Test Clinics** are live, hands-on events. Attendees are required to adhere to facial hair, hairstyle, food/drink consumption restrictions prior to and during the event.

- **Do not direct Individuals to wear a respirator, or issue them a respirator (including PAPR) if they have not been Fit Tested or Trained (PAPR does not require fit testing, only training) for respirator use.**
Declinations

- Employees may submit an MSPd “RPP Declination Form” to decline their participation in the RPP.
- Declining participation in workplace safety and health programs may bar you from work within hazardous workplaces or listing upon research protocols.
- Employees may voluntarily rescind declinations at any time and enroll in recommended programs and/or receive medical care.
Critical Online Tool:

Medical Surveillance Program Portal

*UArizona NetID required for access*

https://msp.occhealth.arizona.edu/msp/msp.php

• Provides access to RPP enrollment and related Safety & Compliance Unit program hazard assessment forms.

• Provides access to RPP declination and related Safety & Compliance Unit program hazard assessment declination forms.
OSHA Respirator Form

Individuals can login to the MSPd to begin, or may receive email notification to complete the “OSHA Respirator” form if RPP is recommended/required.

- **OSHA Respirator Form**
  - Navigate to “My Forms”, select “105 – OSHA Respirator”
  - You need to know what respirator your supervisor or IACUC protocol PI/PC expect you to wear.
  - Occupational Health Clinical Staff may require you to visit the OH clinic, visit a referred clinic, or provide some medical records via secure fax, secure email, or through the online Point-n-Click Patient Portal.

- **Respirator Program Declination Form**
  - Navigate to “My Forms”, select “203 – Respirator Program Declination”
  - RPP declination is reported to your PI/PC and other SCUs (IACUC, IRB, etc.).
Critical Online Tool:

Point-n-Click
Patient Portal

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arizonaomportal.pointnclick.com

- Provides access to your:
  - UArizona Occupational Health Clinic service records

- Ability to securely:
  - communicate with OH clinic staff
  - upload immunization documentation (if required)
Thank you!

If you have any questions about the Respiratory Protection Program online tools, or administrative requirements, please contact...

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