NOTE: This document serves as a regulatory compliance guide for respirator usage. If respirators are currently being worn or use is being considered, those allowing the practice or making the decision should read through this document carefully and ensure all requirements are met. If voluntary, please refer to the “Voluntary Respirator Usage Guidance” resource on EHS’s website for more information.

**Filtering Facepiece Respirators (dust masks) that are NIOSH Approved R, P, or N95, 99, or 100**

Are you wearing the device on a voluntary basis?  
**YES**

Obtain a copy of the “Voluntary Use” form on EHS’s website, sign it, and return a copy to EHS

This means that someone is requiring your use of this device. The person in charge should contact EHS to perform a hazard assessment. If it is found that the device is needed, all provisions of the University’s Respiratory Protection Program will apply including annual training and fit testing and medical clearance at a frequency of every 5 years if <35 years of age and every 2 years if 35 years of age and older. EHS will work with the affected individual(s) to ensure all requirements are met.

**Elastomeric (rubber) Facepiece Respirators that are NIOSH Approved R, P, or N95, 99, or 100**

Are you wearing the device on a voluntary basis?  
**YES**

First, you **MUST** receive approval from your department to use this device; obtain a copy of the “Voluntary Use” form on EHS’s website, sign it, and return a copy to EHS; obtain a copy of the “Medical Questionnaire” form on EHS’s website and follow the instructions (the frequency of this process is one time only before initial use)

This means that someone is requiring your use of this device. The person in charge should contact EHS to perform a hazard assessment. If it is found that the device is needed, all provisions of the University’s Respiratory Protection Program will apply including annual training and fit testing and medical clearance at a frequency of every 5 years if <35 years of age and every 2 years if 35 years of age and older. EHS will work with the affected individual(s) to ensure all requirements are met.

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