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**Creating a Respiratory Protection Program**

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## Creating a Respiratory Protection Program

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## Respiratory Protection Program

- Complies with 29CFR 1910.134
- For public facilities regulator is Public Employees Safety and Health (PESH, NYS DOL)
- For private facilities regulator is Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA, US DOL)
- Both perform routine and complaint investigations

## Is a Respirator the Best Method to Protect Employees?

- NO!!!
- Facilities should use a hierarchy of controls
- These are ranked according to their likely effectiveness in reducing or removing the source of exposure

## Hierarchy of Controls

- Elimination of potential exposures
- Engineering controls
- Administrative controls
- Personal Protective Equipment

## Elimination of Potential Exposures

- Minimize outpatient visits for patients with mild ILI until no longer infectious
- Postpone elective visits by patients with ILI
- Deny entry to visitors who are sick
- Keep personnel at home until they are no longer sick - at least 24 hr. after fever is gone

## Engineering Controls

- Install partitions in triage areas as barriers
- Use local exhaust ventilation for aerosol-generating procedures
- Use hoods for the performance of lab tests
- Install hands-free soap and water dispensers
- Conduct aerosol generating procedures in AIIR rooms
- Use closed suctioning systems

## Administrative Controls

- Vaccinate healthcare workforce
- Identify and isolate patients with ILI
- Implement respiratory hygiene/cough etiquette
- Use triage stations to manage patient flow
- Use appropriate isolation precautions
- Limit the number of persons in a patient room during aerosol generating procedures

## Personal Protective Equipment

- Only effective if used throughout potential exposure
- Must be used and maintained properly
- Must function properly
- Use of other controls will reduce the need to rely on PPE especially in these times of shortage of supply

## When is a Respiratory Protection Program Needed?

- When a decision has been made that staff may or will be required to use respirators
- For this discussion, the respirator to be discussed is an N-95 respirator

## What is Included in a Respiratory Protection Program

- Written program
- Medical assessment of staff to ensure they are physically capable of wearing respirator
- Training of staff
- Fit testing to ensure the equipment fits properly

# How Am I Going to Do All That?

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## What is Required

- Written respiratory protection program specific to the employer's workplace that covers
  - equipment selection
  - medical assessment for employees assigned to respirators
  - annual fit testing procedures
  - training of employees assigned to use respirators
- Designated program administrator to oversee the program
- Provision of equipment to employees

## Materials Available

- Sample written program
- Copy of the standard
- Information on purchasing N-95s
- Fit testing supplies
- Information on fit testing
- Sample training program
- Sample sign in sheet for training
- Other goodies

## Where Can I Get Technical Assistance?

- Occupational Health Clinic Network
- Eleven clinics located across NYS
- Clinic will perform a survey assessment of what your facility needs (over the phone)
- Answer questions on the standard
- Help with “train the trainer” program

## What We Need From You

- Contact name and number
- Completed assessment form
- Copy of a signed training document after completed
- Questions

## Questions??

Thank you for your attention.

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