University of Nevada, Reno – IACUC Program of Care

Animal User Medical Questionnaire for Respirator Use

In Compliance with OSHA’s Respiratory Protection Standard 29 CFR 1910.134
-and-
UNR’s Respiratory Protection Program through the EH&S Department

Please complete this questionnaire to the best of your abilities and place it inside a sealed envelope. Write the words, “CONFIDENTIAL – RESPIRATOR QUESTIONNAIRE FORM” across the seal and forward it to the address below. Completion of this questionnaire is required for all persons who need to use a respirator as part of their animal use at UNR.

Mail your signed form to:

IACUC Office
University of Nevada, Reno
1664 N. Virginia St. / MS340
Reno, NV 89557-8955

Specialty Health Clinic at 330 E. Liberty, Ste. 100, Reno, NV 89501 is our contracted health provider for review, recommendations, and clearance for respirator use in this program.

To the employer: Answers to questions in Section 1 and to question 9 in Section 2 of Part A do not require a medical examination.

To the employee: Can you read? (circle one): Yes / No

Your employer must allow you to answer this questionnaire during normal working hours or at a time and place that is convenient to you. To maintain your confidentiality, your employer or supervisor must not look at or review your answers, and your employer must tell you how to deliver or send this questionnaire to the health care professional who will review it.
Part A. Section 1. (Mandatory) The following information must be provided by every employee who has been selected to use any type of respirator (please print).

Today’s date ________________________________
Your Name: _______________________________________
Your age (to nearest year): _________________________
Sex (circle one): Male / Female Your height: _______ft. _______in.
Your weight: _________lbs. Your job title: ________________________________
A phone number where you can be reached by the health care professional who reviews this questionnaire (include the Area Code): ________________________________
The best time to phone you at this number: _________________________
Has your employer told you how to contact the health care professional who will review this questionnaire (circle one): Yes / No
Check the type of respirator you will use (you can check more than one category): ________ N, R, or P disposable respirator (filter-mask, non-cartridge type only). ________ Other type (for example, half- or full-facepiece type, powered-air purifying, supplied-air, self-contained breathing apparatus). Have you worn a respirator (circle one): Yes / No If "yes," what type(s): ____________________________________________

Part A. Section 2. (Mandatory) Questions 1 through 9 below must be answered by every employee who has been selected to use any type of respirator (please circle "Yes" or "No"): 

1. Do you currently smoke tobacco, or have you smoked tobacco in the last month: Yes / No

2. Have you ever had any of the following conditions?
   a. Seizures (fits): Yes / No
   b. Diabetes (sugar disease): Yes / No
   c. Allergic reactions that interfere with your breathing: Yes / No
   d. Claustrophobia (fear of closed-in places): Yes / No
   e. Trouble smelling odors: Yes / No

3. Have you ever had any of the following pulmonary or lung problems?
   a. Asbestosis: Yes / No
   b. Asthma: Yes / No
   c. Chronic bronchitis: Yes / No
   d. Emphysema: Yes / No
   e. Pneumonia: Yes / No
   f. Tuberculosis: Yes / No
   g. Silicosis: Yes / No
   h. Pneumothorax (collapsed lung): Yes / No
   i. Lung cancer: Yes / No
   j. Broken ribs: Yes / No
   k. Any chest injuries or surgeries: Yes / No
   l. Any other lung problem that you’ve been told about: Yes / No
4. Do you currently have any of the following symptoms of pulmonary or lung illness?
   a. Shortness of breath: Yes / No
   b. Shortness of breath when walking fast on level ground or walking up a slight hill or incline: Yes / No
   c. Shortness of breath when walking with other people at an ordinary pace on level ground: Yes / No
d. Have to stop for breath when walking at your own pace on level ground: Yes / No
   e. Shortness of breath when washing or dressing yourself: Yes / No
   f. Shortness of breath that interferes with your job: Yes / No
g. Coughing that produces phlegm (thick sputum): Yes / No
   h. Coughing that wakes you early in the morning: Yes / No
   i. Coughing that occurs mostly when you are lying down: Yes / No
   j. Coughing up blood in the last month: Yes / No
   k. Wheezing: Yes / No
   l. Wheezing that interferes with your job: Yes / No
   m. Chest pain when you breathe deeply: Yes / No
   n. Any other symptoms that you think may be related to lung problems: Yes / No

5. Have you ever had any of the following cardiovascular or heart problems?
   a. Heart attack: Yes / No
   b. Stroke: Yes / No
c. Angina: Yes / No
d. Heart failure: Yes / No
e. Swelling in your legs or feet (not caused by walking): Yes / No
   f. Heart arrhythmias (heart beating irregularly): Yes / No
g. High blood pressure: Yes / No
   h. Any other heart problem that you’ve been told about: Yes / No

6. Have you ever had any of the following cardiovascular or heart problems?
   a. Frequent pain or tightness in your chest: Yes / No
   b. Pain or tightness in your chest during physical activity: Yes / No
c. Pain or tightness in your chest that interferes with your job: Yes / No
d. In the past two years, have you noticed your heart skipping or missing a beat: Yes / No
e. Heartburn or indigestion that is not related to eating: Yes / No
   f. Any other symptoms that you think may be related to heart or circulation problems: Yes / No

7. Do you currently take medication for any of the following problems?
   a. Breathing or lung problems: Yes / No
   b. Heart trouble: Yes / No
c. Blood pressure: Yes / No
d. Seizures (fits): Yes / No

8. If you’ve used a respirator, have you ever had any of the following problems? (If you’ve never used a respirator, check the following space and go to question (9):
a. Eye irritation: Yes / No  
b. Heart trouble: Yes / No  
c. Anxiety: Yes / No  
d. General weakness or fatigue: Yes / No  
e. Any other problem that interferes with your use of a respirator: Yes / No

9. Would you like to talk to the health care professional who will review this questionnaire about your answers to this questionnaire: Yes / No

Question 10 to 15 below must be answered by every employee who has been selected to use either a full-facepiece respirator or a self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA). For employees who have been selected to use other types of respirators, answering these questions is voluntary.

1. Have you ever lost vision in either eye (temporarily or permanently): Yes / No

2. Do you currently have any of the following vision problems?  
   a. Wear contact lenses: Yes / No  
   b. Wear glasses: Yes / No  
   c. Color blind: Yes / No  
   d. Any other eye or vision problem: Yes / No

1. Have you ever had an injury to your ears, including a broken ear drum: Yes / No

2. Do you currently have any of the following hearing problems?  
   a. Difficulty hearing: Yes / No  
   b. Wear a hearing aid: Yes / No  
   c. Any other hearing or ear problem: Yes / No

1. Have you ever had a back injury: Yes / No

2. Do you currently have any of the following musculoskeletal problems?  
   a. Weakness in your arms, hands, legs, or feet: Yes / No  
   b. Back pain: Yes / No  
   c. Difficulty fully moving yours arms and legs: Yes / No  
   d. Pain or stiffness when you lean forward or backward at the waist: Yes / No  
   e. Difficulty fully moving your head up or down: Yes / No  
   f. Difficulty fully moving your head side to side: Yes / No  
   g. Difficulty bending at your knees: Yes / No  
   h. Difficulty squatting to the ground: Yes / No  
   i. Climbing a flight of stairs or a ladder, carrying more than 25 lbs: Yes / No  
   j. Any other muscle or skeletal problem that interferes with using a respirator: Yes / No
Part B. Any of the following questions, and other questions not listed, may be added to the questionnaire at the discretion of the health care professional who will review the questionnaire.

1. In your present job, are you working at high altitudes (over 5,000 feet) or in a place that has lower than normal amounts of oxygen: Yes / No If “yes,” do you have feelings of dizziness, shortness of breath, pounding in your chest, or other symptoms when you’re working under these conditions: Yes / No.

2. At work or at home, have you ever been exposed to hazardous solvents, hazardous airborne chemicals (e.g., gases, fumes, or dust) or have you come into skin contact with hazardous chemicals: Yes / No If “yes,” name the chemicals if you know them: ______________________

3. Have you ever worked with any of the materials or under any of the conditions listed below:
   a. Asbestos: Yes / No
   b. Silica (e.g., in sandblasting): Yes / No
   c. Tungsten/cobalt (e.g., grinding or welding this material): Yes / No
   d. Beryllium: Yes / No
   e. Aluminum: Yes / No
   f. Coal (for example, mining): Yes / No
   g. Iron: Yes / No
   h. Tin: Yes / No
   i. Dusty environments: Yes / No
   j. Any other hazardous exposures: Yes / No If “yes,” describe these exposures: ______________________________________

3. List any second jobs or side businesses you have: ______________________

4. List your previous occupations: ______________________________________

5. List your current and previous hobbies: _______________________________

7. Have you been in the military services? Yes / No If “yes,” were you exposed to biological or chemical agents (either in training or combat): Yes / No

8. Have you ever worked on a HAZMAT team? Yes / No

9. Other than medications for breathing and lung problems, heart trouble, blood pressure, and seizures mentioned earlier in this questionnaire, are you taking any other medications for any reason (including over-the-counter medications): Yes / No If “yes,” name the medication, if you know them: ______________________

10. Will you be using any of the following items with your respirator(s)?
    a. HEPA Filters: Yes / No
    b. Canisters (for example, gas masks): Yes / No
    c. Cartridges: Yes / No
11. How often are you expected to use the respirator(s) (circle "yes" or "no" for all answers that apply to you)?:
   a. Escape only (no rescue) : Yes / No
   b. Emergency rescue only: Yes / No
   c. Less than 5 hours per week: Yes / No
   d. Less than 2 hours per day: Yes / No
   e. 2 to 4 hours per day: Yes / No
   f. Over 4 hours per day: Yes / No

12. During the period you are using the respirator(s), is your work effort:
   a. Light (less than 200 kcal per hour) : Yes / No
   if yes," how long does this period last during the average shift: ___hrs. ___minutes

   Examples of a light work effort are sitting while writing, typing, drafting, or performing light assembly work; or standing while operating a drill press (1-3 lbs.) or controlling machines.

   b. Moderate (200 to 350 kcal per hour) : Yes / No If "yes," how long does this period last during the average shift: ___hrs. ___mins. Examples of moderate work effort are sitting while nailing or filing; driving a truck or bus in urban traffic; standing while drilling, nailing, performing assembly work, or transferring a moderate load (about 35 lbs.) at trunk level; walking on a level surface about 2 mph or down a 5-degree grade about 3 mph; or pushing a wheelbarrow with a heavy load (about 100 lbs.) on a level surface.

   c. Heavy (above 350 kcal per hour): Yes / No If "yes," how long does this period last during the average shift: ___hrs. ___mins. Examples of heavy work are lifting a heavy load (about 50 lbs.) from the floor to your waist or shoulder; working on a loading dock; shoveling; sanding while bricklaying or chipping castings; walking up an 8-degree grade about 2 mph; climbing stairs with a heavy load (about 50 lbs.).

1. Will you be wearing protective clothing and/or equipment (other than the respirator) when you’re using your respirator: Yes / No If "yes," describe this protective clothing and/or equipment: ___________

2. Will you be working under hot conditions (temperature exceeding 77º F): Yes/No

3. Will you be working under humid conditions: Yes / No

4. Describe the work you’ll be doing while you’re using your respirator(s):

5. Describe any special or hazardous conditions you might encounter when you’re using your respirator(s) (for example, confined spaces, life-threatening gases):
   Provide the following information, if you know it, for each toxic substance that you’ll be
exposed to when you’re using your respirator(s):

**Name of the first toxic substance:** ____________________
Estimated maximum exposure level per shift: ____________________
Duration of exposure per shift: ____________________

**Name of the second toxic substance:** ____________________
Estimated maximum exposure level per shift: ____________________
Duration of exposure per shift: ____________________

**Name of the third toxic substance:** ____________________
Estimated maximum exposure level per shift: ____________________
Duration of exposure per shift: ____________________

The name of any other toxic substances that you’ll be exposed to while using your respirator: ____________________

Describe any special responsibilities you’ll have while using your respirator(s) that may affect the safety and well-being of others (for example rescue, security, etc.):

*After this form is reviewed and approved by Specialty Health Clinic, a “Medical Clearance for Respirator Use” form will be forwarded to the EH&S Department. You will then be contacted to make an appointment for respiratory fit testing. If you have any questions about that program, please contact Crista Hartman in the UNR EH&S Department (cristahartman@unr.edu, tel. (775) 327-5055. Thank you.*
MEDICAL CLEARANCE FOR RESPIRATOR USE
SPECIALTY HEALTH CLINIC

! This top portion of the form must be filled out by the respirator user!

Employee/Student Name: ___________________________ Net. ID: __________________
Employee Phone: ___________________ Employee Email: __________________________

Department/Job Title: ____________________________________

Supervisor/Principal Investigator Name: ____________________________

Supervisor Phone: ___________ Supervisor Email: __________________________

Specialty Health Use Only

I have reviewed the Medical Evaluation Questionnaire submitted by the above employee/student which includes questions required by the OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard (29 CFR 1910.134, Appendix C). Based on my evaluation of the employee’s responses to this medical questionnaire:

( ) The above named individual is medically cleared to use a respirator (Filtering Mask; Air-Purifying; and/or PAPR).

Limitations on respirator use (if any): __________________________________________________________

( ) The above named individual is NOT medically cleared to use a respirator pending further medical evaluation.

By my signature, I also indicate that a copy of this recommendation has been provided to the employee/student and their supervisor.

Physician or Licensed Health Care Provider

Signature: ____________________________

Print Name: ____________________________

Date: ____________________________

Please transmit this completed form to Crista Hartman at EH&S for Respirator Fit Testing.
   cristahartman@unr.edu or Fax 775-784-4553