

## **Appendix D to Sec. 1910.134 (Mandatory) Information for Employees Using Respirators When Not Required Under the Standard**

Respirators are an effective method of protection against designated hazards when properly selected and worn. Respirator use is encouraged, even when exposures are below the exposure limit, to provide an additional level of comfort and protection for workers. However, if a respirator is used improperly or not kept clean, the respirator itself can become a hazard to the worker. Sometimes, workers may wear respirators to avoid exposures to hazards, even if the amount of hazardous substance does not exceed the limits set by OSHA standards. If your employer provides respirators for your voluntary use, or if you provide your own respirator, you need to take certain precautions to be sure that the respirator itself does not present a hazard.

You should do the following:

1. Read and heed all instructions provided by the manufacturer on use, maintenance, cleaning and care, and warnings regarding the respirators limitations.
2. Choose respirators certified for use to protect against the contaminant of concern. NIOSH, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, certifies respirators. A label or statement of certification should appear on the respirator or respirator packaging. It will tell you what the respirator is designed for and how much it will protect you.
3. Do not wear your respirator into atmospheres containing contaminants for which your respirator is not designed to protect against. For example, a respirator designed to filter dust particles will not protect you against gases, vapors, or very small solid particles of fumes or smoke.
4. Keep track of your respirator so that you do not mistakenly use someone else's respirator.

**Employee Name (print):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Employee Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Office Name/State:** \_\_\_\_\_

Smile Brands is not mandating/requiring the use of N95 respirators, except in states where they are required. The Company has made N95 respirators available for clinicians who choose to utilize them during patient treatment. In accordance with the voluntary use requirement, Appendix D of the OSHA 1910.134 Respiratory Protection Standard is available for clinician review (attached to this form).

**Employee Acknowledgement**

My employer has made N95 respirators available for voluntary use during my work duties. I have been provided a copy of Appendix D of OSHA 1910.134 Respiratory Protection Standard. I have read, understand and will follow the instructions provided in Appendix D.

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Employee Signature

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Date

Return completed for to the appropriate Human Resources contact:

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