**N95 Voluntary Respirator Use Form**

**Appendix C & D** - **Voluntary Use Respirators**

 Information for Employees who **VOLUNTARILY Use Respirators**

**Sub-Part Title:** Personal Protective Equipment

APPENDIX D to Sec. 1910.134 (Mandatory)

Employee Using N95 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 the employee. However, if a respirator is used improperly or not kept clean, the respirator itself can become a hazard to the employee. Sometimes, employees may wear respirators to avoid exposures to hazards, even if the amount of hazardous substance does not exceed the limits set by OSHA standards. The employer has provided respirators for the employee’s voluntary use.

**I am responsible for the following:**

1. Read and heed all instructions provided by the manufacturer on use, maintenance, cleaning and care, and warnings regarding the respirator’s 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 the respirator into atmospheres containing contaminants for which the 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 respirator so that I do not mistakenly use someone else's respirator.

**I have voluntarily chosen to wear an N95 mask for my personal peace of mind. I understand this is voluntary in a dental setting and not required therefore a fit test is not mandatory.**

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{Employee Signature} {Date}

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{Employer Signature} {Date}