Distribution of 3M 9502+ KN95 Particulate Respirator

You are receiving these respirators as part of a PPE distribution package from New York State. Please review the following information:

*Usage of these respirators in lieu of a NIOSH approved N95 respirator, **when re-supply of N95 respirators is unavailable**, is at the discretion of the individual agency and its leadership. Agency leaders are urged to review the above guidelines and consult with their agency medical director & department physician as to appropriateness of use by their personnel. Receipt and use of these respirators does not supersede fit-testing and/or other requirements of the OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard 29 CFR 1910.134.*

CDC Guidelines:

Other countries approve respirators for occupational use according to country-specific standards. These products are evaluated using some methods that are similar to those used by NIOSH. Some methods are different but are expected to provide protection similar to NIOSH-approved filtering facepiece and elastomeric respirators. Devices supplied by current NIOSH-approval holders producing respirators under the standards authorized in the listed countries are expected to provide the protection indicated, given that a proper fit is achieved. Therefore, *they are considered to be suitable alternatives to provide protection during the COVID-19 response when supplies are short.* https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/respirators-strategy/index.html. Please review this link for further guidance and administrative procedures.

FDA Emergency Use Authorization:

The 3M 9502+ KN95 appears on the FDA Appendix A for respirators authorized for distribution and use in healthcare settings, in accordance with CDC guidelines, during times of respirator shortage. https://www.fda.gov/media/136664/download

Information from 3M:

3M, in response to a rated order from the U.S. Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the U.S. Defense Production Act, is supplying 3M respirators manufactured in Asia to FEMA, which is distributing them to help bolster the supply of filtering facepiece respirators (FFR) in the U.S. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued two Emergency Use Authorizations (EUAs) authorizing the use of respirators approved to other countries' standards in U.S. healthcare workplaces, per guidance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in their Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators. Additionally, the U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued enforcement guidance allowing the use of respirators approved to certain standards in other countries. (3M Technical Bulletin, May 2020, Rev. 3)

This document with hyperlinks and additional information/FAQs from 3M can be found at:

Links to 3M technical data, FAQs, & instructions:

https://multimedia.3m.com/mws/media/1829340O/3m-respirators-in-international-packaging-made-available-in-us-during-covid-19.pdf

https://multimedia.3m.com/mws/media/1831871O/respirators-from-asia-imported-and-distributed-by-fema-technical-bulletin.pdf

https://multimedia.3m.com/mws/media/1832150O/3m-filtering-facepiece-respirators-imported-to-u-s-from-asia-by-fema.pdf

https://multimedia.3m.com/mws/media/1828869O/3m-particulate-respirator-9502-user-instructions-eua.pdf