Under the June 10 update to the COVID-19 Healthcare Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS), OSHA established a relaxed version of the Respiratory Protection Program (RPP), known as the mini RPP, to provide for the use of respirators in a quick, but safe, manner during the healthcare emergency. Healthcare employers may use the mini RPP requirements in specific instances outlined in the ETS. Use this flow chart to determine which protocol is applicable to your work situation.

### What is a seal check?

Seal checks are a quick way for workers to ensure their respirators fit correctly and meet their personal protection needs. AAOMS and OSHA have additional information on how to perform these checks. Seal checks are not a substitute for fit testing.

### What if my employees provide their own respirators?

Employees may provide their own respirators, but OSHA requires employers to provide the following notice:

1. Read and follow all instructions provided by the manufacturer on use, maintenance, cleaning and care, and warnings regarding the respirator’s limitations.
2. Keep track of your respirator so that you do not mistakenly use someone else’s respirator.
3. Do not wear your respirator where other workplace hazards (e.g., chemical exposures) require use of a respirator. In such cases, your employer must provide you with a respirator that is in accordance with OSHA’s respiratory protection standard (29 CFR part 1910.134). For more information about using a respirator, see OSHA’s respiratory protection safety and health topics page [OSHA.gov/respiratory-protection](http://OSHA.gov/respiratory-protection).

These standards are only temporary, and OSHA must permanently adopt or rescind within six months of publication. Visit [OSHA.gov/coronavirus/ets](http://OSHA.gov/coronavirus/ets) and check [AAOMS.org](http://AAOMS.org) frequently for updates.