

Registration for the Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System

Good afternoon,

You are receiving this email because you have been identified as an agency that may benefit from the use of the Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System.

The Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System will be located in Blacksburg on the campus of Virginia Tech. It is FDA approved to use vapor phase hydrogen peroxide to decontaminate non-cellulose based N95 masks up to 20 times. It will operate 24/7 for approximately 90 days and can decontaminate up to 80,000 masks per day.

Registering with Battelle

Use of this system is voluntary and provided at no cost to participating agencies. However, your agency must register with Battelle to receive your required agency site code. To register, you must:

1. Review the attached information and [FAQ page](#) which will briefly describe the program.
2. Determine if your agency would like to participate in the program.
3. Designate a contact to register your agency with Battelle at <https://www.battelle.org/inquiry/offerings-and-services/covid-response/>.
4. Upon registering, a Battelle representative will contact you to provide additional information and shipping supplies.

Agency Responsibilities

You must properly label and package your N95 masks. To do this, you should:

1. Train staff on proper N95 mask labeling, to include individual's name, Agency Site Code (provided by Battelle), and Site Location ID (optional use designated by the facility to sort masks internally), as described in the attached documentation, *Instructions for Healthcare Facilities* and *Instructions for Healthcare Personnel*.
2. Designate a mask collection area within your agency for properly labeled masks.
3. Prepare collection bags for shipment as described in the attached documentation *Instructions for Healthcare Facilities*.
4. Complete the Chain of Custody form, provided by Battelle after agency registration.

Shipping PPE for Decontamination

1. Utilize the shipping bags, container, and pre-paid FedEx shipping label to prepare the container for shipment. (These materials are provided by Battelle once registration is complete.)
2. Request FedEx pickup of the shipping container.
3. Decontaminated masks will be returned to the agency via FedEx (estimated 72-96 hours for return).

Questions

Questions regarding the Battelle decontamination system can be directed to Tanya Hockett, tanya.hockett@vdem.virginia.gov, 804-510-9054 or Brian Thurman, brian.thurman@vdem.virginia.gov, 540-986-6982.