

Committee on Personal Protective Equipment for Workplace Safety and Health Virtual Meeting

August 1, 2023

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Zoom Information

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Objectives

- Discuss updates to HICPAC Isolation Precaution Guideline
- Revisit the strategy session on achieving improved respirator fit for the public from the May 2023 COPPE Meeting
- Discuss next steps for the Personal Protective Equipment and Personal Protective Technology Product Standardization Workshop and POAM23 Initiative
- Discuss NPPTL conformity assessment activities including a third-party approach

11:00-11:15am
(15 min)

Closed Session – Committee Members Only

11:15-11:25am
(10 min)

Welcome and Meeting Overview

Melissa McDiarmid, Committee Chair

Maryann D'Alessandro, NPPTL Director

11:25am-12:25pm
(60 min)

Discussion of Updates to HICPAC Isolation Precaution Guideline

Objective: This session is intended to provide COPPE members with an overview of the ongoing efforts to update the Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC) Isolation Precautions Guideline and to discuss existing PPE research and research needs to inform the guideline.

11:25-11:45am
(20 min)

Alexander Kallen, Designated Federal Officer, Healthcare Infection Control Practices Advisory Committee (HICPAC)

- Overview of Updates to HICPAC Isolation Precautions Guideline

11:45am-12:25pm
(40 min)

Committee Discussion

- What kinds of research gaps were identified during the HICPAC literature review conducted to inform updates to HICPAC's isolation precautions guideline?
- How could these gaps inform NPPTL's research portfolio to strengthen the guideline?

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- What types of evidence has NPPTL's research already generated that could inform and strengthen the guideline?

12:25-2:10pm
(75 min + 30 min break)

Revisiting the Strategy Session on Improving Respirator Fit

Objective: Following from the brainstorming activity held during the May 2023 COPPE meeting, this session is focused on identifying initiatives/activities (interventions) that NPPTL could pursue to support a goal of improving respirator fit for the public and workers without RPPs.

12:25-12:40pm
(15 min)

Activity Overview

Kelsey Babik, NASEM Project Staff

Melissa McDiarmid, Committee Chair

12:40-1:25pm
(45 min)

Committee Brainstorming Activity

1:25-1:55pm
(30 min)

BREAK

1:55-2:10pm
(15 min)

Continue Committee Brainstorming Activity

2:10-3:25pm
(75 min)

Update on the Personal Protective Equipment and Personal Protective Technology Product Standardization for a Resilient Public Health Supply Chain Workshop

Objective: This session is intended to provide an overview of the 2023 National Academies workshop on PPE/PPT product standardization for a resilient public health supply chain and to solicit COPPE member input on considerations for the POAM Task Force's prioritization of standards gaps.

2:10-2:30pm
(20 min)

Overview of the Workshop, Proceedings, and a Possible Framework for Prioritization

Jill Morgan, Member of the Workshop Planning Committee

Sundaresan Jayaraman, Workshop Speaker

2:30-3:25pm
(55 min)

Committee Discussion

- Based on standards gaps that were discussed during the workshop, what are some approaches the POAM Taskforce, NIOSH, NPPTL, and their partners could take to begin prioritizing the gaps?
- Based on the discussions at the workshop, are there gaps that COPPE members suggest NPPTL consider as priorities?
- Are there gap areas addressed in the POAM Task Force report that were not a focus of the workshop discussions that could also be priorities?

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3:25-4:55pm
(90 min)

Update on Conformity Assessment

Objective: This session is intended to explore the range of different ways to incorporate third-party approaches into a conformity assessment scheme and to explore the considerations for NPPTL in incorporating a third-party approach into its Respirator Approval Program.

3:25-3:35pm
(10 min)

Shuliang Li, Standards and Conformity Assessment Program, FDA CDRH

- Systems and approaches to third-party conformity assessment

3:35-3:45pm
(10 min)

Kevin Robinson, Director, Office of Technical Programs and Coordination Activities, Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory Program, OSHA

- Systems and approaches to third-party conformity assessment

3:45-3:55pm
(10 min)

Jon Szalajda and Adam Smith, NPPTL Staff

- Update on third-party approach and technical assistance

3:55-4:05pm
(10 min)

Gordon Gillerman, Director, and *Amy Phelps*, Conformity Assessment Advisor, Standards Coordination Office, NIST

- Compare/contrast of different conformity assessment schemes including third parties and considerations for incorporating third-party conformity assessment into NPPTL's Respirator Approval Program

4:05-4:55pm
(50 min)

Committee Discussion of Focus Questions

- What are important considerations for incorporating third-party conformity assessment into NPPTL's Respirator Approval Program?
- How would incorporation of a third-party approach into NPPTL's Respirator Approval Program impact the conformity assessment community (standards organizations, auditing organizations) and manufacturers?

4:55-5:00pm
(5 min)

Closing Remarks

Melissa McDiarmid, Committee Chair

Maryann D'Alessandro, NPPTL Director

5:00pm

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