

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

Date: June 8, 2026, 11:00am-5:00pm ET

AGENDA

Zoom Information:

Link: <https://nasem.zoom.us/j/98930051924>

Dial In: 888 475 4499 (Toll Free)

Meeting ID: 989 3005 1924

Objectives

- 1) Discuss updates on respiratory protection for workers without RPPs and the public
- 2) Discuss resources needed by stockpile managers to inform PPE stockpiling at state, local, tribal, and territorial levels
- 3) Discuss plans for the Fall 2026 Committee on Personal Protective Equipment for Workplace Safety and Health (COPPE) meeting

Open Session

11:00 am
(5 min)

Welcome, Introductions, and Overview of Meeting Plans
Sundaresan Jayaraman, Committee Chair

11:05 am
(10 min)

Opening Remarks and Updates from NPPTL
Maryann D'Alessandro, NPPTL Director

11:15 am – 1:30 pm
(135 min)

Session 1: Advancing Respiratory Protection for Workers without RPPs and the Public, including Children

Objective: To discuss ongoing activities related to advancing respiratory protection for workers without RPPs and the public, including children's respirators, and to identify strategies for NIOSH, through its engagement with the PHEMCE PPE working group, to best support and help coordinate these efforts going forward.

11:15 am
(10 min)

Overview of Ongoing NIOSH Activities
Maryann D'Alessandro, NPPTL Director

11:25 am
(10 min)

Update on the NIOSH-Supported PROTECT Initiative
Kristin Cummings, COPPE Member
Elon Ullman, California Department of Public Health

11:35 am
(5 min)

Committee Q&A

11:40 am (50 min)	Additional Activities and Perspectives on Respiratory Protection for Workers without RPPs and the Public UNICEF and ISO Efforts to Advance Respiratory Protection for Children • <i>Jessica Treddinick-Higgins</i>, 3M • <i>Stephanie Holm</i>, COPPE Member EPA Activities and Perspectives on Respiratory Protection for Children • <i>Susan Stone</i>, EPA Office of Clean Air Programs Child Physiology Considerations for a Children's Respirator • <i>Jon Williams</i>, NPPTL Update on In-Progress ASTM Standard on Specifications for a General Public Respirator • <i>Jon Szalajda</i>, Consultant
12:30 pm (60 min)	Committee Discussion of Focus Questions 1. In the absence of a single federal agency to serve as a coordinating entity as described in the NASEM consensus study, what perspectives do COPPE members have on how the PHEMCE PPE working group can serve as the coordinating entity? 2. How can NIOSH best support the efforts to advance respiratory protection for workers without RPPs and the public going forward as a Nation? 3. How can NIOSH and the PHEMCE PPE working group support coordination and/or integration of the ongoing domestic and international efforts? 4. Which other stakeholders should be engaged in these efforts to inform the work of the PHEMCE PPE working group?
1:30 pm (30 min)	Break
2:00 – 4:30 pm	Session 2: NIOSH Resources to Guide PPE Stockpiling Objective: To seek input from stockpile managers at state and local levels on resources needed to guide stockpiling of NIOSH Approved respirators and other PPE.
2:00 pm (40 min) 2:00 – 2:20 pm 2:20 – 2:30 pm 2:30 – 2:40pm	NIOSH Resources for Stockpile Managers NIOSH's Next Steps in Stockpile Research, Service, and Support: Advancing Jurisdictional Stockpiles <i>Susan Moore</i>, NPPTL Planned Resources on Gown Stockpiling <i>Selcen Kilinc-Balci</i>, NPPTL Planned Resources on Glove Stockpiling

	<i>Edward Fisher, NPPTL</i>
2:40 pm (10 min)	Clarifying Q&A
2:50 pm (40 min)	Panelist Remarks (5-7 min each) Guiding Questions: • What kinds of resources do state, local, tribal, and territorial stockpile managers most need to inform their efforts to stockpile NIOSH Approved respirators and other PPE? • What is the utility of the NIOSH bulletins for making decisions about panelists' stockpiles? • What enhancements would stockpile managers suggest to the plan described by the NIOSH speakers to better meet the needs of SLTT agencies? Stockpile Manager Perspectives • <i>Jay Fiedler</i>, Division of Emergency Preparedness and Response, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services • <i>Sean Kice</i>, Emergency Preparedness Program, Tennessee Department of Health • <i>Timothy Wiedrich</i>, Health Response and Licensure, North Dakota Department of Health • <i>Scott Wollek</i>, Hospital Preparedness Program, Maryland Hospital Association Industry Perspectives • <i>Akhil Agrawal and Greg Burel</i>, SNS Foundation • <i>Rodney Hehenberger</i>, ProEquip
3:30 pm (60 min)	Committee, Panelist, and Discussant Input on Focus Questions 1. Assessing Current Outreach and Information Sharing What gaps, if any, exist in NIOSH's current approaches for disseminating information to state, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) stockpile managers—including NIOSH Bulletins, ASPR-hosted "Ask the Expert" sessions, and other communication channels—and how do these gaps affect PPE stockpile management and decision-making? 2. Identifying Resource and Support Needs What additional resources (guidance, tools, services, or capabilities) would most effectively support SLTT stockpile programs in managing PPE inventories and making evidence-based decisions? Examples may include guidance documents, decision-support tools, templates, technical briefs, training webinars, or direct technical assistance. How could these resources help improve stockpile readiness, reduce waste, strengthen procurement decisions, optimize resource allocation, and enhance overall preparedness planning? 3. Designing an Effective Decision-Support Tool If NIOSH were to develop an IT-based tool to support PPE stockpile management, what information, data sources, decision-support capabilities, and user features would be most valuable? How should the tool be designed, populated, and maintained to ensure it is practical, trusted, and responsive to the operational needs of SLTT stockpile managers?

	Discussants: • <i>Leah Hoffacker</i>, Georgia Department of Public Health • <i>Jeff Ballard, Vincent Fargione, and Robert Tinney</i>, New York State Department of Health • <i>Aaron Gettinger and Shane Keville-Wagner</i>, Massachusetts Department of Public Health
4:30 pm (25 min)	Session 3: Planning for the Fall COPPE Meeting <i>Sundaresan Jayaraman</i>, Committee Chair <i>Maryann D'Alessandro</i>, NPPTL Director
4:55 pm (5 min)	Wrap-Up, Next Steps, and Closing Remarks <i>Sundaresan Jayaraman</i>, Committee Chair <i>Maryann D'Alessandro</i>, NPPTL Director
5:00 pm	ADJOURN