



# OSHA's New N95 Mask Guidance Is A Welcome Development

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One of the team members in FP's Workplace Safety and Catastrophe Management Practice Group helped write an important new alert: "[OSHA Issues New Guidance Given N95 Mask Shortage During COVID-19 Pandemic](#)." Micah Dickie, along with the co-chair of our firm's Healthcare Practice Group, Kevin Troutman, summarized the agency's new interim guidance and what employers need to know about it.

"The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) just issued interim enforcement guidance regarding respiratory protection, relaxing its standard in light of the nationwide shortage of N95 masks during the COVID-19 pandemic. From now on, if respiratory protection must be used and alternatives are not available, employers may now consider the extended use or reuse of N95s – and may consider using N95s that have since passed the manufacturer's recommended shelf life."

You can read [the entire piece here](#).

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