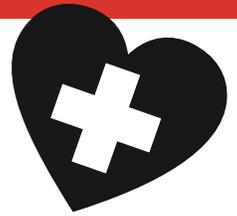




YOUR UNION & PPE



We are very concerned about our PPE supply. The Union has filed a request for information to determine the daily levels of PPE in the Medical Center's possession and will keep you posted, when UCMC sends out that information.

Your national union, the American Federation of Teachers is going to spend \$1 million in dues money to find, locate and purchase PPE. There are national shortages at this time and we as nurses need to be calling upon our elected officials at the National Level to force the President to invoke the Defense Production Act against supply chain manufacturers to get us the PPE we need. **Check your email and the RNA facebook to sign the petition.**

Battelle in Columbus Ohio has devised a cleansing treatment for N95 masks being utilizing aerosol hydrogen peroxide so that masks can be reused. The Ohio State University Medical Center and Coshocton Regional Medical Center are already sending their N95s there for refurbishing. We have raised this with Medical Center to potentially begin sending N95 there for refurbishing.

In the mean time we need to ensure that as nurses are holding the Medical Center accountable to enforce PPE standards. If you are told to re-use PPE beyond its usage, or are told not to wear the appropriate PPE while on the job. **Do not let your voice be silenced!**

The best way to ensure that you, your co-workers and your patients are safe is do the following:

- #1. Fill out an incident report and have all those affected sign on.
- #2. Fill out an ADO and have all those affected sign on.
- #3. Request an Employee Exposure/Accident Report immediately.
 - a. Your manager should have these. If they do not contact Employee Health and request one. This will document your exposure in case you then become sick and need to file a Worker's Compensation Claim.
- #4. Report the incident to RNA via email at rna@cyncynurses.org
- #5. ONA/RNA will likely file a grievance and a complaint under Section 5(a)(1) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act which read states that employers are required to provide their employees with a workplace free from recognized hazards likely to cause death or serious physical harm.

What NOT to do:

- #1. DO NOT refuse an assignment.

If you do so, you do so at your own risk. Object to it utilizing the tools outlined above.



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