

## CDC I-Catalyst Project 2 – Respiratory Protective Device (RPD) Stockpiles Interview Protocol Guide and Questions

**Background Information:** Respiratory Protective Devices (RPDs) Stockpiles for use by healthcare workers are projected to be in significant short supply during the next pandemic influenza event. Lack of RPDs may expose healthcare workers to infection and decrease their willingness to come to work during a pandemic. In order to address this issue and increase preparedness, CDC is exploring different strategies to increase supply and decrease demand of these critical countermeasures needed to protect health care workers. The purpose of this ICR is to determine if decentralized RPD stockpiles are a feasible and acceptable option for stakeholders (stakeholder focus is on emergency planners within hospitals with more than 500 beds).

**Interviewer to Respondent:** Hi, my name is ...Thank you for your time. I know you are busy, I only need about 30 minutes of your time. I'm from CDC National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases in the Influenza Coordination Unit working on a project involving Respiratory Protective Devices, and want to ask some questions to learn more about you and your hospital emergency planning and management. Thank you for participating in this data collection effort. We will use the opinions and impressions you provide only for analyzing the general trends and directions of strategic planning, implementation, collaboration and partnership development within your respective region and across regions. You will not be identified in any published reporting. Individual respondents will not be identified in reports except with their express permission. However, you should understand that we cannot promise confidentiality of the information you share with us due to our need to comply with provisions of the Freedom of Information Act and also in the event of unlikely but possible litigation or legal proceedings.

I understand you have a role in the emergency planning aspect of the hospital, can you describe your actual role and job functions?

1. What plans are in place at your hospital during a public health emergency like Ebola or H1N1?
2. What are your top concerns in your hospitals' ability to respond in a pandemic?
3. During H1N1 and Ebola outbreaks, it was reported that some hospitals in the US experienced shortages in staffing, Is that something that your facility experienced? If so, tell me how
4. How many extra days of supply do you think your hospital holds for RPDs? Does your hospital hold stockpiles?
5. How confident are you that your workforce will come to work during a public health emergency (PHE)?
6. What are your main priorities concerning Health Care Workers during a PHE? (*should tell us if protecting HCW is a priority*)
7. As part of your role, how do you make decisions to ensure business continuity? What kind of decisions do you make? Is staffing/protecting staff part of the strategy?
8. Are there others that you think we should talk to? Can you connect us

Thank you for your time.

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