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State Department of Health

LTC CARES Grant FAQ and Battelle N95 Services

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LTC CARES Grant FAQ

The FAQ for the LTC CARES Grant is available as a web page here: <https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/ltc-cares-grant-faqs>. The State of Oklahoma through the Oklahoma State Department of Health (OSDH) announced last week the availability of Coronavirus Relief Funding for Oklahoma's long-term care facilities/providers. The State of Oklahoma set aside a portion of Coronavirus Relief Funds to be distributed in the form of grants ("LTC CARES Grant") to enhance infectious disease prevention and mitigation as part of the implementation of Oklahoma's plan for [Phased Reopening in Long-Term Care Facilities](#). For more details go to <https://coronavirus.health.ok.gov/ltc-cares-grant>. Applications for the LTC CARES Grant will be taken through web form submission only. A sample application can be found here: [LTC CARES Grant Sample Application](#) (for best results use Google Chrome).

Battelle N95 Decontamination and Return Service Free to Providers

The State of Oklahoma's Medical System was given the opportunity to utilize a Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System (CCDS) that is operational in Muskogee, Oklahoma. The Battelle System allows N95 respirators to be decontaminated and returned to facilities and agencies.

This service is available without charge to our long term care providers. All Healthcare Providers are eligible to participate in this program no matter how small or large your facility or entity. This program is **free**. Shipping is **free** through Cardinal Health or FedEx and the decontamination process only takes 72 hours. To see a video that explains the process go here: <https://www.battelle.org/inb/battelle-critical-care-decontamination-system-for-covid19>.

See *Getting Started with Battelle CCDS Critical Care Decontamination System™* here: <https://www.battelle.org/docs/default-source/ccds/getting-started-with-battelle-ccds.pdf>

- The first step in participating is to stop throwing away N95's. Begin collecting them in a biohazard bag.
- Second step is to enroll in the program at <https://www.battelle.org/inquiry/offerings-and-services/covid-response>.
- Once enrolled, you will receive all the next-steps in your inbox, or you can find them here at <https://www.battelle.org/inquiry-form-confirmation/ccds-success/>.
- Battelle will provide you with a 3-digit site code for the facility location that you list on your agreement. That code is to be marked on each N95 you collect and on the shipping boxes. This 3-digit code allows Battelle to identify your N95s.