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MEMO ~~THREE TO COVID-19 TASK FORCE~~
THROUGH COS, NSA

FROM PETER NAVARRO
RE: URGENT DMRO INVENTORY AND REFURBISHMENT OF ALL RESPIRATORY
VENTILATORS OF ANY TYPERECLASSIFICATION OF N-95 SURGICAL MASKS
(RESPIRATORS)

Recent data suggests the imminent need for intensive care beds with ventilation support may be 5% higher than previously estimated for some areas.¹ We therefore ~~face an urgent and immediate need~~ need to ensure an adequate supply of mechanical ventilators and their tubing accessories. ~~the most basic medical equipment such as the normal N-95 HEPA (High Efficiency Particulate Air) (HEPA) surgical-type mask. This N-95 mask is necessary for all individuals working with a coronavirus-infected patient at any stage of the patient's infection. Somehow, these simple devices have been formally classified as a "Respirator". This means that under Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) standards, these simple devices must now be Fit Tested for maximum protection.~~ under OSHA standards.

The Defense Logistics Agency - *Defense Reutilization Management Office*, maintains large warehouses containing older, but still functional equipment. This equipment can be rapidly refurbished, tested and returned to service.

Fit-Testing requires a \$300 (=/-) Test Kit which is ~~nothing more than a plastic bag and a few cheap plastic atomizers (probably most likely with components or component parts made in China). In addition, the test kits contain several small bottles with a sweet and bitter test solution. Refills of these simple solutions are around \$19 Dollars.~~

OSHA has gone to maximum lengths to complicate a pandemic response by requiring that institutions using these simple face masks must have their employees Fit-Tested by a Certified "Fit-Tester". A paper or electronic record must then be filled out and signed by the Tester and ~~then this form must be retained by the institution to prove the employee has been tested. This process but must be repeated every year.~~

There is a more complicated Electronic Fit-Testing machine that can be used, but installing the probe into the mask destroys the mask for use once it has been tested.

So ~~there tested, meaning that there is no way to know that the mask the employee is actually using, is actually working using is actually working.~~

These Electronic Testers cost \$335 to \$2000 Dollars each, plus the costs of the Tester performing the tests.

Fit-Testing was originally designed for working with dangerous chemical agents for industry and the military. ~~n~~Not for simple surgical masks with an advanced filtration area. This is a prime example of over-regulation, and these masks should never have been classified as respirators in the first place.

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Recommendations

1. The President, through the SecDef, should immediately task the Defense Logistics Agency - Defense Reutilization Management Office, to conduct an immediate inventory of all mechanical respiratory ventilators of all makes and models located in DRMO and other federal agency warehouses. 1 (of 1). Have the FDA urgently reclassify the N-95 type surgical masks as “Enhanced Surgical
2. All still serviceable items should be refurbished and tested as quickly as possible and added to the Strategic National Stockpile as a backup inventory.
3. This needs to be a crash program.
- _____Masks”. They are not respirators.

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