On April 10, Battelle was awarded a contract on behalf of the U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to decontaminate N95 respirators at no cost to hospitals around the nation, including Louisiana. The Battelle CCDS™ Critical Care Decontamination System has been set up in the Morial Convention Center in New Orleans and can decontaminate up to 80,000 non-cellulose N95 masks per day.

**Sign-Up for the Service:** Hospitals that would like to participate in this no-cost service should review the [How It Works Overview](#) and [Healthcare Provider Sign-Up Process Overview](#), and then complete the [Provider Sign-Up Web Form](#). Battelle will email you a contract, instructions, and a point of contact.

**Upcoming Webinar:** Battelle is hosting a webinar on Thursday, May 7 at 1 p.m. CST for hospitals to discuss this service and to answer any questions providers may have. [Click here](#) to register for the webinar.

**Additional Information:** In addition to the information provided in the [May 4 LHA Impact Weekly newsletter](#), a representative with Battelle provided the following information and resources:

- Battelle [FAQs Webpage](#)
- [News Release](#): Battelle CCDS Critical Care Decontamination System Services Now Available at No Charge
- [Science Summary](#): Battelle CCDS Critical Care Decontamination System
- [Webinar Slides from May 1 Presentation](#): Enrollment, Process, Information

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**Note:** This Alert is being distributed to hospital C-Suite personnel in the LHA database. This and other local, state and national hospital-specific resources and guidance from trusted sources can be found on the LHA’s COVID-19 [webpage](#).