PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE) San Francisco Department of Public Health

Note on Personal Protective Equipment (PPE): Some positions in the Department of Public Health will require the use of personal protective equipment (PPE), including but not limited to gloves, gowns, eye and face protection, and face-fitting respirators. The requirement for the use of PPE may come on short or no notice. Facial hair or any condition that interferes with a face-fitting respirator's seal (i.e. comes between the sealing surfaces of the respirator and the wearer's bare skin) is not permitted when face-fitting respirators are worn, including during initial or periodic respirator fit-testing.

Employees who choose not to shave and do not have either American Disabilities Act (ADA) or Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Accommodations do not have the right to alternate work assignments or the option of using a loose-fitting Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) in place of a Face Fitting Respirator.