N95 Respirator Fit Testing for Students and Instructors during COVID-19

Post-Secondary Institutions (PSIs) can continue to purchase N95 respirators from Alberta Health Services (AHS) so that students can be fit tested before starting their clinical placement. PSIs are responsible for fit testing their students and instructors.

PSIs can get information on the current N95 respirators available for purchase and set up an account by contacting the AHS Contracting, Procurement and Supply Management office at CPSMOperations.EOC@albertahealthservices.ca.

The student’s program coordinator or instructor should determine whether the protection of an N95 respirator would be required during the student’s placement in AHS and inform the student.

Circumstances where the protection of an N95 respirator is required:

- If aerosol-generating medical procedures (AGMPs)(1) are performed on patients with a pre-existing or suspected respiratory disease (e.g., COVID-19, influenza-like illness (ILI) or confirmed infection with Influenza A or B, Avian Influenza, other emerging/novel respiratory pathogens, or suspected/confirmed Viral Hemorrhagic Fever).

- Providing care for patients that may have infectious diseases transmitted by the airborne route (e.g., Mycobacterium Tuberculosis (TB), Rubeola (red measles), Varicella Virus (chickenpox), Disseminated Shingles Virus).

Thank you for your continued support and commitment. If you require further information contact: student.placements@ahs.ca.

(1) A list of AGMPs is available here