

## N95 Respirator Fit Testing for Students

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.

AHS is currently fit testing AHS staff to the following N95 respirators:

- 3M: 1870+, 1860, 1860s
- Kimberly-Clark (KC) (for the hard to fit): 46727, 46827(s)

As of July 2021, AHS no longer fit tests staff to the 3M8210, 3M8110s, and DTC3Z and are phasing these respirators out. These models will continue to be available on supply carts until Spring 2022.

**As of Feb 16, 2022**, AHS is not receiving a consistent supply of the **3M1804** model therefore students fit tested to this model should get re-fit tested to one of the other available models.

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](mailto: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 them directly. Circumstances where the protection of an N95 respirator is required:

- If aerosol-generating medical procedures (AGMPs) 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](mailto:student.placements@ahs.ca)

(1) A list of AGMPs is available [here](#)