

Memorandum

TO: Emergency Coordination Centre

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SUBJECT: Respirator Fit Testing Process – Across the Zones

The zone and site specific processes to access respirator fit testing, being offered by Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) are as follows:

1. North Zone Respirator Fit Testing Process

Employees in the North Zone can get respirator fit tested by a WHS Advisor, Occupational Health Nurse (OHN) or a site Fit Test Designate (FTD).

We currently do not have our FTDs listed on Insite, but that is planned for when the Fit Test Designate Program is formally approved and launched. Until then, workers can ask their WHS Advisor or OHN who the FTD is for their site.

In the first week of October, all NZ Operational and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Managers and Directors received a spreadsheet of the staff that WHS have fit test records of and staff that are due for fit testing. We will repeat this again as soon as the November report is available.

Respirator fit testing will be available for staff attending the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) training that is co-led by the WHS Advisors.



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2. Edmonton Zone Respirator Fit Testing process

Employees in the Edmonton Zone can get respirator fit tested by a WHS Advisor or a site Fit Test Designate (FTD).

We are currently reviewing the status of staff and physicians at the sites designated for Ebola patient care, and other high risk areas such as Emergency Medical Services (EMS). We will be sharing these lists with all Operational and EMS Managers/Directors. Arrangements will be made to respirator fit test those staff and physicians requiring it.

Also, WHS will continue to provide regular Respirator Fit Test sessions across the zone:

- All Locations Drop-in Sessions [schedule](#)
- [Cross Cancer Institute schedule](#)
- [Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital schedule](#)
- [Fort Saskatchewan Community Hospital schedule](#)
- [North East Community Health Centre schedule](#)
- [Strathcona Community Hospital schedule](#)
- [Sturgeon Community Hospital schedule](#)
- [Westview Health Centre schedule](#)

If you require Unit-based respirator fit testing and staff are unable to attend the currently scheduled sessions (as listed above), please contact your [WHS Advisor](#) to make alternate arrangements.

3. Central Zone Respirator Fit Testing Process

Employees in the Central Zone can get fit tested by contacting a WHS Advisor, Occupational Health Nurse (OHN) or one of the Fit Test Designates (FTDs) which are located across the zone.



We currently do not have our FTDs listed on Insite, but that is planned for when the Fit Test Designate Program is formally approved and launched. Until then, workers can ask their [WHS Advisor or OHN](#) who the FTD is at their site.

Fit testing will remain a priority and clinics will be offered to high priority areas such as Emergency Rooms.

Currently we run a Respirator Fit Test [session](#) every Thursday afternoon in Red Deer at the [Red Deer Regional Hospital Centre](#), 2nd floor, Critical Care link between 1:30 and 3:30 pm.

4. Calgary Zone Respirator Fit Testing process

Employees and physicians in the Calgary Zone can get fit tested by a WHS Advisor or a Fit Test Designate (FTD).

We are currently reviewing the status of staff and physicians at the sites designated for Ebola patient care, and other high risk areas such as Emergency Medical Services (EMS). We will be sharing these lists with all Operational and EMS Managers/Directors. Arrangements will be made to fit test those staff and physicians requiring it.

Also, WHS will continue to provide regular Respirator Fit Test sessions across the zone:

- [Alberta Children's Hospital schedule](#)
- [Foothills Medical Centre schedule](#)
- [Holy Cross Centre schedule](#)
- [Peter Lougheed Centre schedule](#)
- [Rockyview General Hospital schedule](#)
- South Community Sites [schedule](#)
- [South Health Campus schedule](#)
- Rural & Non-Acute Calgary Sites [scheduling information](#)



5. South Zone Respirator Fit Testing process

Employees in the South Zone can get respirator fit tested by WHS Advisors, Occupational Health Nurses (OHNs) or a site Fit Test Designate (FTD).

We don't currently have our FTDs listed on Insite yet, but that is planned for when the Fit Test Designate Program is formally approved and launched. Until then, workers can ask their [WHS Advisor or OHN](#) who the FTD is at their site.

Spreadsheets of staff who require respirator fit testing, in the high risk South Zone operational areas and Emergency Medical Services (EMS), have been notified.

Currently, we are offering a Respirator Fit Test [Session](#) at [Chinook Regional Hospital](#) in the County Hall on Wednesday, October 29th and Wednesday, November 26th from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

