

N95 Respirators

Updated Fit Testing Guidance

Currently, there is a significant increase in the number of healthcare workers (HCW) needing to be respirator fit-tested. Many HCW are using respirators for the first time and, due to the significant increase in demand for respirators, many healthcare providers have had to select alternate models of respirators during the pandemic.

Many facilities have found that they can increase their available supply by including standard filtering facepiece respirators in addition to the surgical N95s they typically use. Standard N95s are appropriate for many tasks in healthcare.

Based on the 3M Technical Bulletin titled *"U.S. OSHA Position on Fit Testing during COVID-19"* dated April, 2020 (revision 2), the University of Michigan Health System is adopting the guidance provided by 3M that their laboratory testing indicates respirator models with similar construction may be more likely to fit a worker similarly.

Based on this guidance, the following 3M N95 respirators can be used interchangeably as long the HCW has passed a fit test for one of the respirators identified.

Use any of these (3) 3M N95 respirators as long as you have passed a fit test with one of them.



3M 1860 Surgical N95



3M 8210 Plus N95



3M 8210 N95



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