COVID-19
Provincial Guidance for Fit-Testing of Students

All students in clinical program practicums must be fit-tested for appropriate N95 respirator use prior to their clinical placement.

As Manitoba health regions continue to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, arrangements have been made to partner with the province's educational institutions to ensure students are fit-tested for the specific N95 models in use at the facility/site where they will complete their placement.

For this year only, beginning October 8, educational institutions who offer on-site fit-testing services to their students will be able to request a supply of N95 respirators currently in use within the health system. To participate in this program, you will be asked to complete the attached form with detailed information related to the number of students and the region and/or facility in which their clinical placement will occur.

For more information and/or to submit your completed form please contact Sanela Maric at smaric@ierha.ca.

Educational programs are asked to ensure fit-testing is not completed more than one month in advance of student placements. This will ensure that fit-testing remains valid even while global supplies remain volatile and can be expected to result in necessary changes to the N95 make/models in use at our facilities/sites.

The fit-testing supply of N95s will be provided to participating institutions, at no cost, while supplies remain available. As supply levels change, we will communicate updated make/model information to you.

Educational Institutions that plan to engage or refer students to a private fit-testing company will be provided with a list of the N95 respirators in use by region/facility. Refer to N95 Respirators in Use. Again, students are encouraged to not be fit-tested more than one month prior to the start of their clinical placement.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership. Together, we can ensure the protection and education of our valued students.