

N95 Respirator Fit Testing

School of Medicine

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What you will need to bring:

- Husky card to enter the building
- Face covering
- Pen
- No facial hair

Set-up:

- If students arrive early, please form a line in the hallway maintaining 6 feet apart from one another. There will be tape markings on the floor.
- Check-in and testing stations are spread out to maintain physical distancing
- Hand sanitizers and disinfecting wipes available to use

Payment:

- EH&S will have a staff member to collect payment at the check-in station. Payment will be \$73.50.
 - We charge this amount because it is similar in price range to what outside occupational health clinics usually charge between \$40 - \$100.
 - We can accept payment via credit card or check

Fit Testing:

- Two testers will be performing fit testing in separate rooms (T-269 and T-277)
- Each tester will work with one student at a time
- Testers will disinfect surfaces and testing equipment after every testing
- Fit testing will take up to 20 minutes and testers will minimize close contact

Location: Health Sciences Building T-277 and T-269



FAQs:

Q: I found a vendor in my area that can do fit testing but they told me to bring my own masks. How can I get masks?

A: Email Laura Ellis at lbellis@uw.edu. Include your mailing address. I will mail the masks to you.

Q: Can my roommates and I use the same masks for fit testing?

A: No. Your roommate should contact Laura Ellis (lbellis@uw.edu) and order their own masks.

Q: Can I reuse the mask that I was fit tested with?

A: It's not advisable because it will be covered with whatever chemical agent is used for the fit testing.

Q: I was fitted with a Halyard model N95. My clerkship site only has 3M models. Can I wear the 3M model instead?

A: No. Not unless you are fit tested on the 3M models. You will be authorized to wear only the model that you were fit tested with. You could also use a PAPR since most students should already be authorized to use a PAPR.

Q: If I need to use an N95 to see patients during my clerkship, can I reuse the mask?

A: Yes, but make sure to follow the policies in place at your clinical site. Laura Ellis previously sent out two PDF examples of the UW's reuse policy. You can also refer to the CDC website for their guidance: <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/hcwcontrols/recommendedguidanceextuse.html>.

Q: What documentation do I need to send you after my fit test?

A: WWAMI—Have the vendor fill out the "UWSOM External Fit Testing Record." Scan or email a photo of the completed form to Laura Ellis, lbellis@uw.edu.

A: SEATTLE—no need to send anything to Laura. EHS will send her your authorization letter which will be uploaded to Evalue.

Q: How do I request a religious exemption for N95 fit testing?

A: Please email Laura Ellis, lbellis@uw.edu.

Q: What if I fail my fit test?

A: If other models are available, you could try being fitted on a different respirator model. You will still be compliant if you have a PAPR authorization letter. Doing an in-person training on the PAPR is recommended. UW EHS can provide PAPR fitting.