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| Information for Victorian health services conducting P2/N95 respirator fit testing- Order of fit testing Version 9, December 2022 |
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In the changing COVID-19 environment, content is often being updated. To ensure you are aware of the most recent changes, all content updates, and the date the document was last updated will be highlighted in yellow text.

The purpose of the following information is to provide Victorian health services who are undertaking fit testing with guidance regarding the order in which to fit test respirators that are available from the State Supply Chain (SSC).

Fit testing is part of a broader Victorian Respiratory Protection Program (RPP). For information on when fit testing is required, for whom and the methodology to be used, please refer to the RPP guidelines available here at the [Victorian respiratory protection program webpage](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/quality-safety-service/victorian-respiratory-protection-program) <<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/quality-safety-service/victorian-respiratory-protection-program>>

This document should also be read in conjunction with Information for Victorian health services- conducting P2/N95 respirator fit testing, which can be found at the [Victorian respiratory protection program webpage](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/quality-safety-service/victorian-respiratory-protection-program): <<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/quality-safety-service/victorian-respiratory-protection-program>>

**Accessing P2/N95 respirators for fit testing**

Health services can request respirators for fit testing from the State Supply Chain by ordering from Zycus .

Data collection

A template has been developed to capture all the relevant data on each individual who undergoes fit testing. This template ensures that a record is kept by the health service of fit testing results for their workers, as well as provides useful information to help the Department of Health (DH) predict supply requirements into the future. The template that guides the recording of fit test results by a health service can be found at the [RPP website](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/quality-safety-service/victorian-respiratory-protection-program) <<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/quality-safety-service/victorian-respiratory-protection-program>>

An ongoing record of fit testing will be required for a health service’s internal use to identify who has been fit tested, what respirators they were successfully tested to, and when they are required to re-test. Fit test results should be provided to the individual. These results should include details of the fit test to ensure that that are transferrable between health services. The *Transferability of fit testing records* document provides an example of the details required to facilitate transferability of fit test results. This document can be found on the [RPP website](https://www.health.vic.gov.au/quality-safety-service/victorian-respiratory-protection-program) at <<https://www.health.vic.gov.au/quality-safety-service/victorian-respiratory-protection-program>>

**Privacy considerations**

Health services must provide a privacy collection notice to test subjects. The collection notice should set out:

* the usual contents required for a collection notice (as specified in [Information Privacy Principle 1.3](https://ovic.vic.gov.au/book/ipp-1-collection/) of the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic);
* explain that the information being collected will be securely provided to DH, in order for DH to source and supply respirators that meet the needs of health service staff.

**List of respirators for undertaking fit testing for implementation**

Respirators should be tested in the order below as those listed first are in higher supply (or have a higher potential of supply) across the state. Please note, this list may change based on changes to supply.

The fit test should stop once the individual has achieved a pass on three different models.

Fit tests should be performed at appropriate intervals and adopted as a routine when any close fitting RPE is being worn. A health service can advise on the requirements for fit testing of HCWs based on their risk prioritisation framework.

## Action: Interim Fit Testing Order

Staff currently fit tested to the BSN Proshield N95 & Halyard FLUIDSHIELD N95 respirators should be prioritised

for fit testing to other N95 respirators that are available in the State Supply Chain (SSC).

In the interim, as advised in the CEO Bulletin, 16 December 2022, while alternative new N95 Duckbill designs are being tested, please find the strongly recommended interim fit testing order outlined below noting that the SSC has a robust supply of the Industree Trident P2 (Level 3) medical respirator, a respirator which has a 90% plus, fit-test success rate (also therefore ideal for hospital visitors, a cohort which is not ‘fit-tested’):

1. Industree Trident P2

2. 3M AURA 1870+

3. 3M 1860 (Regular)

4. BYD DE2322

5. 3M1860s (Small)

An updated fit testing guide will be provided for sector wide fit testing once new alternative N95 Duckbills designs

are piloted.

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