

Fit Testing for Allina Health Group Clinics/AHC



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46767 duckbill
respirator

Please note:

- **These sites are using the Halyard 46767 duckbill respirator.**
 - ❖ AHC – Allina Health Clinics
 - ❖ BUF – Buffalo Hospital
 - ❖ CAM – Cambridge Medical Center
 - ❖ MCY – Mercy Hospital – Mercy Campus
 - ❖ UTY – Mercy Hospital – Unity Campus
- **Fit testing at other Allina Health sites does not include the Halyard.**
- **Fit testing at these sites will not ensure availability of needed mask at other Allina Health sites.**
- **The above sites also carry the 3M 1860 and 1860s models. The 1870 requires special order.**
- **If you are doing clinicals at other Allina Health sites as well as one of the sites listed, please ensure that you know how to access the N95 Mask you have been fit-tested to or obtain additional fit-testing to meet your clinical needs and your personal protection.**

1. Allina Health Fit-testing Guidelines:

- All students must submit the Baseline Respirator form once. See directions in Clinician Nexus requirements. Send **ONLY** to the email address listed on the form. Do not send other fit-testing questions to that email.
- Confirm that your student experience does or does not require fit-testing. See #2 below.
- Fit-testing is required every 12 months at Allina Health. If you have not been fit-tested at Allina within 12 months of the rotation start date, or your rotation extends beyond when the 12-month expiration, you must create a plan to be fit-tested to be compliant. If fit-testing is:
 - ❖ Not needed for the experience, which is “the plan.” The requirement may be marked complete.
 - ❖ Required, when it has been scheduled at Allina Health, which is “the plan.” The student may mark the requirement in Clinician Nexus as complete. Follow directions in #4 below.
 - ❖ Required, Allina will accept a copy of fit testing documentation from a non-Allina site provided the following requirements are met:
 - i. Fit-testing was conducted in a way that met OSHA requirements (qualitative or quantitative test method).
 - ii. Results of the fit-testing are not more than 12 months old.
 - i. Student was fit-tested to an Allina approved respirator model (1870+, 1860 or 1860S)
 - ii. The requirement may not be marked as complete until the documentation has been confirmed by the school coordinator as meeting the requirement.
- At the clinical site, students are expected to wear the N95 respirator to which they were fit-tested.

2. Many students will be required to undergo fit-testing for N95 respirators.
 - Fit testing is not required for: Sterile Processing, Administrative, Project, or fully virtual students. As there is no patient contact.
 - Fit-testing is required for the following:
 - ❖ Nursing students
 - ❖ Student Registered Nurse Anesthetists (SRNA)
 - ❖ Respiratory Therapy students
 - ❖ Surgical Technician students
 - ❖ Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant and Medical students
 - ❖ Paramedic and EMT students
 - ❖ All student disciplines in the ICU, OR, or ED involving patient contact.
 - a. If not specified above:
 - ❖ If in question, school should confirm with the site safety lead and the unit leader.
 - ❖ The student will need to follow the directions from their faculty, unit leadership or site safety lead.
 - ❖ The need is determined by site safety leads in collaboration with department leaders for students with potential for direct patient contact (e.g., Radiology and Cardiovascular Diagnostic students, Social Work, Rehab: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy students, etc.)
 - ❖ All Courage Kenny Rehab Institute students (except hospital inpatient nursing units) will be fit-tested at the beginning of the rotation, if needed. No advanced scheduling is required.

3. Students needing to be fit-tested at Allina Health must review the following:
 - Complete Respirator Questionnaire and submit to sniocchealth@allina.com at least a week prior to fit-testing.
 - Expect to spend 30 – 60 minutes.
 - **Do not:**
 - Be late. Arrive 5-10 minutes before start time of session. Those arriving late will need to reschedule.
 - Eat, drink or chew gum for at least 30 minutes prior to testing.
 - Attend fit testing with facial hair growth. Facial hair will interfere with fit testing. Contact site safety lead for directions if you are not able/willing to shave.
 - Wear facial make-up.

4. **Follow the steps below to schedule fit testing at Allina Health:**
 - See scheduling information below.
 - If in doubt, contact site safety lead for assistance with determining fit-testing is need.

Site	Site Safety Lead	Additional scheduling info:
Allina Health Group Clinics/AHC	Ask preceptor for Clinic Manager information	Consult with Clinic Manager on Fit-Testing need.