

On March 14, 2020, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) released *Temporary Enforcement Guidance - Healthcare Respiratory Protection Annual Fit-Testing for N95 Filtering Facepieces During the COVID-19 Outbreak*.

If an employee is not currently in the respiratory program and does not have a current fit-test, you must still perform initial fit-tests for each employee with the same model, style, and size respirator that the worker will be required to wear for protection against COVID-19 (initial fit testing is essential to determine if the respirator properly fits the worker and is capable of providing the expected level of protection);

You may however temporarily suspend the annual fit testing of N95 filtering facepiece respirators to preserve and prioritize the supply of respirators for use in situations where they are required to be worn.

The Guidance can be found here:

<https://www.osha.gov/memos/2020-03-14/temporary-enforcement-guidance-healthcare-respiratory-protection-annual-fit>

Please contact HSD/Safety if you have any questions.

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