Standard N95 Respirators

Local stocks of N95 respirators continue to be impacted by the nationwide demand felt across the entire health care system. To diversify stock of N95s and ensure departments have access to personal protective equipment (PPE) needed to perform their assigned work safely, additional models of standard N95 respirators are now available from Materiel Services.

**Standard N95 Use Guidance:**

- Perform a [fit check](https://ehs.ucsf.edu/N95-Respirator-Fit-Testing) each time before use
- ALWAYS wear with a face shield when there is a risk for splash of bloodborne pathogen (BBP) or other potentially infectious material (OPIM) to the face and mouth
- Can be used for high risk aerosol generating procedures (HRAGP) with a face shield ALWAYS worn
- Use of a surgical mask over the N95 may compromise fit

**Discard If:**

- Contaminated hands have touched inside
- Wet, soiled or damaged
- Appropriate fit is not maintained

Refer also to the following references

1. “Guidance for Use of Personal Protective Equipment PPE for High Risk Aerosol Generating Procedures” on [COVID website](https://ehs.ucsf.edu/N95-Respirator-Fit-Testing)
2. “PPE Extended Use and Reuse Guidance” on [COVID website](https://ehs.ucsf.edu/N95-Respirator-Fit-Testing)

How can I be fit tested for these standard N95s?

**Reserve your individual fit testing** appointment here: [https://ehs.ucsf.edu/N95-Respirator-Fit-Testing](https://ehs.ucsf.edu/N95-Respirator-Fit-Testing)

or file an [MCSS Help Desk](https://ehs.ucsf.edu/N95-Respirator-Fit-Testing) service request ticket under RESPIRATOR FIT TESTING to coordinate a **group fit test session**.

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