

## CRITERIA FOR MEDICAL CLEARANCE FOR RESPIRATOR USE

The following criteria should be used to determine which Columbia University personnel (faculty and staff) require medical clearance for respirator use and the protocol for fit testing:

1. Respirator Use is **required** under the following circumstances:
  - A. **N-95 Respirator** Use is required for CU personnel:
    - Working in BSL-3 laboratories,
    - Working in ICM as determined by the ICM Director
    - Others who fit the following criteria:
      - \* Entering the room of a patient on respiratory isolation
      - \* Administering aerosolized ribavirin to patients with respiratory syncytial virus (RSV)
      - \* Performing or assisting at a procedure on a patient with influenza
    - Students
      - In the Medical and Nursing schools
      - Working in high-risk outpatient sites, such as TB Clinic
  - B. **Full-Face/ Half-Face Respirator** Use is required for CU personnel:
    - EH&S staff responding to chemicals spills or as recommended by EH&S.
2. Respirator Use is **not required** for the following:
  - Observers/Photographers/Visitors/Volunteers/Clinical Coordinators who do not fit in the above criteria.

## FIT TESTING PROTOCOL

1. Full Face/ Half Face
  - Fit-Testing will be performed by EH&S.
2. N-95 Face Mask
  - CU Personnel (faculty and staff) - (Medical Clearance provided by Workforce Health and Safety (WHS) or Other Healthcare Provider)
    - EH&S will schedule fit-testing once a month;
    - Other times performed by the Workforce Health and Safety (WHS) Vendor
  - CU Students – (Medical Clearance provided by Student Health Service)
    - EH&S will provide fit testing for Nursing students in May and Medical students in October
    - EH&S will accommodate some students at monthly scheduled fit testing
  - Users of respirators inside NYPH should follow their policy and fit testing protocol.