The United States Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires any person with potential occupational exposure to contaminated breathing air to be fit tested for a certified respirator under 29 CFR 1910.134. Fit testing is most appropriate for clinical staff for Tuberculosis respiratory prevention (1910.134(f)(2)). MUSC Occupational Safety and Health Programs (OSHP) fit test employees/students for use of the N-95 respirator annually.

NEW EMPLOYEE OR STUDENT
1. Fill out all appropriate sections of the Employee Respiratory Medical Questionnaire or Student Respiratory Medical Questionnaire.
2. Access the questionnaire(s) on the OSHP Personal Protective Equipment webpage (http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/vpfa/operations/Risk%20Management/occpsafety/ppe/ppe.htm). Look under the “Fit Testing” section. Print and bring the completed form to your scheduled fit testing.
3. If you have any “Yes” responses to a question, call Employee or Student Health Services to set up an appointment for a respiratory evaluation.
4. Employee or Student Health Services must approve the new employee to be fit tested upon respiratory evaluation.

ANNUAL TEST
All staff members must fill out the Annual Medical Questionnaire for N95 Respirator prior to their scheduled Fit Testing with an OSHA-trained Train-the-Trainer. This fit testing is not to be completed at Employee or Student Health Services. Access the questionnaire on the OSHP Personal Protective Equipment webpage (http://academicdepartments.musc.edu/vpfa/operations/Risk%20Management/occpsafety/ppe/ppe.htm). Look under the “Fit Testing” section for the fillable form. Print and bring the completed form to your scheduled fit testing.
- Any response of a “Yes” to the questions requires an evaluation and approval by Employee or Student Health Services to be fit tested.
- Employee or Student Health Services must sign off on the form to attend the scheduled fit testing.

We ask all employees and students being fit tested to remain patient during the process. OSHP will make every effort to provide training for your areas.

NO ONE WILL BE FIT TESTED WITHOUT AN ACCURATELY COMPLETED RESPIRATOR MEDICAL EVALUATION QUESTIONNAIRE!

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