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**MEMORANDUM TO:** Health Service Providers

**FROM:** Alison Blair, Associate Deputy Minister, Pandemic Response and Recovery, Ministry of Health  
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**SUBJECT:** **N95 Respirators**

With recent changes to [Chief Medical Officer of Health Directives 1, 4 and 5](#), the use of N95 respirators has increased across the province's health system. The Ontario government has secured a long-term supply of the NIOSH-certified N95 3M™ Aura™ Health Care Particulate Respirator and Surgical Mask 1870+ model from the 3M production line in Brockville, Ontario. This supply will support the needs of Ontarians – including health service providers – over the next five years and beyond. The province has also taken steps to ensure that, through the pandemic emergency stockpile, there is a robust supply of 1870+ available to support the needs of the health system and has recently increased purchases from the 3M contract to ensure there are no shortages.

If your organization has not yet transitioned to the 3M 1870+, we strongly encourage you to use the 1870+ as the model of first choice for all new fit testing and for re-fit testing in your organization. We recommend that you fit test all applicable staff as soon as possible. Please note that, due to constraints in the global supply of non-1870+ N95 respirators, orders for non-1870+ 3M models might not be available from the pandemic stockpile. For the small percentage of staff unable to fit test to the 1870+ model, we recommend fit testing to a non-3M smaller sized N95 respirator, available through the pandemic stockpile.

### **COVID-19 Critical Supplies and Equipment Data Submission**

The province is monitoring the use and demand for N95s and all other critical products through the COVID-19 Critical Supplies and Equipment Data Submission process. We would like to remind you that the [Minister's Order](#) is still in effect and that your participation and reporting into this system is mandatory and is critical in helping the province plan for and monitor PPE inventory and demand across the system. Please visit <https://www.ontariohealth.ca/COVID-19/COVID-supplies> for further information.

## **How to Order N95 Respirators**

Health service provider organizations can request N95 1870+ respirators (for regular supply and for fit testing purposes) through their shared services organization or through the [Critical PPE Intake Form](#). Organizations can refer to additional information on the processes to request or exchange N95s in Appendix #1.

If placing orders via the [Critical PPE Intake Form](#), we encourage organizations to plan ahead to avoid rush ordering. Orders will be processed in sequence and based on criticality (organizations facing emergency situations).

## **Fit Testing Support**

Fit testing is a critical component of the transition to new models of N95 respirators. Should you require additional fit testing support, the attached list includes organizations that may be able to assist you (see Appendix #2).

Thank you for your continued commitment to the safety of patients, frontline workers and all health care providers.

Sincerely,

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## **Appendix #1: Instructions for Health Service Providers on How to Access N95 1870+ Model**

Please use the distribution channels below to access the provincial supply of 1870+ respirators. If your organization has a large stockpile of other respirators, we can work with you to determine how to convert your stock.

### **Distribution Channels:**

To support immediate delivery of these respirators, ordering and distribution of the 1870+ model will follow current Ontario PPE pandemic supply processes during 2021/22:

1. Organizations that are served through a shared services organization (SSO) owned (e.g. Hospital Logistics Inc. or Healthcare Materials Management Services) or managed warehouse (e.g. Shared Services West through Cardinal) will receive this product through the standard SSO ordering and delivery methods.
2. Organizations without an SSO-managed warehouse will order this product along with other pandemic PPE supplies through the current PPE pandemic order request process.
3. Emergency supply: Organizations can continue to request emergency N95 supply through the current process for other N95 models that are available through the Ministry Emergency Operations Centre.

## **Appendix #2: Fit Testing Supports**

<b>Organization</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>	<b>Email if Applicable</b>
<b>1 Contact Safety Training &amp; Consulting</b>	416-822-5925	<a href="mailto:info@1contactsafety.ca">info@1contactsafety.ca</a>
<b>Act First Safety</b>	416-283-7233	<a href="mailto:safety@actfirstsafety.ca">safety@actfirstsafety.ca</a>
<b>Active Training Solutions</b>	905-767-8447	
<b>ACUTE Environmental</b>	519-747-5075	<a href="mailto:info@acuteservices.com">info@acuteservices.com</a>
<b>AEC Safety Solutions</b>	519-746-3518	
<b>Algonquin Safety Training</b>	705-223-0120	<a href="mailto:admin@algsafety.ca">admin@algsafety.ca</a>
<b>Barantas Inc.</b>	1-855-FUL-SAFE	<a href="mailto:info@barantas.ca">info@barantas.ca</a>
<b>Best Management by Safety Training &amp; Consulting Ltd.</b>	226-777-7385	
<b>Bluewater First Aid</b>	519-490-4738	<a href="mailto:info@bluewaterfirstaid.ca">info@bluewaterfirstaid.ca</a>
<b>BULLIVANT Health + Safety</b>	289-779-6760	
<b>Canadian Safety Group</b>	905-321-9901 or 905-401-0088	<a href="mailto:info@canadiansafetygroup.com">info@canadiansafetygroup.com</a>

<b>CPR in London</b>	519-671-6713	<a href="mailto:cprbyhsf@gmail.com">cprbyhsf@gmail.com</a>
<b>FIT Mask Fit Testing</b>	519-200-2567	<a href="mailto:fitmaskfittesting@gmail.com">fitmaskfittesting@gmail.com</a>
<b>Hamisco Industrial Sales</b>	519-652-9800	<a href="mailto:sales@hamisco.com">sales@hamisco.com</a>
<b>Hazmasters</b>	877-747-7117	<a href="mailto:connect@hazmasters.com">connect@hazmasters.com</a>
<b>HeartZAP Safety Training &amp; Equipment</b>	1-866-764-8488	
<b>H.E.L.P. Safety Services</b>	905-821-8928	<a href="mailto:help@helpsafetyservices.com">help@helpsafetyservices.com</a>
<b>Hot Zone Training Consultants Inc.</b>	1-888-898-8966	<a href="mailto:info@hotzonetraining.com">info@hotzonetraining.com</a>
<b>Industrial Education Cooperative</b>	519-383-1222	
<b>Industrial Safety Trainers</b>	1-800-219-8660	
<b>Keen and Associates</b>	905-962-3258	<a href="mailto:info@keenandassociates.com">info@keenandassociates.com</a>
<b>KMC Safety Solutions</b>	519-521-2744	<a href="mailto:info@kmcsafetysolutions.ca">info@kmcsafetysolutions.ca</a>
<b>Levitt-Safety</b>	1-888-453-8488	<a href="mailto:csr@levitt-safety.com">csr@levitt-safety.com</a>
<b>Majors McGuire</b>	519-944-9999	<a href="mailto:info@majorsmcguire.com">info@majorsmcguire.com</a>
<b>Northern Safety Solutions</b>	705-524-8189	<a href="mailto:info@nss4.com">info@nss4.com</a>
<b>Occupational Health and Safety Consultants Inc.</b>	519-758-0146	<a href="mailto:admin@ohsconsultants.ca">admin@ohsconsultants.ca</a>
<b>OSG</b>	1-800-815-9980	<a href="mailto:info@osg.ca">info@osg.ca</a>
<b>Paramount Safety Consulting</b>	905-661-7233	<a href="mailto:info@paramountsafetyconsulting.com">info@paramountsafetyconsulting.com</a>
<b>Restoration Safety</b>	416-799-9614	
<b>Rubicon Safety</b>	London: 519-551-9383 Burlington: 416-999-9304	
<b>Safety Guys Workplace Safety Trainers</b>	613-549-6941	
<b>SOS First Aid</b>	905-844-9813	<a href="mailto:info@sosfirstaid.ca">info@sosfirstaid.ca</a>
<b>Spark Safety Solutions</b>	844-267-8600	<a href="mailto:office@sparksafety.ca">office@sparksafety.ca</a>
<b>STS Health and Safety Training &amp; Consultants Inc.</b>	416-635-7800	<a href="mailto:info@stscanada.com">info@stscanada.com</a>
<b>Synergy Gateway Inc.</b>	416-286-1080	<a href="mailto:info@synergy.gateway.com">info@synergy.gateway.com</a>

<b>Test Me Ontario</b>	519-496-2127	<a href="mailto:julia@testmeontario.com">julia@testmeontario.com</a>
<b>TGH Safety Consulting</b>	519-383-7655	<a href="mailto:ccooper@tghsafety.com">ccooper@tghsafety.com</a>
<b>Workplace Law Consulting</b>	416-930-6180	<a href="mailto:wpl@workplacelawconsulting.com">wpl@workplacelawconsulting.com</a>
<b>Workplace Safety &amp; Prevention Services</b>	905-614-1400	<a href="mailto:customercare@wsps.ca">customercare@wsps.ca</a>
<b>Worksite Safety</b>	866-756-5552	