

# Fit Testing for Mercy Hospital and Mercy-Unity Campus

## 1. Allina Health Fit-testing Guidelines:

- All students must submit the Baseline Respirator form once. See directions in Clinician Nexus requirements. Send ONLY to the email address listed on the form. Do not send other fit-testing questions to that email.
- Confirm that your student experience does or does not require fit-testing. See #2 below.
- Fit-testing is required every 12 months at Allina Health. If you have not been fit-tested at Allina within 12 months of the rotation start date, or your rotation extends beyond when the 12-month expiration, you must create a plan to be fit-tested to be compliant. If fit-testing is:
  - ❖ Not needed for the experience, which is “the plan.” The requirement may be marked complete.
  - ❖ Required, when it has been scheduled at Allina Health, which is “the plan.” The student may mark the requirement in Clinician Nexus as complete. Follow directions in #4 below.
  - ❖ Required, Allina will accept a copy of fit testing documentation from a non-Allina site provided the following requirements are met:
    - i. Fit-testing was conducted in a way that met OSHA requirements (qualitative or quantitative test method).
    - ii. Results of the fit-testing are not more than 12 months old.
      - i. Student was fit-tested to an Allina approved respirator model (1870+, 1860 or 1860S)
      - ii. The requirement may not be marked as complete until the documentation has been confirmed by the school coordinator as meeting the requirement.
- At the clinical site, students are expected to wear the N95 respirator to which they were fit-tested.

## 2. Many students will be required to undergo fit-testing for N95 respirators.

- Fit testing is not required for: Sterile Processing, Administrative, Project, or fully virtual students. As there is no patient contact.
- Fit-testing is required for the following:
  - ❖ Nursing students
  - ❖ Student Registered Nurse Anesthetists (SRNA)
  - ❖ Respiratory Therapy students
  - ❖ Surgical Technician students
  - ❖ Nurse Practitioner, Physician Assistant and Medical students
  - ❖ Paramedic and EMT students
  - ❖ All student disciplines in the ICU, OR, or ED involving patient contact.
- If not specified above:
  - ❖ If in question, school should confirm with the site safety lead and the unit leader.
  - ❖ The student will need to follow the directions from their faculty, unit leadership or site safety lead.
  - ❖ The need is determined by site safety leads in collaboration with department leaders for students with potential for direct patient contact (e.g., Radiology and Cardiovascular Diagnostic students, Social Work, Rehab: Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy students, etc.)
  - ❖ All Courage Kenny Rehab Institute students (except hospital inpatient nursing units) will be fit-tested at the beginning of the rotation, if needed. No advanced scheduling is required.

3. Students needing to be fit-tested at Allina Health must review the following:
- Complete Respirator Questionnaire and submit to [sniocchealth@allina.com](mailto:sniocchealth@allina.com) at least a week prior to fit-testing.
  - Expect to spend 30 – 60 minutes.
  - **Do not:**
    - Be late. Arrive 5-10 minutes before start time of session. Those arriving late will need to reschedule.
    - Eat, drink or chew gum for at least 30 minutes prior to testing.
    - Attend fit testing with facial hair growth. Facial hair will interfere with fit testing. Contact site safety lead for directions if you are not able/willing to shave.
    - Wear facial make-up.
4. Follow the steps below to schedule fit testing at Allina Health:
- See scheduling information below.
  - If in doubt, contact site safety lead for assistance with determining fit-testing is need.

Site	Site Safety Lead	Additional scheduling info:
Mercy and Unity Hospitals	<a href="mailto:Peter.Grauze@allina.com">Peter.Grauze@allina.com</a> <a href="mailto:Asha.Mumin@allina.com">Asha.Mumin@allina.com</a>	See schedule below

## Mercy Hospital and Unity Hospital 2025 Student Respirator Fit Testing Schedule Conducted on Mercy Hospital Campus

Day	Date	Location	Time
Thursday	12/19/24	Mercy Hospital Campus Learning Lab, Lower Level Near East Elevators	09:00a – 10:30a

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Thursday	1/30/25	Mercy Hospital Campus Learning Lab, Lower Level Near East Elevators	09:00a – 10:00am
Thursday	2/27/25	Mercy Hospital Campus Learning Lab, Lower Level Near East Elevators	09:00a – 10:00am
Thursday	3/27/25	Mercy Hospital Campus Learning Lab, Lower Level Near East Elevators	09:00a – 10:00am
Thursday	4/24/25	Mercy Hospital Campus Learning Lab, Lower Level Near East Elevators	09:00a – 10:00am
Thursday	5/29/25	Mercy Hospital Campus Learning Lab, Lower Level Near East Elevators	09:00a – 10:00am
Thursday	6/26//25	Mercy Hospital Campus Learning Lab, Lower Level Near East Elevators	09:00a – 10:00am
Thursday	7/31/25	Mercy Hospital Campus Learning Lab, Lower Level Near East Elevators	09:00a – 10:00am
Thursday	8/28/25	Mercy Hospital Campus Learning Lab, Lower Level Near East Elevators	09:00a – 10:00am
		No September Date - Annual Respirator Fit Testing Blitz	
		No October Date - Annual Respirator Fit Testing Blitz	
Thursday	11/20/25	Mercy Hospital Campus Learning Lab, Lower Level Near East Elevators	09:00a – 10:00am
Thursday	12/18/25	Mercy Hospital Campus Learning Lab, Lower Level Near East Elevators	09:00a – 10:00am

**Students from the Unity Campus should attend fit-testing at Mercy Campus.**

**RSVP is not required, but it is a first come first serve basis. Be sure to allow enough time to complete. Be sure to submit your baseline respirator form at least a week prior to fit-testing. Review the above fit-testing requirements to prepare.**