

SAFETY TALK



3M 1870 N95 DISCONTINUATION

DID YOU KNOW?

SHA Materials Management has received notification that, effective immediately, all remaining 3M 1870 respirators are to be removed from stock and will no longer be available for use. These respirators are not longer being manufactured and cannot be ordered in the future.

Note: The 3M 1870+ respirator is still available and should not be confused with the 3M 1870 respirator

YOU NEED TO KNOW:

- All staff who have been fitted with the 3M 1870 as their sole respirator should be scheduled to be fitted with an alternative respirator ***as soon as possible***.
- Staff and physicians who have the 3M 1870 respirator as one of two fitted respirators can wait to be refitted to a new second respirator at their ***next required fit testing appointment***.
- Recognizing that there is the potential for the 1870 respirator to be confused with the 1870+, both staff/physicians and fit testers need to be extra diligent to ensure that:
 - Moving forward, fit testers do not fit staff and physicians with a 3M 1870 respirator
 - The correct respirator number is documented on written fit testing records as well as any respirator numbers sticker provided post fit testing
 - Respirators are inspected prior to use to ensure that staff and physicians are selecting and wearing the correct respirator number
- Staff and physicians should verify the respirator type and number with the fit tester during their appointment to ensure the correct type and number has been documented.
- Remember staff and physicians are responsible for ensuring a proper seal check of their respirator with every use.

QUESTION ?

WHAT
RESPIRATORS
HAVE YOU BEEN
FITTED WITH?



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INFORMATION SOURCE:

WEEKLY TOPIC: 3M 1870 N95 DISCONTINUATION

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ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

WHERE CAN YOU LOOK TO FIND YOUR RESPIRATOR NUMBER?

WHEN ARE YOU REQUIRED TO BE FIT TESTED? WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES WOULD REQUIRE YOU TO BE RE-FIT TESTED PRIOR TO TWO YEARS?

WHAT ARE THE STEPS REQUIRED TO PERFORM A SEAL CHECK?

SAFETY TALK NOTES:

WORKERS PRESENT:

WORKER CONCERNS:



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