



Masking Guidance for Students in Clinical Experiences

Overview:

Students in clinical experiences may have different masking requirements based on their clinical location. Program Coordinators should help students navigate masking requirements for their clinical experiences and should clarify with clinical locations whether a mask or N-95 respirator is required. This document provides clarification on different masking types and guidance for navigating the N-95 program. Idaho State University **does not** have a requirement for students in clinical settings to wear an N-95 respirator.

Definitions:

Mask - A product that covers the nose and mouth and is used for source control. Masks include cloth, surgical, procedural, KN95s and other face coverings.

N-95 - A particulate filtering respirator that is considered personal protective equipment and provides respiratory protection to the wearer. N-95 respirators are designed to form a seal around the face of the wearer.

Requirements before use of Masks and N-95s	
Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• None
N-95 Respirator	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participation in the Respiratory Protection Program• Annual Training through Moodle• Annual Medical Evaluation• Annual Fit Testing



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The following table includes the responsibilities of different parties related to the process of N-95 request, acquisition, and fit testing. Most departments have their own Departmental N-95 Coordinator who will interact with the Environmental Health, Safety and Sustainability Department (EHSS) and serve as the liaison between EHSS and students/faculty within their respective departments. Many Departments have Certified Fit Testers. A list of Program Coordinators and Certified Fit Testers can be found on the EHSS website.

Roles and Responsibilities:

Responsible Person	Task
Department N-95 Coordinator	Contacts EHSS at ehs@isu.edu to notify of students that need to participate in the N-95 program, provide a copy of the clinical sites masking requirements for an N-95
	Inputs the names, titles, emails and Bengal IDs of individuals needing fit testing into a Departmental Google Sheet
	Communicates the requirements of the N-95 Program to students using this template email
	Updates Departmental Google Sheet with training completion.
	Arranges fit testing with a certified N-95 fit tester (EHS or within Department – see list of fit testers at end of this document)
	Requests N-95s from EHSS using this form
Certified Fit Testers	Provides fit tests, complete fit test documentation form and fit test card
	Emails a copy of fit test documentation to EHS@isu.edu and to Department N-95 Coordinator
	Updates Departmental Google Sheet with N-95 make/model for each student
EHSS	Maintains records of fit tests, medical clearances, respirator fit test certifications
	Provides Departmental access to a Google Sheet
	Provides Department N-95 coordinator with Moodle view access to training records.