

Respiratory Protection Program




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Introduction

The [Clinical Excellence Commission](#) (CEC) is the lead agency supporting safety improvement in the NSW Health system.

The CEC provides guidance and policies on infection prevention and control to protect our patients/clients, health workers and healthcare environments. As the COVID-19 pandemic is evolving, advice and resources for clinicians and the public are being updated to meet changing needs. Health workers (HWs) should check the NSW Health COVID-19 and the CEC Infection Prevention and Control COVID-19 webpages for the most up to-date information.

Documents

Guidance documents	
Fit test flowchart	
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CEC Cleaning and disinfection of quantitative equipment	
 Cleaning and disinfection of quantitative equipment	<p>This guidance provides direction for cleaning and disinfection of the reusable components of quantitative fit test equipment.</p>
CEC Respiratory Protection Program Implementation Resources	
 Detailed fit testing procedure	<p>This implementation resource package provides New South Wales (NSW) Local Health Districts (LHDs) and Speciality Health Networks (SHN) with key resources to support and implement their local Respiratory Protection Program (RPP).</p> <p>Included in the package is an expected and detailed fit testing procedure to be followed by all vendors of fit testing services.</p>

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CEC Respiratory Protection Program Implementation Resources

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Implementation Resources

CEC Respiratory Protection Program Document

The document focuses on respiratory protection in relation to the use of respirator masks and what is required to ensure these are managed, worn and used safely in Health. This document should be used in conjunction with national guidelines and NSW Health policies, procedures and guidelines. Refer to Infection Prevention and Control Policy Directive and NSW Infection Prevention and Control Practice Handbook (see below advice).

https://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0006/597687/Respiratory-Protection-in-Healthcare.pdf

NSW Health Infection Prevention and Control Policy PD2017_013

The NSW Health Infection Prevention and Control Policy provides leadership to NSW Health Organisations (including Affiliated Health Organisations) and establishes the infection prevention and control mandatory standards for the Health system.

https://www1.health.nsw.gov.au/pds/ActivePDSDocuments/PD2017_013.pdf

CEC Infection Prevention and Control Practice Handbook

The handbook provides practical day-to-day guidance and supports the implementation of NSW Health Infection Prevention and Control Policy directive.

https://www.cec.health.nsw.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0010/383239/IPC-Practice-Handbook-2020.PDF

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CEC PPE documents

The following documents have been developed by the CEC.

[CEC Application of PPE](#) - provides guidance for Infection Prevention and Control on the selection and utilisation of personal protective equipment (PPE) for COVID-19. This guidance relates solely to considerations of PPE and represents one section of infection prevention and control guidance.

[CEC Principles of Fit checking chart 2020](#) - Poster providing visual step by step guide to donning a duckbill style respirator.

[CEC Mask Use and Skin Sensitivity](#) - This guidance relates solely to considerations for surgical mask use to reduce skin irritation.

[CEC Infection Prevention and Control Advice for Health-Workers V3.1](#) - The purpose of this document is to provide specific and practical infection prevention and control guidance for health workers, healthcare students and volunteers.

Training videos

Donning and fit checking of P2 or N95 respirators in NSW healthcare settings

A number of training videos have been developed by the CEC to enable self-directed learning for HWs on donning and doffing of disposable respirators.

The below images will appear on the screen when [this link is accessed](#).

