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Dear Health Science Students:

Re: Respiratory Protection

As a future health care professional student, you may be exposed to acute respiratory infections while in clinical facilities during your program. Respiratory mask fit testing is a requirement for clinical placements.

Practice Education Guidelines for BC and WorkSafe BC Occupational Health and Safety Regulations of BC stipulate that a properly fitted respiratory mask must be used when providing care to patients with suspected, known, or probable cases of acute respiratory infections. A properly fitted filtering mask will provide protection against airborne respiratory infectious agents such as tuberculosis (TB), SARS, measles, etc.

The respiratory mask must be a N95 respirator that is individually fitted by a trained and certified person. This individual respiratory mask fitting should be done just prior to beginning your program as the mask fitting is good for one year and must be performed annually. If your program is longer than one year, annual respiratory mask fit testing is required. Once you become an employee of a Health Authority the mask fitting will be provided in your place of employment.

Below is a list of respiratory mask Fit test service providers. Please contact a provider of your choice and set up a respiratory mask fit test appointment. There will be a fee and you will receive proof of this fit test and the size of mask that is specific to you. **Please bring this certificate to class during the first week of your program.**

Fit Test Service Providers

Company/Organization	Booking Information
EMTECH Environmental Consulting Ltd. 121-8680 Cambie Road, Richmond, B.C. P: 604.232.3365 E: emtec.enviro@gmail.com	Individuals: Book online at www.emtecenvironmental.com under "Fit Testing Booking" on the left panel Groups: email emtec.enviro@gmail.com
LEVELTON Consultants Ltd. Richmond, B.C.	Book through Sally Pang spang@levelton.com
LINK2LIFE Emergency Training 2378 Alberta Street, Vancouver, B.C. P: 604.428.1870 E: office@link2life.ca W: http://link2life.ca/product/mask-fit-testing/	Individual and Group N95 Mask Fit Testing \$30 with the coupon code: "pushhardVCC" \$25 with First Aid or CPR training
Breathesafe Canada Todd Dixon P: 604.378.9111	info@breathesafecanada.com

