

Ministry of Long-Term Care

Assistant Deputy Minister
Long-Term Care Pandemic
Response

400 University Ave, 6th Fl
Toronto ON M5G 1S5
Telephone: 647.282.9708

Ministère des Soins de longue durée

Sous-ministre adjointe
Intervention contre la pandémie pour les
soins de longue durée

400, av University, 6^e étage
Toronto ON M5G 1S5
Téléphone: 647.282.9708



May 28, 2021

MEMORANDUM TO: Long-Term Care Home Licensees

FROM: Jeff Butler
Assistant Deputy Minister
LTC Pandemic Response

SUBJECT: Access to 1870+ N95 Respirators and Fit Testing Support

In February 2021, Associate Deputy Minister Erin Hannah reached out to let you know that Ontario-made N95 respirators would soon be made available to your sector. Today, I am reaching out to you to remind you that 1870+ N95 respirators are available to you and to help connect you with fit testing supports.

Access to 1870+ Model N95 Respirators

As part of the domestic production strategy, the Ontario government made a five-year commitment to purchase NIOSH-certified N95 1870+ model respirators from the new 3M production line in Brockville, Ontario. I want to remind you that these respirators are now available and will be provided through to the end of March 2022 at no charge to Long-Term Care homes to support pandemic response.

The 1870+ model is fluid resistant and expected to fit test most users. Based on historical usage and clinical feedback we expect this model to be preferred by most clinicians.

To order 1870+ N95 respirators, Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and Critical Supplies and Equipment (CSE) from the government's pandemic supply, Long-Term Care homes can access the [Ontario Health Intake form](#) for your region.

Fit Testing Support

Fit testing can be carried out in three ways:

1. Train an in-house fit tester who can support ongoing fit test needs
2. Engage an External Fit Tester – a list of companies and contacts is attached
3. Request fit test support through the Critical PPE Escalation portal
 - a. This support is available through the [Ontario Health Intake form](#). When selecting the item type requested, please select N95 / Respirator Fit Testing Support

Fit Testing Survey

A short fit-testing survey is being conducted for the 1870+ respirators. Your survey responses will assist in assessing product uptake, fit testing completion, and potential future demand for N95 respirator products. We ask that you complete this [survey](#) at your earliest convenience, upon receiving your order.

As a reminder, the accurate and timely reporting of current and anticipated future PPE/CSE inventory levels into the CSE Virtual Inventory Tool (VIT) provides the province with the information it needs to support its pandemic response.

Thank you for your continued efforts to provide these reports, each week.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Jeff Butler
Assistant Deputy Minister
Ministry of Long-Term Care

- c: Richard Steele, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Long-Term Care
Erin Hannah, Associate Deputy Minister, Ministry of Long-Term Care
Lisa Levin, Chief Executive Officer, AdvantAge Ontario
Donna Duncan, Chief Executive Officer, Ontario Long-Term Care Association