

# COVID-19 Q&A Hour for Long Term Care



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Program

Shoreline, WA

# Housekeeping



Attendees will be in listen only mode



Self-mute your lines when not speaking



Type questions into the question window. Please include the type of facility you are from in your question (e.g., NH) and indicate your county.



Nursing Home

Participants from long-term care, regulatory, public health



No confidential information presented or discussed. This is an educational webinar and does not constitute legal advice.



Local guidance may differ, please consult with your Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ):

<https://www.doh.wa.gov/AboutUs/PublicHealthSystem/LocalHealthJurisdictions>

# This is the LTC COVID-19 Q&A Hour!

A chance to connect, ask questions, and learn about the COVID-19 response and infection prevention guidance



# Where Can I Find the Q & A Document?

Posted every Wednesday

- Washington Health Care Association:

<https://www.whca.org/washington-department-of-health-covid-19-qa-session/>

- LeadingAge Washington:

FAQ emailed to members – Administrators, Directors of Nursing and Staff Development Coordinators

- Adult Family Home Council:

<https://adultfamilyhomecouncil.org/covid-19/>

# Panelists

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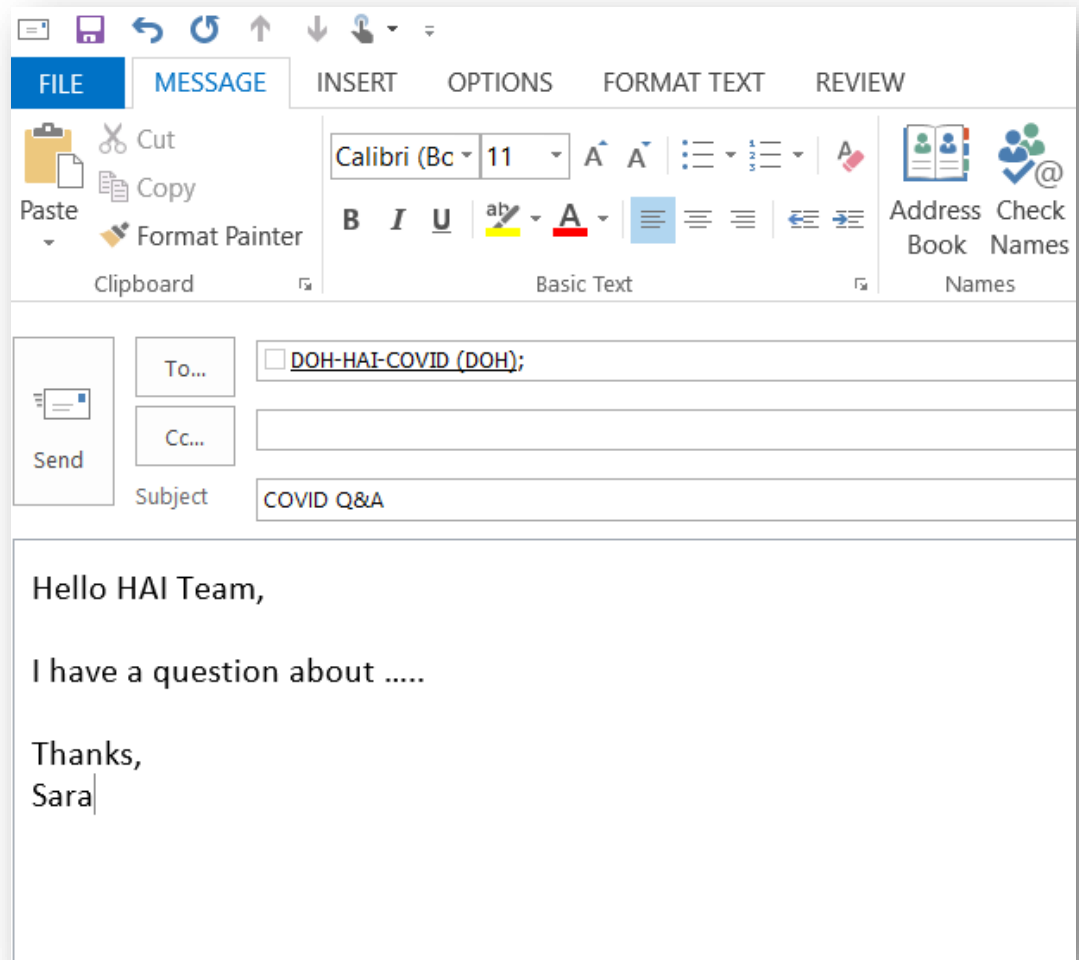


# Send Us Your Questions Ahead of Time

**Subject Line:**  
COVID Q&A

**Email:**  
[HAI-COVID@doh.wa.gov](mailto:HAI-COVID@doh.wa.gov)

**Due by:** COB Tuesday





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## ICAR PROGRAM DETAILS

*Our free, non-regulatory ICARs provide facilities with infection prevention recommendations and resources on how to keep residents and staff safe.*

### What We Do

- Provide support with an infection prevention expert
- Assist with addressing gaps in your current infection control protocols for COVID-19 or other infections
- Offer up-to-date guidance and resources

### Who We Serve

- Long Term Care Facilities (Assisted, Skilled, Behavioral Health, Nursing facilities, and Adult Family Homes)
- Outpatient Settings
- Acute and Critical Access Hospitals

### To Learn More or Schedule an In-Person or Virtual Visit:

<http://doh.wa.gov/ICAR>

### Contact Us:

[HAI-FieldTeam@doh.wa.gov](mailto:HAI-FieldTeam@doh.wa.gov) (General)



### In Partnership With

- Local Health Jurisdictions
- LeadingAge Washington
- Washington Health Care Association
- Adult Family Home Council of WA State
- Washington State Hospital Association



## WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

### HAI-AR SECTION EMAIL ADDRESSES

*Please refer to the table below to find the email most appropriate for your needs*

Email Path	Description
<a href="mailto:HAI@doh.wa.gov">HAI@doh.wa.gov</a>	General healthcare associated infection questions
<a href="mailto:HAI-Covid@doh.wa.gov">HAI-Covid@doh.wa.gov</a>	COVID19-specific healthcare associated infection questions
<a href="mailto:HAIepiOutbreakTeam@doh.wa.gov">HAIepiOutbreakTeam@doh.wa.gov</a>	Epidemiological outbreak assistance and healthcare associated infection questions
<a href="mailto:HAI-FieldTeam@doh.wa.gov">HAI-FieldTeam@doh.wa.gov</a>	Schedule an ICAR for your facility
<a href="mailto:HAI-FITTesting@doh.wa.gov">HAI-FITTesting@doh.wa.gov</a>	Respiratory Protection related questions <a href="http://www.doh.wa.gov/ltrcpp">www.doh.wa.gov/ltrcpp</a>



Long-Term  
Care COVID-19  
Immunization  
Champion  
Award



# Long Term Care Facility Booster

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- There is support for onsite vaccinations for residents and staff
  - Long Term Care Pharmacy
  - Local Health Jurisdiction
  - Department of Health survey to request help:
    - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DQ5K9WV>
  - Contact [COVID.Vaccine@doh.wa.gov](mailto:COVID.Vaccine@doh.wa.gov)
- Onsite support may encourage staff to get vaccinated because of the ease of access

# Upcoming LTC Q&A Schedule

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Please plan to attend these upcoming micro learning sessions!

Today's discussion:

- How to obtain Respirators and PPE

Upcoming micro learning topics -

- Mar 24: Respiratory Protection Program – Written Program
- Mar 31 – LTCF Success Stories



# HOW TO OBTAIN RESPIRATORS

Micro Learning- Resp. Protection Series

## Reminder!

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- The distributors and products mentioned during this session are examples. DOH does not endorse a specific company or product, and does not bear legal responsibility.
- Today's session does not discuss counterfeit products. Check the list of NIOSH-approved respirators: Visit [Approved Particulate Filtering Facepiece Respirators | NPPTL | NIOSH | CDC](#)

## Purchasing Respirator

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- If the respirators your staff were previously fit tested to are now discontinued, or you are not able to obtain the same product, then conduct fit testing for new respirators as soon as possible
- Be sure to purchase respirators approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)
  - Respirator filters must bear the NIOSH stamp and the NIOSH approval number (TC# 84A-XXXX)
- Verify with the manufacturer for authorized online stores/distributors

Not able to find respirator!!

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Avoid buying from these sources:

- Wholesale Store
- Drug Store, hardware store (except own brand)

Issues include:

- For regular consumer, the supply is seasonal/unstable
- May not be manufacturer authorized distributors
- N95 models may differ

# Using Major Online Store

Search Term: N95

ebay Shop by category | N95 Disposable Face Mask

Related: n95 mask kn95 n95 3m n95 face mask kn95 mask n95 masks made in usa n95 black n95 nioosh n95 mask 3m kn94 n95 black mask no

Category: All, Business & Industrial, Healthcare, Lab & Dental, Disposable Face Masks, Lab Chemicals, Other Medical, Lab & Dental Supplies, eBay Motors, Cell Phones & Accessories, Home & Garden, Clothing, Shoes & Accessories

Intended Use/Discipline: Anesthesiology (1,106), Biological Laboratory (1,754), Cardiology (1,576), Cosmetology (1,671), Dental Laboratory (1,308), Dentistry (1,988), Dermatology (1,383), Emergency Medicine (1,380)

Brand: New (9,960), Open box (47)

Condition: New (9,960), Open box (47)

1,600+ results for n95

Price: Under \$9.00, \$9.00 to \$16.00, Over \$16.00

60/100Pcs Black KN95 Face Mask 5 Layer BFE 95% Disposable Respirator  
Our Goal: 100% Satisfaction Guaranteed  
Brand New  
\$1.58 to \$34.97  
Save up to 10% when you buy more  
Buy it Now  
Free shipping  
Free returns

50/100 Pcs White KN95 Protective 5 Layer Face Mask BFE 95% Disposable KN95 Mask  
Free Shipping 2-4 days | Ships From Los Angeles, CA  
Brand New  
\$8.98 to \$39.98  
Was: \$48.98 83% off  
Buy it Now  
Free shipping  
Free returns  
2,299+ sold

10/30/50/100 Pcs Blue KN95 Protective 5 Layer Face Mask Disposable Respirator  
Free 2-3 Days Shipping From California, USA  
Brand New  
\$8.98 to \$49.98

Less than a half are NIOSH approved respirators!

These are not NIOSH approved respirators!

Best Seller

ChiSip KN95 Face Mask 20 Pcs, 5-Ply Cup Dust Safety Masks, Breathable Protection Masks Against PM2.5 for Men & Women, Black  
\$22.98 (\$1.15/Count)  
Save more with Subscribe & Save  
Save 5% with coupon  
prime Get it as soon as Tomorrow, Feb 18  
FREE Shipping on orders over \$25 shipped by Amazon

Funight KN95 Face Masks 50 Pack 5-Ply Breathable Filter Disposable Face Masks Black  
\$19.99 (\$0.40/Count) \$99.99  
\$17.99 with Subscribe & Save discount  
prime Get it as soon as Tomorrow, Feb 18  
FREE Shipping on orders over \$25 shipped by Amazon  
More Buying Choices  
\$18.99 (5 new offers)

BYD CARE KN95 Respirator, 50 Pieces, Breathable & Comfortable Foldable Safety Mask with Ear Loop for Tight Fit, GB2626 White, Regular  
\$23.95  
\$22.75 with Subscribe & Save discount  
prime Get it as soon as Tomorrow, Feb 18  
FREE Shipping on orders over \$25 shipped by Amazon  
More Buying Choices  
\$15.99 (4 new offers)

50pcs KN95 Face Mask Black 5 Layer Cup Dust Safety Masks Filter Efficiency95% Breathable Elastic Ear Loops Black Masks  
\$19.99 (\$0.40/Count) \$99.99  
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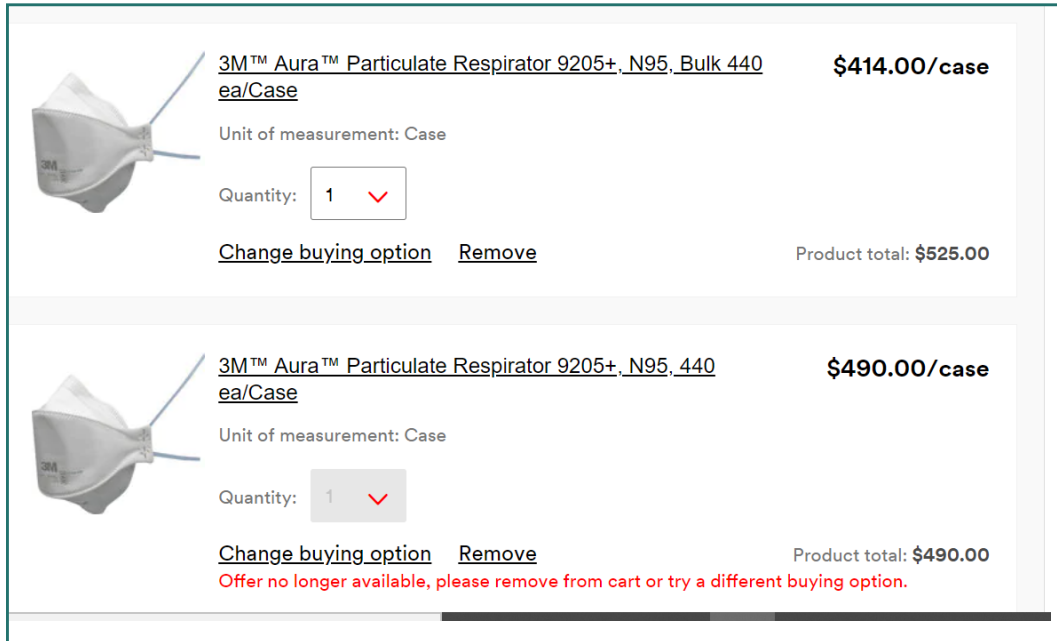
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Web accessed on 2/17/22



# Same Products, Different Price

## Authorized store:



The screenshot shows two identical product listings for 3M Aura™ Particulate Respirator 9205+, N95, Bulk 440. Each listing includes a small image of the respirator, the product name, a unit of measurement of 'Case', a quantity selector set to '1', and links for 'Change buying option' and 'Remove'. The first listing shows a price of \$414.00/case and a product total of \$525.00. The second listing shows a price of \$490.00/case and a product total of \$490.00, with a red message below stating 'Offer no longer available, please remove from cart or try a different buying option.'

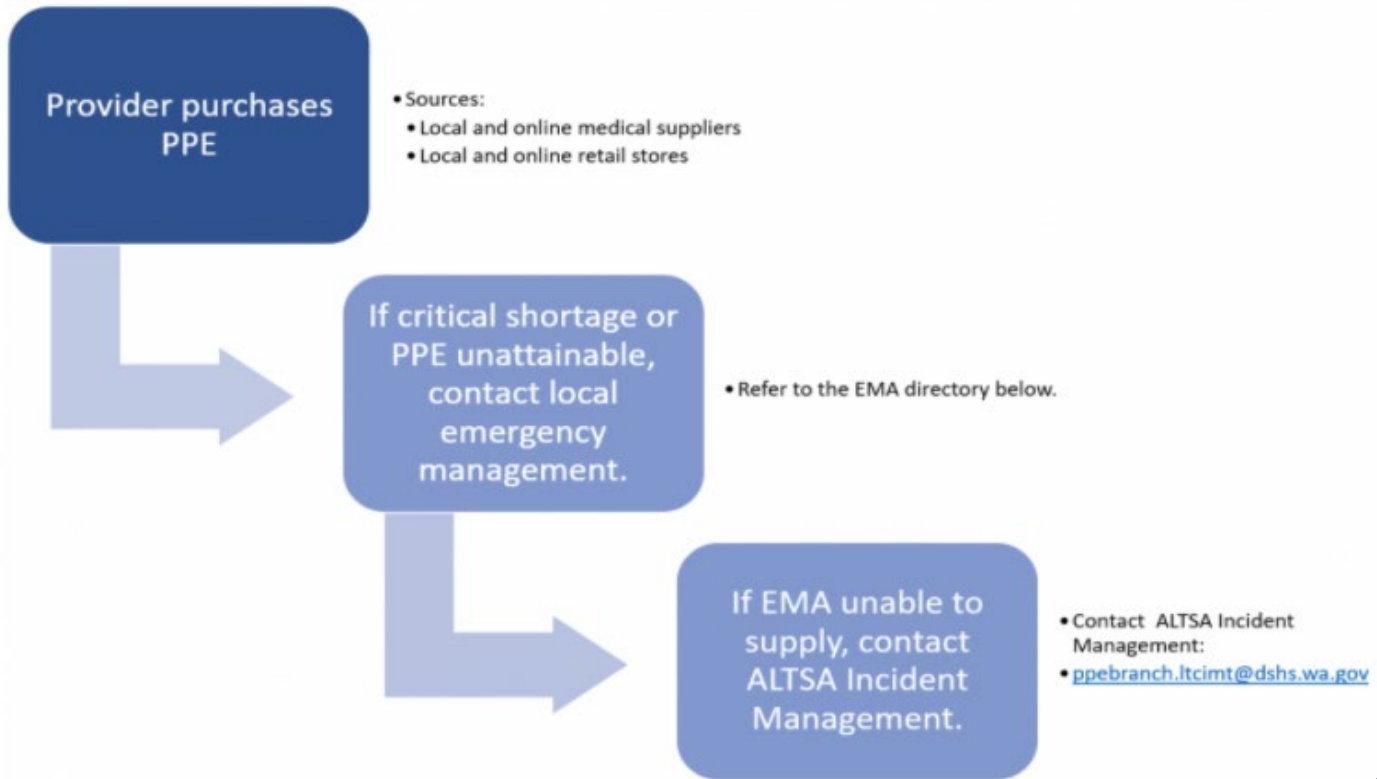
## Not an authorized store:



The screenshot shows a product listing for '3M Aura 9205 + Case of 440. N Grade 95 Respirator USA Stock. Free UPS Shipping.' The listing includes a star rating of 5 stars with '10 product ratings' and a condition of 'New'. The quantity selector is set to '1' with '3 available' shown next to it. The price is listed as 'US \$875.00'.

# PPE Procurement

## PPE Request Flow



Courtesy: PPE for Facilities | DSHS (wa.gov)

# Traditional Path to Obtain Respirators (Examples)

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## ➔ Medical Supply Company

- McKesson
  - Cardinal Health
  - Medline
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- Direct Supply

## ➔ Safety/Professional Supply

- Grainger
  - Uline
  - HD Supply
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- Home Depot (HDX)
  - Ace Hardware

## ➔ Manufacture or Authorized Store

- [BYD CARE: Healthcare](#) (BYD)
- [Office Depot](#) (BYD)
- [Honeywell](#)
- [Authorized distributor](#) (Halyard)
- [Market Place](#) (for 3M products)

# Non-Traditional Path to Obtain Respirators (Examples)

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## ➔ Non Profit /3rd Party

- [Project N95](#)
- The North Sound ACH (for Island, San Juan, Snohomish, Skagit, and Whatcom Co.)

## ➔ LTC Associations/ Purchasing Services

- Leading Age –HPSI\*
- Washington Health Care Association (WHCA) - Navigator
- Adult Family Home Council

Note: Benefit may be only for members

## ➔ EMA/DSHS/DOH (Crisis Mode)

- [Emergency Management Agency](#) (EMA) by county
- DSHS
- DOH: [HAI-FitTest@doh.wa.gov](mailto:HAI-FitTest@doh.wa.gov)
- Provide TC # (84A-xxxx)

## Purchasing Program (Example)

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- HPSI Purchasing Services:
  - Leading Age partner, but you don't need to be their member. You would need to become a HPSI member.
  - Receive membership price (not posted)
  - Solo HPSI provider, but able to use all vendor partners
    - PPE vendor partners:
      - ◆ McKesson
      - ◆ Direct Supply
      - ◆ Grainger
      - ◆ HD Supply
      - ◆ Hubert

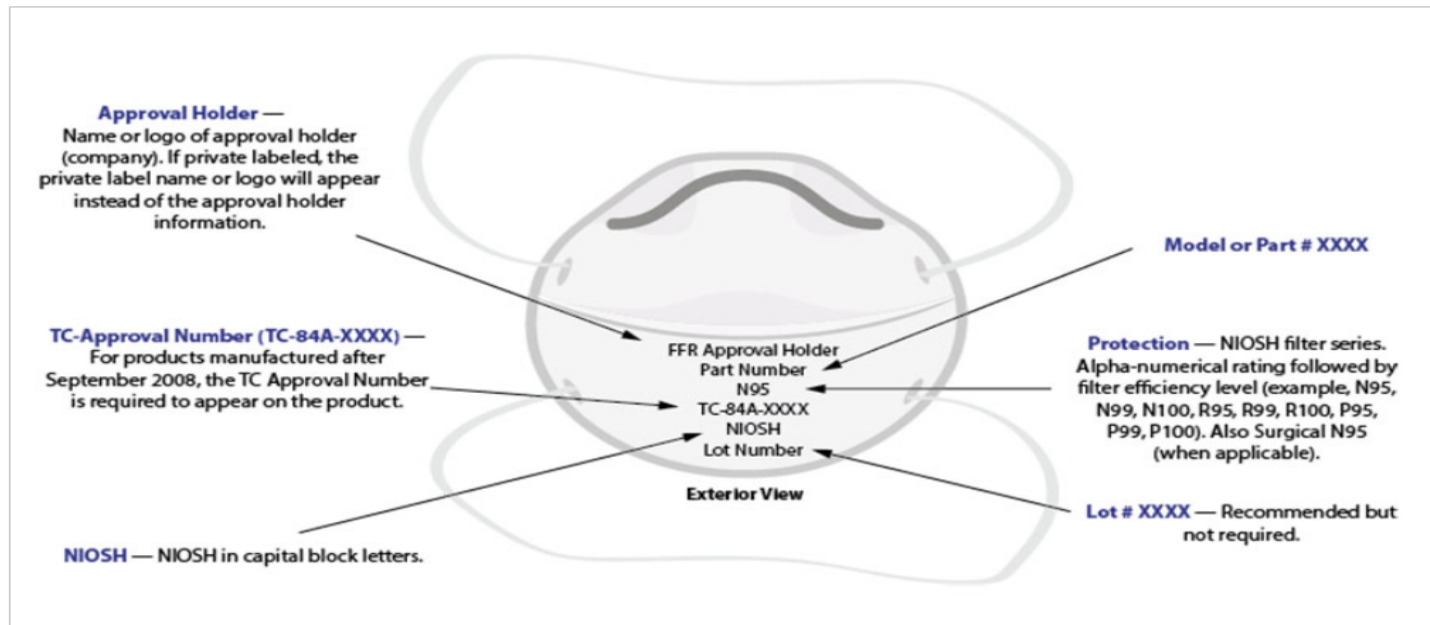
Tip!

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FINDING FIT TESTED RESPIRATORS

# Generic Facepiece Respirator

Sample of a generic filtering facepiece respirator with appropriate markings.



[Sample for printing](#)

Filtering facepiece respirators that are private labeled are required to have the following statement on the packaging as a special **S** caution and limitation statement identified on the full label and located in the respirator user instructions:

- Marketed by xxxxxx (the private label company name).
- Produced by xxxxxx (the approval holder company name).

This private label related statement does not need to appear on the exterior surface of the respirator as part of the required name marking.

Same manufacturer, but different name.  
Are they the same??

1. Find TC# and search with the TC#
2. Check the NIOSH-Approved list for the N95

## Example:

### Step 1: Check TC#: 84A-7638



Makrite  
TC 84A-7638



Direct Supply  
TC 84A-7638



### Step 2: NIOSH-Approved List

Model	TC Number
DS-N95-1	84A-7638
Direct Supply	[E*]
E*	Private label of Makrite Inc.



# Summary

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TC# 84A-XXXX	Refit test	Note
Same	Not required	Keep record to indicate those are same
Different	Required	Different respirators even look “same”

## [www.doh.wa.gov/Itcrpp](http://www.doh.wa.gov/Itcrpp) FAQ

### ^ Where can we get more N95s?

Be sure to purchase respirators approved by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH). Respirator filters must bear the NIOSH stamp and approval number. Purchase respirators from authorized sources.

**Please verify with the manufacturer for an authorized online store/distributor.**

Below are some authorized distributors:

#### **Market Place (for 3M products)**

- [Marketplace \(3m.com\)](https://ui.mkpl.3m.com/terms) <https://ui.mkpl.3m.com/terms>. You'll need to create an account (use facility name)
- 3M 9205+: [Buy Online: 3M™ Aura™ Particulate Respirator 9205+, N95](#)
- 3M 8210: [Buy Online: 3M™ Particulate Respirator 8210, N95 160 EA/Case](#)

**NOTE:** '3M 8210' and '3M 8210 Plus' are **NOT** the same size

#### **BYD (BYD N95 DE2322)**

**For Small Qty – Use BYD authorized online store**

- BYD store at Amazon: [Amazon.com: Defender Safety Inc.: Face Protection](#)
- Office Dept: [BYD Care N95 Respirator Masks One Size 20PK - Office Depot](#)

Questions?





To request this document in another format, call 1-800-525-0127. Deaf or hard of hearing customers, please call 711 (Washington Relay) or email [civil.rights@doh.wa.gov](mailto:civil.rights@doh.wa.gov).

# CDC, DOH, LHJ, oh my!

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## CDC:

- Deliberately vague
- Help state, local, LHJs create more specific guidance

## State:

- Provides greater context and implementation recommendation
- Considers state level information

## LHJ:

- Facility level guidance
- Based on local facility level information

**\*\*These may be required by regulatory agencies\*\***



MAILBOX  
QUESTION AND ANSWER

# Question

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Is eye protection still  
required in all  
healthcare settings?

# Answer

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- Yes, eye protection is still required for all resident **encounters** with no consideration of transmission rates at this time.
- **Encounter**: Encounters are in-person, interactions between staff and residents and there is less than 6 feet between the staff and resident for any period of time. These may involve medical procedures, caregiving activities/activities of daily living, medication administration, transportation, etc. Passing by a resident in a common area would not be considered a resident encounter.
- <https://doh.wa.gov/sites/default/files/2022-02/204-304-PPEContingencyStrategiesChart.pdf>



# Question

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What is adequate eye protection, and what does it do?

# Answer

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- Eye protection is intended to protect against splash and spray. Personal eyeglasses are not eye protection devices.
- When evaluating if a device is adequate eye protection, one should ask if it will protect the eyes from splash and spray, like being sprayed with a water bottle, from front, below, above, and the sides.

# Question

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Can I use “wings” as eye protection?

# Answer

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- The clip on “wings” do not provide protection from front, above or below, and, depending on the fit of the glasses, may not protect well from the sides either. These would not likely to be effective eye protection against splash and spray.

# Question

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Are we able to remove the face shields and eye protection once we are in the green status under 5% for community transmission rates?

# Answer

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- No, eye protection is still required with no consideration of transmission rates at this time

# Question

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Should kitchen employees be wearing eye protection when in the kitchen and not in resident care areas making deliveries?

# Answer

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- Kitchen employees do not have to wear eye protection as long as they are not having resident encounters



# Question

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1. Are we able to downgrade the type of mask both vaccinated and non-vaccinated staff wear?
2. Are vaccinated staff able to wear surgical masks when we are below the 5% community positivity rate?

# Answer

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- A fit tested respirator is required when caring for residents with COVID-19 or suspected of having COVID-19, on COVID-19 units, and during AGPs when community transmission is substantial to high. Universal source control when a respirator is not needed can be a medical grade facemask or a respirator.
  - As a reminder, check in with your LHJ to make sure they do not have other recommendations for your county
- If you have a staff member with a vaccine exemption, facilities are responsible for determining accommodations.

# Question

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What is the updated definition of outbreak and what does that mean for a facility?

# Answer

	Old Definition	New Definition
LTCF	≥ 1 resident case <u>or</u>	≥ 1 resident case
	≥ 2 HCW cases	

**Link to outbreak definition:**

[Interim COVID-19 Outbreak Definition for Healthcare Settings \(wa.gov\)](#)

# Answer Cont.

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- Generally speaking, the epidemiologic definition for the end of an outbreak is 2x the incubation period from the last identified case (28 days for COVID-19) to account for someone who may have been exposed at the very tail end of a person's incubation period.
- From the guidance standpoint, there is currently no guidance for IPC action predicated on meeting surveillance criteria for an outbreak or end of an outbreak.

# Question

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Can residents families eat  
in the dining room closer  
than 6 feet?

# Answer

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- Visitors may eat with a resident (or representative) and the visitor are aware of the risks and adhere to the core principles of infection prevention
- Eating in a separate area is preferred, however if that is not possible, then the meal could occur in a common area as long as the visitor, regardless of vaccination status, is physically distanced from other resident and wears a mask except for eating or drinking
- If the visitor is unable to physical distance from other residents, they should not share a meal with the resident in a common area.

# Question

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What are DOH testing recommendations, and have they changed with the recent guidance?



# Answer

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- DOH testing recommendations have NOT changed
- The CMS testing requirements for testing reflect the CDC changes of 2/2/2022. DOH has already updated the DOH testing guidance to reflect CDC guidance and DOH recommendations for testing continue to remain broader than CMS and include recommendations for testing those who are up to date, if testing resources allow.



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# Q & A Portion

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Please type your questions into the question window and tell us what type of facility you are from (e.g., ALF, SNF, AFH) and what county you are in