

COVID-19 Q&A Hour for Long Term Care



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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



COVID-19 Q&A Call Expectations

- Be present
- Assume positive intent
- Focus on solutions
- Speak and chat respectfully
- Give constructive feedback
- Express disagreements professionally and tactfully



Panelists





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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 (General)



In Partnership With

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



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HAI-AR SECTION EMAIL ADDRESSES

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

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

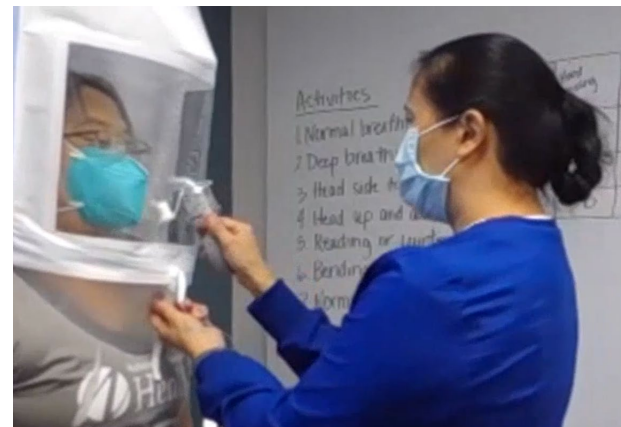
Fit Test Training

- Learn to conduct your own N95 fit test for your staff
 - Visit our website: [Fit Testing Training | Washington State Department of Health \(www.doh.wa.gov/Itcrpp\)](https://www.doh.wa.gov/Itcrpp)
 - Step 1 – Pre-training education
 - Step 2 – Sign up for a Virtual Fit Test Training webinar
 - Step 3 – Hands-on training with our Fit Test Vendors

Note: Each participant will need to register individually.

Email questions to:

HAI-FitTest@doh.wa.gov



Project Firstline Podcast



Episodes

1. Introduction and HAIs
2. PPE
3. Hand Hygiene
4. MDROs
5. ALFs and SNFs
6. Hospital Settings
7. *Candida auris*
8. Respiratory Protection



Purpose

- Discuss and identify the importance and impact of infection prevention on our lives and the lives of our community
- [Project Firstline | Washington State Department of Health](#)



Congratulations
to all 297
Winter 2022
Awardees!



[Long-Term Care COVID-19 Immunization Champion Award | Washington State Department of Health](#)

Comagine Health Events

Webinar Every Tuesday on
Topics related to COVID
Vaccine and Boosters 11am
PST [Link to Register](#)

Open Office Hours with Q&A
Every Friday 11am PST [Link to
Register](#)

**Driving Clinical Excellence in
Unstable Times: Big Impact,
Small Effort** *An interactive
and collaborative learning
series*

Practical and time-savvy
strategies to reimagine quality
improvement. Methods to
sharpen your clinical skills

Steps to engage your team and
strengthen your system from
within. Approaches to become
a resilient organization able to
thrive in a changing
environment

*Every first Thursday of the
month Jun. 2, 2022 through
Nov. 2, 2023*
11 a.m. PT / noon MT (1 hour)
[Link to Register](#)

We want to hear from you!

- Micro learning topics – what do you want to learn more about that will help with your facility infection control practices?
- Input your ideas into Question window noting “Topics: ...”
- Or send to HAI-COVID@doh.wa.gov
- *Thank you!*

LTC Q&A Call Structure

- **Submit questions by 5pm on Monday each week before the Thursday call**
- Submitted questions and answers will be presented during the call and sent out afterwards
- Follow up questions related to the slides will be addressed live
- Additional new topics will be answered live as time allows
- Any unanswered questions will be consolidated by topic and roll over to the following week's slides along with any new mailbox questions
- Complex questions specific to your facility are best sent to HAI-COVID@doh.wa.gov to be answered individually

Next LTC Q&A Call Series

- Current Q&A call series ends 6/30
- New LTC Q&A call series begins July 7 through Oct 27. Registration link:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_k9_L5yrRQPezKaYkejk5mA
- When confirmation received, add new schedule to calendar
- Summer Plans: There will be two Q&A calls in July and two in August

Upcoming LTC Q&A Presentations

Please plan to attend these upcoming micro learning sessions!

Today's presentation:

Promoting Virtual Training - Fit Test

June 30 & July 7 – Demo WA Immunization Information System (WAIIS)

July 14 & July 28 – **NO Q&A call scheduled**

July 21 – Hands on Training – Fit Test



CONDUCTING YOUR OWN RESPIRATOR FIT TEST

-Overall and Virtual Training

Conducting Your Own Respirator Fit Tests

Benefits:

- Cost Savings
 - at clinic: \$60 to \$75 per test (+ travel time, etc.)
 - on site: \$ 85+ (minimum # required, + travel fee, etc.)
- Able to provide to all shifts, new hires, changing duty
- Annual Fit Test is required for tight-fitting respirators

Challenges:

- Need to keep updating regulation/information, skills, etc.
- Trained staff turnover
- May not get support from high leadership/corporate office
- Equipment/supply inventory

Regardless if you do it or you contract with a vendor,
the employer still has the responsibility to provide valid tests

Benefits of Joining the DOH-led Training

There is no certification or license to become a Respirator Fit Test conductor.

There are many commercial trainings available (online and in-person classes)

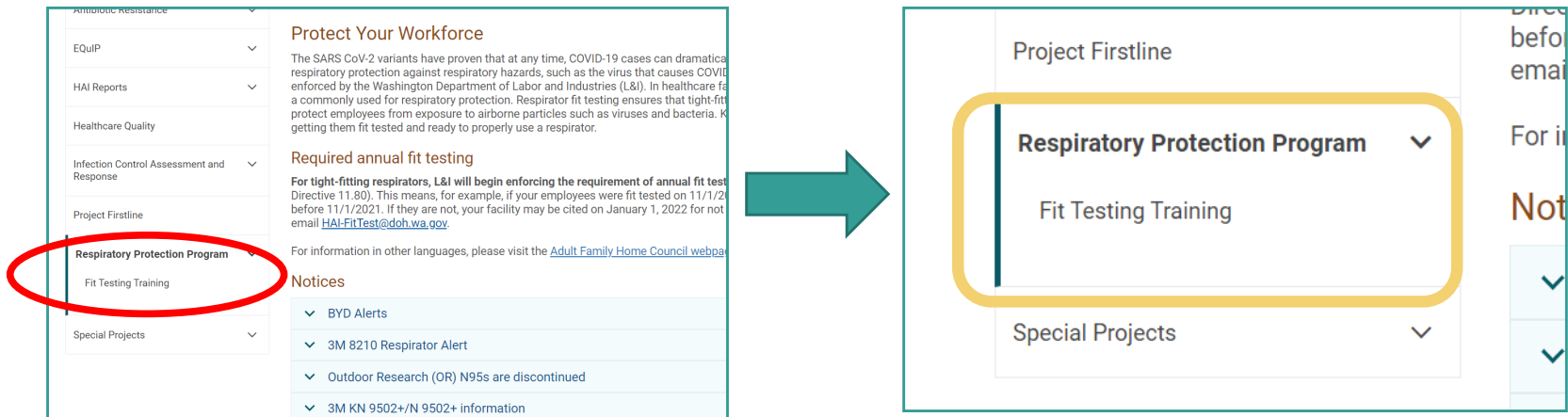
However:

- L&I reviewed our project and DOH materials
- DOH Instructors are industry experts – overall support
- Onsite Hands-on session to coach your staff

Websites

Learn to conduct your own N95 fit test for your staff!

- Visit our website:
 - General Resp. Protection Program: www.doh.wa.gov/ltrcpp
 - Conducting own fit test Specific: [Click here](#) (QR: later slide)



Steps for Fit Testing Training

- Step 1 – Pre-training education –Prep time may vary
Review materials (video, WAC, facility forms, etc.)
 - For the facility’s leadership
 - For individual attendees (plan for it to take a couple of hours)
- Step 2 – Sign up for a Virtual Fit Test Training Webinar
- Step 3 – Attend the 1-hour Virtual Fit Test Training Webinar
- Step 4 – Hands-on training with our Fit Test Vendor (1-1.5 hr)

For virtual training: You can attend as a group, but each person needs to individually login to participate in the polls

Virtual Fit Test Training Requirement

Leadership:

- Assigned Respiratory Program Administrator (RPA)
- Support RPA to complete:
 - Written program, forms
 - Medical Evaluation and other planning
 - Respirator Training program for respirator users
 - Selecting fit test conductors (depends on the number of staff needing to be fit tested)
- Schedule a Hands-on session after attending the Virtual Fit Test Training

Attendees: Must be done before Virtual training or reschedule

- Review and be familiar with facility's written program, training program, forms, and WAC 296-842 (focus on Fit testing sections)
- Watch the 3 online videos (total of 1 hour)

Virtual Training

June: Twice a week

July-August: At least twice a month (HAI-FitTest@doh.wa.gov)

Sign up for Fit Test Training

Available dates will be listed on the sign-up form. ALL the prerequisite work must be completed prior to the Virtual Fit Test Training session. It is our expectation that you will attend the training session prepared and will come with questions.

✓ Sign up for Fit Testing training

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June Dates

- Monday, June 13, 2022 – 3:00pm to 4:00pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_aalt6M63SHq9aMwCFGQ7cQ
- Wednesday, June 15, 2022 – 11:00am to 12:00pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bf2xPPI6Rs2oHK2JXLuXOg
- Tuesday, June 21, 2022 – 9:30am to 10:30am
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_oAUqUjv2SiOJJgO_xaYKrA
- Thursday, June 23, 2022 – 1:00pm to 2:00pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_F5eKc9K9TwS8OFmVhhE8dQ
- Monday, June 27, 2022 – 3:00pm to 4:00pm
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_uEQAZchkSWmcm9IYI5qzEg

Virtual Fit Test Training - Live Session

Pre-requirement work must be done before the virtual training

If not completed, please cancel and reschedule to another session

No late joining or early leaving allowed! We monitor the participation polls, Q&A, login time, etc., so that we can:

- Provide a letter of acknowledgment of participation
- Send the attendance list to our vendor for the Hands-on session

The Virtual Fit Test Training has an interactive Q&A: Be prepared for the training session and bring your questions!

Virtual Training -60 minutes

In the Virtual Fit Test Training session, we cover:

- Review Forms & Equipment
- Knowledge check
- Demonstrate a Fit Test
 - Sensitivity Test
 - Fit Test- Required exercises
- Knowledge checks
- Live Q&A
 - We answer as many questions as we can during the training. After each training, we email the questions with answers for that class.
- Overall knowledge check

Coming Soon!

Respiratory Protection Brown Bag

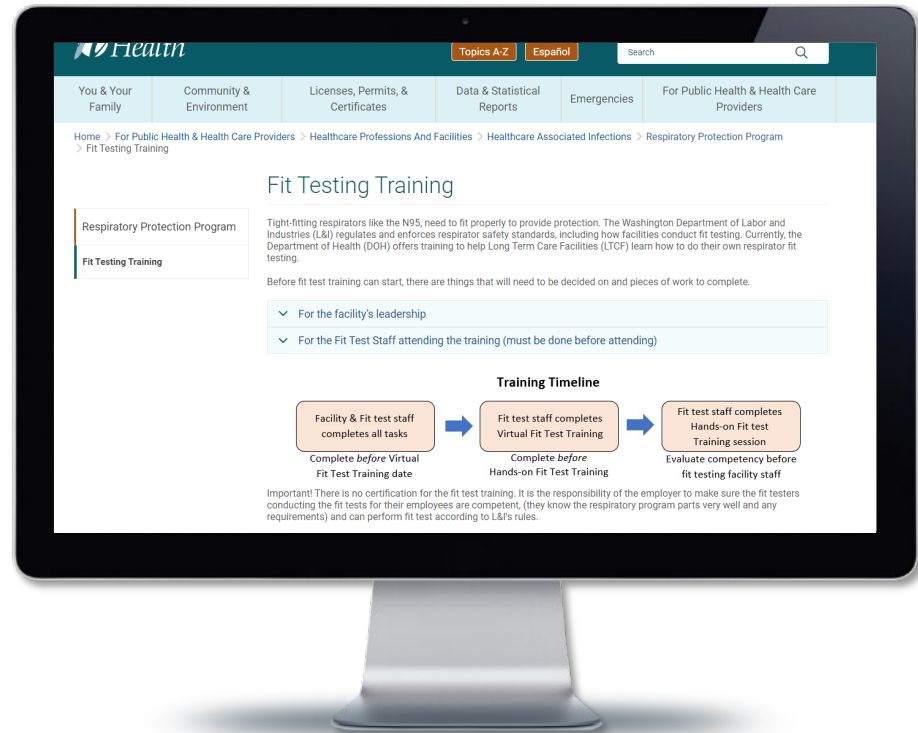
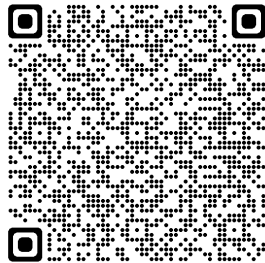
- Lunch time, up to 30 minutes
 - Twice a month
 - One topic per session with questions sent ahead of time
 - Possible live Q&A if time allows
- Let us know your opinion!
 - Yes or no of your interest
 - Respiratory protection topics/areas you want assistance with (e.g., written program, medical evaluations, etc.)
 - Preference for day of the week

Type into the Q&A or email us at: HIA-FitTest@doh.wa.gov

Visit our website for information/resources/virtual training sign-up

www.doh.wa.gov/ltrcpp

QR Code: Fit Test Training



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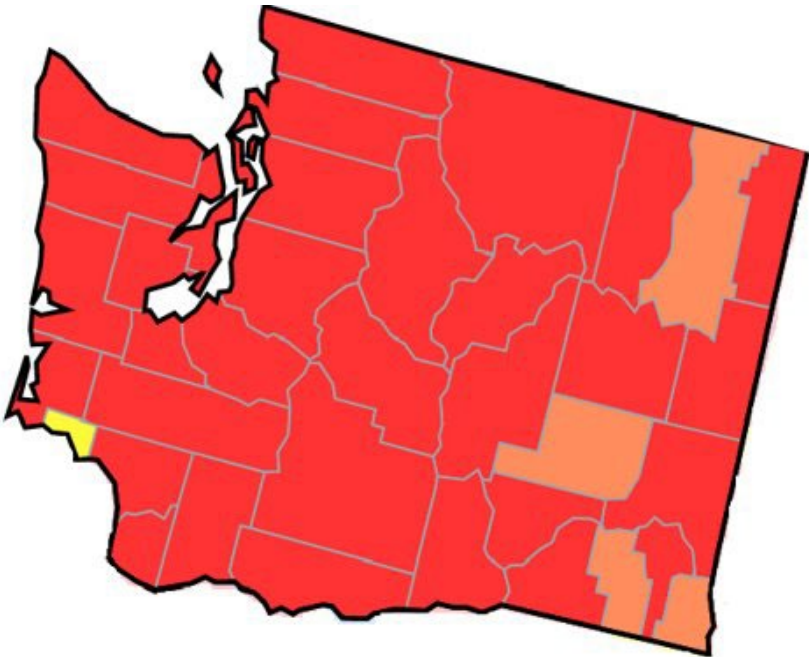
To request this document in another format, call 1-800-525-0127. Deaf or hard of hearing customers, please call 711 (Washington Relay) or email civil.rights@doh.wa.gov.

Questions?

MAILBOX QUESTION AND ANSWER



Today's COVID-19 Community Transmission rates



● Key ● High ● Substantial ● Moderate ● Low ● No Data

[CDC COVID Data Tracker: County View](#)

Q & A Section

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.