



Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response

Bureau of Healthcare and Community Readiness

Expanding Respiratory Protection Programs for Long Term Care Facilities and other Congregate Settings in New York City

Project Overview

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, Office of Emergency Preparedness and Response (NYC DOHMH OEPR) invites you to participate in an exciting, new opportunity to enhance NYC's preparedness for infectious diseases by expanding respiratory protection capabilities at long-term care facilities (LTCFs). **The Expanding Respiratory Protection Programs (RPPs) for LTCFs and other Congregate Settings in NYC** will be led by **TRC Environmental Corporation** contracted to provide the below services to participating facilities. Facilities who participate in this program will receive support for the development and maintenance of their respiratory protection programs and will enhance their staff's and resident's safety for communicable diseases transmission

This program is expected to be **operational from November 2022 to June 2024**.

Program Activities Overview

Needs Assessment

The vendor will perform RPP needs assessments at selected LTCFs and other congregate settings volunteered to participate in this program.

RPP Training Plans

Based upon the needs assessments, the training will provide facility staff with essential knowledge and tools better protect themselves and their patients from infectious diseases, by helping facilities to operate safely.

Respiratory Protection Program Consultations

Upon request by a participating facility, the vendor will perform **at least one consultation per facility** about respiratory protection needs. This consultation will provide an opportunity for facilities to get expert advice on how to enhance their respiratory protections.

Mobile Fit-Testing Services

The vendor will offer mobile fit-testing services onsite to all NYC LTCFs, once a year, for the next two years.

Fit-Testing Train-the-Trainer Sessions

Train at least one staff member from each participating facility on how to perform qualitative fit-testing services for their facility. Staff who participate in Train-the-Trainer sessions will be given a fit-testing kit and extra supplies to allow fit-testing staff at their own facilities.

How to Participate

Participation in the program is voluntary but full participation is encourage to enhance your respiratory protections. If you would like to offer your facility for the upcoming needs assessment or have any questions, please contact our team at rgriffiths@health.nyc.gov and enavarro1@health.nyc.gov as soon as possible.

Key Program Dates

Perform Needs Assessments
November 3 - December 16,
2022

Online Access to RPP Training
Available
February 15, 2023

Mobile Fit-Testing Service Com-
pleted
January - March 2023 First

Fit-testing Train the Trainer Ses-
sions Completed
December 23, 2023

Second Mobile Fit-Testing Ser-
vice
Completed
March 20, 2024

Program Evaluation Survey Pro-
vided to Participating Facilities
April 31, 2024

Respiratory Protection Consulta-
tions Completed
June 30, 2024

Results of the Program Evalua-
tion Shared with Facilities
June 30, 2024

Each service is intended to
strengthen and sustain the ca-
pabilities of participating facili-
ties to perform infection pre-
vention and control procedures
for their staff.

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