



Primary Care N95/P2 Fit Testing

Due to Covid-19 Alert Level 4 Lockdown commenced 11:59PM on 17 August 2021, Mahitahi Hauora has developed a plan to support general practice fit testing for N95/P2 or equivalent respirators. The PHE is offering a range of options for general practices to access fit testing underpinned by the following principles:

- [Staffcare](#) is Mahitahi Hauora's preferred provider for fit testing in Northland
- Fit testing is for clinical staff who are assessing or swabbing patients
- Practices who fit tested staff prior to the Level 4 lockdown will be eligible for reimbursement (see Option 3)
- Practices are responsible for coordinating fit testing direct with [Staffcare](#)
- Practices are responsible for following all clinical protocols in relation to use of N95/P2 or equivalent masks including seal testing / fit checking each time a mask is worn
- Mahitahi Hauora will prioritise fit testing to practices with high enrolled Māori population

Option 1 – Outsource to [Staffcare](#)

The PHE has contacted Staffcare and confirmed capacity to fit test practices throughout Northland. **It's expected the majority of practices will be serviced through this option.**

Who	General practices throughout Northland
How	Call Staffcare on 09 438 8324 to book
Time	As determined with Staffcare
Cost	\$0 – Staffcare will invoice Mahitahi on completion of fit testing

Option 2 – PHE Fit testing

The Ministry of Health will supply a single portacount machine to Mahitahi Hauora to bolster fit testing provision to general practices. Fit testing will be administered by a PHE Registered Nurse. Timing for this option is dependent on arrival of the portacount machine* and volume of requests.

Who	Practices unable to be serviced by Staffcare due to location or other issue
How	Complete attached request form and send to lana.edmonds@mahitahihauora.co.nz
Time	The practice will be contacted within 1-2 days on receipt of request form
Cost	\$0

**At time/date of sending this correspondence the machine has not arrived*



Option 3 – Reimbursement of previous fit testing costs

Who	Practices previously fit tested
How	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Raise invoice to Mahitahi Hauora2. Scan copy of original invoice (for reference)3. Email both to accounts@mahitahihauora.co.nz
Time	20 th of month following receipt of invoice, or earlier
Cost	\$0