



SARS Provincial Operations Centre

May 2, 2003

Communication regarding mask fit testing services

During the current SARS outbreak healthcare providers have been directed to adopt infection control procedures including the wearing of personal protective equipment. We appreciate the efforts that providers have made to ensure compliance with these directives.

One of the key pieces of personal protective equipment is the N95 or equivalent mask. Studies document that proper fit testing enhances the effectiveness of masks. Through fit testing, employees can learn which type of mask best fits their facial features.

We have been advised that the following companies provide mask fit testing services. We recognize that this is not an exhaustive list for the province of Ontario; therefore, you may wish to contact other suppliers in your community who are able to provide this service.

3M Canada

Ontario Supervisor, Occupational Health Services
Tel: 905-602-3769

Hot Zone

Tel: 1-888-898-8966

Levitt Safety

Tel: 905-829-3299 or 1-800-668-6153

MSA Canada

905-602-0338 ext. 5107

North Safety Products

Tel: 416-675-2810