**Why do I need to wear a N95 respirator mask (N95)?**

* My job duties may require me to care for patients on Airborne Precautions isolation.
* Common conditions requiring Airborne Precautions include Tuberculosis, Varicella (Chickenpox), and Measles.
* Wearing a NIOSH approved, N95 is one of several ways I can protect myself from breathing airborne germs.

**Why do I need to be fit-tested to wear the N95?**

* The fit-testing will make sure I’m using the right sized mask with the correct seal. ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL.
* I am being fitted for the most commonly used N95 at OHSU; the Halyard duckbill mask. This mask comes in small and regular sizes.
* Some OHSU units may carry other models. If I have not been fit tested for these other models, I should not use them as I may not be adequately protected.
* Sometimes people are unable to obtain the correct seal with any of the masks. If this happens to me, I will use a different kind of protection called a PAPR and will need to complete online training before using it.

**When do I need to wear this kind of respiratory protection?**

* The mask or PAPR should be put on BEFORE contact with a patient suspected of having a condition requiring Airborne Precautions and BEFORE entering the room of a patient on Airborne Precautions.
* N95s are disposable and only intended to be used by a single person for up to a 12-hour shift.
* NOTE: Patients who have or are suspected of having Tuberculosis should IMMEDIATELY be placed on Airborne Precautions.