



COVID-19 Headlines

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■ FIT TESTING FOR MULTIPLE N-95 MASKS

The two primary N-95 masks that we use currently are made by 3M and Halyard. If you have only been fit tested for one of the two, **we will start fit testing** for the other one as well, depending on the size you wear. This way we can make sure that there are options when we have both types in stock and also that you can switch back and forth if we have more than one type at any given time. It is looking increasingly likely that, at times, we will have more 3Ms than Halyards, and at other times will have more Halyards than 3Ms. At some point, depending on our sourcing, we may introduce additional N-95 masks as well. This will only happen after they have been fully tested for effectiveness and cleared by our infection prevention and clinical specialists.

■ VENTILATOR WEBINAR

Pulmonary, anesthesiology, and sleep medicine physicians will be hosting a **statewide webinar today from 12 to 1 pm** that is jointly sponsored by Mount Sinai, the New York State Department of Health, Greater New York Hospital Association, and the Healthcare Association of New York State. The webinar will describe how to repurpose bilevel ventilators for use on intubated patients and how split ventilator protocols may be implemented in the setting of an insufficient supply of conventional ventilation. [Click here to join.](#)