

## **7.7 Caring for Patients in Airborne or Droplet Isolation**

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1. Health care personnel must wear the appropriate personal protective equipment at all times.
2. Health care personnel entering a negative pressure room or caring for someone requiring airborne precautions must wear a NIOSH-approved N-95 or higher-level respirator.
3. All N-95 respirators require individuals to undergo fit testing.
4. Each campus has designated individuals trained to conduct N-95 fit testing for students and faculty as needed.
5. Students and faculty may only use the N-95 mask(s) they have been fit tested for and “passed.”
6. Any student or faculty unable to pass the fit testing with an N-95 mask is not allowed to accept an assignment nor assist with caring for any person on airborne precautions.
7. If a staff member has a question about a clinical assignment, they should be referred to the clinical faculty member.