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**MEMORANDUM TO:** IPAC Champions

**FROM:** Sherri Rennie  
Director, Toronto Region

**RE:** Role of IPAC Champions in N95 Respirator Fit Testing

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MCCSS is preparing to transition from the current supplier (Halyard) for N95 respirators to 3M as the primary supplier by December 2021. With the introduction of a new N95 respirator (3M 1870+), all current users will need to be fit tested for the new product by **November 1, 2021**, and as such, we would like to provide direction on engaging the IPAC Champions to include respirator fit testing capabilities to support MCCSS-funded service providers in their identified communities. This respirator testing function will support strengthened communication pathways and support effective IPAC practices across MCCSS-funded service providers.


The existing IPAC Champions located around the province are well positioned to support respirator fit testing requirements to ensure that the transition to the new N95 respirator is well rolled out. They can also potentially provide ongoing fit testing supports as new staff are onboarded and support bi-annual re-fitting requirements.

The role of the Champions is to be a common resource for local identified residential sites and act as a conduit for IPAC information sharing between the local Hub and residential service providers. By being trained in N95 respirator fit testing, Champions can be an added resource for the residential sites that they support.

To implement fit testing capacity for Champions, training can be completed virtually through the [Public Services Health and Safety Association](#). Champions should ensure completion of fit test training by **October 1, 2021**. MCCSS will support additional training sessions as required. Fit testing kits and required supplies will be provided by MCCSS. Please notify your program supervisor once you have completed the fit test

training and communicate with the residential sites that you support that you are available as a fit tester.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sherri Rennie". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Sherri" and last name "Rennie" clearly distinguishable.

Sherri Rennie,  
Director, Toronto Region

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