

D95 Respirator Mask by Detmold Frequently Asked Questions

The new D95 is a P2 respirator mask manufactured here in South Australia by Detmold Medical which is available via the Distribution Centre. To facilitate the safe transition to this new respirator, a mass program of fit testing has already begun.

These D95 respirator masks are equivalent to P2/N95 respirator masks that are currently in use throughout SA Health. Because these masks are being manufactured locally, we had the unique opportunity to design a respirator mask that matched the needs of our workforce.



The manufacturer of the D95 respirator mask is Detmold Medical. They were selected through a rapid procurement process undertaken by Procurement and Supply Chain Management (PSCM) and the design was supported by the Department for Health & Wellbeing, Local Health Network Staff Health/Clinical Worker Health clinicians and Infection Prevention Control.

Detmold Medical partnered with SA Health, Department of Industry and South Australian Universities to set up a special facility with appropriate machinery to start manufacturing the D95 respirators masks.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is the Detmold Medical D95 respirator mask TGA registered?

Yes. The ARTG Identifier is 337768.

2. Do the Detmold Medical D95 respirator masks meet Australian standards?

Yes, the Detmold masks meet the Australian Standard AS 1716:2012 for respirator masks.

The D95 respirator masks have been tested by a range of Australian and International testing laboratories and, as is best practise, a regime of regular testing will continue.

3. Does the D95 respirator mask require fit testing for use?

Yes, the D95 respirator mask must be fit tested as per current SA Health standard practice. A fit test program is currently being rolled out through SA Health.

4. Will the D95 respirator mask take longer to fit test?

The D95 respirator mask may initially take longer to fit than your usual respirator. As with all new respirator designs, extra education and training is required to ensure staff have adequate fit-check knowledge of how to don the mask and achieve an effective seal.

5. Will there be additional information available to assist staff with donning and doffing the D95 respirator mask?

Yes, an instructional video and information sheet will be available soon, showing how to safely don and doff the D95 respirator on the [Infection Control and Personal Protective Equipment Advice webpage](#).

All SA Health workers undertaking a Fit Test will be provided with fit checking education and training and fit testing during their individual fit test appointments.

6. How does the D95 respirator mask vary from other respirators?

The D95 respirator mask has two elastic bands which are secured by a plastic clip (Fitclip) at the back of the head. This differs from the current P2/N95 respirators that have head straps. The Detmold D95 respirator mask comes with a standard size Fitclip attached however a larger clip is available if deemed appropriate during the fit testing process.

The Fitclip must be used to secure the D95 at the back of the head – the elastic bands must NOT be worn around ears.



The D95 is a respirator and works and functions as a P2/N95 respirator.

7. What if I can't be fit tested to the Detmold standard size?

The standard size D95 respirator mask will fit the majority of SA Health staff. Detmold Medical also manufactures Large, Extra Large, Small and Extra small sizes.

PSCM also have other brands of P2/N95 respirators available. Non-Detmold Medical respirators should be, where possible, reserved for staff that cannot or have yet to be fit tested to the Detmold D95 respirator mask.

Note: Current availability of stock, including P2/N95 respirators and other critical PPE items in the SA Distribution Centre and LHN bulk stores can be viewed in [Sharp](#).

8. What other PPE should I wear with the D95 respirator mask to ensure I am safe?

Staff must refer to the [SA Health PPE matrix](#) to ensure they are wearing the appropriate PPE for a given activity.

9. Will this respirator work in the same manner as other P2/N95 respirators?

Yes.

10. Why are we introducing a new respirator mask?

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, we had a global shortage of respirators. This locally manufactured product will ensure a sustainable supply chain solution is in place.

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