

Alfred Health Respiratory Protection Program (RPP)

- The Alfred Health RPP is an Occupational Health and Safety initiative that complements Alfred Health's well-established Infection Prevention and Staff Health and well-being programs.
- The Respiratory Protection Program (RPP) implements respiratory protection processes to minimise the risk to respiratory hazards, such as infectious agents and certain chemicals.
- Due to COVID -19, there has been a significant uptake in usage of Respiratory Protection Equipment (RPE), and the subsequent need for health care workers (HCWs) to be trained and supported to wear and use RPE effectively.
- The RPP is substantially focused on respiratory protection in reference to the use of respirator masks and specifically addresses the requirements to ensure these are managed, selected, worn, used and disposed of safely. It also covers training and record keeping.
- Improving staff knowledge of respiratory protective equipment (RPE) and minimise HCW exposure to respiratory hazards is a key priority. Respiratory hazards extend beyond infectious diseases and include exposure to certain chemicals, smoke and other chemical/biological/radiological hazards.

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