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### **Keeping Safe and Stopping the spread of COVID-19**

In order to protect the health and safety of all those that work and visit McCann sites, we ask all operatives and fit testers to follow these simple protocols that will reduce the risk of spreading and catching COVID-19 when conducting face fit tests.

### **Additional Duties During Face Fit Tests**

- Fit testers and operatives being issued with a face mask (RPE) are asked to read these protocols before conducting the face fit test.
- Any Operative or Tester must not be involved in face fit testing if they have any of the following symptoms of COVID-19:

A new, persistent Cough	A fever or high temperature
A tightness across their chest	Feeling feint
- The testing location should be cleaned and surfaces wiped down with antibacterial wipes or surface cleaner.
- Face masks to be prepared at least 3 days in advance by the Tester wearing gloves disposable gloves.
- Operatives and the Tester must maintain high levels of personal hygiene during the testing.
- No more than one Operative and the Tester is allowed in the testing area at any time.
- Operatives waiting to be face fit tested must not crowd areas and must observe social distancing at all times.
- During the fit test procedure, social distancing of 2m must be overserved at all times between the Tester and the operative.
- During the fit test, care must be taken not to pass or share handled items such as pens, wipes or cups.
- The Operative to be tested will receive their own prepared face mask kit.
- Operatives who have had a broken nose will receive the next mask size up to ensure that the seal overlaps over the nose area.
- At a distance of 2m away, the Tester will show the Operative how to adjust and wear their issued face mask.
- At a distance of 2m away, the Tester will show the Operative how to conduct a 10 second negative seal check.
- If the negative seal check holds, that mask is issued to the operative.
- If the negative seal check cannot be held, the mask is quarantined for cleaning and the Tester issues the next size mask and begins the negative seal check again..
- **Due to Social distancing requirements, it is not possible to don the test hood or apply the test solution every 30 seconds for 7 number one minute exercises.**
- The Tester will document the issue of the mask to the Operative on the FN036 Face Fit Test Report and confirm that the qualitative test will be conducted immediately upon the relaxing of the social distancing requirements.

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- The form does not need to be signed by the Operative receiving the mask.
- A copy of form can be emailed to the Operative or their Employer upon request.
- Fit test records to be digitally copied and sent to the HSEQ department.
- Hard copies retained on site ready for the full test to be completed.
- The Tester must wash their hands after testing each operative.
- Immediately dispose of used disposable gloves and wipes into waste bins.
- Testers must not touch the Operative's mask or face whilst conducting the test.
- Where masks require cleaning before fit testing, the Operative wearing the mask will clean it using wipes provided and then immediately bin the used wipes and any packaging touched.
- **Any Tester or Operative not observing these protocols will be asked to leave site immediately.**

More information on face mask ppe and rpe testing can be found at:

<https://www.hse.gov.uk/news/face-mask-ppe-rpe-coronavirus.htm>