



The GW Medical Faculty Associates

MFA Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR) Use Criteria

1. Employees must meet ALL of the following criteria for approval by MFA Occupational Health for PAPR utilization
 - Employee has failed Fit Testing
 - Employee is involved in direct patient care at a MFA location
2. Once approved, employees must meet ALL of the following criteria prior to PAPR use during a patient encounter*
 - Encounter requires direct patient interaction within 6 feet
 - Encounter meets MFA N95 PPE recommendations†
 - Care cannot be adequately provided via Telehealth
 - Another provider or staff member that can equally provide care is not readily available

**If ALL criteria are not met, and PAPR use is still requested by an employee, MFA Occupational Health approval is required.*

†MFA N95 PPE Recommendations

1. *Patient encounter requires examination, diagnostic test, or procedure where exposure to secretions OR aerosolization is expected OR*
2. *Encounter involves examination, diagnostic test, or procedure with a patient who is COVID-19+ or is considered a patient under investigation (including performing COVID-19 testing)*