

## **Respiratory Protection Program (RPP)**

### **Adult Family Home - Washington State**

#### **1. Purpose**

This Respiratory Protection Program (RPP) is established to protect employees of the Adult Family Home (AFH) from respiratory hazards when respirators are required or used as part of their job duties, in compliance with WAC 296-842-12005

#### **2. Scope**

This program applies to all employees, contractors, and caregivers of the AFH who may be required to use respiratory protection during resident care or related duties.

#### **3. Program Administrator**

The AFH Provider or designee is responsible for administering this Respiratory Protection Program, including training, fit testing coordination, recordkeeping, and program evaluation.

Name/Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **4. Respiratory Hazards**

Potential respiratory hazards in the AFH may include but are not limited to airborne infectious diseases (e.g., COVID-19, influenza, tuberculosis), bodily fluids, and aerosol-generating procedures.

#### **5. Respirator Use**

Respirators are required when indicated by public health guidance, physician orders, or workplace exposure risk. Approved respirators may include N95 filtering facepiece respirators or higher-level protection as needed.

#### **6. Voluntary Use**

If respirators are used voluntarily (e.g., employee preference), the AFH will provide Appendix D information as required by WAC 296-842-12005

#### **7. Medical Evaluation**

Employees required to wear respirators must complete a confidential medical evaluation prior to fit testing and use. Medical clearance will be obtained and maintained on file.

#### **8. Fit Testing**

All employees required to wear tight-fitting respirators must complete initial and annual fit testing using the same make, model, style, and size of respirator they will use.

## 9. Training

Employees will receive training prior to respirator use and annually thereafter, including:

- Why the respirator is necessary
- How to properly don, doff, and check seal
- Limitations and maintenance
- Signs and symptoms that may limit effective use

## 10. Use, Maintenance, and Storage

Respirators must be used according to manufacturer instructions. Disposable respirators will not be reused unless allowed by current public health guidance. Reusable respirators will be cleaned, disinfected, and stored properly.

## 11. Breathing Air Quality

If reusable respirators are used, breathing air will meet applicable quality standards as required by WAC 296-842-12005.

## 12. Recordkeeping

The AFH will maintain records of medical evaluations, fit testing, and training in employee files and make them available upon request.

## 13. Program Evaluation

The Program Administrator will evaluate the effectiveness of this Respiratory Protection Program at least annually and update it as needed.

Provider Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_