H1N1 = N95

Whereas, the Aerosol Transmissible Disease Standard (ATD) was developed and enacted by Cal/OSHA in August, 2009, to address the risks to RNs and health care workers due to exposure to aerosol transmissible pathogens, including H1N1 flu.

We, the undersigned RNs and healthcare workers, demand that the hospital immediately implement Cal/OSHA's ATD Standards and provide us with N95 respirator masks when we are caring for patients who have the flu or flu-like symptoms.

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- The ATD Standard establishes minimum enforceable requirements for employers to reduce the risk of infection for employees based on the nature of the exposure and the type of work setting.
- Further, clinical effectiveness requires consideration of numerous implementation factors such as compliance and availability of supply. N95 respirators are documented to filter out 95 to 99 percent of relevant particles and have maximum effectiveness when properly fitted to the face of users through fit-testing.
- The Institute of Medicine has also recommended that healthcare workers who are in close contact with individuals with H1N1 influenza or influenza-like illnesses use fit-tested N95 respirators or better, as one measure of safety and infection control efforts to reduce the risk of infection. The committee endorses the current CDC guidelines for use of N95 respirators.