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Re: Introducing the new 3M™ Aura™ Health Care Particulate and Surgical Mask 1870+

Dear Valued 1870 Respirator Customer,

In an effort to improve our product line of respirators 3M™ is introducing the **3M™ Aura™ Health Care Particulate and Surgical Mask 1870+** ultimately replacing the current 1870 product. Note: the 1870 product will continue to be available during the transition.

The 1870+ respirator is designed to improve convenience and comfort with a contoured nose panel, and a chin tab for ease of positioning, donning and adjustment. In addition, the embossed top panel helps reduce the fogging of eyewear from warm, moist exhaled air.

All of the same features you prefer in the 3M™ 1870 Respirator will remain in the 1870+ respirator in addition to the enhanced benefits mentioned above.

We recommend during your next fit testing cycle you plan for fit testing the 1870+ during this cycle.

**1870+ Respirator features/benefits**

- Embossed top panel helps reduce the fogging of eyewear
- Sculpted top panel helps conform to nose and eye contours of the face allowing more room for eyewear
- 3-panel design fits a wide range of face shapes and sizes
- Accommodates facial movements while talking
- Collapse resistant
- Soft nose foam and smooth inner material feel comfortable against the skin
- 3M™ proprietary filter media designed for ease of breathing
- Chin tab for ease of positioning, donning, and adjustment
- NIOSH N95 approved
- Fluid resistant

**Other points to be noted**

- The 1870+ is currently available to distributors and customers
- The price of the 1870+ respirator will remain the same as the 1870 respirator.
- The 1870 respirator will remain available to customers through 2014 therefore; we recommend you start transitioning users to the new 1870+ at your annual fit testing session.

While 3M does not foresee its customers having any problems with these new enhancements, please contact your 3M account representative or myself with any questions you may have.

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