



# PROTECTION IN A FLU PANDEMIC

Influenza can be transmitted from one person to another through small particulates and droplets of the virus in the air. As a result, it is wise to wear a NIOSH-certified respirator when working closely with others who may be infected with the virus during a pandemic. N95 respirators provide the minimum level of protection needed.

## Who Needs a Respirator?

- **Very High-exposure Workers:** Those who have a potential for coming in contact with the virus during medical or laboratory procedures, such as a bronchoscopy, dental procedures and manipulating lab cultures.
- **High-exposure Risk Workers:** Those who have a potential for coming in contact with suspected pandemic sources, such as doctors, nurses and hospital staff.
- **Other Workers:** Those who are performing high-risk tasks during a pandemic, such as quarantining people who are ill.