

With the anticipated community spread of COVID-19, Duke Health is continuously monitoring and updating PPE conservation measures. Reuse and extended use as well as using the appropriate PPE are all measures that help ensure we are able to provide the required care with keeping our patients and team members safe. Please note that some supplies may look different and come from different manufacturers.

PPE THAT CAN BE RE-USED

N95 Respirators

- Doff and store in brown bag for reuse the entire shift.
- At the end of the shift, N95 should be placed in a decontamination bin to be reprocessed.
- N95s used for aerosolized procedure should be placed in N95 decontamination bin, and team member should obtain new N95.

PAPR Hoods

- While PAPR is still on, use approved wipe to disinfect the front, top, sides and back of the hood.
- Change gloves and remove PAPR hood. Clean areas that haven't been cleaned and allow to dry.

Face Shields

- Doff the face shield and clean with hospital-approved disinfectant.
- Allow to dry.
- Use face shield for multiple patients, multiple times during shift.
- At end of shift, if able, face shields can be collected for decontamination.



N95 DROP-OFF BINS FOR DECONTAMINATION

- N95s that are not visibly soiled with blood or bodily fluids and are structurally intact should be placed in the N95 Drop-Off bin.
- Staff should refrain from wearing facial oils, moisturizers, shaving balm, aftershave, beard oil, lipstick, foundation, concealer or blush when wearing the N95, as this can cause staining.
- **PLEASE MAKE SURE BIN LIDS ARE ON AT ALL TIMES.**



PPE THAT CAN BE EXTENDED USE

N95 Respirators and Face Shields

- Can be worn for extended time if providing immediate care to multiple COVID-19 PUIs and positive patients.
- Team member should doff shoe covers, gown and gloves after each patient encounter, and don clean shoe covers, gowns and gloves.

PAPR Hoods

- Can be worn for extended use if providing immediate care from patient to patient.
- Doff shoe covers, gown and gloves after each patient encounter, and don clean shoe covers, gowns and gloves.
- Can be stored in labeled bag (such as a patient belonging bag) and stored in designated area.

Surgical Face Masks and Earloop Face Masks

- All team members entering the clinic or hospital are required to wear a face mask at all times to reduce the spread of illness.



Resources:

- [N95s and Face Shields: Instructions for Extended Use and Re-Use](#)
- [Surgical Face Masks and Face Shields: Instructions for Extended Use and Re-Use](#)
- [PAPR Hoods: Instruction for Extended Use, Re-Use and Disinfection](#)

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