

Lifespan Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Reuse Instructions During COVID Pandemic

General Information:

- Refer to the COVID-19 PPE Requirement Color Chart for guidance on appropriate PPE use.
- **Surgical Mask:** wear a Level 2 mask at all times other than when N95 respirator level of respiratory protection indicated.
 - Ensure the mask covers nose and mouth before entering the facility; once on your face, minimize touching the mask; do not pull mask under chin.
 - Obtain a new mask at least daily and as needed if compromised.
 - For direct patient care staff, recommend obtaining a new mask after meal breaks.
- **N95 Respirator:** Use an N95 respirator to enter a patient's room as follows:
 - Modified Contact/Droplet Isolation Precautions (COVID positive or PUI)
 - Airborne Isolation Precautions
 - **Any** patient undergoing an Aerosol-Generating Procedure (AGP)¹ regardless of isolation status
 - Maximum Isolation Precautions (Ebola)

N95 Respirator	Eye Protection
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjust N95 respirator before entering a patient room, check seal for air leaks, then perform hand hygiene. • Cover N95 respirator with a face shield or surgical mask when performing an AGP. If N95 respirator is not covered during AGP, discard after use. • After use of an N95 respirator: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Remove gloves 2. Perform hand hygiene 3. Remove the respirator by straps only 4. Place respirator in a paper bag so it does not become damaged 5. Label paper bag with name & date 6. Perform hand hygiene • Discard N95 respirator if damaged or visibly soiled. <b style="color: red;">Limit use to 3 shifts ensuring a minimum of 5 days between uses* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A face shield, reusable goggles, or Lifespan-supplied eyeglass covers, are acceptable forms of eye protection. • Eyeglasses alone are not acceptable for eye protection. • Eye protection may remain in place and used while caring for multiple patients. • Do not touch eye protection during use. • After use of eye protection: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Perform hand hygiene 2. Don gloves 3. Disinfect the inside and then outside of the shield/goggles 4. Allow to air dry, then place in a labeled paper bag 5. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene • Discard eye protection if damaged or visibly soiled.
Elastomeric (3M) or Envo Reusable Respirator	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respirator belongs to the individual health care worker. See below links for cleaning and storage instructions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Elastomeric (3M) Respirator Cleaning and Storage Instructions ○ Envo Mask Cleaning and Storage Instructions 	

*This is a short-term strategy. Our currently used disposable N95 respirators are no longer being manufactured. In January 2022, we will be fit-testing all employees, as appropriate, utilizing a new model of disposable N95 respirators.