

**Extended use = wearing PPE continuously without doffing between multiple patient interactions with respiratory/droplet isolation (doff for interactions with patients not on isolation)**

**Reuse = doffing PPE and storing in a clean dry place after being cleaned per the guidance below Reuse is for ALL Clinical areas**

For both Extended Use and Reuse, refer to Additional Nursing Practice Update Guidance for PPE use with Hazardous Medications

\*Refer to "Guidance for Use of Personal Protective Equipment PPE for High Risk Aerosol Generating Procedures" on COVID website

## Regular Surgical Masks & Disposable N95 Respirators



Surgical mask with face shield



N-95 respirator with face shield

### Extended Use Guidance

- Clean your hands each time prior to and after touching the mask/respirator
- **Wear a face shield with N95 respirator** during AGP as indicated\*
- Wear eye protection (face shield or goggles) with mask in Droplet Isolation
- When exiting patient room, doff appropriate PPE (gown and gloves) and then clean hands
- Do not doff mask/N95 respirator when exiting a patient room
- Perform hand hygiene and don appropriate PPE as required (gloves/gown) before entering new patient room for a separate patient interaction
- Universal surgical masks: wear at all times in clinical buildings except for eating, drinking.
- OK to wear same universal surgical mask in all patient care unless N95 is required
- Extended Use Surgical Masks and/or N95 Respirators can be reused after being doffed per the reuse guidance

### Reuse Guidance

- Clean your hands each time prior to and after touching the mask/N95 respirator
- **Wear a face shield with N95 respirator** during AGP as indicated\*
- Wear eye protection (face shield or goggles) with mask in Droplet Isolation
- Use your mask/N95 respirator for a full shift, or longer if it does not meet discard guidance
- Do not share your mask/N95 respirator
- When doffing, avoid touching the front of mask/N95 respirator
  - remove using elastic bands, loops or ties
- **Surgical Mask:** When donning for reuse avoid touching the front of the mask; don using elastic bands
- **N95 Respirator:** When donning for reuse, clean hands immediately after touching the front of the N95 respirator for fit check
- Avoid touching the inside of the mask/N95 respirator unless hands are clean
- Between use: store in a clean, dry location that is labeled

### Discard Guidance

Discard the surgical mask or N95 respirator if:

- Contaminated hands have touched inside
- Wet, soiled, or damaged
- Appropriate fit is not maintained\*

OK Use

- Mask/N95 respirator re-use or extended use OK after AGP if face shield is worn.
- OK to keep N95 respirators for multiple shifts\*

**\*(Note: please ensure [fit-check](#) is completed each time N-95 is re-donned)**

## Face Shields, PAPR Shields & Goggles

### Extended Use Guidance

- Use one shield or goggles per health care worker
- Label with name and date
- When exiting patient room doff gown and gloves and then clean hands
- Do not doff the face shield, goggles or PAPR when exiting a patient room
- Perform hand hygiene and don appropriate PPE as required (gloves/gown) before entering new patient room for a separate patient interaction

Extended Use Face Shields, goggles, or PAPR shields can be reused after being doffed per the reuse guidance

### Reuse Guidance

- Clean your hands each time prior to putting on and taking off
- Use one shield or one pair of goggles, per health care worker
- Label with name and date; maintain control of your shield/goggles
- Clean external surfaces of the shield/goggles with hospital approved disinfectant wipe, followed by alcohol wipe to remove any residue if needed
  - PAPR Shield: Clean the external surface of the protective film that covers health care worker's chin
- Store shield/goggle in a clean, dry location when not being used.
  - PAPR shields can be left on PAPR and placed on a clean surface if the PAPR will be used by the same health care worker
- Relabel as needed if label was compromised during cleaning

### Discard Guidance

Discard the face shield, goggles, or PAPR shield if:

- Inside cannot be cleaned
- Damaged in any manner
  - foam batting damaged/soiled
  - face shield cracked/ripped
  - Chin cuff of PAPR shield not snug to skin

**Discard PAPR shields after one shift.**

**Continue to use face shields for multiple shifts until they meet the discard criteria**



PAPR (CAPR) with PAPR shield