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Three Topics will be Addressed in this Presentation

- Federal authorities and COVID-19
- NIOSH activities supporting respirator supply optimization
- Healthcare and related applications standards gaps supporting supply optimization

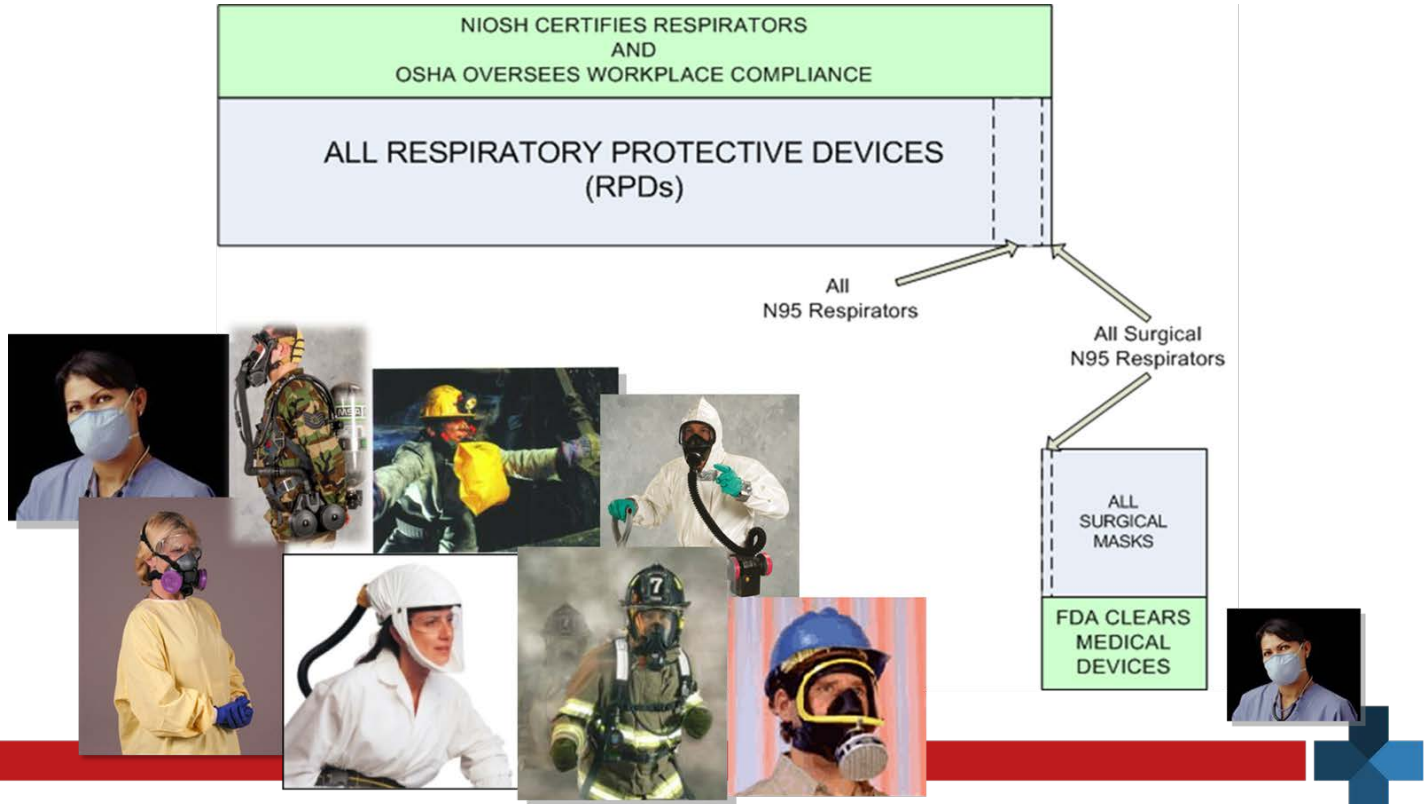
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Three Agencies have Respirator Authorities in U.S. Occupational Settings



FDA has Requirements for Surgical N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators in Healthcare Settings



Photo credit: 3M

- Additional tests that must be performed at a qualified laboratory
 - Fluid penetration
 - Flammability
 - Biocompatibility
 - Cytotoxicity
 - Sensitization
 - Irritation
- Based on a Memorandum of Understanding between FDA and NIOSH, NIOSH is responsible for the conformity assessment of these requirements
 - <https://www.fda.gov/about-fda/domestic-mous/mou-225-18-006>
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/resources/pressrel/letters/conformitymanuf/CA-2018-1010-R1.html>



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COVID-19 Has Led to an Increased Use of NIOSH-Approved Air Purifying Respirators in Healthcare



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Filtering facepiece respirators



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Elastomeric respirators



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Powered air purifying respirators (PAPRs)



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CDC Authorized the Use of Respirators Conforming to Other International Standards as a Crisis Capacity Measure

- **NIOSH evaluated imported products**
 - >380 Reports Posted
- **Substandard products**
 - ~60% of international respirators provide below 95% filtration efficiency
- **Counterfeit/Mis-Use of NIOSH Approval**
 - Compare submitted records with approved application
- **Potential Standards Need**
 - Should there be a standard for evaluating international products?
 - NIOSH evaluates these products to an abbreviated NIOSH standard test procedure

Country	Performance Standard	Acceptable Product Classification	May Be Used in Lieu of NIOSH-Certified Products Classified as
Australia	AS/NZS 1716:2012	P2	N95
		P3	N99 or lower
Brazil	ABNT/NBR 13698:2011	PFF2	N95
		PFF3	N99 or lower
People's Republic of China	GB 2626-2006 GB 2626-2019 GB19083-2010	KN/KP95	N95
		KN/KP100	N95
Europe	EN 149-2001	P2	N95
		P3	N99 or lower
Japan	JMH LW-2000	DS/DL2	N95
		DS/DL3	N99 or lower
Korea	KMOEL-2017-64	Special 1st	N95
		N95	N95
		R95	R95 or lower
		P95	P95 or lower
Mexico	NOM-116-2009	N99	N99 or lower
		R99	R99 or lower
		P99	P99 or lower
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		R100	R100 or lower
		P100	P100 or lower

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/international-respirator-purchase.html>

Respirators with Exhalation Valves Protect the Worker, but the Level of Source Control Provided is Unclear

- In the absence of data, CDC posted guidance regarding exhalation valves
 - Wear a respirator without an exhalation valve when both source control and respiratory protection are required
 - If only a respirator with an exhalation valve is available and source control is needed, cover the exhalation valve with a surgical mask, procedure mask, or a cloth face covering that does not interfere with the respirator fit
- Science-based standards are needed to improve guidance
 - Some elastomeric respirators have a diverter exhalation valve cover
 - More research is needed to evaluate what is coming out of the exhalation valve
 - NIOSH is currently conducting several studies to quantify this to provide additional guidance

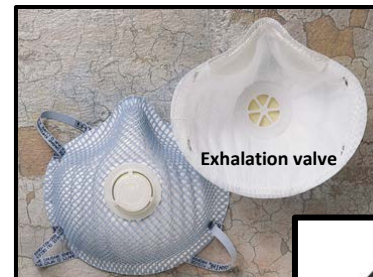


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<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/elastomeric-respirators-strategy/index.html>

CDC Provides Elastomeric Disinfection Guidance for Crisis Capacity Scenarios

- **Routine operations**
 - Disinfection is not part of the NIOSH approval, NIOSH points to the manufacturers' instructions
 - OSHA permits employers to use the cleaning recommendations provided by the respirator manufacturer
 - Bessessen protocol used by several facilities
- **Crisis capacity guidelines**
 - CDC and NIOSH provide guidelines for disinfection, including the Bessessen protocol
 - Enclosed filter cartridges recommended
 - EPA authorized disinfectants are identified
- **Science-based standards are needed for routine operations**
 - Lawrence et al. found that PAPRs could be cleaned up to 150 times without significant degradation or performance and functionality
 - Integrity of filter media should not degrade
 - Ancillary components should not degrade
 - Off-gassing should not be an issue in the facepiece?

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/elastomeric-respirators-strategy/index.html>



Example of filter enclosed in a cartridge

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Example of "pancake" filter

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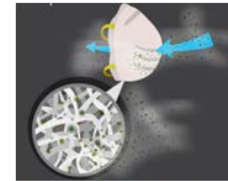
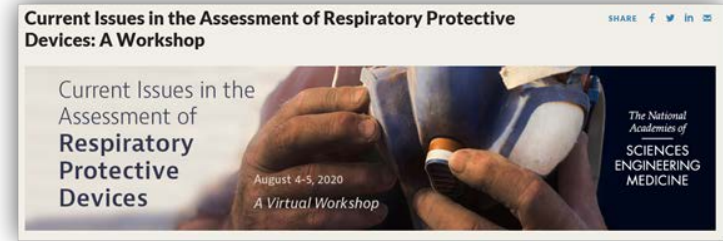
NIOSH is Involved in Several Initiatives to Address Gaps in Non-Occupational Respiratory Protection and Source Control

- **National Academy of Medicine workshop (August 2020)**

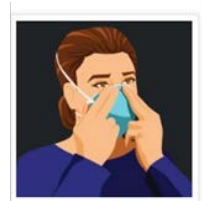
- Discussed non-occupational respirator use and initiated follow-on comprehensive consensus study
- Need for a conformity assessment approach for a consistent way to evaluate respiratory protective devices for protection and source control for the general public

- **American Society of Testing & Materials Standard: “Specification for Barrier Face Coverings”**

- Barrier Face Coverings are disposable or reusable protective devices for general public use that are neither a respirator nor a surgical mask
- Standard will provide a consistent way to benchmark products to inform user selection decisions and will define performance requirements for source control and protective capability
- NIOSH studies will validate the minimum performance requirements



Particulate filtration efficiency



Fit



Comfort

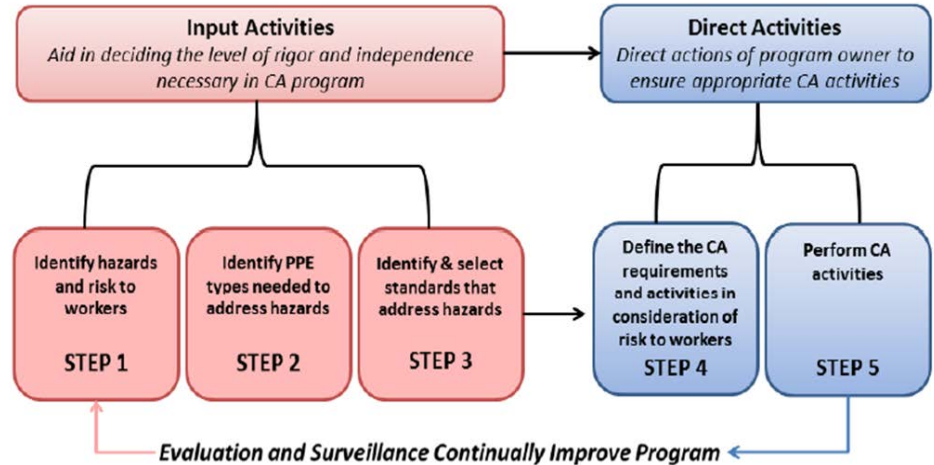


Reuse

The COVID-19 Response has Revealed Several Standards and Conformity Assessment Gaps

Potential standards to optimize increase supply

- FFR exhalation valves
- Elastomeric exhalation valves
- Elastomeric disinfection
- PAPR disinfection



NIOSH Conformity Assessment Framework, NIOSH Pub. 2018-102



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FDA's Regulation of Respirators

- The FDA, NIOSH, and OSHA collaborate to assure safe use of respirators by healthcare personnel
 - FDA's oversight of respirators for use in healthcare spans the total product lifecycle from premarket review, postmarket surveillance, and compliance
- The FDA has authorized the emergency use of certain respirators and decontamination systems. FDA also has issued guidance on enforcement policies. Together these approaches help facilitate access to critical, quality medical supplies.
- **Decontamination systems and decontaminated respirators require an EUA and are not covered by enforcement policies**

FDA's Emergency Use Authorization (EUA)

- EUA authority allows the FDA to help strengthen the nation's public health protections by facilitating the availability and use of critical medical products during public health emergencies when certain criteria are met.
- Criteria for issuance
 - Serious or Life-Threatening Condition
 - Evidence of Effectiveness (“May be Effective”) in diagnosing, treating, or preventing the serious or life-threatening disease or condition
 - Risk-Benefit Analysis
 - No Adequate, Approved, Available Alternatives (includes if there are insufficient supplies)

[Emergency Use Authorization of Medical Products and Related Authorities](#)

Face Masks and Respirators Guidance

Enforcement Policy for Face Masks and Respirators During the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency

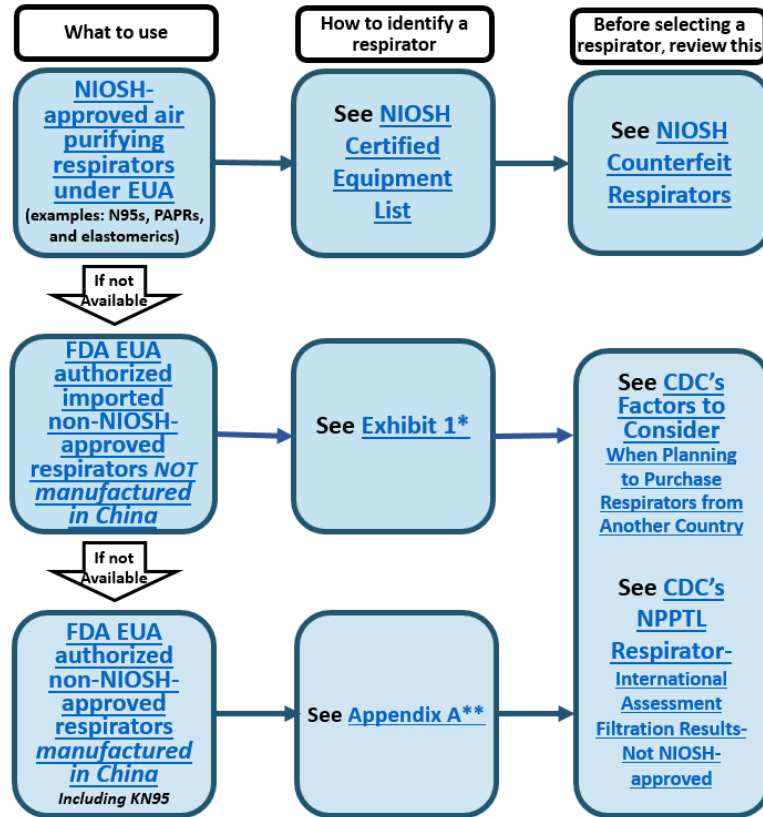
- Provide regulatory flexibility while assuring products are appropriate for their use
- Enforcement discretion as to certain FDA requirements
- Policy in effect for the duration of the public health emergency
- Policy applies to respirators not intended for a medical purpose
- States that **FDA clearance or EUA authorization** is necessary for respirators to be marketed in the U.S. for healthcare personnel use

Considerations for selecting respirators for your healthcare facility

*Exhibit 1 refers to FDA EUA Authorized Imported, Non-NIOSH Disposable Filtering Facepiece Respirators

**Appendix A refers to FDA EUA Authorized Imported, Non-NIOSH Approved Respirators Manufactured in China

Available at:
<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/coronavirus-covid-19-and-medical-devices/considerations-selecting-respirators-your-health-care-facility>



FDA's Actions

- FDA continues to identify and implement agile regulatory approaches to expand access to respirators by health care professionals
- As the pandemic continues, FDA's policy is refined to facilitate development and availability of essential devices
- FDA is engaging with public health and industry stakeholders to monitor respirator supply and demand and communicate current status of supply and mitigation actions undertaken to facilitate access
- FDA.gov website has educational resources for all stakeholders: medical device industry, health professionals, and the general public, covering Emergency Use Authorizations, Guidance, and Frequently Asked Questions

FDA Resources

- [CDRH N95 Respirators, Surgical Masks and Face Masks](#)
- [Enforcement Policy for Face Masks and Respirators During the Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\) Public Health Emergency](#)
- [Personal Protective Equipment EUAs](#)
- [PPE Decontamination System EUAs](#)
- [Umbrella EUA for Surgical Masks \(Authorized Surgical Masks\)](#)
- [FDA EUA Authorized Imported, Non-NIOSH Disposable Filtering Facepiece Respirators \(Authorized Imported Non-NIOSH-Approved FFRs\)](#)
- [FDA EUA Authorized Imported, Non-NIOSH Approved Respirators Manufactured in China](#)



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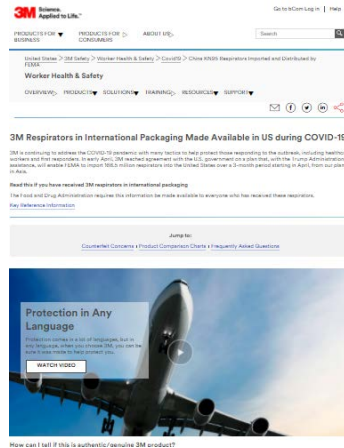
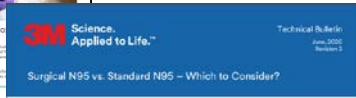
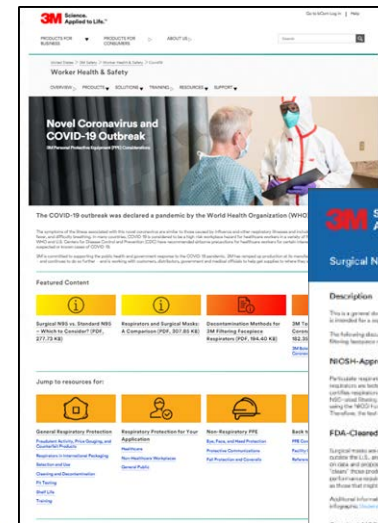
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3M's COVID Response

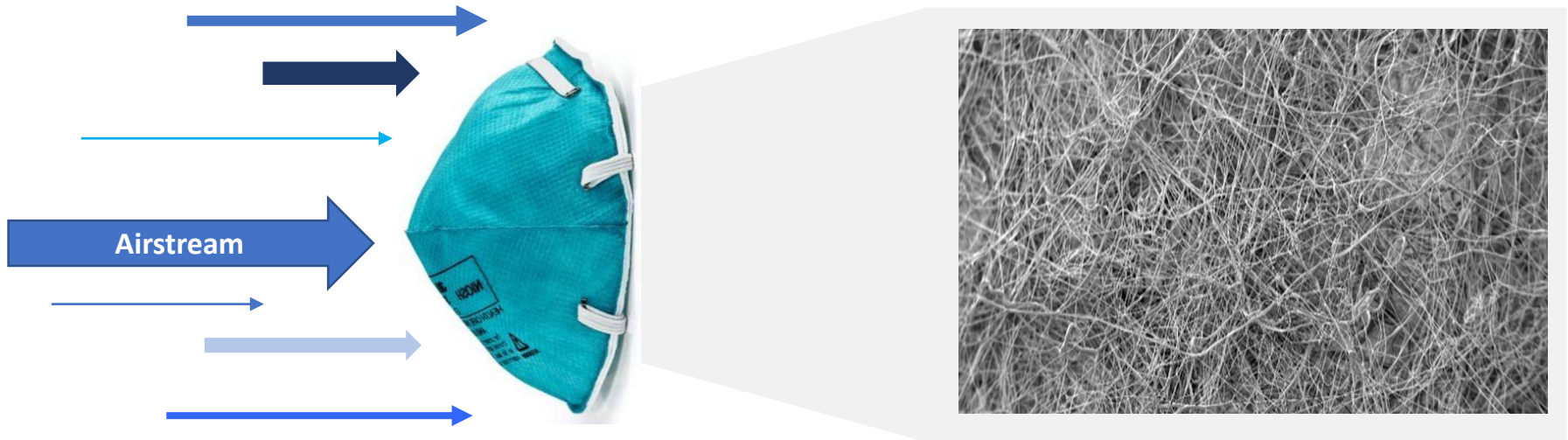
- Increasing capacity
- Providing technical information
- Highlighting government guidance
- Conducting research
- Supporting FEMA imports
- Media response



Respiratory Protection.

How N95s work

- FFRs contain many layers of crisscrossing, non-woven, fibrous filter material that capture particles
- As the airstream flows through the layers of filter media, particles are trapped/captured, by several mechanisms:
 - Very large particles in the airstream will settle out due to gravity
 - Other particles may impact a fiber and be captured
 - Very small particles are captured by diffusion



Masks and Respirators.

Options

Procedure Mask

- Disposable, simple mask used to cover nose and mouth



Surgical Mask

- Disposable, mask used to cover nose and mouth
- Provides a fluid barrier



Filtering Facepiece Respirators (FFRs), such as N95

- Disposable, respirator used to cover nose and mouth
- Provides fluid barrier (surgical N95's)



Elastomeric Respirator

- Reusable respirator
- Half & full facepiece offerings
- Multi-piece: facepiece and disposable filters



Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR)

- Reusable respirator
- Multiple face/head cover offerings
- Multi-piece: head cover, tube, battery pack and belt



Masks and Respirators.

Differences

Procedure Mask

Surgical Mask

Filtering Facepiece Respirators (FFRs) (e.g.: N95)

Reusable Elastomeric Respirator

Powered Air Purifying Respirator (PAPR)

Fitment	Loose	Loose	Tight	Tight	Loose
Recommended* as source control, to help capture spit or mucous expelled by the wearer	●	●	● Guidance for valves (link)	● Guidance for valves (link)	
FDA cleared for use in surgery		●	● Surgical N95s only (link)		
Provides fluid barrier (link)		●	● Surgical N95s only	★ Not FDA cleared	★ Not FDA cleared
Reduces wearer's exposure to airborne particulate hazards			●	●	●
At least 95% filtration efficiency against particulates			●	●	●
Some components can be cleaned/disinfected and reused				●	●



*Recommended by [CDC](#) and/or [FDA](#) as source control in healthcare setting.

FFRs are subject to various regulatory standards around the world. Some are considered [very similar to N95](#).

Country & Governing Body	Respirator Type
United States, NIOSH-42CFR84	N95
Europe, EN 149-2001	FFP2
China, GB2626-2006	KN95
Australia/New Zealand, AS/NZA 1716:2012	P2
Korea, KMOEL - 2017-64	Korea 1 st class
Japan, JMHLW-Notification 214, 2018	DS

- [OSHA](#) says respirators meeting certain other countries' standards may be used in place of N95s when respirators are in short supply during COVID-19 Public Health Emergency.
- CDC calls this practice a [Crisis Capacity Strategy](#).

Contingency capacity strategies

During expected shortages (CDC)

Crisis capacity strategies

During known shortages (CDC)

Contingency and crisis strategies include:

- use of N95s past their shelf life
 - extended use of N95s
 - use of other types of respirators
 - use of respirators from other countries
 - re-use of respirators
- ...BEFORE decontamination of respirators

Even after decontamination, these FFRs should be handled carefully



Wash hands before and after touching or adjusting the FFR



Avoid touching the inside of the FFR



Use a pair of clean (non-sterile) gloves when donning and performing a user seal check



Visually inspect the FFR to determine if its integrity has been compromised



If integrity is compromised, or if can't perform successful user seal check, discard the FFR and try another FFR

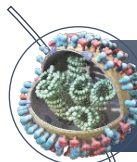


Perform a user seal check immediately after donning each FFR, if unsuccessful, don't use that FFR

Decon Compatibility.

Evaluation of compatibility with 3M N95s

Four key aspects of successful decontamination of N95s



Efficacy

- Must inactivate target organism



Safety

- Must be safe for person wearing respirator



Filtration

- Must not damage respirator's filtration



Fit

- Must not negatively affect respirator's ability to seal to the wear's face

Developer of proposed decontamination method and EPA confirm germicidal efficacy of method

If filtration is damaged or the respirator does not fit, it will not help reduce exposure to airborne particles at the level indicated

- Per OSHA, and the FDA, decontamination of FFRs is only permissible for **healthcare** workplaces.
- <https://multimedia.3m.com/mws/media/18248690/decontamination-methods-for-3m-n95-respirators-technical-bulletin.pdf>
- 3M does not recommend decontaminating FFRs.
- Decontamination does not extend life of FFRs.

Decontamination of 3M Filtering Facepiece Respirators, such as N95 Respirators, in the United States - Considerations

Introduction

NOTE: Please revisit this document often for frequent updates.

The purpose of this document is to communicate information related to the impact of decontamination methods on certain 3M filtering facepiece respirator (FFR) models – the purpose is **not** to recommend the practice of decontamination or to comment on the efficacy of the decontamination method on the virus that causes COVID-19 or the safety of the decontamination methods for FFR wearers.

During this COVID-19 pandemic, several governmental agencies have recommended that decontamination may be part of a reuse approach to optimize the use of available FFRs. 3M cannot recommend decontamination of FFRs, because FFRs are not designed to be decontaminated, and doing so voids the regulatory approval (see details in the Background section). However, since certain decontamination methods have been recommended by United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), US Occupational Health and Safety Administration (OSHA), and US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), 3M has evaluated the impact of select decontamination methods on certain 3M FFR models, and is publishing this information to help customers who choose to implement decontamination to do so in such a way that they are unlikely to damage FFRs, as such damage may result in the FFRs not providing the indicated level of exposure reduction, such as N95.

Background

During this public health emergency of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, many healthcare institutions are experiencing shortages of FFRs such as N95 respirators.

The CDC has issued [Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators](#). In this document the CDC recommends conventional capacity strategies, contingency capacity strategies (during expected shortages) and crisis strategies (during known shortages). Contingency and crisis strategies include use of N95s past their shelf life, extended use of N95s, use of other types of respirators, use of respirators from other countries, and re-use of respirators, ahead of decontamination of respirators.

The CDC discusses reuse and extended use of N95s as a crisis strategy at [Recommended Guidance for Extended Use and Limited Reuse of N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators in Healthcare Settings](#) and has published guidelines on [Decontamination and Reuse of Filtering Facepiece Respirators](#). CDC is recommending a wait and reuse approach before consideration of other decontamination approaches.

Key excerpt from CDC guidelines: **"One strategy to reduce the risk of contact transfer of pathogens from the FFR to the wearer during FFR reuse is to issue five N95 FFRs to each healthcare staff member who care for patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19. The healthcare staff member can wear one N95 FFR each day and store it in a breathable paper bag at the end of each shift with a minimum of five days between each N95 FFR use, rotating the use each day between N95 FFRs. This will provide some time for pathogens on it to "die off" during storage."**

Summary

- N95 respirators help reduce airborne exposures to particles
- Elastomeric reusable respirators and Powered Air Purifying Respirators are options
- OSHA, CDC/NIOSH and FDA offer guidance for selection and use
- As CDC contingency and crisis strategies are implemented for respiratory protection, it is important to consult all applicable government guidance as well as the manufacturer for model-specific information.

N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation (UVGI) Process for Decontamination and Reuse

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Warnings

➤ Last Resort—first apply Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators: Crisis/Alternate Strategies

➤ Voids the NIOSH approval

➤ Decontamination technologies should be used cautiously

- UVGI, vaporized hydrogen peroxide, warm moist heat, etc.

➤ Should only be done by the organization and trained professionals

➤ This was the result of multiple tests, a review of the scientific literature, and incorporation of current institutional practice

No one likes that we have to do this

➔ CDC Crisis/Alternate Strategies

Personal Protective Equipment and Respiratory Protection

HCP use of non-NIOSH approved masks or homemade masks

In settings where N95 respirators are so limited that routinely practiced standards of care for wearing N95 respirators and equivalent or higher level of protection respirators are no longer possible, and surgical masks are not available, as a last resort, it may be necessary for HCP to use masks that have never been evaluated or approved by NIOSH or homemade masks. It may be considered to use these masks for care of patients with COVID-19, tuberculosis, measles, and varicella. However, caution should be exercised when considering this option.^{1,2}

Number of methods previously evaluated

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

- Optimizing Respirator Decontamination to Ensure Supplies for Emergency Preparedness
- Assessed UGVI on 15 FFR models
 - <http://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-regulatory-science/optimizing-respirator-decontamination-ensure-supplies-emergency-preparedness>
- Assessing VHP on FFRs for up to 50 disinfection cycles
 - <https://www.fda.gov/emergency-preparedness-and-response/mcm-regulatory-science/investigating-decontamination-and-reuse-respirators-public-health-emergencies>

National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), CDC

- Reusability of Filtering Facepiece Respirators
 - <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/flu/respiratory.html>

Trust

➤ Discussion with HCW

- Initial
- Process Design
- Process Evaluation
- Operationalization
- Feed Back

➤ Communication

- Strategy

➤ Safety

- Those Processing
- Those Using

N95 Respirator Decontamination and Re-Use Process



Key Points:

- All N95 Respirators **MUST** be labeled with your first initial, last name, date of first use and department location (**this is important to ensure return of your mask**)
- Please limit the daily donning of new respirators as much as possible (extended use, per policy, is strongly encouraged)
- All Used N95 Respirators are to be discarded in your **brown** "dirty" paper bag
- Respirators sent for decontamination will be returned to you in a new **white** "clean" paper bag stapled at the top
 - It will include a new **brown** bag to be used as your "dirty" discard bag. Tally marks will be added to the respirator **by decontamination staff** each time the mask undergoes the decontamination process. Ensure your name and return location are on supplied brown bag
- All decontaminated N95 Respirators will be kept in the **white** "clean" paper bag
- Note the location of your department/unit/site "dirty drop off" and "clean pick up" stations
- Each health care professional is responsible for ensuring the proper fit and integrity of each respirator upon re-use

Note to Float Staff:
You can choose to note your return location as your last worked unit/department/site
OR
You can designate your return location as "Float" in which case you can retrieve your clean white bag from the Decon. Unit's holding area on 7th floor UT (old Adult Crisis Unit)

More detailed information, including a detailed training document, can be found on the link below or by scanning this QR code with your phone:
<https://www.nebraskamed.com/covid>



N95 Respirator UVGI Process for Decontamination and Reuse



Why we use UVGI – Possibility and Familiarity

Effects of Ultraviolet Germicidal Irradiation (UVGI) on N95 Respirator Filtration Performance and Structural Integrity

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N95 Respirator UVGI Process for Decontamination and Reuse

Process Map

Principles

Clear

Step by Step

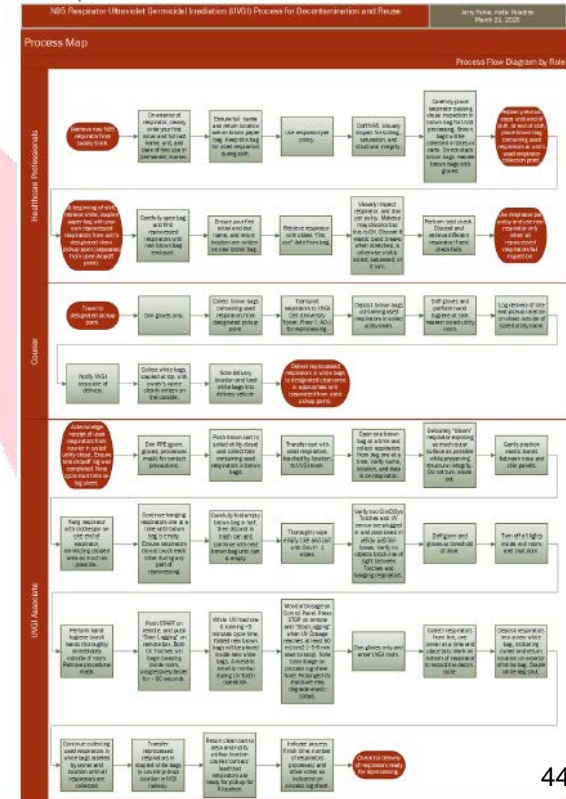
Flow from each use through reprocessing through reuse

Everyone knows their role

Refresher training on Donning and Doffing

Principles

Process Map



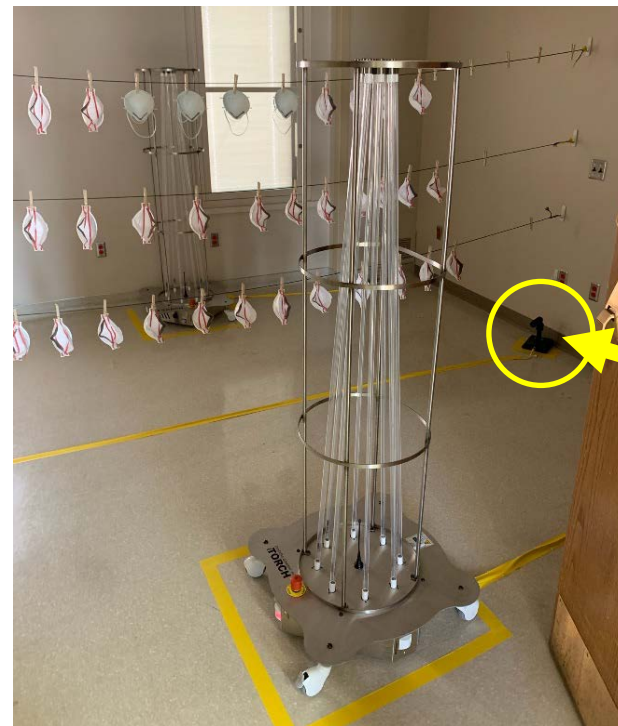
Optimizing Process

▶ Trial and error

- Placement
- Exposure times

▶ Surface decontamination process not entire FFR

▶ UVGI is measured by room UV meter



UV
Meter

Process Confirmation

Organism Kill

- Used BSL2 bacterial and viral surrogates seeded on FFR surface to refine dosage in room
- *Staphylococcus aureus*
- Chikungunya virus
- 10 FFR at each UVGI exposure route
- 10^6 organism kill at each round



FFR Fit

- Ran 5 FFR through qualitative fit tests to assure maintained filtration efficiency and fit
- Didn't use quantitative as it would destroy FFR
- Don't know how many UVGI cycles the mask can take.
- Others indicate in unpublished data — filter loading from spittle

Extended Use

Wearing the same N95 for extended periods

- Good condition
- Not soiled
- Free from defects or damage
- **MUST** be capable of forming a seal to the wearer's face



N95 Reuse

Reuse N95s

Store between use

Same person, several times, one day only

Limited reuse – restrict the amount of reuse

When reusing – must be functional, not soiled, free from defects and the wearer must obtain a successful seal check



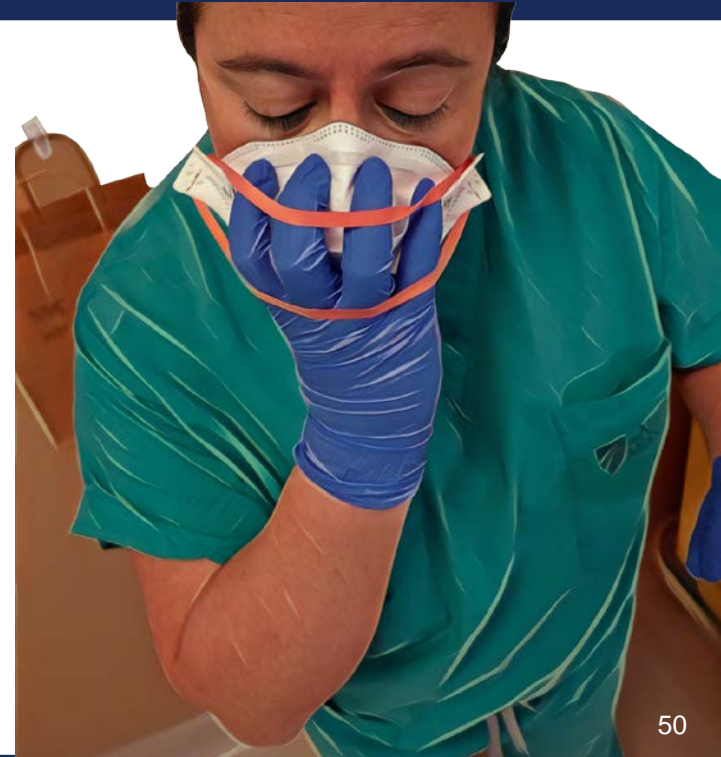
N95 Reuse

- **Discard after aerosolizing procedures**
- **Discard if grossly contaminated with blood or other bodily fluids**
- **Discard if used for a patient co-infected with another respiratory infection**
- **Protect the N95 with a face shield or procedure mask**



N95 Reuse

- Store used N95s in a clean breathable container
- Hand hygiene





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Testing for the State of Minnesota

Type of Respirator	Total Number tested	Total # Passed Fit factor > 100	Total # Failed
N-95/N99	39	8/20%	31/80%

- TSI Portacount fit test – One subject – fit factor of 100 through standard fit protocol
- N-95s vary widely in quality

Reuse of Respirators Fitted Using a TSI Portacount - Aluminum tape



Respirator Decontamination

Rx

- 5 x 5 rule
- 5 days (7days) for 5 times
- Store in paper bag with desiccant. Include name and dates used.



Portable UVC Decontamination Device



UVC UVGI Meter with 254 nm Wavelength



Measuring UVC Light Dose

Condition	Rate mJ/cm ² /minute	Time to 216 mJ/cm ²
1 Sensor pointed at UVC light – Cabinet with vertical orientation	156	1.4 minutes
2 Inside respirator, The UVC light was underneath. The sensor was pointed at the ceiling – Worse case exposure. Cabinet in horizontal orientation	39.6	5.5 minutes

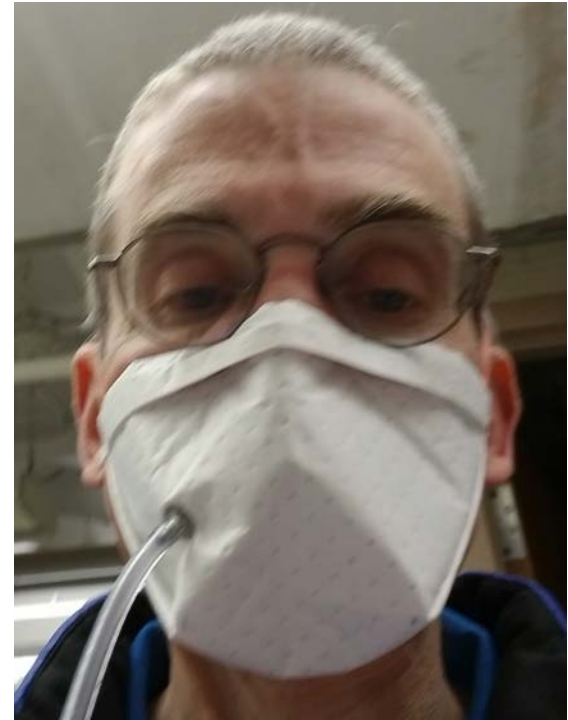
Repurpose Eye Glass Decontamination Cabinet



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M3 Mask – Origami Mask

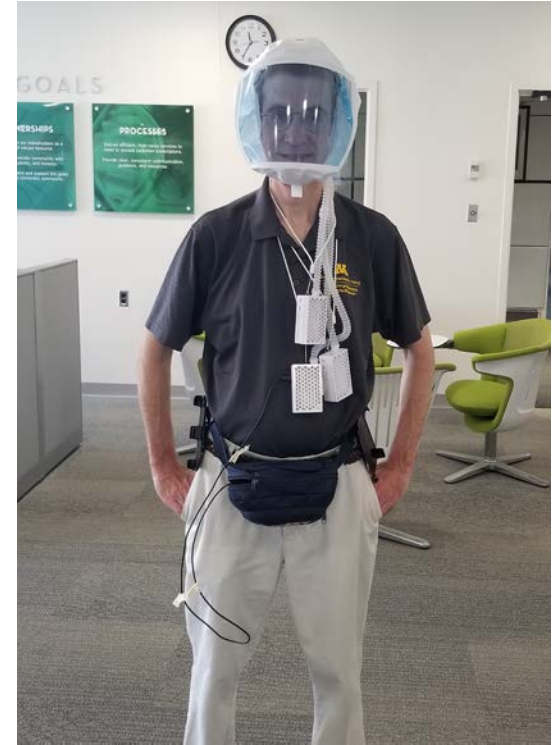
- Available in kits of over 100 masks. Self assemble with bands and staples.
- Cummings filter material
- Fit factor depends on assembly
- Generally performs as well or better than KN-95 respirator
- Decontaminate by heating at 75C in oven for 30 minutes



Nano PAPR Research



- Several manufacturers make battery powered filter units to supply filtered air to a respirator or a hood
- Currently problems with QC some filter very well others average
- It makes wearing a respirator more comfortable



Hole Punch for Nano PAPER

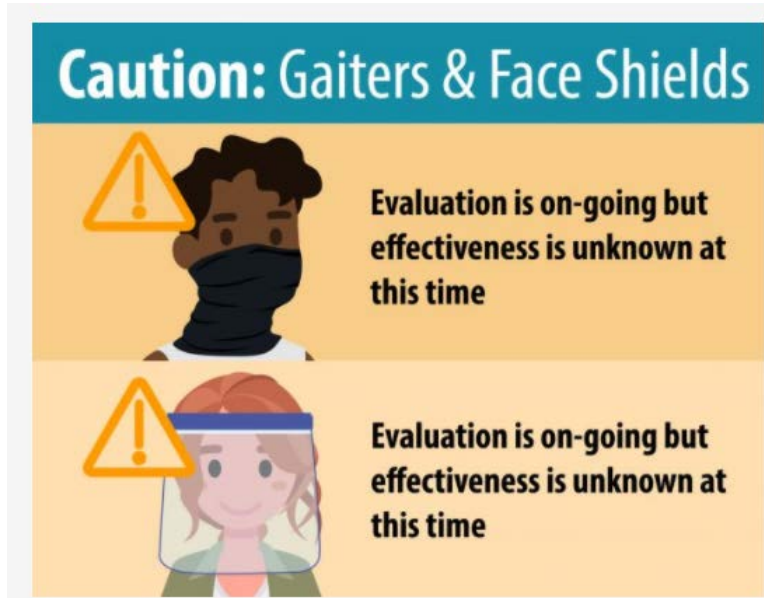


Options for Testing Cloth Face Covering

1. Portacount – real time fit factor test
2. Portacount – inject highly filtered air inside covering and determine how well the face covering holds the reduced particle count
3. Tissue/candle test



Face Shields and Gaiters (Tissue Test)



https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM36401

Tissue Test for Cloth Face Covering – Layers and Type of Fabric Matter



Tissue Test for Cloth Face Covering – Layers and Type of Fabric Matter – Type is Less Important





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COVID-19: Acquiring, Distributing, & Managing Use of PPE

- Kaiser Permanente overview
- National Command Center & COVID-19 response
- Implementation & innovation

The Nation's Largest Integrated Health System

23,371
physicians
deliver high-
quality care



12.4 M
members
served in 8 markets



\$84.5B
revenue



217K +
employees
improve health for
people and communities



39
hospitals



715
medical
offices

63,306
nurses
are at the center
of our care



Responding to COVID-19

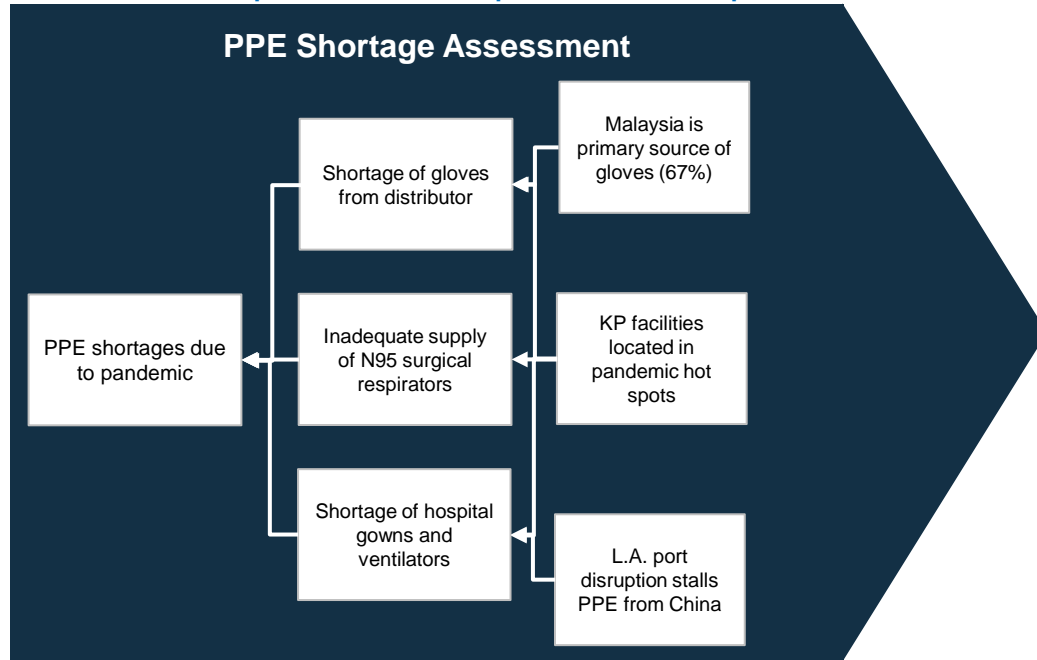
- Activated national incident command structure
- Established COVID-19 Executive group with physician and organizational leaders, and convened expert groups
- Created tracking system and published daily tracker of cases, bed use, supplies, regulatory issues

Responding to COVID-19 *(cont.)*

- Instituted scenario planning for potential surge
- Forecast and planned for needs for space, staff, and stuff
- Reduced non-COVID-19 demand
- Disseminated policies

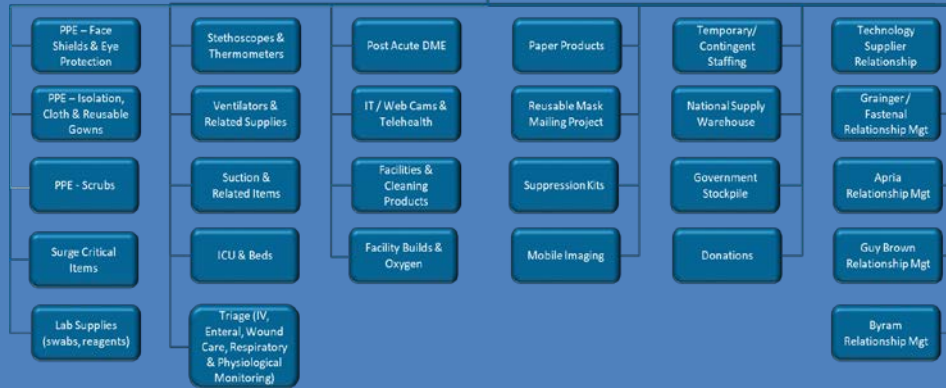
Pursuing Additional Supplies

Global supply chains are fragile and no longer capable of responding to increasing numbers of unplanned disruptions in complex environments



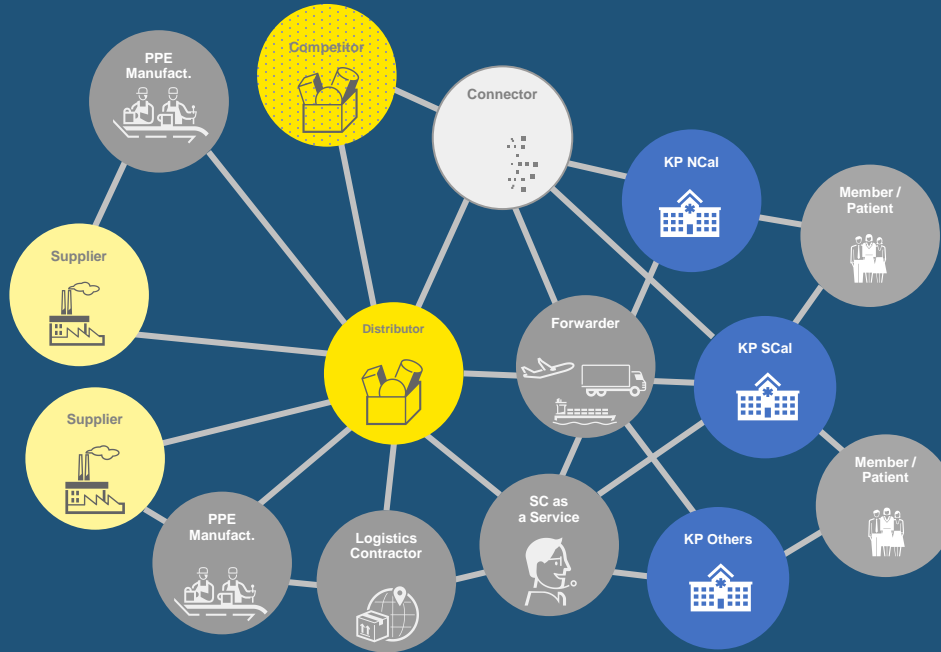
Sourcing Considerations

Buy To Pay Command Center



NIOSH	Authenticity/Certification
FDA/CDC/OSHA	Trade Barriers
Clinical Acceptance	Delivery Date

Supply Channel Considerations



Facing Constraints

- Partnered with infectious disease chiefs on clinical acceptability; partnered with Labor on implementation
- Asserted systemwide supply control, including security, redistribution
- Modified use guidelines including mask policies, extended use, reprocessing
- Developed communications and job tools

- Daily Supply Update
- Rolling 12-week Current Inventory and Resupply Tracker
- Ventilator/Disposables Surge Modeler
- Supply Inventory, Days Inventory on Hand and Consumption Trends
- Re-Entry Supply Impact of OR and Non-OR Procedures

Factors Guiding Resumption of Standard Use

Supply Chain Security

- Supply Chain Resiliency Measures
- PPE Contracts Based on Product Access
- Reserve Warehouse

Adequate Supply on Hand

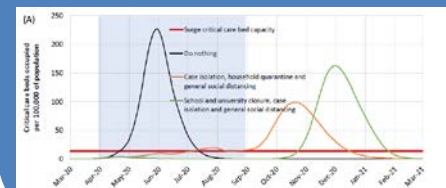
- Conservation

Reuse
Reprocessing
Extended Use

- EUA
- Testing Protocols
- COVID/PUI Procedures

Forecast Demand

- Mini-surges
- COVID-19 plus Flu Surge
- 90-day Reserve at 40% Attack Rate



Adoption of critical indicators - ability to act if change in demand, use, supply

Question & Answer



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ADDITIONAL SLIDES

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Process Map: Healthcare Professionals

Healthcare Professionals

Retrieve new N95 respirator from supply stock.

On exterior of respirator, clearly write your first initial and full last name, unit, and date of first use in permanent marker.

Ensure full name and return location are on brown paper bag. Keep this bag for used respirators during shift.

Use respirator per policy.

Doff N95. Visually inspect for soiling, saturation, and structural integrity.

Carefully place respirator passing visual inspection in brown bag for UVGI processing. Brown bags will be collected in totes or carts. Do not stack brown bags. Handle brown bags with gloves.

Repeat previous steps until end of shift. At end of shift, place brown bag containing used respirators at unit's used respirator collection point.

At beginning of shift, retrieve white, stapled paper bag with your own reprocessed respirators from unit's designated clean pickup point (separated from used drop-off point).

Carefully open bag and find reprocessed respirators with new brown bag enclosed.

Ensure your first initial and last name, and return location are written on new brown bag.

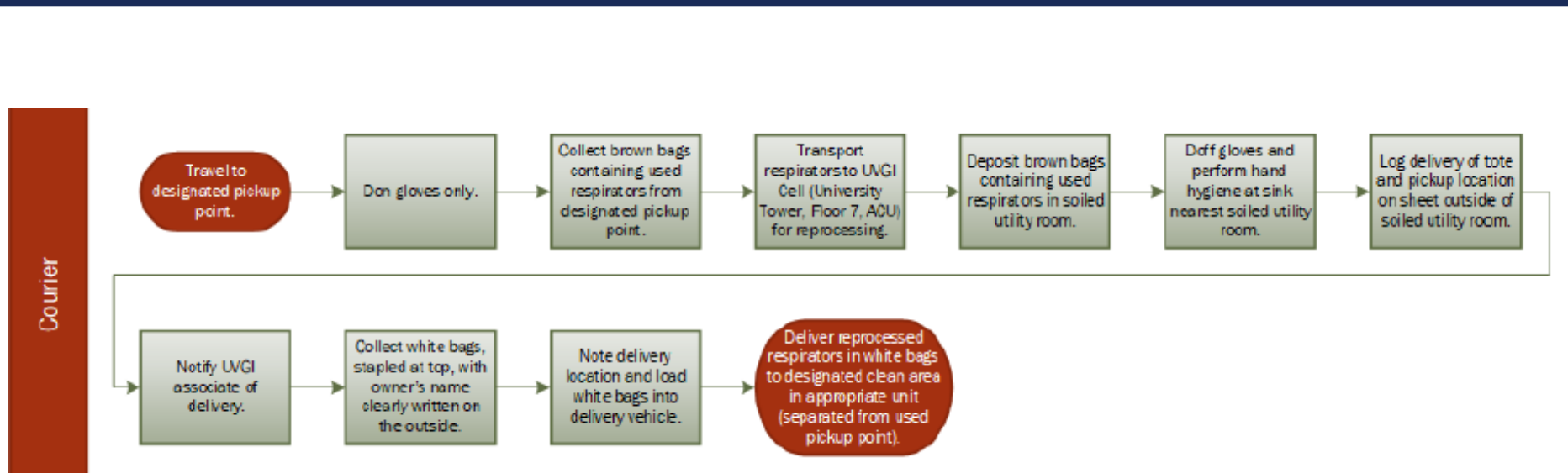
Retrieve respirator with oldest "first use" date from bag.

Visually inspect respirator, and don per policy. Makeup may discolor but this is OK. Discard if elastic band breaks when stretched, is otherwise visibly soiled, saturated, or if torn.

Perform seal check. Discard and retrieve different respirator if seal check fails.

Use respirator per policy and use new respirator only when all reprocessed respirators fail inspection.

Process Map: Courier



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Process Map: UVGI Associate

UVGI Associate

