

Conserve PPE During COVID-19

		N95 masks	PAPR/CAPR hoods	Surgical masks	Facility-designed masks	Bandana or homemade masks	Gowns
Conserving PPE?	Device options.	• Fit-tested.	• Commercial made.	• Commercial made.	• Do not use at this time.	• Do not use at this time.	• Commercial made.
	How long to use it.	• 8 hours. • Stop when it looks dirty. • See when to throw away masks below*.	• Stop when broken. • Share between healthcare workers.	• Stop when it looks dirty or damaged.	• Does not apply.	• Does not apply.	• Reuse on same patient by same healthcare worker. • Stop when it looks dirty.
Extremely low PPE?	Device options.	• Fit tested. • Non-fit tested. • Industrial.	• Non-commercial made.	• Commercial made.	• Facility-designed masks not approved by NIOSH.	• Bandana. • Homemade. • Not facility-designed.	• Commercial made. • Homemade. • Ponchos and patient gowns.
	How long to use it.	• Stop when mask no longer seals.	• Stop when broken.	• Disinfect and reuse.	• Disinfect and reuse if possible.	• Disinfect and reuse.	• Use for more than 1 patient. • Stop when it looks dirty.

***Throw away N95 masks after:**

- Procedure with aerosols.
- It gets blood or other bodily fluids from patients.
- Close contact with or exit from a care area of someone with COVID-19.

Reduce PPE use if possible.

- Limit face-to-face interactions.
 - o Provide care virtually.
 - o Assign 1 worker for each patient.
 - o Assign specific staff to work with COVID-19 patients.
- Keep unnecessary staff out of rooms with confirmed COVID-19 patients.

Conserve PPE.

- Only use N95 masks for confirmed or suspected COVID-19 patients or procedures with aerosols.
- Use protection like respirators with correct filters or cartridges and PAPRs instead of N95 masks.
- Use PPE you can disinfect and reuse like goggles, reusable face shields and cloth gowns.