

11. Perform hand hygiene.
 12. Face mask may be decontaminated as described below.
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Cleaning Instructions

The following instructions are based on the instruction of OSHA. Please consult EH&S officers or the Infection Control Center of your hospital to achieve a consensus of appropriate cleaning SOPs.

1. Perform hand hygiene.
2. Put on a gown, gloves, and a protective face mask.
3. Use alcohol-based wipe or hydrogen peroxide wipe to remove gross contamination from the surface of the face mask and filter. Gently disconnect the filter from the face mask (if used). **DISPOSE THE WIPE AS BIOHAZARDOUS WASTE.**
4. Dispose of the filter if it is intended for one-time usage, or put it into the dedicated area if the filter is designed for disinfection and reuse.
5. Wash face mask and adapter thoroughly in warm water with soap or a mild detergent.
6. Rinse the face mask and adapter thoroughly in clean, warm, running water. Drain.
7. Prepare a 1000ppm sodium hypochlorite solution: add 5 tablespoons of laundry bleach to 1 gallon of warm water. Prepare enough solution to fully immerse the face mask.
8. Immerse the face mask and adapter in a hypochlorite solution (1000 ppm of chlorine) for 2 minutes, invert the face mask and agitate several times. Inverting/agitating the face mask will ensure all internal/external surfaces are decontaminated.
9. Alternative, and equally effective, methods of decontamination include immersion/inversion in 60% ethanol or 91% isopropyl alcohol or 3% hydrogen peroxide, autoclave steam processing (250F, 15 PSI, 20 min) or Vaprox 25% aqueous hydrogen peroxide vapor processing.
10. After decontamination, wearing fresh gloves, rinse the face mask and adapter thoroughly in clean, warm, running water. The face mask and adapter must be thoroughly rinsed with water to remove any detergents or disinfectants that may result in dermatitis or damage of the face mask components.
11. Dry the face mask and adapter with a clean lint-free cloth or allow to air dry.
12. Reassemble the face mask and store in a clean space.

Notes:

- The PFM is intended for use for only minimal or low-barrier protection of face and does not cover ears. The use of this face mask is to be in accordance with the user's specific facility policy.
- The PFM does not cover ears, top of head, or back of head. These areas can be protected by wearing in conjunction with other PPE such as bouffant caps or head-covering hoods.