

# Respirator Conservation: How to Safely Reuse and Store

UMHS is actively working to conserve supplies of N95 and PAPR respirators to ensure our staff have sufficient supplies to care for influenza and any COVID-19 patient care.

N95 respirators should not be reused when caring for a COVID-19 patients.

Please follow the recommendations below for how to safely conserve these supplies.

(see PAPR Unit, Hood & Tubing Cleaning Protocol for cleaning guidelines)

Recommendation	Isolation Type							
	Droplet Precautions				Respiratory Isolation		Special Pathogens	
	No High Risk Procedures		High Risk Aerosolization Procedures		Tuberculosis	Chickenpox/ Disseminated Zoster	COVID-19	
Mask	 Mask w/ attached face shield  Isolation Mask + Goggles		 N95 + Goggles  PAPR		 N95+ Goggles  PAPR		 N95 + Goggles  PAPR	
Conservation	None at this time Dispose of mask		<b>N95</b> Save for use on same patient until mask is no longer viable.	<b>Goggles</b> Wipe w/ Oxivir-1 wipes after each use. Reuse between patients until cloudy/damaged.	<b>N95</b> Save for use on same patient until mask is no longer viable.	<b>Goggles</b> Wipe w/ Oxivir-1 wipes after each use. Reuse between patients until cloudy/damaged.	None at this time	
Safe Storage	None at this time Dispose of mask after each use		<b>N95</b> Store in paper bag in anteroom or dedicated space outside patient room. Label bag with your name.	<b>PAPR</b> Wipe w/ Oxivir-1 wipes after each use. Reuse between patients unless hood integrity becomes compromised.	<b>N95</b> Store in paper bag in anteroom or dedicated space outside patient room. Label bag with your name.	<b>PAPR</b> Wipe w/ Oxivir-1 wipes after each use. Reuse between patients unless hood integrity becomes compromised.	Not Needed	
			<b>PAPR</b> Label hood with your name and store in a secure area to prevent contamination.	<b>PAPR</b> Label hood with your name and store in a secure area to prevent contamination.	<b>N95</b> None at this time Dispose of mask after each use	<b>PAPR</b> Label hood with your name and store in a secure area to prevent contamination.		