



Particulate Respirator Reuse Program

Maintaining availability of N95/N100 Filtered Face Respirators Through Sterilization

Mask Use During Your Shift

1. Surgical masks are to be worn by all providers on every call and all EMS patients as tolerated.
2. When getting a new FFR, use a permanent marker and write your first initial and last name, permanent station and division on the bottom of the mask (i.e. "J. McCormack MS72A - AMR")
 - a. If part-time, write your first initial and last name AMR only.
3. Use N95/N100 FFR mask during calls on suspected/known COVID patients.
4. Mask can be reused on all suspected/known positive COVID patients until a high-risk procedure is done.
 - a. Please ensure that gloves are worn when donning and doffing
 - b. Maintain good hand hygiene in between calls and whenever using a respirator.

Please utilize the following method to store and protect masks for decontamination

1. Retain only filtered face respirators that have not been grossly contaminated (i.e., Blood or other bodily fluids) and are structurally intact (i.e., not crushed, band still intact and still able to breathe easily). If FFR fails any of these, discard and obtain a new FFR mask.
2. Masks will be collected in a large securable bag for their entire shift.
 - a. Recommended to keep bag inside compartment of ambulance where trauma bag is stored. Clip bag closed each time a new FFR is added.
 - b. SDFD will retain policy of 1 for 1 mask replacement, those masks will be placed in the ambulances bag for collection as well.
3. After collection, these bags will be safely stored by Logistics personnel at Storeroom 42.
4. Masks will be decontaminated using the FDA approved method of Hydrogen Peroxide Vapor. Masks can be decontaminated up to twenty times using this method and number of decontamination cycles will be easily identified on the mask itself.

Logistical Collection

1. Station units will have used mask bags collected by supply driver daily.
2. Float units will drop off their mask bag at supply at the end of their shift.

Logistical Distribution

1. Station units will have clean masks delivered in bags by supply drivers daily.
2. Float units can pick up their respirators from supply at BOS.
3. Any employee requiring more masks can obtain their sterilized ones through 42A

