

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)



N95 Reminders

When to wear an N95

- When caring for **COVID-19 + patients** who will undergo an aerosol-generating procedure (AGP).
 - When caring for a patient awaiting **COVID-19 testing** who will undergo an AGP or high-risk procedure.
 - As per the isolation policy [IP 10-10.01](#) for patients on **Airborne Precautions**.
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When NOT to wear an N95

- When caring for **COVID-19 + patients who are not undergoing an AGP**.
 - If patients test **negative for COVID-19 on asymptomatic screening**/pre-procedural testing.
 - **In place of a surgical or cloth mask** as part of the Universal Masking requirement.
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Additional Reminders

- If a patient has another condition that, as part of Standard Precautions (not related to COVID-19) requires an N95, then one can be worn.
- The PPE and Testing Request Review Committee must approve any exceptions to this information and will determine if an allowance should be made to wear an N95 if a patient has a negative screening test.
- For patients on airborne precautions for **TB or measles only**, the N95 can be reused while caring for multiple patients (**with TB or measles only**) until damp, soiled, or damaged.
- After doffing an N95 used for a patient on airborne and contact precautions for **varicella**, or for a patient with **COVID-19 or suspected COVID-19**, the N95 is single use and should be discarded in trash.