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SPECIAL EDITION: Reuse and Disinfection of Respiratory Protection

Hospitals are experiencing severe shortages of respiratory protection. At Rochester Regional Health, staff need to follow guidance on the [COVID-19 Toolkit](#). This brief list highlights guidance from national associations as well as current protocols shared by healthcare organizations using best available evidence to guide practice during the COVID-19 crisis.

- Association for Professionals in Infection Control. [APIC Position Paper: Extending the Use and/or Reusing Respiratory Protection in Healthcare Settings during Disasters](#) (2009)
- CDC. [Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators: Crisis/Alternate Strategies](#) (2020)
- Duke University. [Decontamination and Reuse of N95 Respirators with Hydrogen Peroxide Vapor to Address Worldwide Personal Protective Equipment Shortages during the SARS-CoV-2 \(COVID-19\) Pandemic](#) (2020)
- Nebraska Medicine. [COVID-19 PPE Guidance: Extended Use and Limited Reuse of Disposable Facemasks, Respirators and Protective Eyewear](#) (2020)
- National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. [Recommended Guidance for Extended Use and Limited Reuse of N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators in Healthcare Settings](#)
- Stanford University. [Addressing COVID-19 Face Mask Shortages](#) (2020)
- World Health Organization. [Rational use of personal protective equipment \(PPE\) for coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\): interim guidance](#) (2020)

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