

4 STEPS OF DOFFING, STORAGE AND REUSED OF N-95 MASK



1

Performe Hand hygiene



2

Remove N95 mask



3

Keep the reusable N95 mask in a plastic container & store at a designated area



4

Performe Hand hygiene

N95 mask Reuse in non-covid-19 wards

Reuse refers to the practice of using the same N95 mask / respirator for multiple encounters with patients but removing it ('doffing') after each encounter. The respirator is stored in between encounters to be put on again ('donned') prior to the next encounter with a patient.

Recommendation

- Clean hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before donning and doffing the N95 Mask
- N95 mask must only be used by a single wearer, prevent inadvertent sharing of mask
- Keep the mask in a clean, breathable container such as a paper bag or plastic container in between uses. Label container/paper bag used for storing mask or label the mask itself in between uses with the user's name.
- Storage containers should be disposed of or cleaned regularly.
- Keep the container/paper bag in a designated area , e.g on a table or rack
- Clean hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer before and after touching or adjusting the mask.
- Avoid touching the inside of the N-95 mask. If inadvertent contact is made with the inside of the mask, perform hand hygiene immediately.
- Perform a user seal check after putting on the mask.
- Use a face shield over a N95 mask when feasible to reduce surface contamination of the mask.
- The maximum number of donning per mask is 5 times or for a maximum duration of 8 hours.
- Inspect mask before donning. Discard the mask if the mask is damaged, contaminated with bodily fluid or secretion, becoming hard to breath through.

4 STEPS OF RE-DONNING AND REUSE OF N-95 MASK



1

Performe Hand hygiene



2

Carefully take out N95 mask from container & put on the N95 mask



3

Perform user seal check by placing both hands completely over the mask, inhale & exhale sharply



4

Wipe container & perform hand hygiene