

Personal Protective Equipment Extended Use Guidance for Patient Care

Isolation Type	No isolation or patient on Droplet, Contact, Enteric Contact	Airborne ¹	Novel Respiratory
Extended use Refers to wearing PPE continuously without doffing between multiple patient interactions	YES You can wear the same N95 (or medical mask) continuously unless: -wet/soiled/ damaged -if you remove it, discard it Clean the eye protection if it is soiled and at the end of the day. ¹ Discard the eye protection if it is damaged. Discard gloves and place gown in soiled linen bin in the patient's room.	YES You can wear the same fit-tested N95 continuously unless: -wet/soiled/ deformed/damaged -if you remove it, discard it Clean the eye protection if it is soiled and at the end of the day. ¹ Discard the eye protection if it is damaged.	NO² Follow the donning/doffing steps in this guidance including discarding the gloves and placing the gown in the soiled linen bin. Discard the N95 every time on room exit. Discard or clean the eye protection or PAPR shield on room exit. ²
Re-use Refers to doffing PPE and storing it in a clean safe dry place (e.g. paper bag)	NO Discard the N95 (or medical mask) once you remove it. Clean the eye protection if it is soiled and at the end of the day. ^{1,2} Discard the eye protection if it is damaged.		

1. Clean with hospital-approved disinfectant wipes.

2. In select locations, including the EDs, OB triage, Urgent Care, and the Respiratory Screening Clinics) extended use is allowed for patients on Novel Respiratory Isolation (does not apply to suspect/confirmed mpox).

You can find additional guidance on the [UCSF Clinical COVID-19 Website](#).