

Personal Protective Equipment Extended use and Re-use Guidance for Patient Care

In light of the COVID surge, we are phasing in personal protective equipment (PPE) extended and re-use. Below is the guidance for when the extended and reuse is permitted.

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

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.

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