

Personal Protective Equipment Instructions for (ACF only) on 3M N95 and K N95's

Use of N95 Masks including both the Blue/Green 3 M product and K N95 masks.





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COVID-19 Patient Care (Suspected, Symptomatic or Confirmed)



Use of the 3M N95

N95 masks (the blue/green 3 M product) and a gown should be used during care of
patients with symptoms of COVID-19 and during any aerosolizing treatments or
procedures whether the patient is negative or positive. Only those who have passed a fit
test and have the correct size should be present during any of those procedures.
Remember your face shield!



Use of K N95 Masks

 The K N95 should be used for all other patients that are negative for COVID-19, or asymptomatic rule outs for COVID-19. While the K N95 masks have a filtration efficiency of greater than 95%, the ear loop design makes it difficult to achieve proper fit. Remember your face shield!

For all N95 masks:

- Every time you put the mask on you need to perform a "user seal check"
 - Pinch the mask on all sides so that it is tight to your face, and then take some deep breaths in and out to feel for air leaking. Adjust as needed.
- The K N95 can be stored when not in use (such as when you are at lunch), in a clear sandwich container. Wipe out container after each use with disinfectant solution and allow to dry.
- The K N95 is used for one whole shift and then discarded. The 3 M Green N 95 can be sent for reprocessing after your shift.
- Extend the use of the mask for as long as possible (meaning leaving it on between rooms without doffing between rooms). This prevents potential contamination to the mask and also extends its life.
- Attempt to cluster care so that you can leave your N95 and face shield on between
 patients. DO NOT touch the surface of your face shield or N95 if you are leaving it on
 between patients.