Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle N95 Respirators

**REDUCE**

**Wear As Long as Possible**

- Extend use by wearing the N95 as long as possible.
- Perform hand hygiene before donning.
- Put the N95 on correctly and perform a seal check.

**RECYCLE**

**Decontaminate When Possible**

Ensure the N95 is in good condition and meets all the criteria for reuse after decontamination.

For more information on decontamination and reuse, reference this link:


**REUSE**

**Wear With Multiple Patients**

- Perform hand hygiene before donning.
- Inspect the N95 and reuse only if it is not visibly soiled, damp, or damaged.
- Put the N95 on correctly. Do not touch the inside.
- Perform a seal check. If you are unable to obtain a seal, discard the N95.
- **Discard the N95** if it is:
  - Visibly wet, overly damp, or dirty.
  - Grossly contaminated with blood or other bodily fluids.
  - Used for a patient co-infected with another respiratory infection.

When reusing N95s, label according to your facility guidelines. This will typically include your name and date of first use.