**Process for Reuse of 3M N95 Respirators in Emergent Respiratory Pandemic Event**

**Before Donning PPE**
- HCP uses black sharpie to mark 3M N95 respirator with employee ID, designation, unit #, and tally marks on the front edge of the respirator.

**Keeping 3M N95 on**
- HCP doffs PPE following patient care and inspects 3M N95 using a mirror or buddy.

**Purging N95 visibly soiled, ripped, or has torn elastics**
- YES TO ANY: HCP disposes of N95 respirator.
- NO: HCP places contaminated 3M N95 respirator in labelled, designated collection bucket*, located in the PPE doffing area.

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  - HCP places contaminated 3M N95 respirator in labelled, designated collection bucket*, located in the PPE doffing area.
  - Takes clean buckets from clean utility room and places them in PPE doffing areas where 3M N95 respirators are required.

- **YES:**
  - Ports 3M N95 respirators to designated decanting/decontamination area via a closed concealed transport cart at site designated/determined pickup times.
  - Transports sterilizer container to sterilization area to be processed.

**MDRD**
- In designated MDRD staging area, decants buckets, wipes down interior and exterior of transport cart according to SOP.
- Transports contaminat ed 3M N95 collection bucket to designated MDRD clean/dirty area.
- Wearing PPE***, two processors:
  1. Processor 1 holds self-seal pouch for processor 2
  2. Processor 2 opens bucket and inspects contaminated N95 respirators to ensure they are not visibly soiled, ripped, or have torn elastics.
- Reusable respirators are placed into self-seal pouch.
- Places sealed pouch of reusable 3M N95 into sterilizer container.
- Transports of disposable N95 respirators remaining.

**Decontaminates 3M N95 respirators in designated locked and secured site/zone location, appropriately labelled (SOP)**

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**Health Care Provider (RN, RRT, MD, etc.)**
- Health Care Worker
- Porter / MDRD transport staff
- MDRD

* A bucket or rigid structure must be used to ensure respirators are not damaged during transport (i.e. no bags).
** Units should have set times so pickup is ready for porter/MDRD transport and prevents delays in processing.
*** MDRD staff need droplet contact PPE for this process.