

## DONNING/DOFFING ELASTOMERIC HALF FACE RESPIRATOR (EHFR)

AIRBORNE PRECAUTIONS WITH AGMPs (AEROSOL-GENERATING MEDICAL PROCEDURES)

### PREPARE: Beginning of the shift



- Gather equipment (Elastomeric mask, 2 filters, clear plastic storage bag, clips)
- Perform hand hygiene for 20 seconds, cleaning all surfaces of hands and wrists
- Inspect each part of the mask for any defects (i.e. cracks, tears, dirt, deformities, etc.)
- Assemble and attach filters as per manufacturer's instructions
- Label storage bag with your name and place EHFR inside until ready to use

### WHEN READY TO USE: Follow PPE DONNING protocol



- Engage peer support to ensure proper donning
- Perform hand hygiene
- Don isolation gown
- \*Don surgical bouffant cap if using (\*only for operative areas)
- Don EHFR and adjust strap tension to achieve a secure fit
- Perform positive and negative seal check, adjust as necessary
- Don eye protection (goggles or face shield) and gloves
- Repeat all above steps every time you DON during the shift. For staff with dermatologic sensitivity: when donning after cleaning with hospital grade disinfectant has dried, wipe down interior of EHFR where it seals with face with wet paper towel and dry with a dry paper towel

### DOFFING EHFR: When going for a break, follow the PPE Equipment DOFFING protocol

- Engage peer support to ensure proper doffing
- Remove gloves and gown and perform hand hygiene
- Exit the room to hallway or anteroom
- Perform hand hygiene and remove eye protection and disinfect or dispose of as per standard work
- Perform hand hygiene & remove EHFR (bend forward, detach straps, exhale & remove)
- Perform hand hygiene and remove surgical bouffant cap (if applicable)
- Perform hand hygiene and wipe exterior surface of EHFR and attached filters with the hospital-grade disinfectant wipes (contact time of 3 min). Do not clean or make wet elastics on the respirator.
- Allow EHFR to dry completely** (air-dry for 10 min), place in personal storage bag, and reattach to scrubs.
- Repeat all above steps every time you DOF during the shift

### AT END OF SHIFT: or if you are not anticipating to use your mask again



- Engage peer support to ensure proper doffing and DOF PPE as per protocol
- Don gloves and remove filter cartridges and clean with disinfectant wipe
- Allow cartridges to **air dry completely**, place in clean plastic bag, affix green is clean tag, store securely.
- Wipe respirator with the hospital-grade disinfectant wipes, **dry completely**, place in plastic bag.
- Sign EHFR back in and return to designated person on unit and/or place EHFR in yellow collection container on unit (location will vary)