

## COVID-19: Used N95 Mask Collection Procedure

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<b>What's New?</b>	<p>This procedure is applicable to all C&amp;W clinical areas. <a href="#">COVID-19 N95 Mask Collection/Reprocessing</a></p> <p>Health care providers must be competent in the donning and doffing of additional precaution PPE for airborne isolation and AGMPs. Fit testing for N95 masks must be completed.</p> <p>Masks that can be reprocessed at C&amp;W include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3M 1860</li> <li>• 3M 1860S</li> <li>• 3M 1870+</li> <li>• KC 46867</li> </ul>
<b>Why?</b>	<p>To preserve critical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supply levels, used disposable N95 masks must be collected. These masks will be sterilized with vaporized hydrogen peroxide and stored as part of a provincial initiative for emergency backup supply of PPE.</p> <p>This procedure is interim for the application of the <a href="#">COVID-19: Emergency Prioritization in a Pandemic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Allocation Framework</a></p>
<b>How does this affect my practice?</b>	<p>Health care providers must be competent in the donning and doffing of additional precaution PPE for airborne isolation and AGMPs.</p> <p>This procedure outlines the steps to doff N95 masks into the N95 mask collection bins. Collections bins are located in the soiled utility rooms throughout C&amp;W.</p>
<b>How do I find out more?</b>	<p>Talk to your Infection Control Practitioner, Educator, CRN, Senior Practice Leaders, or other clinical leaders.</p> <p>See the front page of ePOPS for COVID-19 Resources and check regularly for updates and added resources.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The above documents are found under the section Routine &amp; Additional Precautions.</li> <li>2. All Practice Updates are available under the Practice Update section.</li> </ol>
<b>Who do I contact for further information?</b>	<p>Contact your area clinical leaders, professional practice leaders, or C&amp;W Policy Office.</p> <p>Page the Infection Control Practitioner at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local 2161 or pager 41-02411 Monday to Friday 0800-1600</b> or <a href="mailto:IPACS@cw.bc.ca">IPACS@cw.bc.ca</a></li> </ul> <p>After Hours page the Infection Control Officer through paging 2161</p>