



N95/Respirator Guidelines While Caring for COVID-19 Suspected or Positive Patients

Team members caring for suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients should wear masks as indicated:

- **Vented patients:** N95, P100, or other approved respirators whenever providing care.
- **Non-vented patients:** Surgical masks must be worn at all times unless performing the listed aerosol generating procedures below.

An N95 or other approved respirator should be worn for the following aerosol generating procedures (AGP):

- Open airway suctioning
- Bronchoscopy
- Intubation/extubation
- Tracheostomy/trach care
- Nebulizer treatment
- Chest physiotherapy
- High flow oxygen
- Sputum induction
- Non-invasive ventilation (NIV) such as BiPAP and CPAP
- Manual ventilation
- High-frequency oscillating ventilation (HFOV)

**Use of an inhaler is NOT an AGP*

After one of the above procedures has been performed, team members must continue to wear an N95 or other approved respirators for 2 hours (in non-negative pressure rooms) or 35 minutes (in negative or positive pressure rooms) when in room.