

# Aspirus Emergency System Wide Guideline COVID-19

## N95 Respirator Use & Facial Hair

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As an organization, Aspirus has a responsibility to conserve supplies that we need in order to safely care for our patients.

In our work environment respirators are necessary to protect the health of our employees, providers and patients. With COVID-19 entering the communities Aspirus serves, we are committed to protecting our employees, physicians and advanced practice clinicians as we care for patients with airborne communicable diseases, including COVID-19.

Therefore, Aspirus has made the decision that all fit-tested employees and providers are required to be free of facial hair in order to be able to effectively use a N95 respirator.

We realize that some employees and providers may need to use PAPRs, however, in order to conserve our supplies and resources, every attempt must first be made for the use of N95 respirators.