

# Aspirus Emergency System wide Policy COVID-19

## N95 Mask Sequestration and Conservation Procedure

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- As a result of the extremely limited availability of N95 masks nationwide and to ensure we have system visibility of our N95 mask assets health system wide, we will be consolidating all N95 masks within our hospital business units back into our hospital business unit storeroom inventory locations. This is being done with an abundance of caution to ensure we have needed N95 masks and to prevent unnecessary hoarding, inappropriate use and theft.
- Clinic locations will sequester all N95 mask into one location within the clinic with Clinic Managers responsible for issuing any N95 masks as needed and as per current guidance previously provided and listed below.
- Our first priority is safety of our patients and staff and this strategy will assist Aspirus in better conserving our limited N95 mask resources. We will maintain very limited inventories in critical areas of our business units, but the majority will be maintained in our hospital business unit supply chain storerooms or sequestered in a central location at each Aspirus clinic.
- Requests for N95 masks will be based on specific patient need following prior N95 mask guidance provided regarding the enhanced droplet precautions procedure and will be issued to the requesting department directly following those protocols. For those that do not have 24x7 supply chain coverage, the house supervisor or incident command leadership will issue and specifically account for these product issues after normal business hours.
- This conversation strategy is occurring nationwide as many health systems work to protect our limited personal protective equipment resources.

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Supporting Procedure: Enhanced Droplet Precaution Procedure

<S:\Emergency Preparedness\COVID-19\Active Documents\Enhanced Droplet Precautions Procedure.pdf>

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