

WORK STANDARD	Title: Collection and Reprocessing of N95 Respirators	
	Role performing Activity: SHA Staff	
	Location: SHA	Department/Unit: AS described below
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Work Standard Summary:

Process to collect N95 Respirators for the purpose of reprocessing. Applicable in all areas with the exception or procedures that involve cytotoxic medications.

Essential Tasks:	
1.	Clear plastic (wipe-able) bins with clear plastic bag are located on each unit listed above <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The bins should be located in the dirty/soiled room • Please ensure the respirators you are placing in the collection bins are not damaged. Please check the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ elastics are still in good condition; ○ that they do not have visible gross contaminants including makeup; ○ that they have not been used for Cytotoxic treatments. • Please do not place any other objects into these bins as it will delay the process and increase the sorting time.
2.	Upon exiting the room staff should leave N95 on and go directly to dirty/soiled area to remove N95 respirator into collection bin then perform hand hygiene.
4.	When the bin is full or on specified collection day(s), unit staff will put the lid on the bin Wipe the outside of the bin with an approved agent and then seal with tape.
5.	The bin will be transported by housekeeping (EVS) to the designated location for storage until transportation to a facility or area for sterilization can occur.
6.	Additional steps for transportation to an area or facility for sterilization once testing/trialing of the process has been completed and the results identify that PPE can be reused.

Supplies:

- Heavy duty plastic bins and clear plastic bags with holder (contact Supply Chain)
- Posters (biohazard and PPE type)