

Guidelines for Reprocessing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

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Clinical Services Group

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Intended for:

- Hospital Leadership
- Nursing
- Respiratory
- Transport
- Bio-Med
- Supply and Distribution
- Central Sterile Processing
- Infection Prevention

Purpose: Create a workflow and process to conserve resources while maintaining colleague and patient safety.

Scope:

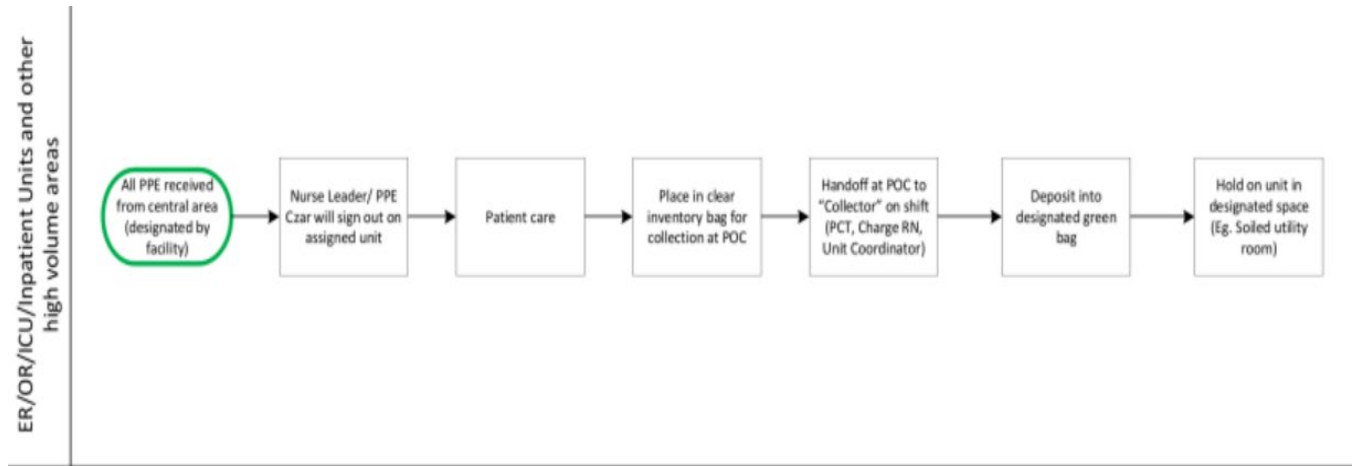
- Reprocessing specified PPE within the nursing departments. Evidence-based practices are listed in the resources section. The process may change based between contingency and crisis.

Process:

- Refer to PPE Czar Role and PPE Czar Checklist:
 - PPE Czar will utilize ED and Inpatient census to identify where isolation patients are and to which unit the patient is being admitted to.

- PPE Czar will utilize a standardized checklist to document what equipment was signed by unit basis (e.g. total count provided and received)
- ED Only: PPE will be signed out based on the number of nurses assigned to the cohorted designated areas only.
- In-between Use
 - See reference document: Contingency Capacity Strategies for Facemasks and Face Protection on cleaning between patients for low-level disinfecting
- End of Shift:
 - Place PPE into clear inventory bag located in designated area on unit.
 - Please consider reviewing any trends on broken/damaged equipment by unit and evaluate if more information or education is required.
 - The PPE collector will ensure the PPE in the clear bag and equipment is deposited into the green bags
 - A designated person will be identified and is responsible to ensure the bags are taken to a central location (sterile processing or other location specified in the accompanying document "Face Shields, Goggles & PAPR – Guidelines for Cleaning and Disinfecting for Re-use") for cleaning and reprocessing.
 - PPE Czar will retrieve from SPD or other location after cleaning and processing.
 - SPD will package per vendors instructions

Workflow:



Considerations: process to validate and provide surveillance to ensure we are maximizing our resources.

Resources:

CDC [Link](#)

[Atlas COVID Site to include:](#)

- Contingency Capacity Strategies for Facemasks and Face Protection
- Face Shields, Goggles & PAPR – cleaning and disinfecting for re-use guidelines