



Loyola EMS System

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MEMORANDUM

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To: All Loyola EMS Providers
From: Mark E. Cichon, DO, FACEP, FACOEP 
Re: Guidance for the Conservation of PPE and Reuse of N-95 Masks

As advised by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) we are implementing various strategies to conserve personal protective equipment (PPE). EMS providers should reuse N-95 masks using the following conditions as guided by IDPH recommendations:

1. One mask per Provider per shift
2. Must be free of contamination
 - a. Blood
 - b. Respiratory or nasal secretions
 - c. Bodily fluids
3. Must continue to maintain shape and can sit with a good seal, straps provide enough tension for the respirator to seal the face
4. Place surgical mask over N95 or if available use full face shield over N95
5. Perform hand hygiene prior to removing mask
6. Remove mask by the straps
7. Place into paper bag identified with Provider's name

As we continue to learn more about COVID-19, receive updates from IDPH and discover new resources available to us these guidelines will continue to change. Providers can visit <https://loyolaems.com/COVID-19/> to view provider announcements, memos, links and updates regarding Loyola EMS System COVID-19 updates.

*** Be prepared that hospitals may not replace PPE for inappropriate use.**
