Type 1804 N95 Guidance

Type 1804 N95 masks will continue to be reprocessed until further notice, however, starting on Monday, Dec. 7, we will stop reprocessing all other N95 masks.

If you would like to be refit to a different type N95 instead of the 1804, please follow the guidance below.

If you would like to continue using a type 1804 N95 mask, please follow the reprocessing guidelines on the next page. Questions on reprocessing may be directed to Alisha Loy by emailing alisha-loy@uiowa.edu.

How do I find my size of respirator?

Click here to view how to find the size of your N95 respirator.

How do I get fit tested to an N95 respirator?

1. First, complete the required OSHA survey in ReadySet

2. Schedule a fit testing with the University Employee Health Clinic (UEHC). You can do this by calling UEHC at 319-356-3631 to schedule your 15-to-20-minute appointment. UEHC is located at 1097-1 Boyd Tower, at UI Hospitals & Clinics (Elevator A, Level 1). Hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

View more information about N95 respirators on The Loop.
Ionized Hydrogen Peroxide (iHP) Decontamination Procedure - N95 Respirators 1804 model

Important note: Users of N95 respirators **must not wear lipstick, chap stick, or other makeup** when wearing an N95 respirator as it will contaminate the inside of the respirator, rendering it unable to be decontaminated.

Health Care Provider (HCP) Instructions:

- HCP obtains new fit-tested N95 respirator from secure storage location in their unit/department.
  - Note: The **1804 model is only model currently requiring decontamination. All other models should be discarded after each use.**

- Using a black permanent marker, such as a Sharpie, HCP writes their **first initial, last name, unit name/location, and date of first use on the outside/bottom edge of the N95** avoiding the top nose/bridge area and central filtration area.

- Reprocessed N95: HCP completes last of 4 visual inspections and appropriate fit.

- HCP dons the respirator per the usual procedure ensuring the integrity of the respirator and proper fit.

**HCP Doffing** (Brown bag contaminated N95)

- Remove the N95 respirator following appropriate doffing guidelines.

- Place the used N95 respirator in a **brown paper bag** ensuring that the bag is correctly labeled with the **HCPs full name and unit name/location** in which to return it.

- Place the brown paper bag in the designated “dirty N95” drop off location

**HCP Reuse of Decontaminated N95s**
(White bag decontaminated N95 clean for use)

- The HCP will pick up their decontaminated N95, assuring that their name is on the N95 contained within the **new white paper bag** before taking it.

- The HCP will notice a tally mark in a different color that has been added to the front/bottom edge of their N95 respirator. Tallies completed by Central Sterilization Services technician. N95 respirators will be available for 7 total uses, initial use and 6 decontamination cycles.