



SPECIAL NOTICE 20-010

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TO: All Personnel

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USE OF 200-LS RESPIRATORS FOR PANDEMIC THREAT PPE

Department Personnel,

Current personal protective guidance for the use of masks for the COVID-19 threat is the use of N-95 certified mask or higher. The SVFD utilizes the MSA 200-LS half-face respirator with the P100 filter which is rated higher than the N-95.

According to the manufacturer (MSA), the P100 filter can be used multiple times until breathing becomes restricted and then it must be replaced. It must also be replaced if there is direct contamination on the filter from a biological product or fluid.

Replacement filters are currently located at Station 3, but we have secured a supply of them that will be available through V21, V22, and V31 once they arrive.

Once personal decontamination procedures have been completed, to decontaminate the 200-LS after patient contact:

1. Disconnect the filters from the mask;
2. If the P100 filters are directly contaminated, dispose of them in a Red Bag;
3. For non-directly contaminated filters - disinfect the exposed P100 filter surfaces with disinfectant wipe or spray disinfectant;
4. Use another wipe or spray to thoroughly clean all remaining surfaces of the mask;
5. Set mask and P100 filters aside to dry away from the doffing area;
6. Reconnect the P100 filters to the mask once they have both have dried.

Please refer to the following file in the Target Solutions File Center for proper donning, doffing, and cleaning of the MSA 200-LS respirator: 200LS Respirator.mp4

It can also be accessed via You Tube: <https://youtu.be/Pvn85mdZbP8>

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