

# WEST PALM BEACH FIRE DEPARTMENT



## N95 Mask Re-Use Procedure

**N95 Masks may be used on a maximum of 5 calls**

### Discard

- After using on 5 calls.
- Contamination from bodily fluids.
- If mask becomes damaged or excessively soiled (sweaty).
- Invasive procedure is performed (I-Gel, CPAP, BVM, CPR, etc).
- DECON sprayer operator.

### Re-use/Donning

- Store in paper bag between uses.
- Mark Bag with equipment number and track number of uses for a **max of 5.**
- Handle N95 mask with clean gloves.
- Avoid touching the inside of the mask.
- Change gloves after handling used mask.

**Re-use of the N95 mask does carry some risk of cross contamination even if procedures are followed correctly. However, it is absolutely necessary to preserve PPE supplies.**

At our current rate of consumption we will exhaust our supply in approximately two weeks. This pandemic is expected to last several months. Your health and safety is the priority of administration. We are working hard to secure additional PPE and researching alternatives.