**GUIDANCE ON USE OF KN95 MASKS**

KN95 masks can be reused by the same wearer for several days if they are used and cared for utilizing the following guidance.

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**CHECK THE MASK INTEGRITY BEFORE EACH USE TO ASSURE:**

- The shape is not deformed and the filter material is not physically damaged or soiled.
- The seal is continuous around the edge of the mask.
- The straps (if elastic) are compliant.
- The nose piece is not damaged and in one piece.
- There are no holes or signs of major wear or fraying.

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**PROPER CARE AND USE:**

- Store the mask in a clean paper bag when not in use.
- Handle the mask mainly by the straps and avoid excess touching of the outside surface of the filter.
- Do not share the mask with any other person.
- To protect the outside of the KN95 mask and improve fit (protection), consider wearing a cloth or surgical mask over the top of the KN95.
- KN95 masks cannot be washed and reused.

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**REASONS FOR RETIRING THE MASK INCLUDE:**

- Heavy or sustained use in environments that generate high aerosol levels that may occur in healthcare workers caring for COVID-19 patients.
- The mask is contaminated with blood or respiratory secretions or other bodily fluids.
- The mask is soiled with dirt or residues.
- It becomes hard to breathe through the mask.