

Memo to ALL Staff From the President/CEO and Chief of Staff

Date: April 1, 2020

There is a provincially directed process in place to not discard N-95 masks for **possible** additional use. According to provincial guidelines, these masks “could be irradiated and potentially used weeks later.” However, if and when this happens will be determined based on technology and study.

16. Reprocess PPE

- a) Collect used masks for potential future reprocessing; early work suggests N95 masks could be irradiated and potentially used weeks later (current thought is that virus can survive on surfaces for 3 days) (Note: not recommended by 3M).

https://www.wrh.on.ca/uploads/Coronavirus/PPE_To_Use_During_The_COVID19_Pandemic.pdf

At this time, **we have no intention to re-use N95 masks.** However, planning for every contingency, if this changes based on supply we may need to re-use.

Therefore, we are asking you to place your name on the inside edge of the mask in pen and place in a plastic bag found in your supply room. Your Manager will determine a location to store them.

Stay safe.

