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<p>Will we be back to some sense of normalcy and have a college football season?</p>	<p>That is hard to answer, but when we do get college football going again....GBR!</p>
<p>How you recommend doffing a gown that will be reused?</p>	<p>After considerable research our staff was unable to locate any source that recommends reuse of disposable gowns after doffing. The following links from the FDA and CDC contain recommendations on how to extend the available supply of single use gowns. They also recommend the use of cloth type gowns that can be washed and reused. Please click on the following links from the FDA and CDC for more information. LINK FROM FDA-- https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/letters-health-care-providers/surgical-mask-and-gown-conservation-strategies-letter-healthcare-providers LINK FROM CDC-- https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/isolation-gowns.html</p>
<p>The next step to cover for our hospital is Surge Capacity/Planning. Triage, registration, who goes to the temporary set up, pharmacy, do we need a waiver to be offsite?</p>	<p>This is all going to vary depending on your direct facility. Please follow your own facility's policies and procedures during this time.</p>
<p>Are you wearing gown/gloves/surgical mask/eye protection with every patient in the emergency department?</p>	<p>This was also answered in the video. But, yes. Common practice is to wear surgical mask, gloves, and face shield/goggles with every patient. When they are triaged and a possible COVID-19 patient, gowns and N95s are utilized. Please take a look at the following link from the CDC website in regards to this question: https://www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/ppe.html</p>
<p>If covid symptoms, then change from surgical mask to N95 or do you keep your surgical mask on until a aerosolizing procedure is done?</p>	<p>Common practice has been to switch to a N95 once the patient is deemed possible COVID-19, and follow your facility's policies and procedures. Also, please take a look at the following link from the CDC website to further clarify the answer to your question: https://www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/ppe.html</p>
<p>We are being told surgical masks and a face shield are appropriate until the positive result comes back. At that point, we are to switch to a PAPR. Is that accurate, safe, or best practice?</p>	<p>While we cannot speak for your facility's policies and procedures, we can say that the common practice has been a face shield, goggles/face mask, and surgical mask until triaged and deemed possible COVID-19. Then, the PPE switches to gloves, gown, N95/PAPR, and goggles/facemask. Please follow your facility's policies and procedures. Also, please take a look at the following link from the CDC website to further clarify the answer to your question: https://www.cdc.gov/hai/prevent/ppe.html</p>
<p>How many times can an N-95 be reused and what is the proper way to sanitize it?</p>	<p>This was partially covered in the video. Please look at the link from the CDC website in reference to your question: https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/hcwcontrols/recommendedguidanceextuse.html Please remember to follow your facility's policies and procedures.</p>
<p>If you have a whole wing or area with COVID patients would you stay in your PPE in the area?</p>	<p>Once again, please follow your facility's policies and procedures.</p>
<p>In Nebraska, do emergency department personnel wear the same PPE throughout the entire shift and assume all patients in the department are COVID positive? Or is there zoning with different precautions and types of PPE depending on a patient's chief complaint?</p>	<p>Once a patient is triaged and deemed possible COVID-19, then extra PPE precautions are taken. Please remember to follow your facility's policies and procedures. Please take a look at the following link from the CDC website to further answer your question: https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/hcwcontrols/recommendedguidanceextuse.html</p>
<p>Can surgical masks be sanitized and reused?</p>	<p>While we understand that amount of your facility's supplies will determine your facility's policies and procedures, which you should follow, please take a look at the following link from the CDC website in regards to the different masks: https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/pdfs/UnderstandingDifference3-508.pdf</p>