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SUBJECT/OBJET : Covid-19 Re-Use of Surgical/Medical Masks

The “re-use” of surgical/medical masks is being implemented in the region as part of Covid-19 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements.

Re-use refers to the practice of doffing a piece of equipment, storing it securely, and re-donning it during the same shift in accordance with a Standard Operating Procedure. Reusing masks after a break (as long as not wet or soiled) is one strategy aimed at protecting staff and patients while trying to conserve supplies of PPE.

Staff Development will be including the direction to re-use masks in ongoing Covid-19 PPE zone education sessions with staff. Programs and facilities are requested to implement the re-use of masks when education to staff has occurred and the brown bags for the temporary storage of masks are ordered and available for staff to use.

Please see picture below of brown bags to be used for the re-use of masks. The SKU number is 00040 for ordering from Regional Supply & Logistics.



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