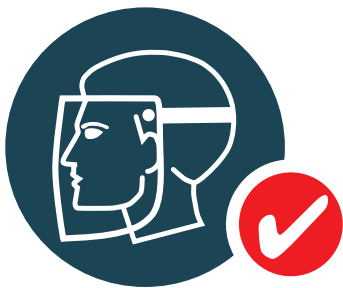


REOPENING STANDARDS *for* NEW YORK HOSPITALS

To ensure the safety of both staff and patients, every healthcare facility in New York must take the following safety measures before reopening elective procedures. These detailed standards were developed from NYSNA's broader reopening plan *How to Move New York Forward*, available online: bit.ly/reopenwithcare.



ENHANCED PPE STANDARDS

- **New N95 respirators must be available for every patient care session** with COVID-positive patients or PUI's, as well as at all points of contact with patients or the public throughout the hospital. Replacements, without rationing, will be provided when PPE is soiled or contaminated. Proper fit testing will happen prior to use for all staff, and will be repeated prior to using another type of respirator. Results will be provided immediately.
- Gowns, face shields, coveralls, head coverings, booties, gloves and any other **necessary PPE will also be available on all units**. Replacements, without rationing, will be provided after each patient care session with a COVID-positive patient or PUI, or when PPE is soiled or contaminated.
- Under no circumstance will PPE need to be reused unless designed/ manufactured to be decontaminated and reused. There can be **no "decontamination" or "sterilization" of N95 respirators** that are designed for single use.
- **Surgical masks will be required for all patients and visitors**, as well as hospital staff who have no contact with the public.
- To protect against supply chain disruptions, the hospital will build and maintain a **sufficient onsite PPE stockpile for 90 days of operation** at enhanced conventional capacity guidelines. NYSNA committee members will be able to view, assess, and track progress on stockpiling upon request, and the Employer will make it a standing agenda item for all Labor Management and Professional Practice Committee meetings.
- The facility will engage in a long-term purchasing and procurement plan to **incorporate reusable respiratory protection** such as elastomeric respirators and Powered Air Purifying Respirators (PAPRs). This will reduce supply chain pressures and enhance resiliency for future surges.