Doffing Used N95		Redonning Used N95	
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	Remove bottom (neck) strap slowly bringing it carefully over the head Maintain a hold (control) of the strap		Examine structural integrity of N95
	Grasp top strap with other hand and slowly and carefully bring it over the head		Leaning forward cup N95 in gloved hand Wiggle bottom strap to nape of neck Place top strap at the crown of the head
	Pull N95 away from face without touching the front Inspect for re-usability		Adjust around the nose for a comfortable functional fit
With the second se	Place clean (inside) of N95 into paper bag, front side up Outside of N95 is considered contaminated and exposure to air is preferred		Confirm seal: N95 should pucker with brisk inhalation and expand slightly with brisk exhalation Doff gloves Exhale feeling for air leaks without touching face or mask, hand hygiene
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## **Suggested Best Practice Techniques to Doff and Redon a N95**

- Several styles of N95 exist All require fit testing
- A fit test and inspection for structural integrity does not assure a proper seal
- Always assume the exterior of a used N95 is contaminated. Gloves should be donned if touched
- Extended use, worn appropriately, is optimal with less potential for selfcontamination
- A trained peer to assist in doffing and redonning is beneficial
- Inspect N95 for damage prior to donning (Label per institution policy)
- Oil based makeup and facial hair will reduce effectiveness of N95
- Consider a hairnet or placing hair in a device to limit exposure
- When placing straps, use a wiggling approach to guide over glasses
- Seal test required every time
- Gently shape around bridge of nose, then test seal by inhaling briskly to verify collapse & puckering
- Discard N95 if breathing becomes prohibitive or lacks structural integrity
- When in doubt, perform meticulous hand hygiene
- If wearing a face shield, be careful that it does not disrupt the N95 seal
- Decontaminating processes alter integrity of the duckbill N95, reuse with caution

## \*Reuse of N95 is not ideal and the evidence to support reuse is evolving\*

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