PPE Do's and Don'ts

- Don’t leave PPE in the patients home - gloves, gown, mask, face shield, shoe covers and head covers.
- Do don respiratory protection outside of the home whenever possible.
- Do don and doff PPE closest to the patients door as possible.
- Don’t bring extra items into the home ONLY the items you need to take care of the patient.
- Don’t bring single used PPE out of the home.

The following items are to be kept in the home after the initial visit.

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**LIMITED REUSE**

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1. After following the steps to remove the face shield
2. Perform hand hygiene using hand sanitizer
   Don clean gloves
3. Remove the N95 respirator from the back of the head
4. Check the condition of the respirator – Does NOT hold its shape, wet or contaminated – **DISCARD**
5. Is it in good shape?
6. Place N95 Respirator in paper bag with name and date
7. Perform hand hygiene using hand sanitizer
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1. Remove N95 Respirator from paper bag (DO NOT TOUCH THE INSIDE OF THE RESPIRATOR)
2. Perform visual check: Does NOT hold shape? **DISCARD**
3. Holds shape and looks ready for use - Proceed
4. Put on N95 Respirator
5. Does N95 Respirator fit right? perform seal check, if not tight readjust and try again
6. Perform hand hygiene
7. Continue donning rest of PPE
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1. Doff all PPE except the face shield and N95 as far away from the patient as possible and as close to the door.
2. Perform hand hygiene using hand sanitizer.
3. Don a clean pair of gloves.
4. Remove face shield from back of head using strap.
5. Clean face shield with disinfectant wipe from inside to outside of shield following approved EPA* disinfectant and following the manufacture instructions for contact time.
6. Allow to air dry.
7. Place shield in bag away from sterile supplies.
8. Remove Gloves.

* 70% Alcohol Wipes, EPA approved disinfectant such as Clorox Wipes/Lysol disinfectant wipes.