

Cleaning & Decontamination Guide



This guide will assist in the cleaning of reusable elastomeric Comfort-Air®Nx Respirators after minimal decontamination during shift.

After performing hand hygiene, don clean gloves and obtain 4 wipes of the appropriate cleaner/ disinfectant as determined by Infection Prevention:

STEPS

1. Wipe the outer surface of the facemask with one wipe (1st)
2. Wipe the inner surface of the facemask with a new wipe (2nd)
3. Wipe external shell of filter cartridges with a new wipe (3rd)
4. Wipe strap and harness with new wipe (4th)
5. Allow to air dry for 2 minutes.
6. Remove any cleaning agent residue with a towel or towelette wetted with water or saline
7. Let air dry



Minimal decontamination of reusable elastomeric respirators at the end of the shift
After performing hand hygiene don clean gloves and obtain 4 wipes of the appropriate cleaner/disinfectant as determined by Infection Prevention, 2 chuxs, a paper bag and respirator storage bag:

STEPS

1. Lay down one chux on a suitable surface, remove the filter cartridges, harness and valve retainer from face piece, placing each on the same chux (DIRTY)
2. Wipe the outer surface of the facemask with one wipe (1st) and lay on the second chux (CLEAN)
3. Wipe the inner surface of the facemask with a new wipe (2nd) and lay on the second chux (CLEAN)
4. Wipe strap and harness with new wipe (4th) and lay on the second chux (CLEAN)
5. Wipe external shell of filter cartridges with a new wipe (3rd) and place in paper bag
6. Allow all to air dry and place the components, (other than the filter cartridge's), in the respirator bag. Filter cartridges to remain in paper bag.

NOTE: If there is obvious contamination present or if/when directed by Infection Prevention/Safety Officer/Designee then a complete wash/disinfection/sanitize cycle, (manual/automated), must be performed. This will also occur at fixed intervals regardless of presence of obvious contamination or not as determined by Infection Prevention/Safety Officer/Designee.