



RNs DEFENDING NEW YORK'S HEALTH, Demanding Preparedness from Hospitals

To ensure the safety and health of staff, patients, and the New York community, every healthcare facility in New York must take the following safety measures to prepare for COVID Resurgence. These detailed Highest PPE Standards demands are a part of the broader **NYSNA COVID Resurgence Plan**, available online at nysna.org/resurgence



The Need for the Highest PPE Standards in the US

- 1. New N95 respirators-** N95s 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.
- 2. Show us the PPE Stockpile NOW-** No more games on how much PPE facilities have or don't have. Nurses demand total and complete transparency on all PPE stockpile levels from the employers. NYSNA Committees must be given access to review the supply, which needs to be stocked for 90 days of regular use.
- 3. Full PPE Stockpiles with More than Just N95s-** 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 by the same rules as N95s
- 4. PPE will not be reused unless designed/manufactured to be decontaminated and reused.** There is no safe and proven process of "decontamination" or "sterilization" of N95 respirators that are designed for single use.
- 5. Elastomeric and PAPRs Now-** The number one way to ensure PPE supplies is to purchase reusable Elastomerics and PAPRs immediately. NYSNA Is endorsing a NIOSH elastomeric pilot and demands all employers participate.