

Instructions for Healthcare Personnel Decontamination of Compatible 3M[®] N95 or N95-equivalent Respirators using the Mask 250 cycle in Belimed Steam Sterilizers

3M has confirmed the material compatibility of specific N95 respirators to be reprocessed one time using a special cycle in Belimed Steam Sterilizers. The BELIMED MASK 250 cycle can be used to decontaminate compatible 3M[®] N95 respirators that are contaminated or potentially contaminated with SARS-CoV-2 and other pathogenic microorganisms, for a maximum of one (1) decontamination cycle per respirator, for single-user reuse by healthcare personnel. Healthcare personnel should follow these instructions, as well as procedures at their healthcare facility, to prepare compatible 3M[®] N95 respirators for decontamination using BELIMED MASK 250 cycle; please refer to the **BELIMED Steam Sterilizer** User's Guide for complete instructions for use.

- **All compatible 3M[®] N95 respirators that will be decontaminated with the BELIMED MASK 250 cycle must be free of visible damage and soil/contamination (e.g. blood, dried sputum, makeup, soil, bodily fluids).**
- **Respirators that are visibly soiled or damaged must be discarded and not reused or decontaminated.**
- **Discard compatible 3M[®] N95 respirators after 1 decontamination cycle.**
- **Discard any compatible 3M[®] N95 respirator whose traceability was lost**

Compatible 3M® N95 Respirator Marking, Collection and Return

1. Maintain chain of custody on your compatible 3M® N95 respirator to minimize the risk of cross-contamination. Label with your name and/or other identifier using a permanent marker. Labeling should be legibly written on the outside OR inside of each N95 respirator, as shown below.



2. Place a tick mark on your compatible 3M® N95 respirator to maintain the decontamination cycle count. NOTE: Your respirator may be decontaminated up to a maximum of one (1) time. If your respirator already contains 1 tick mark, discard the respirator.
3. Confirm that the labeling is legible, and that there is no visible damage or soil/contamination prior to pouching the compatible 3M® N95 respirator.
4. Place your respirator in the sterilization pouch provided by your healthcare facility and seal it. Place the pouched respirator at the healthcare facility's designated collection station.
5. After receiving your decontaminated, compatible 3M® N95 respirator, please check to ensure that the respirator returned to you has your name and/or appropriate identifier on it. Check for fit and breathability and look for any signs of degradation.
6. If at any time the labeling is not legible or there is visible soil or damage, discard the respirator. Discard the respirator after one (1) decontamination cycles (total of two (2) uses).

NOTE: Only compatible 3M® N95 respirators in sterilization pouches can be placed at this collection station for decontamination. No other items will be decontaminated in the same cycle.