








N95 Mask Decontamination Via Steris VPRO FAQs

Questions	Answers
1. Who can have their mask decontaminated?	All Units
2. Where can we drop off approved N95 masks for reprocessing?	Inside the designated red bin on your unit Unit = MEB First Floor inside the doors immediately to the right
3. Can all N95 masks go through the Steris VPRO?	No. We can only use the Steris VPRO for 3M and Halyard N95 masks. TRONEX AND GERSON CANNOT BE DONE. Kimberly Clarke Halyard Mask N95 PFR-95 (Duckbill)   3M1860 3M1860S 3M1870 3M1870+ MOLDEX 2200     
4. How & when do I label my N95 mask?	Please don gloves. Label your N95 mask with your FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, UNIT, and DATE OF FIRST USE with a permanent black marker while on your unit Label on the top left corner Unit = "MEB"
5. How & when do I label my clean bag?	Please label your clean bag with your FIRST NAME, LAST NAME, UNIT, with a permanent black marker while on your unit Unit = "MEB"
6. Where will the masks be processed?	The masks will be processed in the Central Sterile Processing (CSP) department
7. Do I need to take my mask to CSP?	No. CSP will pick up masks on designated pick up units By 9am
8. How long will the process take?	The process from pick up to return should take approximately 2-3 hours
9. Do I need to do anything prior to placing my mask in the brown bag for pick up?	Yes! Before you place your mask in the brown bag to be picked up by CSP, you MUST do a visual inspection of your mask to check its integrity. If the mask has any of the following defects, it cannot go through the decontamination process: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soiled • Distorted in shape • Holes • Flaking/Shredding • Missing/broken straps
10. Where should I put the "dirty" brown bag when ready for pick up?	Place bag in designated red bin on the unit. One (1) mask per bag per person.
11. How does the process work?	CSP will pick up red bin from designated units at listed times and return to units after processing
12. How do I know this is my mask?	You would have labeled your mask and bag
13. Is my mask sterile after this process?	No, it is not sterile. This is one of the decontamination processes that many hospitals are using during the COVID-19 pandemic
14. How many times can I have my mask decontaminated by CSP in the Steris VPRO	CSP will be placing a tally mark ("I") on the mask for processing of 2 times. The mask will NOT be processed more than twice