# **Reprocessing N95 Masks**

## **Regulatory Agency Guidelines**

- 1. <u>Enforcement Policy for Sterilizers, Disinfectant Devices, and Air Purifiers During the</u>
  Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency
- 2. <u>Enforcement Policy for Face Masks and Respirators During the Coronavirus Disease</u> (COVID-19) Public Health Emergency
- 3. Recommended Guidance for Extended Use and Limited Reuse of N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators in Healthcare Setting

#### Use of Steam Sterilizers on N95 Masks

- 1. <u>Sterilization of Disposable Face Masks by Means of Standardized Dry and Steam</u> <u>Sterilization Processes</u>
- 2. <u>Filter Quality of Electret Masks in Filtering Aerosol Particles after Decontamination</u>
- 3. COVID-19 Evidence Service | Addressing COVID-19 Face Mask Shortages [v1.2]
- 4. N95 Mask Decontamination using Standard Hospital Sterilization Technologies
- 5. Preservation strategy: Thermal Sanitation of N95 Respirators (1870+)

### Use of Elevated Temperatures and Humidity on N95 Masks

- 1. <u>National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH): Evaluation of Five Decontamination Methods for Filtering Facepiece Respirators</u>
- 2. Safety of Extended Use and Reuse of N95 Respirators
- 3. <u>A Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Study: Use of Energetic Methods to Decontaminate Filtering Facepiece Respirators Contaminated with H1N1Aerosols and Droplets</u>
- 4. <u>Impact of Three Biological Decontamination Methods on Filtering Facepiece</u>
  Respirator Fit, Odor, Comfort, and Donning Ease
- 5. <u>Effectiveness of N95 Facepiece Respirators in Filtering Aerosol Following Storage and</u> Sterilization
- 6. <u>Evaluation of Multiple (3-Cycle) Decontamination Processing for Filtering Facepiece</u>
  Respirators
- 7. Dry Heat Ovens Can Effectively Disinfect N95 Masks

#### Failure of Use of Steam Sterilizers on N95 Masks

- 1. Decontamination Methods for 3M N95 Respirators
- 2. Hydrogen Peroxide Vapor sterilization of N95 respirators for reuse
- 3. Technical Report for Heat-Humidity-Based N95 Reuse Risk Management