

# Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic Best Practices for PPE Preservation

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Attached you will find a Best Practices Fact Sheet and Infographic which supports the Whole-of-America response strategy to coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic for preserving personal protective equipment (PPE).

The Best Practices for Preserving PPE Fact Sheet addresses the following:

- The objective of the *COVID-19 National Strategy for Addressing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Shortage* is to ensure protection against COVID-19 for healthcare workers, first responders, and patients by implementing three pillars of practice: reduce – reuse – repurpose.
- The Fact Sheet does not imply a hierarchy, but the reader should note that first line, conventional options are preferred.
- The user should select appropriate actions based on the organizational/facility your stage in the response (conventional, contingency, crisis).
- “Reduce” means modifying normal operations and procedures in ways that reduce the usage rate of PPE.
- “Reuse” includes implementing PPE optimization, decontamination, and reuse procedures.
- “Repurpose” includes the use of alternative types or sources of PPE.

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