

DO'S & DON'TS INDICATIONS FOR THE USE OF N95 RESPIRATORS

N95 respirator: Tight-fitting mask that when properly fitted to the face protects the wearer from very small particles that float in the air (e.g. Tuberculosis, measles or chicken pox).



DO'S

- **Ensure that the mask has no defects**, such as holes or torn straps
- **Wear for handling patients** placed under airborne precautions
- **Ensure proper fit checking** and cover nose and mouth
- **Lift the bottom elastic first** to prevent snapping
- **Perform hand hygiene** before and after use of N95 respirator
- **Remove the N95 respirator** when encounter with patient is completed and when no longer in the clinical space of the patient



DONT'S

- **Don't wear** if wet or soiled and get a new N95 respirator
- **Don't wear** an N95 respirator if air leaks around the respirator edges
- **Don't touch** the front of the respirator as it is contaminated while in use
- **Don't snap** the straps, as that may spread germs
- **Don't share** your N95 respirator with others; germs can spread that way
- **Don't leave** the N95 respirator hanging around your neck

