Q. How important is it if particles are in your hair and can it stay in your hair for hours?
A. I'm not aware of any studies that address particles in hair.

Q. Is reuse limited to 5x's? Or a full shift if in good repair?
A. Follow manufacturer's instructions for number of times a respirator can be re-used. If instructions are not available, CDC notes respirators can be donned and doffed 5 times.

Q. Are we supposed to use the medical questionnaire for employee respiratory health/tolerance of respirator?
A. Please follow OSHA guidance for medical screening prior to Fit Testing for respirator.

Q. The procedures for doffing was for reusing PPE and included donning clean gloves prior to removing face shield (needs to be cleaned), removing gloves and performing hand hygiene and donning another set of gloves to doff mask using clean hand and dirty hand for storing.
A. Yes, there are several different procedures available. Changing gloves and performing hand hygiene in between each step is acceptable.

Q. Any advantage in using a spray like Lysol when reusing a respirator mask?
A. CDC has posted on their webpage options for disinfecting respirators.

Q. Are fit tests interchangeable for N95s?
A. Fit tests are specific to the make and model of the respirator.

Q. Are these guidelines the same for outpatient clinics (i.e. physicians office)? Full gear all the time?
A. Decision would need to be made based on expected risk of exposure.
Q. What is the difference between N95 and KN95?
A. The KN95 are not NIOSH approved. Please visit the CDC webpage for a listing of other types of masks that are made to a similar standard as NIOSH. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/respirators-strategy/index.html

Q. Will change of uniforms work instead of gown?
A. If clothes have become contaminated then yes you should change them and put on clean clothes.

Q. You said residents are to use face mask when out of their rooms, does this pertain to SNF and ALF? Or is this just a recommendation?
A. This is guidance from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid services applies to SNF and ALF.

Q. On Doffing Poster revised on 3/12/20, Hand Hygiene on with Gloves first then remove the gown then remove gloves can you clarify this.
A. Yes this is correct. The gloves are cleaned to help reduce opportunities for self contamination when removing the gown.

Q. What do we need to follow, the new poster or the old CDC guideline?
A. You will need to determine what procedure is best for your staff based on the type of PPE you have available and your extended use protocol.

Q. We have access to a UVC cleaning robot. In addition to "cleaning" N95 masks, can the UVC light be used to disinfect gowns, and if so, which fabrics?
A. Please see the procedure from NETEC regarding disinfecting respirators with UV light. https://www.nebraskamed.com/sites/default/files/documents/covid-19/n-95-decon-process.pdf

Q. If we accept residents back that may have been exposed to covid-19 but don’t know for sure can we co-hort or should they stay in a single room?
A. When you have a resident of unknown status it is best to keep them in a room by themselves for the 14 day isolation period.
Q. How do you perform a fit test without the kits?
A. Qualitative testing is all that is required and you will need the test kit to do so.

Q. If we have facemasks and we also have cloth masks for staff use. Is it okay to use the cloth first and save the medical facemask till we have an outbreak or should we wear the cloth mask over the facemask to extend the life of the facemask?
A. Prioritize the facemasks for the health care workers and have the residents use the cloth masks.