

## CHARLES COUNTY GOVERNMENT

# INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

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<b>TO:</b>	All Uniformed Personnel <i>Department of Emergency Services, EMS Division</i>
<b>FROM:</b>	John Filer, Chief of EMS & SOD <i>Department of Emergency Services, EMS Division</i>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	COVID-19 PPE Augments and LP-15 Decon Clarification
<b>DATE:</b>	April 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2020

Under the approval of the EOC and to keep congruent with the CDC and Governor Hogan's recommendations, Safety has approved the use of simple face masks (commercial or crafted) in the public arena. Per Special Order 2020-01 V 3.1 however, N95's are to be used for all patient contacts with reuse guidelines in place per the CDC recommendations. N95's may be reused so long as patient contact with a PUI or COVID+ patient is not made by the EMS clinician. Simple face masks (commercial or crafted) may be worn over the EMS clinicians N95 mask so long as they are disinfected or replaced after each patient contact.

Regarding the decon process of the LP-15, the manufacturer does not authorize the use of a fogging disinfect process for the cardiac monitor/defibrillator. Do not leave the LP-15 in the ambulance during the fogging disinfecting process at CRMC. The LP-15 is to be manually wiped down using a sanitizing cloth or wipe. Per the manufacturer, the fogging process may introduce moisture into the device thus causing corrosion, malfunction and warranty void.

Should you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to [DESafety@charlescountymd.gov](mailto:DESafety@charlescountymd.gov).

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