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COVID-19 Guidance on Facial Makeup to Preserve Masks

Purpose: To conserve and preserve personal protective equipment (PPE), specifically masks and respirators, during the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic.

Facial Makeup: Lifespan Infection Control recommends that all staff providing direct patient care refrain from using facial makeup on areas of the skin that will come in contact with masks and respirators. Facial makeup includes, but is not limited to, lipstick, foundation, tinted moisturizer, and coverup.

Reprocessing: Lifespan will have the ability to reprocess and preserve a larger number of masks and respirators if they are not soiled by facial makeup. Reprocessed masks and respirators will ensure the safety of staff providing direct care to COVID-19 patients. Avoiding the use of facial makeup today will directly impact the number of masks in circulation to protect Lifespan's direct patient care teams in the future.