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Strategies to Optimize the Supply of PPE and Equipment

PPE shortages are posing a tremendous challenge to the US and the local healthcare system due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The County of San Luis Obispo Public Health Department is recommending the utilization of guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding strategies to optimize the supply of PPE and Equipment.

This is the link regarding useful strategies:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/index.html>

Within this guidance there are several specific strategies from the CDC regarding several possible methods for decontamination and reuse of filtering facepiece respirators such as N95 and surgical masks.

The CDC notes: "This practice would be inconsistent with their approved use, but we understand in times of crisis this option may need to be considered when FFR shortages exist".

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/ppe-strategy/decontamination-reuse-respirators.html>