It is crucial that we use ALL possible measures to conserve N95 respirators. Size small N95 respirators are in particularly short supply.

To conserve N95 respirators, we must consistently use the following strategies:

- Do not use the small size if you were fit tested for a regular size.

- Use N95 respirators only when clinically indicated (i.e., for aerosol-generating procedures on suspected/confirmed COVID-19 patients). Do not use an N95 when a surgical mask is appropriate.

- Perform an N95 fit check for each use.

Conserve N95 respirators when caring for patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19:

- Place a surgical mask or shield over N95 to prevent droplet contamination of N95.

- If covered, the N95 can be reused between multiple patients over multiple shifts until visibly soiled, contaminated, or wet, or fails a fit check.

- Keep the N95 respirator in your pocket or in a paper bag between uses.

- If consecutively seeing multiple confirmed COVID-19 patients in the same room, remove gloves, perform hand hygiene, and don new gloves prior to caring for the next patient.
  
    - Do not change N95 respirator, gown, eye protection, or surgical face mask between patients in the same room.