Collect and ship protocol
N95 respirators

N95 respirator hamper stands are designated with a sticker on the lid stating “N95 respirators ONLY”. They are located in critical care units, emergency departments and on patient floors.

**Important:**
Do not tear the strap on the respirator.

**Best practice:** go makeup-free for a better return rate on N95 respirators.

Your local Stryker Service Representative will provide you with the collection materials needed to maximize the collections at your account; ie. hamper stands, collections bags, boxes and more. Please note, SSS can provide sealed bags for N95 respirator collections upon request.

**Note:** Collection bags are for compatible N95 respirators only; do not throw other personal protective equipment (such as gloves, face masks, and surgical masks), paper towels, or waste in the collection bags.

These materials are needed for one shipment.

- Two large teal collection bags
- One large box
- One bar code label inside box
- One white Phoenix UPS label outside box

Note: Please follow either instruction set A (Collection and Packaging) or B (Collection ONLY) below, depending on your healthcare facility’s policy.

**A. Hospitals Completing Collection and Packaging**

1. Hospital staff place compatible N95 respirators in a designated hamper stand.
2. Remove the teal bag from the hamper stand.
3. Tightly tie the top of the bag in a knot.
4. Place bag into a second teal bag and tie the top of second bag in a knot.
5. Replace the bag in the hamper stand with a new empty bag.
6. Spray or wipe the second bag with disinfectant.
7. Place the bag into the large shipping box.
8. Place the customer bar code label on the top of the inside small flap. The bar code label should not be visible once the box is sealed. Avoid placing the bar code label in the cut line.
9. Tape the box securely closed.
10. Place a white, Phoenix UPS label on the top exterior of the shipping box.
11. Take the sealed box to a designated shipping area for UPS pick-up.

**B. Hospital Completing Collections (Stryker Completing Packaging)**

1. Hospital staff place compatible N95 respirators in a designated hamper stand.
2. Remove the teal bag from the hamper stand.
3. Tightly tie the top of the bag in a knot.
4. Place bag into a second teal bag and tie the top of second bag in a knot.
5. Replace the bag in the hamper stand with a new empty bag.
6. Spray or wipe the second bag with disinfectant.
7. Place tied bags in a location that is consistent with your current patient care collections, for SSS pick-up. Stryker Sustainability Solutions personnel will complete the following steps:
8. Spray or wipe the second bag with disinfectant.
9. Place the bag into the large shipping box.
10. Place the customer bar code label on the top of the inside small flap. The bar code label should not be visible once the box is sealed. Avoid placing the bar code label in the cut line.
11. Tape the box securely close.
12. Place a white, Phoenix UPS label on the top exterior of the shipping box.
13. Take the sealed box to a designated shipping area for UPS pick-up.

- The SSS VHP N95 Respirator Decontamination System has neither been cleared or approved for the decontamination of compatible N95 respirators for multiple-user reuse by HCP to prevent exposure to SARS-CoV-2 and other pathogenic biological airborne particulates;
- The SSS VHP N95 Respirator Decontamination System has been authorized by FDA under an EUA;
- The SSS VHP N95 Respirator Decontamination System is authorized only for the duration of the declaration that circumstances exist justifying the authorization of the emergency use of medical devices during the COVID-19 outbreak, under Section 564(b)(1) of the Act, 21 U.S.C. § 360bbb-3(b)(1), unless the authorization is terminated or revoked sooner.