Proper Reprocessing of Eye Protection

Materials needed:

- EPA-registered hospital disinfectant solution (or pre-saturated wipe) with activity against SARS-CoV-2
- Alcohol wipe or paper towel saturated with alcohol
- Clean paper towels or cloths
- Goggles or face shield to be reprocessed
- Clean paper bag or storage area (if not being immediately re-used)

Process:

1. Perform hand hygiene and put on fresh gloves.
2. Place a clean cloth or wipe saturated with EPA-registered hospital disinfectant wipe on a table to use as a reprocessing area.
3. Using a cloth or wipe saturated with a neutral detergent, wipe the inside, followed by the outside, of the mask or goggles.
4. Use a wipe or cloth with EPA-registered hospital disinfectant solution to carefully wipe the outside of the goggles or face shield.
5. Use an alcohol wipe to wipe the outside of the goggles or face shield to remove any residue
6. Air dry or dry using clean paper towels or cloths.
7. Label if necessary and store in clean, secure place (if not being immediately re-used).
8. Remove gloves and perform hand hygiene.

Extended Use of Eye Protection

DO:

✓ Leave the patient care area if you need to remove or adjust eye protection
✓ Remove and reprocess eye protection any time it is visibly soiled
✓ Label your eye protection

DON’T:

✗ Touch or adjust eye protection (perform hand hygiene immediately if this occurs)
✗ Use eye protection that is damaged in any way
✗ Share your eye protection with others