As Global Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) supply chains continue to stabilize and with improvements made to Manitoba’s stockpile of all categories of supplies over recent months, the following changes may now be implemented with respect to the collection of lightly used N95 respirators for the purpose of reprocessing for reuse:

1. Facilities across Manitoba can stop the collection of lightly used N95 respirators.

2. Facilities and regional health authorities that have been reprocessing used N95 respirators can also stop this work. Reprocessed respirators can be moved to storage within each facility or RHA according to the principles of the SOP for Inventory of Reprocessed N95 Respirators.

3. WRHA sites that have been sending N95s to Seven Oaks General Hospital for reprocessing may send only those respirators collected to this point.

Please note: This direction does not apply to 3M Elastomeric Half-Mask Respirators. There is no change to the approved SOPs for collection and reprocessing for these respirators.