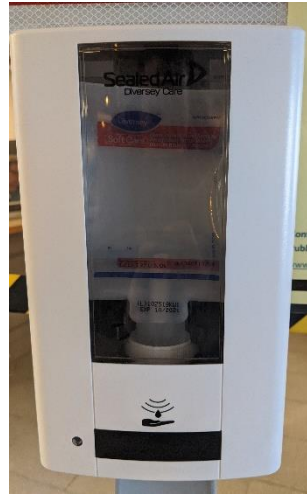


## Reuse of Surgical Masks

**Reuse/limited reuse:** This is a Procedure to be used for reuse/limited use of Surgical Masks. Masks may be used for multiple resident encounters, removed only if soiled. Please refer to "Recommended Guidelines Pandemic Universal Masking in LTC" for detailed instructions.

### Surgical Mask Reuse Guidelines

1. Wash hands with alcohol based hand rub.
2. Remove mask carefully by grasping loops as this is when self contamination may occur.
3. Mask should be folded in half so that the outer surface sides are touching each other.
4. Place folded mask into paper bag.
5. Leave loops outside of bag to allow easier access for reapplication.
6. Wash hands again with alcohol based hand rub before & after mask reapplied.



A surgical mask can be used over the course of many resident encounters. Conserve your mask for as long as possible, but once wet, damaged, soiled or difficult to breathe through you should immediately dispose of the mask and see RCC, Manager or Charge Nurse.