Use of Personal Respirators (N100/P100)

- To be used in procedural areas only
- Must be a NIOSH approved respirator with particulate filter only
- Due to the lack of fit testing, the wearer should make every effort to achieve an optimal fit
- The particulate filter must be replaced according to manufacturer’s guidelines
- Filter changes must be documented - department head will retain copies of filter changes
- Each procedural department is responsible for developing a cleaning process and ensuring routine cleaning as approved by Infection Control
- The mask must be cleaned with a hospital-approved cleaner after each use where airborne precautions are in place
- A surgical mask must be worn over the respirator and changed between each procedure
- The manufacturer’s guidelines for storage and maintenance must be followed