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Based on your local situation, if N95 respirators are not available, surgical facemasks are an acceptable alternative in general care of patients. N95 masks and PAPRs should be prioritized for providers who do procedures that are aerosol generating (e.g., obtaining nasopharyngeal and oropharyngeal swabs, intubation, bronchoscopy, suctioning). Once respiratory and N95 masks are no longer in short supply they should again be used for providers caring for known or suspected COVID 19 patients. Updated PPE Strategies for Optimizing PPE and RE-Use are attached, and more information is also posted to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [here](#).

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