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What to consider when reprocessing respiratory masks in medical facilities:

Collecting the masks:

- May only be done by qualified and instructed personnel
- All employees should be informed that hand disinfection must be carried out before and after taking off the respiratory mask.
- Dispose of soiled and defective respiratory masks immediately
- Storage / interim storage in closed containers is not allowed (reproduction of bacteria, mold formation)

Decontamination:

- May only be done by qualified and instructed personnel
- Note the number of times the respiratory mask can be decontaminated before it must be disposed of (max. two processing procedures)
- Personalizing the respiratory masks

Inspect:

- May only be done by qualified and instructed personnel
- Visual and physical inspection to ensure the respiratory masks have not been affected by decontamination

All procedural steps must be documented in such a way so that verification is possible.



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