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Virginia Health Services has initiated the use of the new local Newport News option for the N95 mask decontamination process made available through the cooperative efforts of the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) on behalf of the U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

While we wish none of this was necessary, we are pleased that we conducted the first official drop off at the local site as this much needed effort to enhance our personal protective equipment commences. It is reassuring to have this option available so that our dedicated Team Members have another tool to assist in our efforts to keep the team and the Residents in our care safe noted Jesse Young, VP of Facilities and Development.

The Battelle CCDS Critical Care Decontamination System™ addresses the current shortage of critical personal protective equipment (PPE) across the United States by decontaminating thousands of N95 respirators of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Battelle CCDS™ can decontaminate the same N95 respirator multiple times without degrading N95 respirator or fit performance.

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