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To Our Valued Customers:

The world-wide Coronavirus pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for patient care and staff safety. As your partner for infection control, we have been working with PPE manufacturers and regulators to find solutions for your most pressing needs.

3M has approved BELIMED steam decontamination method for temporarily reprocessing specific groups of N95/FFP medical respirator masks. This offers a more reliable and distinct option to effectively decontaminate the majority of common flat-folded 3M respirator models (see type numbers below¹) one (1) time using Belimed Steam Sterilizers – MSTV and MSTH.

Steam decontamination of N95 respirators can double the availability of the compatible 3M respirators during a supply crisis in any healthcare center that has a Belimed Steam Sterilizer MST-H or MST-V.

Testing demonstrated effective decontamination of the compatible respirator models. Moreover, it was tested and confirmed by the manufacturer, 3M, that this process does not impact the form, fit or function of the respirators, or alter the materials of construction after one application.

Belimed service personnel will need to install the new cycle to perform this decontamination process. Contact your local Belimed- Service Support with the serial number of the Belimed Steam Sterilizer – MSTV or MSTH, to arrange for this service.

To help navigate Healthcare Customers through this process, Belimed has updated our COVID-19 landing page, which includes all required information on how to prepare the respirators for decontamination in Belimed Steam Sterilizer – MSTV or MSTH.

Prior to using the Mask 250 Cycle, you are required to review the instructions for Healthcare Facility and personnel located on our landing page and implement the labeling instructions for use of this application. These documents are located on our website at the COVID-19 landing page.

If you have specific questions, please contact your Belimed Account Manager, Service personnel and/or submit your questions to Belimed directly.

Belimed remains committed to your success in delivering patient care through this pandemic and beyond. We would also like to thank each and every one of you for what you are doing to keep our communities and countries safe during this challenging time.

Best Regards,
Belimed AG

¹ compatible respirator models are 3M® 1804, 1804S, 1805, 1805S, 1862+, 1863+, 1870+, 9205+, 9210+, 9320 +, and 9330+ NIOSH-approved N95 respirators (see also last version of 3M's [Technical Bulletin](#))