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**Respondent Snapshot**

- **52%** report treating a positive or suspected positive COVID-19 patient.
- **45%** report PPE shortages.
- **59%** feel unsafe.
- **79%** are encouraged or required to reuse PPE.

**Personal Protective Equipment Shortages**

- Large and small hospitals and VA facilities experienced the least shortages.
- Long-term care and community health facilities experienced the most shortages.

**PPE Reuse and Decontamination**

- **43%** of facilities are decontaminating N-95 respirators.
- **53%** of nurses feel unsafe.
- **LTC nurses reported reuse 5+ days the most.**

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