

# Types of Respirators and Face Coverings



	N-95 Respirator	Medical-Grade Surgical Mask	Disposable Face Mask	Face Covering
Description	Designed to protect the wearer from exposure to airborne particles by using layers of filter material. A proper seal between the user's face and the respirator forces inhaled air through the respirator's filter material, thereby providing protection. Available in various sizes needing proper selection.	FDA-approved mask to protect the wearer from large droplets, splashes or sprays of bodily or other hazardous fluids. It helps to contain the wearer's respiratory emissions.	Commercially manufactured mask that helps to contain the wearer's respiratory emissions.	Hand-made or commercially manufactured face covering that helps to contain the wearer's respiratory emissions.
Intended Use	Reserved for healthcare workers, and approved areas and/or task-specific hazards as determined by EHRS.		Face masks and coverings are intended for community use (office spaces, community areas where 6' social distancing cannot be maintained). Not required when working alone in an office.	
Use Limitations	Generally single use, discard when damaged or contaminated. Requires medical clearance and testing for proper fit.	Generally single use, discard when damaged or contaminated. Does not require medical clearance or testing for proper fit.	Generally single use, discard when damaged or contaminated. Face coverings can be reused with proper wash and care. Does not require medical clearance or testing for proper fit.	
Examples				