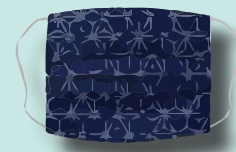
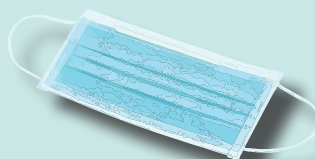


Face Coverings and Respiratory Protection: Know the Difference



	N95 Respirator	Surgical Mask	Cloth Face Covering
Testing and Approval	Evaluated, tested, and approved by NIOSH (Note: KN95s are not NIOSH approved).	Cleared by the FDA for use in medical settings.	No testing or approval
Intended Use and Purpose	Protect the wearer from exposure to hazardous particles when properly fitted and worn. These are intended for medical personnel and others whose job tasks require protection from droplets, aerosols, and particles.	Approved for use by medical personnel to help prevent the wearer from spreading droplets and aerosols to others. Surgical masks do not afford protection to the wearer from particles or aerosols, but do provide some protection from droplets and splashes.	Helps to prevent disease transmission in situations where social distancing is not possible by reducing the spread of droplets and aerosols by the wearer to others.
Face Seal	Tight fitting, required users must enroll in the Respiratory Protection Program	Loose fitting	Loose fitting
Filtration	Filters out 95% or more of airborne particles including droplets and aerosols.	Does not provide the wearer with protection from smaller airborne particles and leaks around the edges due to loose fit. Is not considered respiratory protection.	Does not provide the wearer with protection from smaller airborne particles and leaks around the edges due to loose fit. Is not considered respiratory protection.
Use Limitations	Does not afford any protection against chemical vapors or gases.	Does not afford protection against particles, aerosols, chemical vapors, or gases.	Does not afford protection against particles, aerosols, chemical vapors, or gases.

Do...

- Maintain social distancing whenever possible.
- Immediately remove face coverings that become contaminated or soiled.
- Launder or dispose of face coverings daily or when contaminated or soiled.
- Step away from others and remove the face covering if you feel fatigued or have difficulty breathing.
- Remove face coverings by only handling the elastics or ties.
- Wash your hands after removing face coverings.
- Store clean face coverings and reusable N95s in a clean paper bag to prevent microbial growth.
- Contact EH&S with any questions or concerns regarding face coverings and use.

Don't...

- Rely solely on face coverings for protection when social distancing is possible
- Wear contaminated, soiled, or wet face coverings.
- Share face coverings with others unless these have been properly laundered.
- Touch the outside of the face covering except for the elastics or ties when removing.
- Use N95 respirators unless the hazards of the task require the additional protection.
- Rely on face coverings to protect you from chemical exposures; contact EH&S for questions, concerns, and to learn about options.