







Choosing The Right Mask

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			Protection <u>Against</u>		Protection <u>For</u>	
	LEVEL OF PROTECTION	DIFFERENCE	DROPLETS	AIRBORNE	YOU	THOSE AROUND YOU
	Level 1 Cloth Mask (fit: loose)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • better than no mask • no electrostatic charge to attract+trap particles • additional layers insufficient to fully protect from infection 	★	★	★	★
	Level 2 Surgical Mask P1 (fit: loose)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • gaps allow the virus to bypass mask • not considered respiratory protection • provides moderate protection against droplets transmission • little protection from airborne transmission 	★★	★	★	★
	Level 2(+) Surgical Mask With Bracers (fit: tight)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bracers help seal the surgical mask forcing air to pass through filter • protection similar to N95 	★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★ ★★
	Level 3 N95 w/ Exhalation Valves (fit: tight)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • uncovered valve offers better source protection than surgical masks • valve can be covered with a surgical mask to improve • minimum level of protection needed to properly protect the wearer from the virus 	★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★ ★★
	Level 3(+) N95, KF9 KN95, FFP2, P2 (fit: tight)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides great protection for wearer & those around them from airborne & droplet transmission • filters at least 95% of airborne particles at 0.3 microns • not made to be reused 	★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★★ ★★	★ ★★
	Level 4 N99, N100m FFP3, P3 KN99, KN100 (fit: tight)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • filters 99%+ of airborne particles at 0.3 microns • provides 100% protection to the wearer • disposable but less familiar than N95s • <i>if it is one without a valve, it offers exceptional protection as source control</i> 	★ ★★ ★★	★ ★★ ★★	★ ★★ ★★	(v/valve) ★ ★★ (no valve) ★ ★★ ★★

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