Choosing The Right Mask

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			Protection Against		Protection For	
	LEVEL OF PROTECTION	**DIFFERENCE**	**DROPLETS**	**AIRBORNE**	**YOU**	**THOSE AROUND YOU**
	**Level 1** **Cloth Mask** *(fit: loose)*	• **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)*	• 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)*	• bracers help seal the surgical mask forcing air to pass through filter • protection similar to N95	⭐⭐ ⭐⭐	⭐⭐ ⭐⭐	⭐⭐ ⭐⭐	⭐⭐ ⭐⭐
	**Level 3** **N95 w/** **Exhalation** **Valves** *(fit: tight)*	• 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)*	• 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)	• filters 99%+ of airborne particles at 0.3 microns • **provides 100% protection to the wearer** • disposable but less familiar than N95s • *if it is one without a valve, it offers exceptional protection as source control*	⭐ ⭐⭐ ⭐⭐	⭐ ⭐⭐ ⭐⭐	⭐ ⭐⭐ ⭐⭐	(v/valve) ⭐ ⭐⭐ (no valve) ⭐ ⭐⭐ ⭐⭐