

MASKS



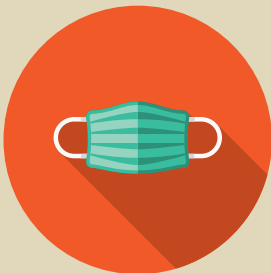
N95 MASK

- WHAT IS IT?** TIGHT FITTING RESPIRATOR MASK
USER NEEDS TO BE FITTED FOR THE MASK TO BE USED CORRECTLY – A “FIT TEST”
- WHO DOES IT PROTECT?** PROTECTS USER FROM EXPOSURE TO VIRUSES AND BACTERIA
HIGH FILTRATION RATE
- WHO IS USING THEM?** USED BY HEALTH CARE WORKERS* COMING IN CONTACT WITH SUSPECTED OR CONFIRMED CASES OF COVID-19 DURING “AEROSOL GENERATING PROCEDURES” SUCH AS INTUBATING A PATIENT.



FACE SHIELD

- WHAT IS IT?** LARGE PLASTIC SHIELD WORN OVER THE ENTIRE FACE, IN MEDICAL SETTINGS
- WHO DOES IT PROTECT?** PROTECTS THE USER FROM SPLASH AND SPLATTER OF FLUID
- WHO IS USING THEM?** HEALTH CARE WORKERS* WHO ARE WORKING WITH A RESIDENT OR PATIENT SHOWING INFLUENZA LIKE-SYMPTOMS OR A CONFIRMED INFLUENZA CASE.



SURGICAL/PROCEDURE MASK

- WHAT IS IT?** FLUID RESISTANT, LOOSE FITTING, THIN PAPER MASK
- WHO DOES IT PROTECT?** PROTECTS THE USER AGAINST DROPLETS FROM OTHERS
PROTECTS OTHERS FROM THE WEARER’S EMISSIONS
LOWER FILTRATION RATE THAN THE N95 BUT STILL VERY EFFECTIVE
- WHO IS USING THEM?** AHS REQUIRES ALL PEOPLE WORKING IN HEALTH CARE SETTINGS TO WEAR THESE CONTINUOUSLY WHEN CARING FOR A PATIENT DIRECTLY OR WORKING IN PATIENT-CARE AREAS IN HOSPITALS AND COMMUNITY SETTINGS (INCLUDING CONTINUING CARE HOMES) WITHIN TWO METERS OF OTHERS.



HOMEMADE CLOTH MASK

- WHAT IS IT?** DIY (DO IT YOURSELF) CLOTH MASK THAT COVERS NOSE AND MOUTH
- WHO DOES IT PROTECT?** NOT PROVEN TO PROTECT USER FROM COVID19 BUT IS STILL USEFUL TO PROTECT OTHERS FROM THE USER
- WHO IS USING THEM?** IT HAS BEEN RECOMMENDED THAT THE PUBLIC WEAR MASKS (INCLUDING CLOTH MASKS) IF LEAVING HOME, ALONG WITH OTHER PREVENTATIVE STEPS LIKE PHYSICAL DISTANCING. BUT REMEMBER – IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS, STAY HOME!

PRIORITY N95S AND SURGICAL/PROCEDURAL MASKS ARE MEANT FOR HEALTH CARE WORKERS ALONG WITH OTHER FRONT LINE WORKERS.
SAFE USAGE IF YOU USE A MASK BUT DO NOT PUT IT ON AND TAKE IT OFF PROPERLY THEN IT IS NOT EFFECTIVE! (CLEAN HANDS PUTTING ON, CLEAN HANDS TAKING OFF, NO TOUCHING OF FACE WHILE WEARING MASK)

MORE INFO HERE:

<https://www.albertahealthservices.ca/topics/page17048.aspx>

<https://www.aupe.org/albertacares>

<https://www.alberta.ca/prevent-the-spread.aspx#p25621s2>

* OTHER FRONT LINE WORKERS ARE BEING SUPPLIED WITH N95 MASKS AND SURGICAL/PROCEDURE MASKS FOR THEIR PROTECTION.