

TOOLBOX TALKS

Covid 19 – Face Masks

Face Coverings & Respirators understanding the difference



	Cloth Face Covering	Face Mask	Filtering Facepiece Respirator (e.g.: N95)
Testing & Approval	Not tested or approved but recommended by the CDC for use while in public.	Cleared by the U.S Food and Drug Administration per 21 CFR 878.4040.	Evaluated, tested and approved by NIOSH per 42 CFR Part 84. KN-95s are not approved by NIOSH, but 3M says it is reasonable to view them as equivalent.
Intended Use & Purpose	To reduce risk of an infected person from spreading the virus to those in proximity.	A fluid restraint barrier designed to protect the wearer from large droplets, splashes or sprays or bodily or other hazardous fluids.	Reduces the wearer's exposure to small particle aerosols and large droplets.
Who Should Wear	Those in public settings where social distancing is difficult to maintain (grocery store, pharmacy etc).	Healthcare workers when N95 respirators are not available and patients who are suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19.	Healthcare workers providing care to suspected or confirmed COVID-10 cases. Other workers when required by law, regulation, or company policy.
Face Seal Kit	Loose-Fitting	Loose-Fitting	Tight-Fitting
Fit Test Required?	No	No	Yes
User Seal Check Required?	No	No	Yes, each time the respirator is donned.
Filtration	Not classified as a filtering facepiece respirator to protect against inhaling smaller airborne particles.	Not classified as a filtering facepiece respirator to protect against inhaling smaller airborne particles.	Filters 95% of small and large airborne particles
Leakage	Leakage occurs around the edge of the mask when user inhales.	Leakage occurs around the edge of the mask when user inhales.	When properly fitted, minimal leakage occurs around edges of the respirator when user inhales.
Use Limitations	Reusable. Launder routinely in a washing machine, depending on frequency of use. Discard if mask is damaged.	Not designed for reuse. Discard after each patient encounter.	Ideally discarded after each patient encounter. Limited reuse acceptable under certain conditions.

If you suspect that you may have Covid-19, please visit: <https://sacoronavirus.co.za/>

DISCUSSION

Questions from staff

Comments by staff

Suggestions from staff

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