

	Face Masks			Respirators
	<p><b>Face Mask</b> Civilian Use (Nomad Mask)</p> 	<p><b>Surgical Mask</b> FDA Approved</p> 	<p><b>Form Fit Face Mask</b> Civilian Use (Nomad Mask)</p> 	<p><b>N95 Respirator</b> FDA Approved</p> 
Testing and Approval	Not FDA Approved. <b>Designed for civilian use.</b>	Cleared by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA)	Not FDA or NIOSH approved. <b>Designed for civilian use.</b>  <b>These are commonly called KN95. These are not a replacement for a N95 respirator in a medical setting.</b>	Evaluated, tested, and approved by NIOSH as per the requirements in 42 CFR Part 84
Filtration	>95-98% filtration efficiency  Does <b>NOT</b> provide the wearer with a reliable level of protection from inhaling smaller airborne particles and is not considered respiratory protection.	>98% filtration efficiency <b>Tested by FDA</b>  Does <b>NOT</b> provide the wearer with a reliable level of protection from inhaling smaller airborne particles and is not considered respiratory protection.	>95-98% filtration efficiency  Does <b>NOT</b> provide the wearer with a reliable level of protection from inhaling smaller airborne particles and is not considered respiratory protection.	Filters out at least 95% of airborne particles including large and small particles.
Intended Use and Purpose	Fluid resistant and provides the wearer protection against large droplets, splashes, or sprays of bodily or other hazardous fluids. Protects the patient from the wearer's respiratory emissions.  <b>*We advise using these masks in lower contact situations.</b>	Fluid resistant and provides the wearer protection against large droplets, splashes, or sprays of bodily or other hazardous fluids. Protects the patient from the wearer's respiratory emissions.	Fluid resistant and provides the wearer protection against large droplets, splashes, or sprays of bodily or other hazardous fluids. Protects the patient from the wearer's respiratory emissions.  <b>*We advise using these masks in lower contact situations.</b>	Reduces wearer's exposure to particles including small particle aerosols and large droplets (only non-oil aerosols).
Face Seal Fit	Loose-fitting	Loose-fitting	Tight-fitting	Tight-fitting
Leakage Seal Check	Leakage occurs around the edge of the mask when user inhales.	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 and donned, minimal leakage occurs around edges of the masks when user inhales.	When properly fitted and donned, minimal leakage occurs around edges of the respirator when user inhales.  In medical applications the FDA requires a fit test each time the respirator is donned (put on), in order to ensure a proper seal.
Use Limitations	Disposable. Discard after daily use.	Disposable. Discard after each patient encounter.	Disposable. Discard after daily use.	Ideally should be discarded after each patient encounter and after aerosol-generating procedures. It should also be discarded when it becomes damaged or deformed; no longer forms an effective seal to the face; becomes wet or visibly dirty; breathing becomes difficult; or if it becomes contaminated with blood, respiratory or nasal secretions, or other bodily fluids from patients.

Source: Center for Disease Control  
<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/pdfs/UnderstandDifferenceInfographic-508.pdf>

Recommended Guidance for Extended Use and Limited Reuse of N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirators in Healthcare Settings  
<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/hcwcontrols/recommendedguidanceextuse.html>