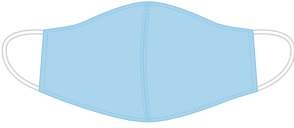






Which Face Covering is Best?

Choose your mask depending upon where and why it will be needed, as suggested below.

Mask Type	Appropriate Setting		
	Students and Employees in a Health Care Environment	Students and Employees in a Non-Health Care Environment	Hospital/Clinic Patients and Visitors
<p>Cloth Face Covering</p>  <p>A commercially made or homemade two-ply cotton face covering can help people—particularly those unaware they have the virus—from transmitting it to others.</p>		✓	✓
<p>Surgical or Procedure Mask</p>  <p>A loose-fitting, disposable mask that covers the nose and mouth prevents droplets, splashes, sprays, or splatter from being spread by the person wearing one.</p>	✓	✓	✓
<p>Dust Mask</p>  <p>This loose-fitting, disposable mask covers the nose and mouth, preventing droplets from being spread by the person wearing one. Note: A dust mask is not an N95 (below).</p>		✓	✓
<p>Respirators (N95)</p>  <p>These tight-fitting, NIOSH-approved respirators are in limited supply and should be reserved for health care staff. Medical clearance, fit-testing, and training are required, per OSHA regulations.</p>	✓ As clinically indicated		
<p>Valved Mask</p>  <p>DO NOT USE. Valved masks allow air to pass out of the mask unfiltered. They can spread virus from the person wearing the mask to others.</p>	✗	✗	✗