




Respiratory Protection Fact Sheet

Surgical		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Disposable ➤ Covers nose and mouth ➤ Provides barrier protection against droplets including LARGE respiratory particles ➤ Does NOT effectively filter small particles from air⁽¹⁾
N95		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Disposable ➤ Covers nose and mouth ➤ Filters out particles such as dust, mist, fumes ➤ Does NOT provide protection against gases and vapors ➤ Fit testing/Medical clearance required⁽²⁾
Half Face		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reusable facepiece and replaceable cartridges or filters ➤ Can be used to protect against gases, vapors, or particles (if equipped with the appropriate cartridge or filter) ➤ Fit testing/Medical clearance required⁽²⁾
Full Face		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reusable facepiece and replaceable canisters, cartridges or filters ➤ Can be used to protect against gases, vapors, or particles (if equipped with the appropriate cartridge or filter) ➤ Provides eye protection ➤ Fit testing/Medical clearance required⁽²⁾
PAPR		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Powered Air- Purifying Respirator (PAPR) ➤ Reusable facepiece and replaceable canisters, cartridges or filters ➤ Can be used to protect against gases, vapors, or particles (if equipped with the appropriate cartridge or filter) ➤ Battery powered with blower that pulls air through cartridge or filter ➤ Fit testing/Medical clearance required with tight PAPR (Loose PAPR does not require test/clearance and can be used with facial hair)⁽²⁾

(1) https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/topics/respirators/disp_part/respsource3healthcare.html

(2) <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/Respiratory-Protection-Week-2019.html>