

# Mask Frequently Asked Questions

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## Intended Use and Purpose:

- Reduces exposure to particles including small particle aerosols and large droplets

## When to Use a N95 Respirator:

- When caring for patients requiring Airborne Precautions
  - TB (suspected or confirmed)
  - Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)
  - Measles
  - Chickenpox
  - Smallpox
  - SARS
  - MERS
- When performing high-risk (aerosol generating) procedures:
  - Bronchoscopy
  - Sputum induction
  - Endotracheal intubation and extubation
  - Open suctioning of airways
  - Cardiopulmonary resuscitation
  - Autopsies

## Use Limitations

- Discard mask
  - After each patient encounter
  - After aerosol generating procedures
  - When mask becomes damaged or deformed
  - If mask becomes contaminated with blood, respiratory or nasal secretions, or other bodily fluids from patients



## Intended Use and Purpose:

- Protection against large droplets, splashes, or sprays of bodily or other hazardous fluids.
- Protects the patient from the wearer's respiratory emissions

## When to Use a Surgical Mask:

- When caring for patients requiring Droplet Precautions
  - Influenza
  - Meningococcal Disease
  - Pertussis

## Use Limitations

- Discard after each patient encounter with isolation patients
- If used due to health care provider with respiratory symptoms, discard after 6 hours of use or if mask becomes soiled or contaminated