Make the Smart Choice!
Know your protection. Wear it consistently. Reduce your exposure risk.

**Procedure Mask**

Resists and Protects Against Fluid Contaminants
- Resists fluid and larger droplets.
- Protects patients from your respiratory emissions.
- Does not protect you from patients’ small particle aerosols.

**Why:** Masks are sufficient when contagion is not transmitted through aerosol. Conserves N95 inventory.

**N95 Respirator**

Provides a Higher Level of Protection Against Airborne and Fluid Contaminants
- Resists small particle aerosol and large droplets.
- Filters 95% or more of small and large airborne particles (as small as 0.3 microns).

**Why:** N95 respirators provide a higher level of protection when contagion is transmitted through air particles.

**FIT**

Not Fit-Tested
- Loose-fitting.
- No seal check required.
- Leakage around mask during inhalation and exhalation.

**Why:** Fit is sufficient for protection level.

Fit-Tested
- Tight-fitting.
- Seal check required for every donning event.
- No leakage during inhalation or exhalation when properly fitted and donned.

**Why:** Fit is imperative for optimal protection level.

**USE**

**Disposable**
- While normally discarded after a single use, masks may need to be reused during crisis events.

Dispose of when:
- Visibly wet, overly damp, torn, dirty or contaminated with respiratory or bodily secretions from patient.

**Why:** Reusing and recycling conserves procedure mask inventory.

**Reusable If Clean**
- Use for multiple patient encounters if clean.
- Recycle if facility has procedures in place to ensure adequate decontamination and preservation of function of respirators.

Dispose of when:
- Visibly wet, overly damp, torn, dirty or contaminated with respiratory or bodily secretions from patient.
- Unable to perform seal check.

**Why:** Reusing and recycling conserves N95 inventory.