



Gila River Indian Community COVID-19 Task Force

Mask Terminology and Common Usage

This document is to provide education on the types of protective masks and their common uses. It is not all encompassing.

N95 Respirator (there may be some variances to these types)

- For use by **healthcare workers** and **first responders** for maximum protection while working around those with or showing symptoms of COVID-19
- [CDC guidelines allow for extended and limited reuse](#)



Procedure/Surgical Mask (there may be some variances to these types)

- For use by **healthcare workers** and **first responders** to cover N95 Respirators to extend use or during all patient and public contacts when an N95 Respirator is not warranted
- For use on **patients** to reduce the spread of virus
- Single use



Cloth Mask (there are many variances to these types)

- For use by the **general public** and **workers** not required to wear a respirator type mask
- Not recommended for children under 2 yrs old
- Can be laundered for reuse

