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