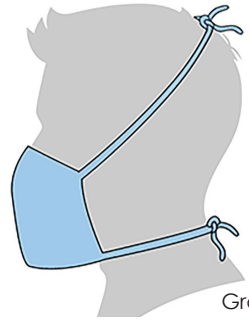


# FACE COVERINGS, MASKS & RESPIRATORS

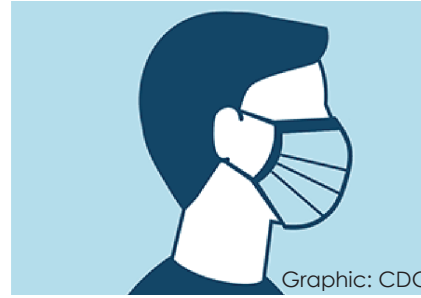


## When to Use Them to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

California and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) are encouraging everyone to use cloth face coverings when around coworkers or in public to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Employers must provide face coverings for workers or reimburse them for the reasonable costs of obtaining them.



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|   | Reusable Cloth Face Covering | Disposable Surgical Mask or Procedure Mask   | Disposable N95 Respirator, PAPR, Elastomeric Respirator                               |
|---|------------------------------|--|---|
| Respiratory protection for the wearer                                 | ✗                            | ✗  | ✓   |
| Protects people near the wearer (Use with physical/social distancing) | ✓                            | ✓  | ✓   |
| Who should use it?  | General public, most workers | Surgical masks are currently prioritized for source control and other specified uses in health care facilities and other workplaces. | Health care workers, first responders, others at highest risk of exposure to COVID-19 |

- All face coverings, surgical masks, and respirators must cover the nose and mouth.
- Wash or sanitize hands before and after using or adjusting face coverings, surgical masks, and respirators.
- Wash face coverings after each shift and discard if they no longer cover the nose and mouth, have stretched-out or damaged ties or straps, cannot properly stay on the face, or have holes or tears.
- When removing any face covering, surgical mask, or respirator, do not touch the outside.
- N95 and other tight-fitting respirators must be fit tested to select a model and size that fits the individual and provides a reliable level of protection. At this time, they are reserved primarily for health care workers, first responders, and those exposed to other hazardous particles.