Face Coverings, Masks, & Respirators
KNOW THE DIFFERENCE
AND WHEN TO USE THEM

CLOTH FACE COVERINGS
- Can not be shared by staff members.
- Discard if soiled, damaged or hard to breath through.
- Between uses store in a breathable container, such as a paper bag.

N-95 AND SURGICAL MASKS
- Designed to be disposable; extended use and reuse possible [between uses store in a breathable container, (e.g., paper bag); may be sterilized and reused; discard when it becomes wet, visibly dirty, deformed, or damaged]

N-95 RESPIRATORS
- Designed to be disposable; extended use and reuse possible [between uses store in a breathable container, (e.g., paper bag); discard when wet, torn, or if elastic is no longer intact]

SURGICAL MASKS
- Designed to be disposable; extended use and reuse possible [between uses store in a breathable container, (e.g., paper bag); discard when wet, torn, or if elastic is no longer intact]

EXTENDED USE: Wear the same N-95 respirator for repeated close contact encounters with several different patients, without removing the respirator between patient encounters.

RE-USE: One healthcare worker may use the same N-95 respirator for multiple encounters with different patients, with removal of the respirator after each encounter. Consult the respirator manufacturer for the maximum number of recommended reuses for a particular respirator model. (If manufacturer guidance is not available, limit the number of reuses to no more than five uses per device to ensure an adequate safety margin.)
# Personal Protective Equipment

## PRIORITY OF USE

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<td>Patients with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 infection</td>
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<td>Healthcare Workers performing aerosol-generating procedures, including autopsies</td>
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<td>Emergency Services and Law Enforcement personnel providing pre-hospital care</td>
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<td>Individuals conducting mortuary affairs operations (other than autopsies); Individuals transporting suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients</td>
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<td>No (unless direct contact with another person is required)</td>
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*Unless handling soiled laundry, participating in meal service, or participating in direct contact activities.

Info taken from:

For current COVID-19 information:
- https://phc.amedd.army.mil/covid19
- https://www.coronavirus.gov/

The Military Health System Nurse Advice Line is available 24/7:
Call 1-800-874-2273 option #1
or visit https://www.health.mil/I-Am-A/Media/Media-Center/NAL-Day-at-a-glance

The Army COVID-19 Information Hotline:
1-800-984-8523
Overseas DSN 312-421-3700
Stateside DSN 421-3700

For more information, contact your installation’s Department of Public Health.