

NIOSH Reach II Study

Understanding and Selecting Respiratory Protection Devices

While it is your employer's responsibility to provide policies, programs, training, and guidance on respirator use, it is the healthcare workers who implement these procedures. Do you know when to use respiratory protection? If so, do you understand what type of protection to choose and how to use it properly?



N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirator

or



Surgical Mask

Seasonal Influenza

Patient with suspected or confirmed seasonal influenza.

Close contact

Surgical mask equivalent or higher

Aerosol-generating procedure

N95 Filtering Facepiece Respirator (FFR) equivalent or higher

Airborne Precautions

Patient with suspected or confirmed infectious disease requiring airborne precautions (e.g., measles, tuberculosis)

Close contact

N95 FFR equivalent or higher

Aerosol-generating procedure

N95 FFR equivalent or higher

Droplet Precautions

Patient with suspected or confirmed infectious disease requiring droplet precautions (e.g., pertussis)

Close contact

Surgical mask equivalent or higher

Aerosol-generating procedure

Surgical mask equivalent or higher