COVID-19 Guide to Face Coverings for Public Use

Category	Type	Protecting Others	Protecting Wearer	Use Limitations	Notes:
GREEN					
	KN95 Mask	Good to Excellent	Good to Excellent	Must be disposed of after use, or when become wet/soiled	Level of protection depends on how well the mask seals to the individual's face (NIOSH approved N95 respirators without exhalation valves for healthcare settings only, fall under this same level of protection)
BLUE					
	3-Ply Disposable Protective Masks	Good	Good	Must be disposed of after use, or when become wet/soiled	FDA approved surgical masks for healthcare settings only, provide the same level of protection, or greater
	3-Ply Cloth Masks	Good	Good	Must be laundered after each use	
YELLOW					
	2-Ply Cloth Masks	Fair to Good	Fair to Good	Must be laundered after each use	Additional filter inserts may increase protection
ORANGE = Not Recommended					

	1-Ply Cloth Mask	Fair	Fair	Must be laundered after each use	
	Bandana	Fair	Fair	Must be laundered after each use	Recommended to be worn only in combination with a more protective face covering (Bandana "masks" may fall into the 1 -3 ply cloth mask categories, depending on design)
	Neck Gaiter	Fair	Fair	Must be laundered after each use	Neck gaiters made of cotton and triple layered may be more effective
RED = Not Acceptable					
	Face Mask/Respirator with Exhalation Valve(s) or Vent(s)	Poor	Fair to Excellent	Must be washed, disinfected, or disposed of after each use.	Should only be used in combination with an acceptable Face Covering
	Face Shield	Poor	Poor	Must be cleaned and disinfected after each use	Face Shields provide eye protection and should only be used in combination with an acceptable Face Covering, at times when distancing may not be possible