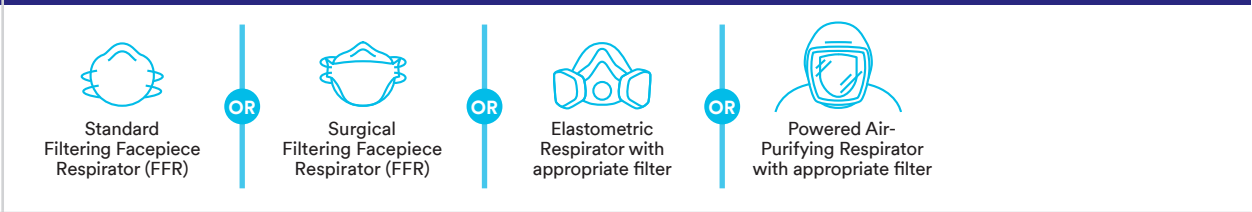
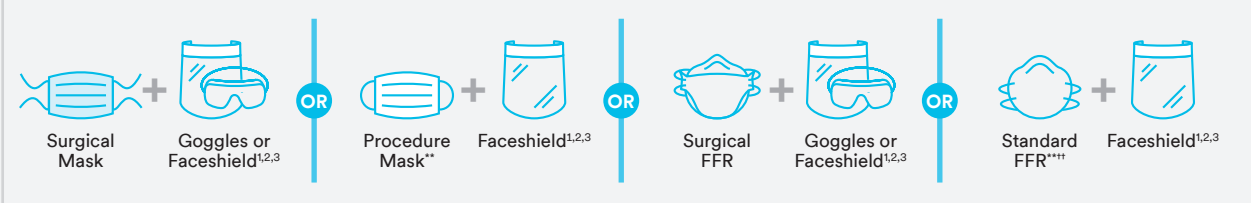
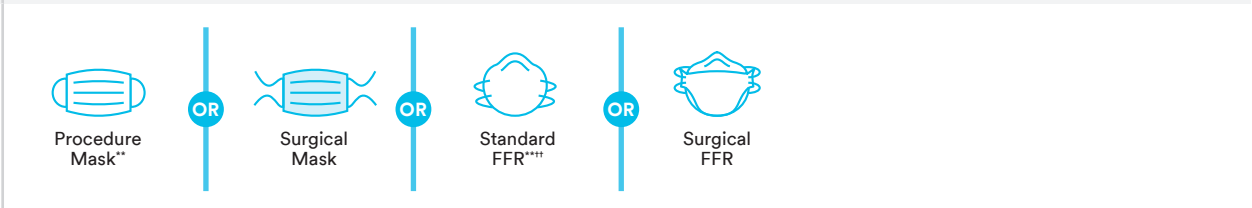
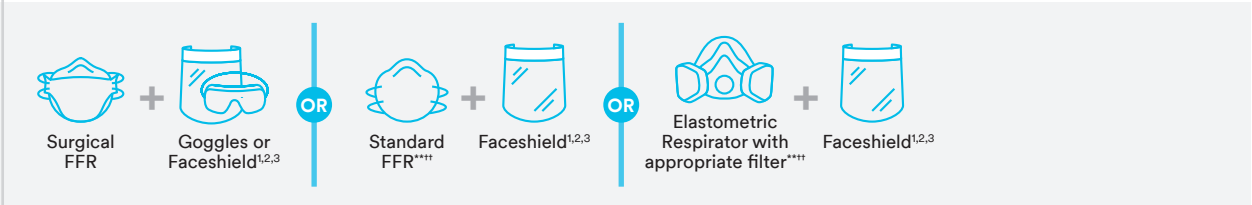
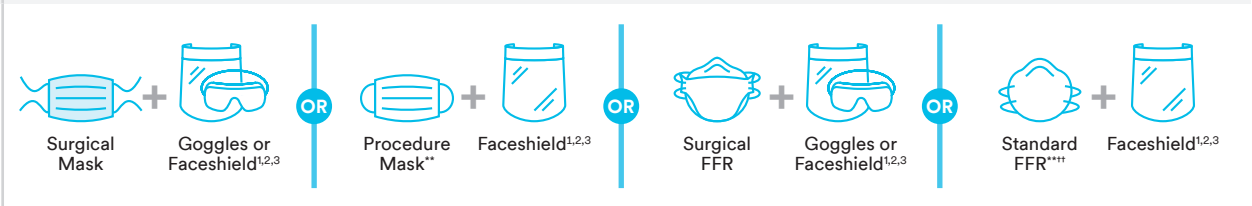
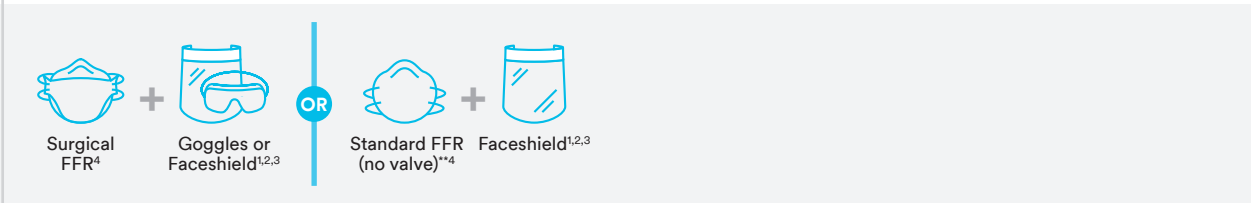


What to consider when choosing respirators and masks.

3M™ Health Care Respirators and Surgical Masks do different jobs and their selection and use depends on the situation and the type(s) of protection you need. Be sure to take care of yourself and those around you by selecting the proper respirator and mask for the application.

Setting or Anticipated Hazard	Respiratory and Face Mask Selection Guide*			
Only airborne (or aerosol) particulate hazards†	 <p>Standard Filtering Facepiece Respirator (FFR) OR Surgical Filtering Facepiece Respirator (FFR) OR Elastometric Respirator with appropriate filter OR Powered Air-Purifying Respirator with appropriate filter</p>			
Only risk of high-velocity fluids	 <p>Surgical Mask + Goggles or Faceshield^{1,2,3} OR Procedure Mask** + Faceshield^{1,2,3} OR Surgical FFR + Goggles or Faceshield^{1,2,3} OR Standard FFR**** + Faceshield^{1,2,3}</p>			
Only sterile field	 <p>Procedure Mask** OR Surgical Mask OR Standard FFR**** OR Surgical FFR</p>			
Airborne (or aerosol) particulate hazards† + risk of high-velocity fluids	 <p>Surgical FFR + Goggles or Faceshield^{1,2,3} OR Standard FFR**** + Faceshield^{1,2,3} OR Elastometric Respirator with appropriate filter**** + Faceshield^{1,2,3}</p>			
Risk of high-velocity fluids + sterile field	 <p>Surgical Mask + Goggles or Faceshield^{1,2,3} OR Procedure Mask** + Faceshield^{1,2,3} OR Surgical FFR + Goggles or Faceshield^{1,2,3} OR Standard FFR**** + Faceshield^{1,2,3}</p>			
Airborne (or aerosol) particulate hazards† + risk of high-velocity fluids + sterile field	 <p>Surgical FFR⁴ + Goggles or Faceshield^{1,2,3} OR Standard FFR (no valve)**⁴ + Faceshield^{1,2,3}</p>			

For more resources and information about choosing the right mask or respirator for your needs, go to [3M.com/healthcareppe](https://www.3m.com/healthcareppe)

Note: For information about eye protection, see the [3M Eye Protection for Infection Control Technical Bulletin](#)

*This guide is intended for a healthcare audience. The term “surgical” refers to those masks and respirators cleared for use as a medical device by the U.S. FDA; clearance requires demonstrated performance against established test criteria including fluid resistance testing to demonstrate the device will protect the wearer from high-velocity streams of fluids. This guide may not be inclusive of all options that could be used in the listed settings. It is the responsibility of the healthcare organization to determine suitability of any respirator, face mask, and faceshield used in their facility and ensure compliance with all applicable regulations including the respiratory protection program requirements of U.S. OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 when respiratory protection is used.

**Item is not FDA cleared for protection against high velocity fluids. The faceshield provides mouth, nose, eye, and skin protection.

†Appropriate respirator selection depends on multiple factors, including hazard type, concentration, and substance-specific standards.

††Not cleared by FDA for use in surgery.

¹Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2020). Personal Protective Equipment: Questions and Answers. Retrieved July 15 from <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/respirator-use-faq.html>

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WARNING

These respirators help protect against certain airborne particulates. Before use, the wearer must read and understand the User Instructions provided as a part of the product packaging. Follow all local regulations. In the U.S., a written respiratory protection program must be implemented meeting all the requirements of OSHA 29 CFR 1910.134 including training, fit testing and medical evaluation. In Canada, CSA standards Z94.4 requirements must be met and/or requirements of the applicable jurisdiction, as appropriate. Misuse may result in sickness or death. For correct use, consult supervisor and User Instructions, or call 3M Health Care Helpline in USA at 1-800-228-3957 and in Canada at 1-800-563-2921.