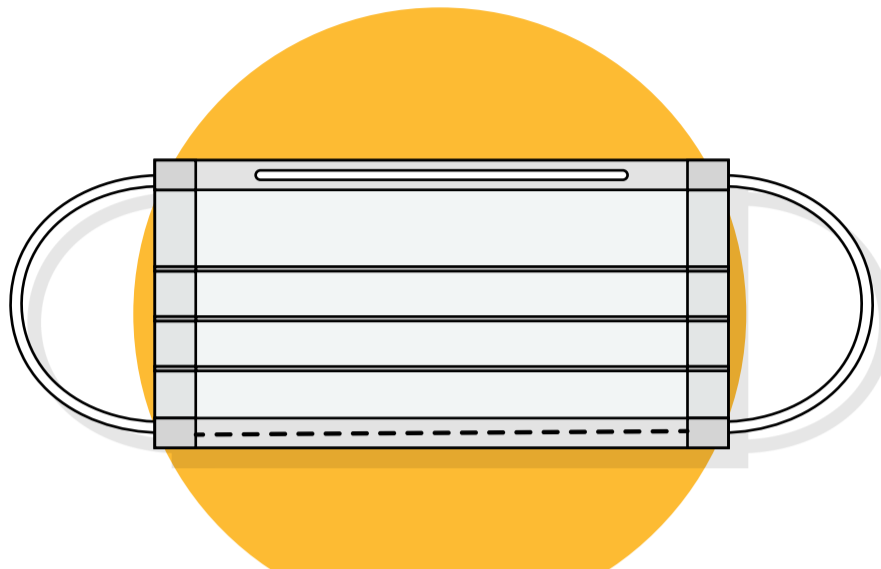
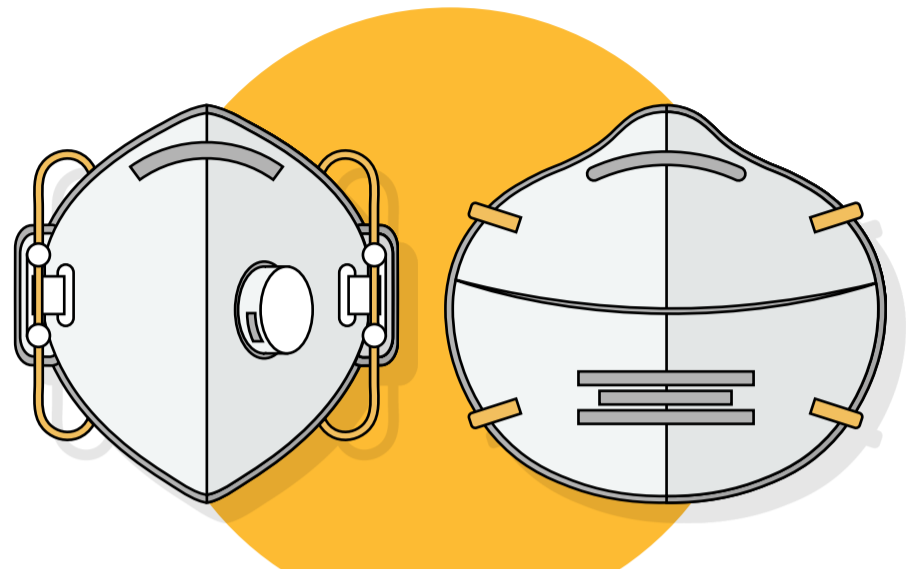


What are the main types of face masks & who should use them?



Face (surgical) mask



Respirator mask - P2 & N95

How does the mask work / what is it for?

- › Loose fitting
- › Disposable
- › Physical barrier
- › Designed for medical settings
- › Do not protect the wearer from bacteria or viruses
- › Fit checking recommended

- › Tight fitting with adjustable nose piece
- › Air filtration mechanism
- › Can be disposable
- › Designed for high risk medical settings
- › Protects the wearer from viruses & bacteria
- › Special training is required
- › Fit testing and checking recommended

Who might wear this type of mask?

Recommended for:

- › healthcare workers undertaking routine care of patients in medical settings
- › suspected or confirmed COVID-19 patients and those providing their care
- › healthcare workers who have frequent, close contact with sick or vulnerable people.

Recommended for:

- › medical procedures that generate aerosols from a patient.

Not recommended for:

- › non-healthcare settings.

Important note

The information contained in this infographic applies to minimising the transmission of COVID-19 only. The current advice from the Australian Government Department of Health is that most people will not benefit from wearing a face mask.

There is little evidence supporting the widespread use of face masks in healthy people to prevent transmission in public.

Face masks are used across various industries and continue to play an important role in controlling exposure to a range of occupational hazards.