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First Nations  
Health Authority

# CORONAVIRUS COVID-19

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### Difference between N95 & Procedure Masks

#### N95



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#### Procedure

#### What are these masks used for?

- Disposable mask with a tight fit to keep out very small particles (e.g. dust), bacteria (e.g. tuberculosis) and viruses (e.g. measles)

#### What are these masks used for?

- Disposable masks that are used to keep out droplets that carry larger bacteria or viruses (e.g. COVID-19)
- Protect others from droplets that can come from the nose or mouth of someone that has respiratory symptoms (cough, sneeze)

#### How do these masks fit?

- Tight fit
- Come in several sizes
- Testing is completed to determine proper mask fit
- Testing is completed every year or when someone has significant weight gain or weight loss

#### How do these masks fit?

- Loose fitting
- Surgical masks come in two sizes:  
Adult & Paediatric

#### Who should wear N95 masks?

- Health Care Practitioners who are doing a medical procedure on a patient who is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 that will spray the virus into the air (also known as aerosol generating procedure)

#### Who should wear these masks?

- Health care workers caring for people with respiratory illnesses (includes home care programs)
- Other community workers part of the healthcare team that may come in contact with people with respiratory illnesses (e.g. medical drivers, front desk clerks, etc.)
- Family/friends caring for people with COVID
- People that have respiratory illnesses (e.g. coughing, sneezing, etc.)