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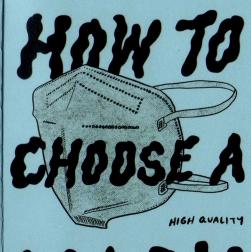






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MASK

## DID YOU KNOW?

Covid 19 is airborne! It spreads through tiny particles that hang in the air like smoke.

Particles can stay in the air for a long time, & you can breathe them in even after an infected person has left the area.<sup>2</sup> Asymptomatic spread is totally a thing!

Well-fitting, high quality masks (AKA respirators) are one of the best ways to protect against airborne particles. We can also increase air flow (ventilation) to disperse Covid, & use air filtration to capture & trap Covid particles.3

## DOPE!

Respirators filter out particles by physically blocking them, but also by trapping them with an electrostatic charge. (This is why you should try not to touch the outside of your mask).

NOPE!

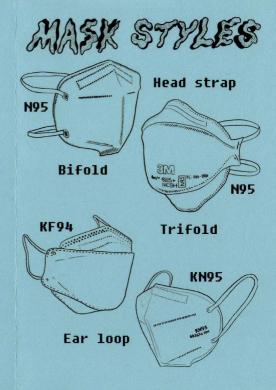
Cloth & surgical
masks protect against
droplets. This makes them
significantly less effective
than respirators, which
protect against particles.<sup>3</sup>

## RESPIRATORS

N95 <-Best protection KN95 <-Great protection KF94 <-Great protection

Experiment with masks til you find one that is comfy & fits snugly with no gaps.<sup>3</sup> Your local mask bloc can hook you up with masks to try for free!<sup>4</sup>

A respirator is generally good for 40 hrs of wear, unless wet or worn out.<sup>5</sup> It's recommended to use a different one for each day of week.





N95s KN95s
3M Aura Powecom
3m V-Flex Wellbefore
BNX BreatheTeq
Gerson Kingfa

Beware of counterfits! Choose reputible brands like the ones above.

Look for NIOSH certification on N95s, & the GB2626-2019 code on KN95s before buying.

Projectn95.org is a good jumping off point!

## I'm vaccinated + boosted, why should I still bother to mask?

Masking protects you & any vulnerable people you interact with! We're still learning about the longterm effects of Covid, but we do know the risk of Long Covid increases with each infection, & symptoms can be debilitating. There is no cure.

If you won't mask all the time, try at least masking in public places where people have to be (doctors office, grocery store, pharmacy, airport & plane, public transit, etc).

Vaccines are great but they don't stop the spread!6