







MASK/RESPIRATOR CHART

Item	COVID-19 protection	Required for employee?	Can be worn voluntarily?	Approved usages	NOT approved for
No mask or respirator	No mask or respirator needed if employee is able to follow social distancing and hygiene protocols.	N/A	N/A	Any work not requiring an employee to be closer than 6 feet to another person. Short-term intermittent contact such as passing closer than 6 feet in a hallway is also fine.	Any work activities requiring a higher level of protection.
Cloth face mask 	Can protect other people in the general public from the wearer's respiratory droplets. It does not protect the wearer from other people's respiratory droplets.	No	Yes	Can be voluntarily worn by any UWF employee whose work does not require them to be closer than 6 feet to another person. Short-term intermittent contact such as passing closer than 6 feet in a hallway is also fine.	Any work activities requiring a higher level of protection. May not be substituted for a surgical mask or other respirator.
Surgical mask 	Can protect other people from wearer's respiratory droplets, can provide some protection to the wearer from other people's larger respiratory droplets.	Yes, for approved critical work tasks closer than 6 feet to another person.	No. There is a limited supply, and they must be conserved for required work.	Approved critical work tasks closer than 6 feet to another person.	Any work activities requiring a higher level of respiratory protection. May not be substituted for an N95 or other type of respirator.
N or P 95 disposable respirator 	Protects the wearer from inhalation of at least 95% of airborne particles.	Yes, for some specific non-COVID-19 hazards. In very rare cases for COVID-19 protection.	No, with specific exceptions. There is a limited supply, and they must be conserved.	Work requiring an N or P 95 respirator as part of the normal work task (pressure washing feces, animal area access, etc.) for trained, medically cleared and fit-tested employees. In rare cases, an N or P 95 may be voluntarily worn in lieu of a surgical mask if no surgical mask is available <u>and the employee is not respirator trained or fit tested for another type of respirator.</u>	Any work activities requiring a higher level of respiratory protection. May not be substituted when work task requires a half face, full face negative pressure or PAPR respirator.
Half face respirator with P100 cartridges (HEPA) 	Protects the wearer from inhalation of 99.97% airborne particles.	Yes, for some specific non-COVID-19 hazards.	Yes, can be worn voluntarily by trained, medically cleared, and fit-tested employees in lieu of a surgical mask, or N or P 95.	Work requiring a half face respirator as part of the normal work task (asbestos, lead) for trained, medically cleared and fit-tested employees. May be voluntarily worn in lieu of a surgical mask or N or P 95 if those are unavailable, <u>by trained, medically cleared and fit-tested employees only.</u>	Any work activities requiring a higher level of respiratory protection. May not be substituted when work task requires a full face negative pressure or PAPR respirator.
Full face respirator with P100 cartridges (HEPA) 	Protects the wearer from inhalation of, or exposure to, 99.97% airborne particles via the eyes, nose, and mouth.	Yes, for some specific non-COVID-19 hazards.	Yes, can be worn voluntarily by trained, medically cleared, and fit-tested employees in lieu of a surgical mask, or N or P 95 or half face negative pressure respirator.	Work requiring a full face respirator as part of the normal work task for trained, medically cleared and fit-tested employees. May be voluntarily worn in lieu of a surgical mask, N or P 95, or half face respirator if those are unavailable, <u>by trained, medically cleared and fit-tested employees only.</u>	Any work activities requiring a higher level of respiratory protection. May not be substituted when work task requires a PAPR respirator.
Power air purified respirator (PAPR) with HEPA filter 	Protects the wearer from inhalation of, or exposure to, 99.97% airborne particles via the eyes, nose, and mouth.	Yes, for some specific non-COVID-19 hazards.	Yes, can be worn voluntarily by trained, medically cleared, and fit-tested employees in lieu of a surgical mask, or N or P 95 or half face or full face negative pressure respirator.	Work requiring a PAPR as part of the normal work task for trained, medically cleared employees. May be voluntarily worn in lieu of a surgical mask, N or P 95, half face or full face respirator if those are unavailable, <u>by trained, and medically cleared employees only.</u>	Work requiring a self-contained breathing apparatus.