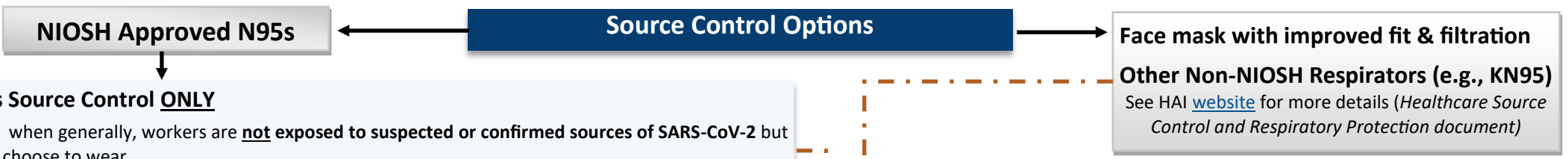


Federal CDC SARS-CoV-2 Healthcare Guidance



N95 Respirator as Source Control ONLY

- Not-Fit Tested:** when generally, workers are not exposed to suspected or confirmed sources of SARS-CoV-2 but could voluntarily choose to wear.
- Fit-tested N95s** can also be utilized.

Face mask with improved fit & filtration
Other Non-NIOSH Respirators (e.g., KN95)
 See HAI [website](#) for more details (*Healthcare Source Control and Respiratory Protection* document)

Note:

- Regardless of community transmission, full PPE (*gowns, gloves, eye protection, N95 or higher-level respirator*) should be used for patients/residents who are suspect, confirmed, isolated, or quarantined for SARS-CoV-2.
- There may be additional circumstances, based on setting where full PPE is required.

When in areas of Substantial to High Community Transmission

Universal PPE Usage due to increased risk:

- Eye protection for (*i.e., goggles or a face shield that covers the front and sides of the face*) should be worn during all patient/resident care encounters.
- Facilities **can consider** using a **Fit-tested N95 or equivalent higher-level respirator** for HCWs working in situations where **additional risk factors for transmission are present**. They may also **be considered** if healthcare-associated SARS-CoV-2 **transmission is identified** and **universal respirator use** by HCWs working in affected areas is not already in place.
 - * **To simplify implementation**, facilities in counties with substantial or high transmission may consider implementing universal use of NIOSH-approved N95 or equivalent or higher-level respirators for HCW during all patient care encounters or in specific units or areas of the facility at higher risk for SARS-CoV-2 transmission.

Required Program Elements

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Respirator Use Required Elements	Mini RPP Respirator as Source Control Only	Normal RPP	
		Respirator as Source Control Only	Respirator as Source Control & PPE OR Respirator as PPE only
Written Program Plan		✓	✓
Staff Training	✓	✓	✓
Choosing respirator that fits well	✓	✓	✓
Medical Evaluation			✓
Fit-Testing			✓
User Seal (fit) Checks (<i>when donning</i>)	✓	✓	✓
N95 used for source control - follow Extended-Use guidelines listed in <i>Conventional Capacity</i> supply strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May be used until they become soiled, damaged, or hard to breathe through. Should be immediately discarded after removal. 	✓	✓	✓
If during practice of extended-use of N95s as source control, N95s are also used as respiratory protection (PPE), it is considered a <i>Contingency Capacity</i> Strategy and facility would need to follow those guidelines		Not/applicable as Respirator would be considered <u>PPE</u> and all apply	✓

Key—Line Type

- - -> Dependent upon community transmission level
- > Always applicable
-> Review more details in table

References:
 HAI Website: <https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/hai/resources.shtml>
 Federal CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/infection-control-recommendations.html>