

RIGHT MASK **VS** WRONG MASK

The importance of knowing which mask will protect you, your family or your employees

There are many types of Mask, but only a few are designed to protect you and prevent community transmission of airborne illnesses such as COVID-19. It is important to you, and those around you, that you select/provide the right PPE when dealing with public health emergencies such as COVID-19.

FACE RESPIRATOR



Particulate filter respirators are designed to provide a good facial fit to minimise aerosol contamination of the mucous membranes of the nose and mouth*.

Purpose

Great for personal protection & source control

Fit

Offers Sealed face fit
(As per Australian standards)

Filtration

Test against small aerosol particles
Size range: 0.3 -0.6 μm

Use

Public Respirator, as listed with
TGA under ARTG 334314

Protects you, your team and your clients during public health emergencies such as COVID-19

SURGICAL MASK



Surgical masks do not protect the wearer from infectious agents transmitted via the airborne route*.

Purpose

Good for source control only

Fit

Designed as a loose fitting mask

Filtration

Tested against bacteria, larger than virus sized particles. Size: 1 μm

Use

Reserved for health professionals

May reduce the spread of COVID-19 from an infected person, but **DOES NOT** offer protection to wearer against airborne infections compared to a Respirator

You have a **duty of care** to wear and provide the right mask to your staff. You should only provide a surgical mask if you have no other option. If you have access to Respirator Face Masks such as the **IPKIS EV-98** or other quality Respirator Face Masks these should be worn to avoid liability and to **#stopthespread**



For more information, please visit:
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* Australian Commission on Safety and Quality in Health Care. Australian Guidelines for the Prevention and Control of Infection in Healthcare. NHMRC. 2019 May 19 2020. <https://www.nhmrc.gov.au/aboutus/publications/australian-guidelines-prevention-and-control-infection-healthcare-2019#block-views-block-fileattachments-content-block-1>