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The Difference between Level 2-3 Masks and N-95 Respirators

The decision of whether or not workers need to use either respirators or surgical masks, must be based upon a hazard analysis of the worker's specific work environment and the protective properties of each type of personal protective equipment. During the pandemic, workplaces have adopted the use of Level 2 or Level 3 masks (also called surgical masks) to protect workers, clients, customers, and the general public from the COVID-19 virus which is considered a hazard in the workplace.

Level 2 or 3 masks, also known as surgical, procedural, or medical masks, are designed to help prevent contamination of the work environment or a sterile field from large particles generated by the wearer/worker (e.g., to prevent the spread of the wearer's spit or mucous). Surgical masks may also be used to help reduce the risk of splashes or sprays of blood, body fluids, secretions, and excretions from reaching the wearer's mouth and nose. Surgical masks may also be worn by patients to help limit the spread of infections.

N-95 Respirators are designed to help reduce the wearer's respiratory exposure to airborne contaminants, such as particles. They come in various sizes and styles and should be individually selected to fit the wearer's face and to provide a tight seal. A proper seal between the user's face and the respirator forces inhaled air to be pulled through the respirator's filter material, thereby providing protection.

Northern Safety Solutions can provide you with Medical-Grade Level 2 and 3 masks, N-95 respirators, kids masks, and face shields.

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