N95 RESPIRATORS PROTECT THE WEARER

An N95 respirator is a more tight-fitting face mask. In addition to splashes, sprays, and large droplets, this respirator can also filter out 95% of very small particles. This includes viruses and bacteria.

N95 respirators aren't one-size-fits-all. They must be fit-tested before use to make sure that a proper seal is formed.

The CDC doesn't recommend respirators use outside of healthcare settings by these reasons:

- N95 respirators should be fit-tested. A poor seal can lead to leakage, lowering the effectiveness.
- Due to their tight fit, N95 respirators can become uncomfortable and stuffy, making them difficult to wear for long periods of time.
- The supply of N95 respirators is limited, making it critical that healthcare workers have ready access to them.

