

Appendix H: Facial (eye) Protection


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Facial Protection Use Guide:

Masks type should be selected by intended use...


- A fluid resistant surgical or procedural mask should be worn to protect mucous membranes from splashes of body fluids.



- If protection is required from airborne or aerosolized pathogens then a NIOSH approved N95 respirator must be worn^{††}. Masks that meet this standard will have this printed on them.



- Eye protection can be provided with safety glasses, goggles or face shields.
- In any situation that a mask is worn as a barrier against exposure to blood or body fluids, eye protection should be worn as well.



- Prescription eyeglasses are not considered adequate eye protection.
- Eye protection should be cleaned if it has been contaminated with body fluids.

*Eye protection should be cleaned per manufacturer's recommendations, between each patient (wiping with alcohol is usually fine but it depends on the type of material glasses are made of), or disposed of.