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KN95 	 VERY GOOD			Captures respiratory droplets and aerosols. Has 4 coats, opposed to 3-ply masks. Has an extra film for added effectiveness and durability. Reusable.
Surgical/Procedure 	 GOOD TO VERY GOOD			Captures respiratory droplets, splashes. Not reusable for extended period of time but widely available.
Surgical Mask with Shield 	 GOOD TO VERY GOOD			Captures respiratory droplets, splashes. Protects the eyes, nose, and mouth. Not reusable.
Cloth masks 	 GOOD TO VERY GOOD			Captures respiratory droplets. Generally, requires multiple layers of fabric. Reusable. May need to try multiple styles to find appropriate fit.
Neck Gaiters 	 TAKE CAUTION			May or may not provide adequate droplet control depending on fit and material used. May be adequate if layered (folded over nose and mouth multiple times). Purchase of double-layered gaiters are strongly encouraged to provide adequate source control. Reusable.
Bandanas 	 TAKE CAUTION			May or may not provide adequate droplet control depending on the weight of material used. May be adequate if layered and positioned tightly at the chin to provide adequate source control. Reusable. Use of dryer after wash is encouraged.
Exhalation Valve Masks 	 NOT GOOD			NOT RECOMMENDED for the prevention of COVID-19. It does not protect others.