



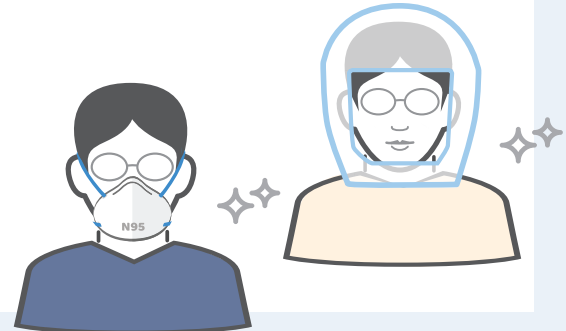
N95 OR PAPR RESPIRATOR MAKEUP AND FACIAL HAIR GUIDE

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When wearing an N95 or PAPR respirator:

Remove face makeup before donning as it soils the respirator and interferes with the cleaning and disinfecting process.

Remove or trim facial hair around the face and chin to ensure a proper seal as facial hair may interfere with the seal of an N95 or PAPR respirator.



MAKEUP



Before donning your N95 respirator, use a makeup remover or baby wipe to remove any base or foundation makeup, concealer, tinted moisturizer, face powder, blush, colored lip gloss or lipstick and remove all eye make. Eye makeup is acceptable with an N95, but should be removed before donning a PAPR hood.

These products stain the respirators, making it difficult to clean and causing them to appear “dirty” when they’re not. This can reduce the number of times an N95 or PAPR can be disinfected and reused.

FACIAL HAIR



Before donning your N95 respirator, remove all facial hair where the respirator touches your face.

Your respirator must contact the skin to form a seal and keep you safe. Facial hair can get between the skin and the respirator, preventing a proper seal and increasing your risk of exposure to aerosolized particles.

Clean-shaven cheeks and chin are recommended for a proper seal on PAPR respirators.

See the [CDC guidelines on facial hair use with N95 respirators](#).