

# UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENCES RESPIRATORS, MASKS, & FACE COVERINGS WITH WILDFIRE SMOKE

## **N95 & SURGICAL RESPIRATORS** - Intended User: Essential & Healthcare Workers

Tight-Fitting | Minimal Leakage

- ✔ Protects wearer from airborne particles and liquid contaminating the face
- ✔ Protects others from wearer's respiratory droplets (as long as a valve is not present)
- ✔ Protects wearer from smoke (reuse during smoky conditions may reduce efficiency and impede breathing)



## **SURGICAL MASK** - Intended User: Healthcare Workers & Patients

Loose-Fitting | Extensive Leakage

- ✔ Protects wearer by blocking large particles that may contain germs
- ✔ Protects others from wearer's respiratory droplets



## **COMFORT MASK** - Intended User: General Public

Loose-Fitting | Extensive Leakage

- ✔ Protects wearer by offering relief from particles like dust or pollen
- ✔ Protects others from wearer's respiratory droplets



## **CLOTH FACE COVERING** - Intended User: General Public

Loose-Fitting | Extensive Leakage

- ✔ Protects wearer by helping block large particles that may contain germs
- ✔ Protects others from wearer's respiratory droplets
- ✔ May be laundered and reused



## "CLEAN ROOMS": AN EFFECTIVE SMOKE SOLUTION

Consider creating a Clean Room in your house to help reduce your exposure to dangerous or unhealthy wildfire smoke while indoors. Create a Clean Room by following these steps:

1. Choose a room
2. Prevent smoke from entering the room
3. Stay cool
4. Filter the air in the room
5. Avoid activities that create smoke or other particles indoors
6. Spend as much time as possible in the Clean Room