

KN95 RESPIRATORS

Respirators are an effective method of protection against designated hazards when properly selected and worn. KN95's are a type of respirator designed to meet an international standard and are **not** considered a substitute for a NIOSH-approved N95 respirator used in the Respiratory Protection Program. They can, however, offer more protection than a cloth face covering when used correctly. Keep in mind: **if a respirator is used improperly or not kept clean, the respirator itself can become a hazard to the wearer. If you choose to wear a KN95, you need to take certain precautions to be sure that the respirator itself does not present a hazard.** You should do the following:

1. **Read and heed all instructions** provided by the manufacturer on use, maintenance, cleaning and care, and warnings regarding the respirators limitations.
2. **Do not wear your respirator into atmospheres containing contaminants for which your respirator is not designed to protect against.** For example, a KN95 will not protect you against gases, vapors, or very small solid particles of fumes or smoke.
3. **Keep track of your KN95** so that you do not mistakenly use someone else's.

KN95 vs. N95

HOW DO I TELL THE DIFFERENCE?



KN95's should be labeled "KN95" and have two ear loops.



N95's should be labeled "N95" and have two head straps.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY KN95 FITS WELL?

While a **user seal check is not a substitute for qualitative or quantitative fit-testing**, data suggests that it *can* be helpful in achieving a better quality fit. Here's what you should do:



1. Put on the KN95 according to manufacturer instructions (positioned so it touches your face along the entire circumference, pinched nosepiece to fit the curve of your nose, etc.).
2. Be sure you can't feel any air escaping around the edges.
3. **Positive Pressure Check:** Place your hands over the KN95, covering as much surface area as possible. Exhale gently. You should feel a slight build-up of pressure for a successful positive pressure check.
4. **Negative Pressure Check:** Place your hands over the KN95, covering as much surface area as possible. Inhale. You should feel a slight decrease in pressure for a successful negative pressure check.
5. Re-adjust until both the positive and negative pressure checks are successful.