



Member E-Advisory

The ADA&C have further information about medical grade and commercial grade N95 masks for members delivering Aerosol Generating Medical Procedures.

Medical Grade Masks

The following masks can be used in place of an N95:

- FFP2 respirators meeting the European Committee for Standardization (CEN) Standard (EN 149:2001+AI:2009)
- KN95 respirators meeting the National Standard of the People's Republic of China (GB2626-2006)
- P2 respirators meeting the standards of the Council of Standards Australia/Council of Standards New Zealand (AS/NZS 1716:2012)
- Korea 1st class respirators meeting the standards of Korean Food and Drug Administration (KMOEL - 2017-64)
- DS respirators meeting the standards of the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (Japan JMHLW-Notification 214, 2018)

The kinds of masks dentists may use in Alberta have expanded because of a May 3, 2020 Order from the Alberta Minister of Labour and Immigration (MO Order 2020-2021). The masks listed above and referenced in the MO Order 2020-2021 meet the Health Canada interim order. Health Canada has expanded equivalent alternate standards so that respirators approved under standards used in other countries that are similar to NIOSH-approved N95 respirators may be used.

This Ministerial Order 2020-2021 is in effect for a very specific time period in relation to the State of Public Health Emergency.

Commercial Grade N95 Masks

Health Canada has allowed the use of commercial-grade N95 masks in a health care setting during the COVID-19 outbreak if alternatives are not available.

Level 3 Mask + Face Shield

If a respirator is not available, use a combination of a level 3 surgical mask and full-face shield.

Dentists are to use their appropriate clinical judgment and risk assessment.

Facility Requirements

The ADA&C does not require dental practices to make major air filtration technology purchases or change existing office designs.

Dentists are providing an essential service. Therefore, dentists may have more than 15 people in the dental office at one time. However, dentists are required to follow [Workplace Guidance for Community Health Care Settings](#), as outlined by Alberta Health Services. We recommend that dentists carefully manage patient and staff flow and contact.

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