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Laboratory PPE – Masks vs Respirators in the Lab

Do NOT replace your N95 respirator with a KN95 face mask for laboratory operations if EHS has deemed it a required PPE. Use the guide below to help identify each type of face covering and their appropriate use type.

N95 Stamp & NIOSH Stamp

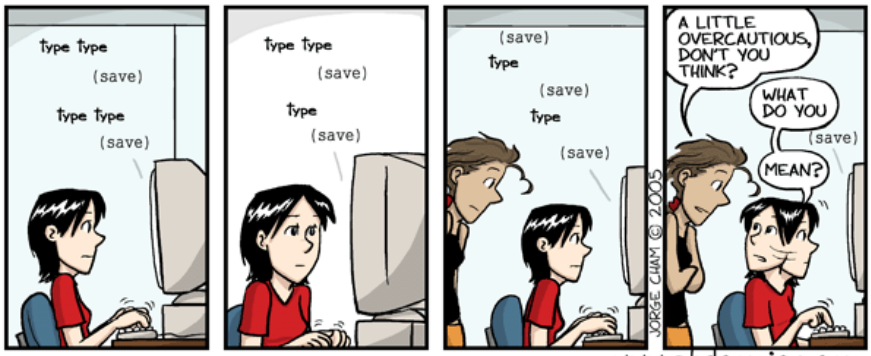
N95	vs	KN95
NIOSH Approved		
Yes		No
Fit Test Required*		
Yes		No
Medical Clearance Required*		
Yes		No
Protection against solvent vapors		
No		No
Safe to use with flammables and open flames**		
No		No
Multiple Use		
No		Yes

KN95 Stamp

Straps **Around head**

*You may choose a "Voluntary Use" exemption if your work does not REQUIRE a respirator. If you choose to wear an N95 in the lab you MUST contact EHS first.
**FR masks are available from EHS.

Straps **Around Ears**



Still have Questions about KN95s? Scan Below

KN95 FAQs