Which mask is right for you?

Stay safe, stay comfortable, be sustainable

Disposable

Made out of paper, textiles, etc.
Can filter 95% of >3.0-Micron particles (not 0.1-Micron particles)
Cannot be cleaned, but can be reused until visibly dirty or damaged

Cloth

CDC recommends cotton material
Can capture 50-70% of 0.2-Micron particles
Can be cleaned using hot water & laundry detergent; dry in high heat

N95

Made out of non-woven polypropylene fiber
Can filter 95% of large & small air particles with an adequate face seal
*should be reserved for health care workers*

Surgical

Made out of non-woven fabric
Captures 89% of 0.02-Micron sized particles

Use each of the 5 masks provided by Villanova once a week, keeping the masks in their own labeled paper bag for one week between uses

CDC tutorial on how to make a cloth mask: Click here!

Cambridge University study recommends cotton t-shirts & pillowcases over all other materials because of filtering capability & breathability

Possible filter materials: Coffee filter, paper towel, HEPA vacuum filters

Cloth masks are recommended for use by the CDC for non-medical professionals