

## IN THE NEWS

### NIOSH Warns of Counterfeit Particulate Respirators Feb 4, 2020

Executive Summary:

**The CDC and NIOSH have reported counterfeit respirators being sold on the open market with various methods of NIOSH Approval misrepresentation in the way of pictures and descriptions.**

Full Report:

NIOSH-Approved N95 or better masks are the mainstay of preventing airborne diseases from being transmitted and is the minimum required mask for health care workers when Airborne Precautions are in place (such as for suspected 2019-nCoV patients). They must be individually Fit Tested after a medical evaluation to assure it is medically safe to wear a particulate filtering respirator.

**These links are for specific CDC/NIOSH sites to help determine true NIOSH-approved respirators from counterfeits:**

***Respirator Awareness – Your Health May Depend on It:***

**<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/docs/2013-138/default.html>**

***Counterfeit Respirators/Misrepresentation of NIOSH-Approval:***

**<https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/usernotices/counterfeitResp.html>**

***NIOSH-Approved Particulate Filtering Facepiece Respirators:***

**[https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/topics/respirators/disp\\_part/default.html](https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/topics/respirators/disp_part/default.html)**