The CDC is not currently recommending facemasks for the general public.

Masks are only recommended for caregivers of patients with communicable illness and patients with a fever or cough.

Surgical masks are designed to provide the wearer protection against large droplets, splashes or sprays of bodily or other hazardous fluids.

Surgical masks are loose fitting and don’t provide the wearer with a reliable level of protection from inhaling smaller airborne particles and are not considered respiratory protection.

Surgical masks are disposable and should be discarded after use.