Facial Hairstyles and Filtering Facepiece Respirators

If your respirator has an exhalation valve, some of these styles may interfere with the valve working properly if the facial hair comes in contact with it.

This graphic may not include all types of facial hairstyles. For any style, hair should not cross under the respirator sealing surface.

Source: OSHA Respiratory Protection Standard

Further Reading: NIOSH Respirator Trusted-Source Webpage
https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/respirators/disp_part/respresource3fittest.html