WHICH MASK, IN WHICH CASE?

The area of protection provided by the masks must cover the nose, mouth and chin.

ALTERNATIVES CLOTH MASKS NON-PROFESSIONAL - GENERAL PUBLIC

- *Reusable and washable masks (according to instructions for category 1)*
- *Wearing time limited to half a day*

Use: lower the dissemination of spits and projections and hold back hands.

These masks are neither Medical Device (MD) nor Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Under no circumstances can they be used for experiments at the laboratory.

Reusable and washable masks (according to instructions for category 1).

Example of use: public transportations, shops and public areas, on the work-place if no PPE or MD is required, for example when walking between two offices and as the social distance between two people cannot be respected.

Cloth barrier mask Category 1
- 90% filtration capacity for solid or liquid particles limited to 3 µm. Mandatory marking "minimum filtration 90%".

Categorization according to DGA

These are no filtering facepiece masks FFP

PROFESSIONAL MASKS - HEALTH/RESEARCH

- *Disposable masks – Maximum wearing time 4H*

Surgical mask
Use: prevent dissemination of droplets from the user towards other people and his environment.
- For medical use
- Bacterial filtration efficiency: 95 %
- *AFNOR NF EN 14683*

Example of use : as instructed for entering a pathogen-free area.

Filtering facepiece mask FFP – For use as a personal protective equipment, or for medical use either
Use: protect the wearer against solid or liquid aerosol (biological subtsances or chemicals) and protect other people and the environment where appropriate.
- *AFNOR NF EN 149+A1 2009*

FFP type	Filter efficiency
FFP1	- 78% of airborne particles (0.6 µm). - Sealing: average
FFP2	- 94% of airborne particles (0.6 µm). - Sealing: good
FFP3	- 99% of airborne particles (0.6 µm). - Sealing: very good

FFP1 anti-dust mask (non toxic particles).
Example of use: in animal housing facilities, for protection against litter dust.

FFP2 or FFP3 (high efficiency filter) against inhalation of infectious agent or toxic microparticles.
Example of use: protection against aerosols present in a biosafety level 2 or 3 laboratories.

Mandatory information on the mask: standard, CE marking and type of mask

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