

THE VALUE OF MASKS IN THE WORKPLACE

The workplace health and safety risk assessment will inform the use of masks.

Other considerations that will inform mask wearing:

- » Testing positive for COVID-19 infection
- » Recent exposure to someone with COVID-19 infection
- » Suspecting you have a respiratory infection
- » Being vulnerable to illness
- » Or any combination of the above, especially when working in a crowded or poorly ventilated space



Surgical Mask



- » Single use
- » Disposable
- » Primarily for use in healthcare settings

Cloth Mask



- » Re-usable
- » Washable
- » For general use

Both surgical and cloth masks are used to limit the spread of infectious droplets.

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