

# FACE MASKS:

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

### Who needs a face mask?

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), anyone coming into regular contact with others should practice wearing a face mask whenever possible.

#### UK Specific Guidance (as of June 8):

- Mandatory on all public transportation.
- In enclosed spaces where social distancing cannot be practiced.

### What to watch out for:

#### Beware of Fakes

Many online retailers claim to have proper face masks but do not have the necessary resources or credentials to secure credibility.

#### Homemade

While some homemade are appropriate in some settings, it is recommended that only properly manufactured masks be used.

### What is the difference in face masks?

#### General Mask vs. Surgical Grade

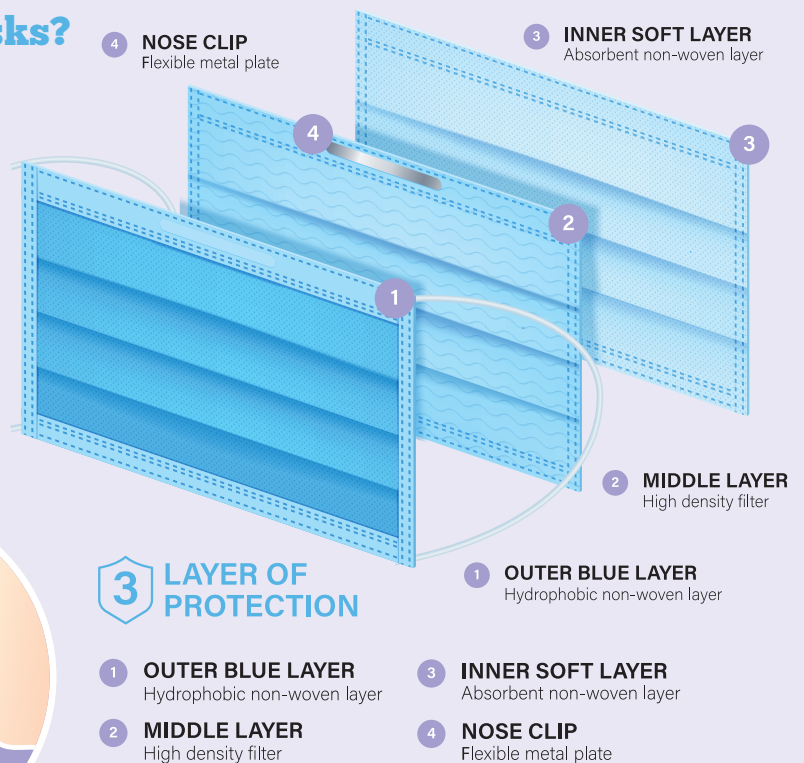
- General Masks: Should fit securely against the face and have normal breathability.
- Disposable: N95, KN95, FFP2.
- Reusable: Cloth (Cotton or Polyester).

#### Surgical Grade (Medical Only)

- FFP3 Masks.
- Those labeled "Medical Grade" or "Surgical Grade".

#### 3-Ply

- The WHO recommends 3-ply masks be used.



### Best practices in purchasing face masks:

- Ensure the purchased equipment has proper certification.
- When in doubt, ask your source.

