



## MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICE: HOW TO CHOOSE A SURGICAL MASK OR RESPIRATOR?

### SURGICAL MASKS

A **surgical mask** protects against infectious agents transmitted by "droplets." However, it does not protect against "airborne" infectious agents.

**It will therefore not prevent the wearer from being potentially contaminated by a virus.**

If worn by the caregiver:

- The surgical mask protects the patient and his or her environment (air, surfaces, equipment, surgical site).

If worn by a contagious patient:

- The surgical mask prevents the patient from contaminating his or her surroundings and environment.



**PRE-BOOK NOW!**

**ABC-MK08-50**

Box of 50 masks, civil grade

**ABC-MK02-50**

Box of 50 masks, medical grade

### RESPIRATOR MASKS

A respirator is a type of **personal protective equipment**. It therefore **protects the wearer**.

It prevents the wearer from inhaling aerosols (dust, smoke, mist) as well as vapors or gases (disinfectants, anesthetic gases) that are health hazards.

It also protects the wearer from airborne infectious agents i.e. against contamination by a virus **such as coronavirus, SARS, H1N1, etc.**



**KAI-KN95**

Box of 10 masks, KN95



**ABC-KN95-1**

KN95 mask, sold per unit





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### SUMMARY

TYPE OF MASK	OBJECTIVES	PROTECTS AGAINST:		PERFECT FOR:
		Infectious agents transmitted by "droplets."	Airborne infectious agents (airborne transmission)	
<b>SURGICAL</b> 	<p>It protects the environment of the wearer.</p> <p>It prevents the patient from contaminating his or her surroundings and environment.</p>	✓		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Surgery</li> <li>• Dentistry</li> <li>• Other medical procedures</li> <li>• In the case of isolation</li> </ul>
<b>RESPIRATOR</b> 	<p>It provides a personal protection. It prevents the wearer from inhaling aerosols, as well as vapors or gases. It also protects the wearer from airborne infectious agents.</p>	✓	✓	<p>It protects the wearer against contamination by a virus such as Coronavirus, SARS, H1N1, etc.</p>

### RECOMMENDATIONS - DURING A PANDEMIC (CORONAVIRUS, SARS, H1N1)

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**For the contagious patient:** It is necessary to wear the surgical mask as soon as contagion is suspected.
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**For caregivers or in the presence of patients with contagious diseases:** it is necessary to wear a protective mask for maximum filtration of particles and aerosols when caring for a patient who is infected or suspected of being so.