



Face mask testing services for the U.S. market



The current U.S. regulatory landscape for face masks is complex, creating new challenges for retailers, brands and manufacturers. Guidelines are changing rapidly, leaving you to seek clarification on revisions to policies. UL is here to help you navigate through these complexities. We provide guidance to help you understand the compliance requirements in the supply chain so that you can quickly bring these essential products to market.

Benefits of face mask testing

When conducting product testing and verification, we consider many regulations and standard entities, including the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). We also offer quality assurance programs that evaluate your entire operation and can provide facility inspections and training. Consumer and healthcare workers' safety and well-being are paramount to our program. UL's mission is to support public safety and health.

Third-party inspections of consumer goods are a key checkpoint in a global quality assurance program. They help ensure the product meets specification before release and shipment, and help build and maintain consumer trust.



Face mask types

UL provides solutions for three distinctive types of face masks: surgical masks, nonsurgical masks, nonmedical masks. Our solutions range from product and packaging testing to assessments on labeling and flammability. We can also provide factory audits and inspections.

Surgical masks—for medical use requiring liquid protection

- Intended for surgical use
 - Reduce spread of disease from sneezing and coughing
 - Protect from blood spray and other fluids
- Can look like nonsurgical masks
- Subject to specific government (FDA) oversight
- Disposable



Nonsurgical masks—for medical use, without requirement for liquid protection

- Intended for nonsurgical medical use
 - Reduce spread of disease from sneezing and coughing
 - Do not protect from blood spray and other fluids
- Subject to specific government (FDA) oversight
- Disposable or reusable



Nonmedical masks—for general public use

- Provides protection from inhalation of dust and other particulates such as from construction or road pollution
- Not intended for medical use
 - Cannot claim protection from disease
 - Cannot claim antimicrobial/viral protection
- Includes softline face covers and fashion masks
- Disposable or reusable



To learn more about UL's testing service for face masks, please visit us at [CRS.UL.com/facemask](https://www.crs.ul.com/facemask).



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