

MAURITIUS STANDARDS BUREAU

COVID-19 RESPONSE: FREELY AVAILABLE STANDARDS

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19), caused by a new virus, was first detected in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. On 30 January 2020, the WHO Director-General declared that the current outbreak has spread-out and constitute a public health emergency of international concern.

To support global efforts in dealing with this crisis; several standards organizations, including ASTM International, British Standards Institution (BSI), International Organization for Standardization (ISO), International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) among others are providing free access to some key standards covering protective clothing, personal protective equipment, medical devices, ventilators, risk management, business continuity management, community resilience, organization resilience and emergency management, among others. These standards are available through the following websites:

[ASTM Standards & COVID-19](#)

(Freely available through the online Reading Room – Registration required)

[COVID-19 Response - Ventilators | BSI](#)

(Freely available – Registration required)

[COVID-19 Response: Freely Available ISO Standards](#)

(Freely available on ISO Online Browsing Platform in read-only format)

[COVID-19 Response: Freely Available IEC Standards](#)

(Available upon request through the link email)

[COVID-19 emergency: UNI standards to combat contagion](#)

(Freely available – Registration required)

The Association Française de Normalization (AFNOR) has developed a reference document that anyone can use to make "barrier masks". Intended for both mask manufacturers and the public, this document provides guidance on how to make masks for all healthy individuals and supplements the range of good hygiene practices that are essential for tackling the coronavirus epidemic.

The documents are accessible through the [link](#)