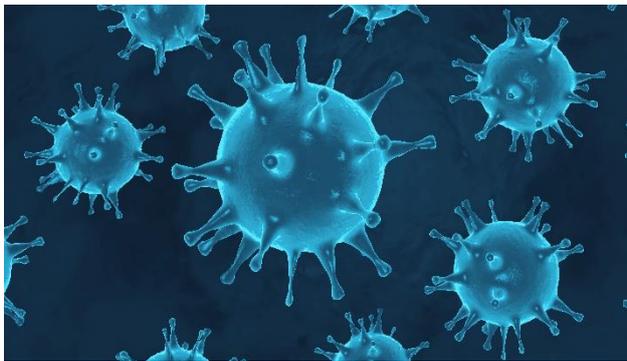




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We as TESTEX continue to implement exceptional measures in order to ensure that testing, auditing and certification can continue as normal. We are pleased that we have been able to maintain our service level and meet the needs of our customers as well as provide for the health and safety of our employees, their families and the community.

Our branch offices are making sure that all local enforcements and guidelines are respected. Travelling capabilities are constantly changing and restrictions may affect site visits and audits depending on the region/country.

Offices which are affected by restrictions due to hygiene and distancing measures remain available by phone, video conference and e-mail during working hours. We nevertheless greatly appreciate your understanding for any delays that may occur. In the meantime, we wish you all good health and hope that the situation will develop positively in the coming weeks and months. If you have any questions, please contact your [local branch office](#).

In the past few months, the different performance levels of face masks have been a frequently discussed topic. Since 1st February 2021, TESTEX has been testing and evaluating all community masks based on the Swiss Rule «SNR 30000». The rule includes requirements for splash resistance, breathability, reusability and aerosol filtration efficiency, which are based on the suggestions of the Swiss National COVID-19 Science Task Force, which have been acknowledged by the Federal Office of Public Health FOPH.

Masks that successfully pass these tests, carry the «TESTEX Community Mask» label. The label includes a STANDARD 100 by OEKO-TEX® certification, which ensures that the masks have been tested for harmful substances. For more information please visit: <https://www.testex.com/en/communitymask/index.php>

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