Information about the different protective masks

Surgical protective masks
Surgical face masks (MNS/OP masks) in accordance with DIN EN 14683:2019-10. These disposable masks prevent the wearer’s saliva or breath droplets from spreading and serve to protect the person opposite the user.

FFP2 masks (without valve)
KN95 masks are also used in part. These meet the Chinese GB2626-2006 standard and have the filtration performance of a FFP2 mask. Particle-filtering half masks in accordance with DIN EN 149:2001+A1:2009.

This mask keeps particles, droplets and aerosols out and serves to protect the wearer as well as the person opposite them. These are generally disposable, though multiple use is possible under certain circumstances (see investigation by the FH Münster).

The mask comes with an increased health risk to the wearer because of the higher breathing resistance. Therefore, the FFP2 masks should only be worn in exceptional cases if other protective measures are not sufficient. The wearing period should also be kept to a minimum (see information from the German Social Accident Insurance and the Professional Association for Health Services and Welfare).

5log PRO – reusable surgical masks
Surgical face masks in accordance with DIN EN 14683:2019-10. This mask can be reused for up to 210 days.
https://5log.co.uk/pages/faq
Further information on protective masks

- Instructions from the Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM) on the use of different protective masks [de]
- Investigation by FH Münster on reusing FFP2 masks [de]
- Instructions from the Robert Koch Institute on how to put on/take off protective masks [de]
- FAQ on 5log masks [de]
- Recommendations on the wearing time limits of masks (MNS/FFP2) from the German Social Accident Insurance and the Professional Association for Health Services and Welfare. [de]