

# Instructions for using protective equipment for mouth and nose (a mask) on the YIT construction sites located in the regions in the spreading phase of the epidemic.

*General instructions for areas where, due to the worsening infection situation, wearing masks more comprehensively is required. The local instructions might in places be even tougher than these.*

## In construction site conditions, a mask must be worn in the following situations:

### Site offices and social spaces

- In all common spaces
- In situations where there is more than one person in the same space
- Wearing a mask is not required during a dining situation. However, in those situations, a safe distance (at least two metres) must be maintained.

### The building being constructed, other indoor spaces and closed spaces (they have a roof on top)

- When a safe distance (at least two metres) cannot be maintained or people are working in the same space (e.g. apartment)
- **In an open space**, such as on a building's roof, topmost slab or similar space, wearing a mask is not obligatory if the safe distances can be maintained.

### Outdoor spaces

- The construction site workers must wear masks in the situations where safe distances (at least two metres) cannot be maintained – risk assessment

### During site visits

- People visiting the construction site must always wear a mask, in both indoor and outdoor spaces – even if a safe distance could be maintained
- The construction site personnel moving with the persons visiting the construction site must wear masks in both indoor and outdoor spaces – even if a safe distance could be maintained

## PLEASE NOTE!

- **Wearing a mask does not negate the importance of safe distances, hygiene and spacing out the groups.**
- The systematic coordination of work tasks can be used to maintain sufficiently safe distances and, therefore, situations where wearing a mask is necessary can be avoided.
- Shaping the mask to correspond with the contours of the face, choosing models of safety goggles with treatment against steaming up, taking care of the cleanliness of safety goggles, choosing safety goggles with sealing material, visor, etc., can decrease the steaming up of goggles.
- The reason for the protective measures must be taken into account: a face mask is not a respirator. You protect yourself from dust and other such elements with an appropriate respiration protector (a filtering half mask (FFP3), half mask, powered air respirator)
- Based on the risk assessment, the infectious disease officials or construction sites can require that masks be used more comprehensively than is provided by these instructions
- If wearing a mask is not possible for a health reason, the measures are considered case-specifically (working independently, etc.)
- Wearing a mask protects the health and safety of the people working on the construction site. Activity contradicting the project supervisor's instructions must immediately be intervened with in accordance with YIT's intervention practices.
- Dispose of a used single-use mask by putting it directly into a mixed waste container. A used cloth mask should be kept in a closed plastic bag.
- The employer is responsible for buying protective equipment for its employees.