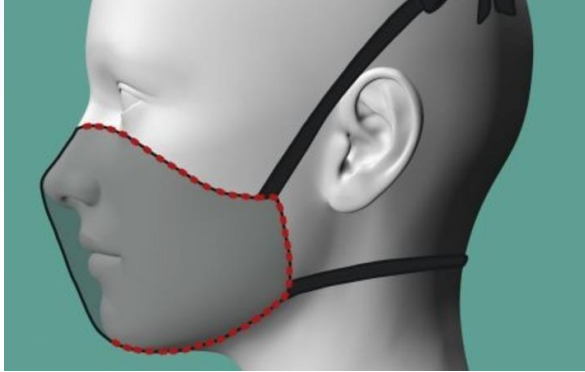


## AATCC M14 face covering guidance approved



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AATCC M14, 2020, guidance and considerations for general purpose textile face coverings: adult, has become a standard AATCC monograph. The organisation stated that a draft version has been circulating since the June month. AATCC M14 provides face covering manufacturers with practical guidance for creating and labelling general use products.

A newly formed committee enables all interested parties to participate in development of this and related standards. The official standard is available for download from the AATCC website. Along with other AATCC standards used for personal protective equipment (PPE) testing, AATCC M14 is offered at no cost.

Considerations included in AATCC M14 are intended to help manufacturers more efficiently design and produce face coverings for general

purpose (non-medical) use. The monograph may also serve as a useful resource for those sourcing face coverings for general use: regulatory considerations; fit and sizing considerations; material and construction considerations; particle filtration considerations; breathing resistance considerations; laundering and service life considerations; tie and ear loop considerations; and product labelling and marking considerations.

While the first version of AATCC M14 was developed by an ad-hoc industry group, future revisions and related standards will be developed by AATCC committee RA113 Emerging Technologies Test Methods. As with all AATCC committees, participation is open to all interested parties. To be a voting member of any research committee, an individual must be a senior member of AATCC.

The organisation suggested that RA113 will meet virtually. Initial projects include review of the current monograph and development of a similar document to provide guidance for children's face coverings. The committee is currently focusing on face coverings but will evolve as new industry demands arise.

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