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Aide memoire: use of medical and non-medical/fabric masks for community outreach activities during the COVID-19 pandemic, based on current WHO guidance, 31 May 2021 (WHO/2019-nCoV/IPC_Masks/Comm_health_care/2021.1)

Page 1, column 2 ('2. WHO guidance on mask use'), lines 8–21

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Page 4, Box, lines 15–17

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- *Factory-made fabric masks should meet the minimum thresholds related to the three essential parameters of the CEN CWA 17553 guidance: (i) filtration efficacy (>70% with 3 ± 0.5 µm particles, either solid or liquid); (ii) breathability (< 60 pa/cm²); (iii) and snug fit (full coverage of mouth/nose/sides of face with minimal gaps).*

These corrections have been incorporated into the electronic file.