

# Masks Will Be Required For School

## - But Should They? -

A 2020 study in Seoul, South Korea looked at the effectiveness of surgical and cotton masks in blocking COVID-19 in a controlled comparison of four patients." Conclusion, **"both surgical and cotton masks seem to be ineffective in preventing the dissemination of SARS-CoV-2 from the coughs of patients with COVID-19 to the environment and external mask surface."** <https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-1342>

**"WHO stands by recommendation to not wear masks if you are not sick or not caring for someone who is sick . . . There is no specific evidence to suggest that the wearing of masks by the mass population has any potential benefit. In fact, there's some evidence to suggest the opposite in the misuse of wearing a mask properly or fitting it properly," Dr. Mike Ryan, executive director of the WHO health emergencies program.**  
<https://edition.cnn.com/2020/03/30/world/coronavirus-who-masks-recommendation-trnd/index.html>

Although . . . "CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission" . . . **there are no scientific citations provided to support this on the page**  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

On a separate page, the CDC provides seven publications to support their recommendation to wear masks– but none of the studies support that wearing a mask is effective or safe in preventing transmission. They only support that transmission is person to person  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

CDC says masks don't work for the flu. **"No recommendation can be made at this time for mask use in the community by asymptomatic persons, including those at high risk for complications, to prevent exposure to influenza viruses."** <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/professionals/infectioncontrol/maskguidance.htm>

\*Flu and Covid-19 virus are the same size.

On March 2, the U.S. Surgeon General said, **"one of the things they shouldn't be doing, the general public, is going out and buying masks. It actually does not help and it has not been proven to be effective at preventing the spread of Coronavirus amongst the general public"**. His interview:  
<https://video.foxnews.com/v/6137596907001#sp=show-clips> He tweeted on February 29th **"Seriously people -STOP BUYING MASKS! They are not effective in preventing the general public from catching the coronavirus"**

### **And then there are the harms:**

A large, prospective, randomized clinical trial (RCT), found: **"This study is the first RCT of cloth masks, and the results caution against the use of cloth masks. Moisture retention, reuse of cloth masks and poor filtration may result in increased risk of infection"** <https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/5/4/e006577>

But what about N95 masks (respirators)? The risk to your own health for wearing one include **risk of passing out, reduction in oxygen, which reduces immune function, a buildup of CO2, and if you have COVID-19, you'll be rebreathing the virus from your exhalations which can increase concentration in lungs and nasal passages.**  
<https://www.technocracy.news/blaylock-face-masks-pose-serious-risks-to-the-healthy/>

Above is largely summarized from: <https://jennifermargulis.net/healthy-people-wearing-masks-during-covid19/>

**READ mask guidelines CRITICALLY: did they examine real-world conditions? Were masks, hands, touched objects, swabbed? The surrounding air tested?**

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