

Evidence Discouraging Compulsory Masking

MASK



vs. The Evidence

Evidence Favoring Compulsory Masking

Key

Evidence regarding facemask efficacy for inhibiting the spread of airborne or aerosolized pathogens

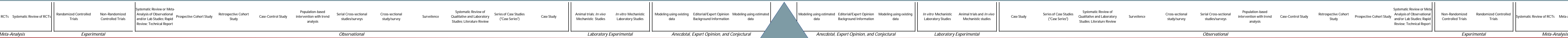
Side-Effects and/or Other Background evidence relevant to mask use

Studies cited by the CDC

Other Studies

CDC vs. The Evidence. This graphic shows all studies cited by the CDC in "The Science of Masking to Control COVID-19" (16 November 2020) and "Science Brief: Community Use of Cloth Masks to Control the Spread of SARS-CoV-2" (last updated 6 December 2021), along with more than 150 of the other relevant studies they left out. Underlined studies are particularly noteworthy either for content or strength.

[This section contains a dense grid of small text boxes, each representing a study citation. Many citations are underlined, indicating they are particularly noteworthy. The citations are organized into columns and rows, with some boxes highlighted in light blue or light green to correspond to the 'Evidence Favoring Compulsory Masking' and 'Other Studies' categories mentioned in the key. The text is too small to read in detail but represents a comprehensive list of references.]



Stronger Evidence

Weaker Evidence

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Stronger Evidence

* Study had both sides of the coin but the authors' stated conclusions are regrettably or necessarily dependent upon the same coin.