



WHO Admits: No Direct Evidence Masks Prevent Viral Infection

The pseudo-science promoting lockdowns, face masks, social distancing and business closures is being exposed as it falls apart. The world has been “had” by megalomaniacal Technocrats who have treated their science as some sort of god that is omniscient, infallible and immutable.
□ TN Editor

According to the director general of the World Health Organization, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, life will not be returning to your old normal anytime soon. What’s more, things will only get worse unless the public follow health advice such as wearing masks and social distancing. The somber announcement came during a July 13, 2020, press conference (above).

This, despite the fact that the WHO’s June 5, 2020, guidance memo¹ on face mask use states there’s no direct evidence that universal masking of healthy people is an effective intervention against respiratory illnesses.

What’s more, people are being urged to use cloth masks or bandanas

(ostensibly to prevent shortages among health care staff), none of which conform to any kind of quality standards, and according to what little scientific evidence is available have been shown to provide only about half of what little protection you may get from a surgical mask.

No Direct Evidence to Support Universal Mask Usage

SARS-CoV-2 is a beta-coronavirus with a diameter between 60 nanometers (nm) and 140 nm, or 0.06 to 0.14 microns (micrometers).² This is about half the size of most viruses, which tend to measure between 0.02 microns to 0.3 microns.³

Virus-laden saliva or respiratory droplets expelled when talking or coughing measure between 5 and 10 microns,⁴ and it is these droplets that surgical masks and respirators can block.

At present, there is no direct evidence (from studies on COVID-19 and in healthy people in the community) on the effectiveness of universal masking of healthy people in the community to prevent infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19.

For example, N95 masks can filter particles as small as 0.3 microns,⁵ so they may prevent a majority of respiratory droplets from escaping. They cannot block aerosolized viruses, however, that are in the air itself. Additionally, many N95 masks only protect the wearer, as they have exhalation ports that allow you to exhale unfiltered air.

Lab testing⁶ has shown 3M surgical masks can block up to 75% of particles measuring between 0.02 microns and 1 micron, while cloth masks block between 30% and 60% of respiratory particles of this size.

As noted in the WHO's guidance memo:⁷

“Meta-analyses in systematic literature reviews have reported that the use of N95 respirators compared with the use of medical masks is not associated with any statistically significant lower risk of the

clinical respiratory illness outcomes or laboratory-confirmed influenza or viral infections ...

The use of cloth masks (referred to as fabric masks in this document) as an alternative to medical masks is not considered appropriate for protection of health workers based on limited available evidence ...

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Curiously, while cloth masks and face coverings are far less effective for blocking respiratory droplets, the WHO recommends that cloth or nonmedical masks “should only be considered for source control (used by infected persons) in community settings and not for prevention.”⁸

CDC Policy Review Found No Evidence of Usefulness Either

A policy review paper⁹ published in *Emerging Infectious Diseases* in May 2020 — the Center for Disease Control and Prevention’s own journal — has also reviewed “the evidence base on the effectiveness of nonpharmaceutical personal protective measures ... in non-healthcare settings,” and they too found no evidence of benefit:

“Although mechanistic studies support the potential effect of hand hygiene or face masks, evidence from 14 randomized controlled trials of these measures did not support a substantial effect on transmission of laboratory-confirmed influenza.”

Pages 970 to 972 of the review include the following quotes:¹⁰

“In our systematic review, we identified 10 RCTs [randomized controlled trials] that reported estimates of the effectiveness of face masks in reducing laboratory-confirmed influenza virus infections in the community from literature published during 1946–July 27, 2018.

In pooled analysis, we found no significant reduction in influenza transmission with the use of face masks ...

Disposable medical masks (also known as surgical masks) are loose-fitting devices that were designed to be worn by medical personnel to protect accidental contamination of patient wounds, and to protect the wearer against splashes or sprays of bodily fluids ...

There is limited evidence for their effectiveness in preventing influenza virus transmission either when worn by the infected person for source control or when worn by uninfected persons to reduce exposure.

Our systematic review found no significant effect of face masks on transmission of laboratory-confirmed influenza ... In this review, we did not find evidence to support a protective effect of personal protective measures or environmental measures in reducing influenza transmission.”

These Mistakes Undermine the Protection Masks May Provide

If and when you do use a mask, you have to follow proper protocols, or else you can nullify what little protection they do offer against potentially infectious respiratory droplets. As detailed in WHO's guidance memo, you need to make sure your medical mask is:¹¹

- Changed when wet, soiled or damaged
- Untouched. Do not adjust or displace it from your face for any reason. “If this happens, the mask should be safely removed and replaced; and hand hygiene performed”
- Discarded and changed after caring for any patient on contact/droplet precautions for other pathogens

The memo also points out that “Staff who do not work in clinical areas do not need to use a medical mask during routine activities (e.g., administrative staff).” Now, if administrative hospital staff do not need to wear masks, why would healthy individuals need to wear them when

walking around, especially in open-air areas?

Broward county, Florida, has gone so far as to issue an emergency order¹² mandating masks to be worn inside your own residence. But why, if administrative hospital staff aren't even advised to wear them at work?

In summary, it is likely that masks are not entirely useless in all circumstances. However, the literature rather strongly suggests the usefulness of masks depends on a significant number of factors — type, fit, length of use, purpose and circumstances — which are effectively impossible to account for in public universal-masking policies.

The science, contrary to the ignorant platitudes we are bombarded with, has NOT proven that universal masking is effective for viral containment, and has instead provided substantial grounds for skepticism of such a policy.

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The graphic features a dark blue background with a grid pattern and several glowing blue virus-like icons. On the right side, there is a portrait of Scott W. Atlas, M.D., a man with grey hair wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a purple and white striped tie. The text is arranged in a clean, modern font, with the event title in large, bold, white letters.

Fauci Booted, Replaced By Medical Realist Dr. Scott Atlas

Technocrats Anthony Fauci and Deborah Birx are likely hopping mad because they have lost control over the pandemic narrative in America. Fauci's replacement, Dr. Scott Atlas, promotes a very different approach to healing America, including herd immunity. □ TN Editor

Dr. Scott W. Atlas has argued that the science of mask wearing is uncertain, that children cannot pass on the coronavirus and that the role of the government is not to stamp out the virus but to protect its most vulnerable citizens as Covid-19 takes its course.

Ideas like these, both ideologically freighted and scientifically disputed, have propelled the radiologist and senior fellow at Stanford University's conservative Hoover Institution into President Trump's White House, where he is pushing to reshape the administration's response to the pandemic.

Mr. Trump has embraced Dr. Atlas, as has Mark Meadows, the White House chief of staff, even as he upsets the balance of power within the White House coronavirus task force with ideas that top government doctors and scientists like Anthony S. Fauci, Deborah L. Birx and Jerome Adams, the surgeon general, find misguided — even dangerous — according to people familiar with the task force's deliberations.

That might be the point.

"I think Trump clearly does not like the advice he was receiving from the people who are the experts — Fauci, Birx, etc. — so he has slowly shifted from their advice to somebody who tells him what he wants to hear," said Dr. Carlos del Rio, an infectious disease expert at Emory University who is close to Dr. Birx, the White House coronavirus response coordinator.

Dr. Atlas is neither an epidemiologist nor an infectious disease expert, the two jobs usually associated with pandemic response. But his frequent appearances on Fox News Channel and his ideological surety

caught the president's eye.

So when Mr. Trump resumed his coronavirus news conferences in July and August, it was Dr. Atlas who helped prepare his briefing materials, according to people familiar with them. And it was his ideas that spilled from the president's mouth.

"He has many great ideas," Mr. Trump told reporters at a White House briefing last month with Dr. Atlas seated feet away. "And he thinks what we've done is really good, and now we'll take it to a new level."

The core of his appeal in the West Wing rests in his libertarian-style approach to disease management in which the government focuses on small populations of at-risk individuals — the elderly, the sick and the immune-compromised — and minimizes restrictions for the rest of the population, akin to an approach used to disastrous effect in Sweden. The argument: Most people infected by the coronavirus will not get seriously ill, and at some point, enough people will have antibodies from Covid-19 to deprive the virus of carriers — "herd immunity."

"Once you get to a certain number — we use the word herd — once you get to a certain number, it's going to go away," Mr. Trump told Laura Ingraham on Fox News on Monday night.

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Pregnant Aussie Mother Arrested For ‘Inciting’ COVID Lockdown Protest

Australia has gone full-on police state as it manhandles women by body-slammings and slapping them into handcuffs if they dare to protest lockdowns, mask wearing or social distancing. Once a destination of choice for freedom and liberty, Australia is turning into a dystopian nightmare.

These are not terrorists who are being arrested. Neither are they violent criminals. They are rather ordinary citizens who see through the political agenda and choose to not wear a mask. Technocrat social engineers cannot and will not tolerate any criticism or disobedience to their pseudo-science mandates. □ TN Editor

Police in Australia arrested a pregnant 28-year-old woman in front of her partner and two children Wednesday for allegedly planning a coronavirus lockdown protest and promoting it on Facebook.

Police in the state of Victoria took the woman, Zoe Buhler, into custody at her home after she created a “freedom day” event on Facebook calling for people to peacefully gather against the government’s lockdown measures.

“As some of you may have seen the government has gone to extreme measures and are using scare tactics through the media to prevent the Melbourne protest,” the now-deleted event description read, ABC News reports.

“Here in Ballarat we can be a voice for those in stage four lockdowns. We can be seen and heard and hopefully make a difference!”

Video of the arrest shared on social media shows officers handcuffing Buhler in front her partner and children. In the video, Buhler becomes increasingly distressed as she tells officers she is pregnant.

“I have no idea why you guys are doing this,” she tells officers. “My two kids are here. I have an ultrasound in an hour. I’m happy to delete the post.

“I don’t really understand what I’ve done wrong. This is ridiculous. I didn’t realise I was doing anything wrong.”

The woman tells police she has an ultrasound appointment in an hour’s time. She offers to delete the post and questions the need to arrest her in front of her two children.

But Victoria police confirmed the woman was taken into custody and charged with incitement. A mobile device was also seized, police said.

The apprehension comes just days after a group of anti-lockdown protesters clashed with police in the state capital Melbourne at a separate event and almost 200 more Victorians were fined for breaching restrictions.

Victoria is governed by hard-left Australian Labor Party (ALP) leader Daniel Andrews who has seen the state top the national list of infections

and deaths during the coronavirus pandemic.

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