

Inside 2 New Studies the CDC Claims Prove Masks Save Lives

Despite its claims, the CDC has never succeeded in conclusively proving that widespread mask usage in America will save lives, or even substantially reduce viral transmission. Mask studies are affected by many variables including the age of the wearer, their vaccine status, ventilation, and more. The CDC consistently cites studies that omit critical variables and try to create the impression the masks were the cause of the infection differences.

Study 1. "Association Between K–12 School Mask Policies and School-Associated COVID-19 Outbreaks -Maricopa and Pima Counties, Arizona, July–August 2021" https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7039e1.htm

CDC claim – The report shows schools with no mask mandates were 3.5X more likely to have a COVID-19 outbreak than those with early mask requirements.

CDC did not tell the public -

The schools with mask mandates generally had younger elementary school children who have fewer incidents of COVID-19

Study did not show -

- the type of mask worn,
- how many people wore masks (compliance rates),
- how many were tested for COVID-19 versus those it was assumed had it by looking at flu-like symptoms
- final analysis only counted which schools had more than 4 cases. So, a school with 4 cases received the same weight as one with 400 cases

While the mask and non-mask schools had different outcomes, there is no way to tell if the masks were in any way responsible for the difference.

Study 2. "Pediatric COVID-19 Cases in Counties With and Without School Mask Requirements — United States, July 1–September 4, 2021" - <u>https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7039e3.htm</u>

CDC Claim – The study compared US counties with masks requirements to those that had none. This involved 16.5% of all counties. Counties with mask requirements consistently had lower mean changes in COVID-19 cases than those with no mask requirements and the CDC attributed the reduction to the wearing of masks.

CDC did not tell the public -

- There was no control to see who was or was not vaccinated or the effect it had on case count.
- Children who did not attend school were included. There was no way of knowing how much mask usage was included in the study.
- Study did not show the number of cases, only the percent of case increase or decrease.

No study has ever successfully proven with high levels of confidence that the masks we wear daily prevent viral transmission. If you want to know more about masks studies, check out this link: https://www.justfacts.com/news_face_masks_deadly_falsehoods