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## Report: Mask Mandates Correlate With GREATER COVID Spread/Death

Perhaps a clue is that the politicians who insist on instituting mask mandates are shown, repeatedly, to not be too fond of actually wearing masks themselves. But whether they know better or just believe they *are* better, here's reality: At best, mask mandates do nothing to reduce society-level coronavirus spread.

At worst, they lead to *greater* COVID-19 transmission and death.

The latest case in point is Oregon, where a month ago Democrat governor Kate Brown instituted a totalitarian mask mandate. As *National Review* [reports](#):



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On August 24, [Oregon governor Kate Brown instated a state masking requirement](#) that requires everyone five years and older, regardless of vaccination status, to wear a mask, face covering, or face shield in outdoor spaces if they are less than six feet apart from individuals not in their household.

“Cases and hospitalizations are at a record high,” said Governor Brown. “Masks are a quick and simple tool we can immediately deploy to protect ourselves and our families, and quickly help stop further spread of COVID-19.”

On August 24, Oregon had 49,889 active cases of COVID-19. As of yesterday [Sept. 21], Oregon had 86,623 active cases of COVID-19 — an increase of 73 percent from the day the governor announced the outdoor mask requirement. Keep in mind, cases merely mean positive tests; an active case does not necessarily mean that person is significantly ill.

This is striking given that Oregon is one of our less densely populated states. Of course, correlation isn't causation, and a mask advocate could argue that the numbers would be even worse without the mandate. Yet Oregon isn't alone in exhibiting this phenomenon. Just consider the following tweets compiled by commentator Andrea Widburg.

Newly reported deaths in Hawaii have risen 1,740% in the past two months despite one of the longest mask mandates in the world & overwhelming compliance...so I have to ask once again why Ron DeSantis did not mandate double masking & spend more time promoting vaccinations there [pic.twitter.com/XqvKG2S37H](https://pic.twitter.com/XqvKG2S37H)

— IM (@ianmSC) [September 23, 2021](#)

Cases in South Korea have been at record high levels for nearly 3 months now despite 99%



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mask compliance, mask mandates and fines for non-compliance, so it's always nice to hear politicians and experts keep pushing more mask mandates & forcing masks on 2 year olds  
<pic.twitter.com/ExsMDVyK1C>

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Singapore has officially reached a new high in cases, 527 days into their mask mandate and with 82% of their population fully vaccinated.

Pretty incredible feat of media gaslighting that no one is asking politicians and experts how they can continue justifying mandates. <pic.twitter.com/qGsf9yGLMj>

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Cases are rising in Minnesota faster than any other state in the US, so we're up to what now...15 states Ron DeSantis is responsible for all at once? Tremendously impressive!  
<pic.twitter.com/UE1qMgjV8H>

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I don't know if I'll ever get over that LA mandated masks 2+ months ago, neighboring Orange County didn't mandate masks, yet the county without a mandate did better and followed the same trajectory

If sanity & science still existed, we'd be done pretending masks matter  
<pic.twitter.com/IFJEL7ml9j>

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Note: Orange has better numbers despite having [greater population density](#).

Which one of these two neighboring states, with nearly identical hospitalization curves over the past year+, have had mask mandates over the past 2 months for the majority of their population, and which hasn't?

Wonder if the experts & politicians would be able to tell! <pic.twitter.com/OkRdzK6kZp>

— IM (@ianmSC) [September 25, 2021](#)

(Hint: Nevada is represented by the black line.)

Then there's this:

It's been nearly 2 weeks since Denmark ended all domestic COVID restrictions — no vaccine passports or mask mandates — so I wanted to see how it's gone

Well would you look at that, cases are declining!



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Guess this means we need more masks on 2 year olds & vaccine passes, right?

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As a bonus, Widburg also presents a graph providing food for thought on the genetic-therapy agents (a.k.a. “vaccines”):

Cases in Alaska are the highest they’ve ever been & the highest in the US. They reached 50% of 18+ fully vaccinated by May 20th, a few weeks before Fauci said with 50% of adults vaccinated, you wouldn’t see surges like in the past

Why is anyone still listening to a word he says? [pic.twitter.com/8CbPxTbZgp](https://pic.twitter.com/8CbPxTbZgp)

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I’ll add that Sweden, which never mandated masks (or had notable lockdowns), in July eliminated even its [“vague” recommendation](#) that people wear them. Yet it [continues enjoying](#) a very low [coronavirus mortality rate](#).

Analyzing the above, Widburg then [writes](#), “The fact that these data relentlessly repeat the same patterns suggests a few conclusions:”

- Lockdowns don’t work.
- Mask mandates don’t work.
- Vaccines are of limited efficacy.

As to masks, I’ll reiterate that the above data don’t prove that mask mandates exacerbate SARS-CoV-2 transmission. Note, however, that a biologist [did theorize last year](#), along with others, that masks may help spread the pathogen. And, again, the best case scenario appears to be that they make no difference at all.

No one has to tell this to Dr. Anthony Fauci, the octogenarian, 53-year NIAID bureaucrat. As he [wrote](#) in a February 5 email (when he *wasn’t* lying — a.k.a. what he often does in front of a TV camera), “The typical mask you buy in the drug store is not really effective in keeping out virus, which is small enough to pass through the material.”

This was echoed by ex-Joe Biden China virus advisor and epidemiologist Michael Osterholm, the director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota. He [said](#) in August that we “know today that many of the face cloth coverings that people wear are not very effective in reducing any of the virus movement in or out.”

Osterholm’s solution is “to talk about better masking,” as he put it, “about N-95 respirators....” Yet as I often point out, we shouldn’t simply ask how effective the masking prescription is if a hypothetical person (responsible) wears a hypothetical mask (N-95) maintained and worn in a hypothetical way (disinfected and properly fitted), but: How will the general population apply the recommendation?

Answer: They’ll typically wear the wrong masks, the wrong way, with the wrong hygiene.

The latter two parts of that won’t change simply because you prescribe N-95 masks, as man’s nature doesn’t change.



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None of this is to say that mask mandates have no effect. In fact, studies have found that masks become as pathogen-laden Petri dishes on people's faces, can restrict oxygen intake and induce dangerously high carbon dioxide levels in people's bloodstreams, may introduce [unhealthful plastic microparticles](#) into wearer's systems, can cause skin problems, may [exacerbate anxiety and breathing difficulties](#) in children, and can lead to altered facial development in kids due to continuous mouth-breathing. In addition, there are the "[Mask Empire's](#)" very serious [psychological and social consequences](#).

The point is that if there isn't a very good reason to do something unnatural and burdensome — and mask-wearing qualifies — *you don't do it*.

What we could do is to follow the lead of another nation without China virus restrictions. To wit:

Norway may soon reclassify COVID, as being just "one of several respiratory diseases with seasonal variation," as one of the nation's public officials [put it](#).

Aside from that, those falling ill should be treated early with drugs shown to be effective, whether hydroxychloroquine, ivermectin, Regen-COV, or something else. As Widburg laments, "COVID is the only disease I know of that the medical establishment refuses to treat until people are on death's door. Dr. Ted Noel [explains why this is](#), and you can blame the government for the fact that doctors have their hands tied."

"The government's refusal to act is because the Democrats who run the government don't want COVID to end," she continues. "It's been their E-ticket to unlimited power. The worst thing that could happen for them is to have COVID become a treatable disease like a cold or flu."

As for mask mandates, we should never again criticize the Taliban for ensconcing women in eighth-century drapes if we're going to foist face burkas on innocent children.

*(Note: This article had originally stated that Norway had reclassified COVID as no more dangerous than the common flu. This was an error reportedly due to a mistaken translation. We apologize for it.)*



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