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## Viral Video of Toddler Being Forced to Wear Mask Sparks Outrage Over NY Mask Mandate

Mask-wearing, as a measure presumably aimed at protecting oneself and others from COVID-19, is not just useless, it harms the wearers' health, according to some. In fact, facemasks may even [facilitate](#) the spread of COVID! *The New American* has covered the issue extensively, citing hard-hitting evidence and warning against COVID mandates that are destructive on so many levels. Yet, the establishment chooses to ignore the science it claims to use as its only guidance, and force a near-universal masking on anyone and everyone who can breathe.



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The issue becomes especially sensitive and problematic when it comes to masking children. The health risks escalate dramatically in this case, as children suffer both physical and psychological harm, being [depleted](#) from oxygen by the [bacteria-infested](#) piece of [cloth](#) on their faces.

As a manifestation of a pure madness behind the mask mandates for children over the age of two, a sane part of American social media erupted in fury over a video showing a crying little boy being literally forced to wear a mask in one a New York City childcare center.

[The video](#), which scored three million views in just one day, depicts a toddler sitting on the floor and struggling to take a mask off his face as a caregiver at the center repeatedly tries to put it back on despite the energetic protests of the child. While the boy is desperately crying and not giving up, the women, whose voices are heard in the clip, are insisting he must put his mask on because it is going to "keep him safe," but the toddler evidently chose freedom over safety. At one point he even seems to weep, "No! That's not right!"

The clip ends with a toddler, mask hanging on the elastic bands around his neck, crying and going into tantrum, his gaze is seemingly absent, and up. Religious viewers may assume the boy is looking up to try to find an answer to the injustice being done to him: "Why, Heavenly Father, why?"

[Reportedly](#), the boy's mother, Ann Walker, has uploaded a video on the Facebook video and captioned it:

This is my poor kid at daycare today so I can work. #breaksmyheart  
#governorhochulthiswontwork #whyarewepunishingbabies Point of clarification I'm not upset with his daycare they are attempting to comply with the mandate. I love where he is. I'm pissed at our governor and OCFS who think mandating two year old to wear a mask 7-10 hours a day is at all necessary. #unmaskourbabies.

The video, reposted on Twitter by another New York mother who goes by the name [Science Mom](#), has drawn a heated reaction from both regular users and high-profile conservatives.



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“It’s as though they’re just trying to break us at this point. Don’t let them,” tweeted [Donald Trump Jr.](#)

Conservative commentator [Jack Posobiec](#) simply said of the video, “Demonic.”

Senator [Ted Cruz](#) (R-Texas) implied, “This is not science. It’s political virtue signaling. And really cruel to kids.”

Online outlet Conservative Fighters has gathered some more of the blue-tick responses [here](#).

Democratic New York Governor Kathy Hochul [expanded](#) the state mask mandate for all children in childcare and daycare two years old and up, and for all staff and visitors, on September 15. When announcing the measure, Hochul stated:

For children under 12 who are not yet eligible to be vaccinated, masks are the best line of defense against COVID-19 infection. This new mask requirement ensures that children in our child care facilities receive the same protection as children in our schools.

The mandate aligns with the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) [guideline](#) that recommends “universal indoor masking for anyone age two and older who has not been vaccinated against COVID-19 and is medically able to wear a mask.”

It is unclear why the CDC has decided that the appropriate age to start wearing a mask is two, and which developmental milestones the CDC had considered when setting a minimum age requirement. Back in April, a group of the GOP lawmakers wrote [a letter](#) to the CDC asking it to explain in detail, along with providing the studies it examined, as to how it came to such a recommendation. A response was never received.

Notably, America has set the world’s lowest age for mask-wearing. For example, in Switzerland, children under the age of 12 do not have to wear masks. In France and the U.K., children under the age of 11 are exempt. In Italy, the exemption applies to those under the age of six. Even the World Health Organization does not recommend children younger than five to mask up, since they are unable to put them on without help. Those between the age of five to 11 may need to wear a mask in certain conditions, such as in COVID hot spots, says the WHO.

At the same time, as we previously [reported](#), a growing body of evidence supports the conclusion that masking children is as absurd, illogical, nonsensical, and potentially dangerous as trying to stop “every case of COVID” or “stopping COVID at all costs.” Masks are not needed for children, owing to a [near-zero](#) risk of them dying from COVID, according to the CDC’s own data. This includes the Delta variant, that indeed may be more infectious, but notably much [less lethal](#), than the original strain.

On a separate note, it is worth remarking that masking children may soon seem like a secondary problem, since Governor Hochul [stated](#) that she is keeping the option of a vaccine mandate for young people “on the table,” citing the “highly contagious” Delta variant.



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