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The Truth About Face Masks

To mask or not to mask? Examining scientific data, *The New American* fact-checks whether or not face coverings or masks are effective at stopping the spread of COVID-19 virus particles.

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<https://www.rcreader.com/authors/Denis-G.-Rancourt,-PhD>

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