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## The Truth About Face Masks

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

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