

Wear a Mask-They're Important!

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Everyone can agree that these past few months have been not fun to say the least. But one thing that would help people greatly is if everyone wore a mask. Masks are so important, and it has been proven that they really do make a difference.

According to ICSF news, there has been a study showing that just by speaking a short sentence, a person produces hundreds of 20 to 500 micrometer respiratory droplets. The test was run again, but with the person's mouth covered by a damp washcloth. It was discovered that with the damp washcloth, almost all of those droplets were blocked.

Michael Roberts wrote an article for East Alabama Medical Center about the importance of masks. In an image shown, when two people don't wear masks, the risk of transmission of each other's germs is high. When one person is wearing a mask and the other isn't, the transmission risk is low. (this doesn't mean if your friend is wearing a mask you don't have to also!) But, when both people are wearing masks, the transmission probability of their germs is the lowest.

It has also been proven that masks can help stop the spread of coronavirus by case reports of high risk situations. The first case was when a man flew from China to Toronto with a dry cough, and ended up testing positive for coronavirus. He was wearing a mask the whole time, and everyone who sat near him on the plane tested negative after the incident. Imagine what would have happened if he wasn't wearing a mask! In the second case, two hairstylists who had coronavirus had 140 clients before realizing they were positive, having come in close contact with each of them. Everyone was wearing masks, and it turned out that none of the clients got coronavirus from that interaction.

I hope that this information has convinced you to wear a mask if you haven't been wearing one before. If it hasn't, I can offer you one last argument. Imagine you bring a nice, big kale salad to eat for lunch, and a piece of kale gets stuck right in the middle of your two front teeth, but you don't notice. If you wear a mask, you will still be walking around for the rest of the day with kale stuck in your teeth, but no one will ever know.