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70 Percent of Mask-Wearers Got COVID-19

A new CDC study found 70.6 percent of people with COVID-19 were wearing masks all the time in the 14 days before they got sick. Another 14.4 percent said they wore them often but they still got sick. Some might say that's because other people weren't wearing masks. However, the mask material either protects you or it doesn't. Masks are not one-directional.

Two researchers wrote that cloth masks don't protect as source control – they don't protect others -- and they don't protect you as PPE, personal protective equipment. Mask materials are permeable and masks leak around the edges. Masks are not magic and they have no magic powers to overcome their natural deficiencies. Viruses slip through masks.

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