

## Richard Abbott

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**From:** MN\_MDH\_Health.covid19 <Health.covid19@state.mn.us>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 30, 2021 12:50 PM  
**To:** Richard Abbott  
**Subject:** RE: IDEPC Comment Form: No

Hi Rick,

I do not have any specific studies to share with you on the safety or risks of wearing masks. I can give you the MDH website that provides a lot of information regarding mask wearing.

<https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/facecover.html>

MDH continues to support a layered approach to slowing the spread of the COVID-19 virus, including following mask recommendations.

Sincerely,  
Robin

*If you need more help or have questions, you can call the MDH COVID-19 Hotline at 1-833-431-2053. The hotline is staffed from 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday through Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Interpreters are available.*

*Everyone can do their part to slow the spread of COVID-19. Please take these steps today:*

- Get [vaccinated](#) if you are eligible
- Follow [mask recommendations](#)
- Stay home [if you are sick](#)
- Get [tested](#) when recommended
- Wash hands often

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### Comments:

Do you have any data or testing to conclude wearing of typical masks that are being used by our school children in MN is safe or has no risks. CDC replied and stated they do not have any supportive data. I am finding that simple science supports a conclusion that masking of children comes with great health risk.

I don't want any statements such as; " the data shows this and that" I want the data. I don't want any data that argues if masks are effective in stopping or slowing down a virus. That is not my question.