

Face mask exempt cards

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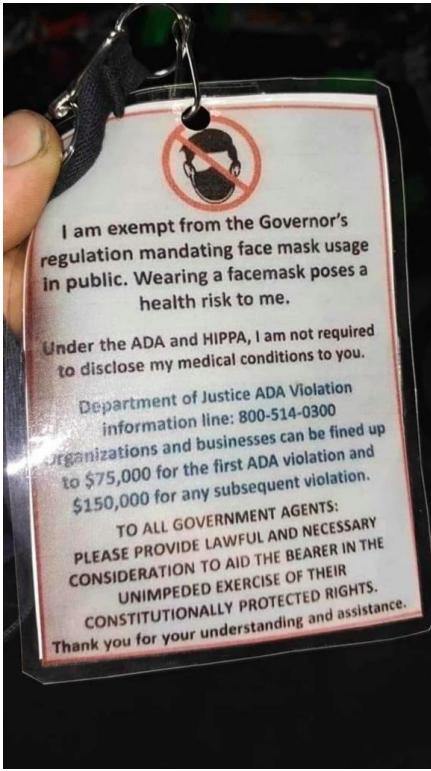
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- [Jun 25th at 9:36 AM](#) NEW INCIDENT: Face Mask Exempt Card - Hive case #51, Misp event 1284 <https://covid-19.iglocska.eu/events/view/1284> - TL;DR a group called Freedom To Breathe Agency <https://www.ftbagency.com/> is pushing a new laminated card claiming to be from ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) and DoJ (US Dept of Justice), allowing the holder immunity from wearin a mask
- [2 months ago](#) incident to-do thread: <https://cti-league.slack.com/archives/C011QVAKR6U/p1593104783026100>
- [2 months ago](#) Incident artifacts thread: <https://cti-league.slack.com/archives/C011QVAKR6U/p1593103039022400>

Thread June 25 2020 9am: Incident artefacts thread

- [Jun 25th at 9:37 AM](#) Incident artefacts thread for Face Mask Exempt Card (please join in!)
- [2 months ago](#) The card facemaskexemptcard.png

FACE MASK EXEMPT CARD

I AM EXEMPT FROM ANY ORDINANCE REQUIRING FACE MASK USAGE IN PUBLIC.

Wearing a face mask poses a mental and/or physical risk to me.
Under the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), I am not required
to disclose my condition to you.



Department of Justice ADA Violation
reporting number: (800) 514-0301



If found in violation of the ADA you could face steep penalties.
Organizations and businesses can be fined up to **\$75,000** for
your first violation and **\$150,000** for any subsequent violations.

DENYING ACCESS TO YOUR
BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION WILL BE ALSO
REPORTED TO FTBA FOR FURTHER ACTIONS

- [2 months ago](#) Image of card with hand image.png



* [2 months ago](#) ADA response (nb these are copied from an earlier thread: things in this thread need to be uploaded to Hive/Misp) ADA response: https://www.ada.gov/covid-19_flyer_alert.html

COVID-19 Alert re Fraudulent Facemask Flyer

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- [2 months ago](#) <https://twitter.com/PatrioticQanons/status/1274150063942631425?s=20>

TrumpIsMyHero @PatrioticQanons

Here is your face mask exempt card valid across the United States.

Downloadable version is available on their website at <http://www.ftbagency.com>

#FREETHEFACE

#WWG1WGA

#DigitalSoldier <https://pbs.twimg.com/media/Ea6wuiWX0AErYYm.jpg>

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www.ftbagency.com

Twitter | Jun 19th (57 kB)

<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/Ea6wuiWX0AErYYm.jpg>

- [2 months ago](#) www[.]ftbagency[.]com - group behind the card
- [2 months ago](#) Hashtag #freetheface
- [2 months ago](#) text, for any later searches: "FACE MASK EXEMPT CARD I AM EXEMPT FROM ANY ORDINANCE REQUIRING FACE MASK USAGE IN PUBLIC. Wearing a face mask posses a mental and/or physical risk to me. Under the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), I am not required to disclose my condition to you. Department of Justice ADA Violation reporting number: (800) 514-0301 If found in violation of the ADA you could face steep penalties Organizations and businesses can be fined up to \$75,000 for your first violation and \$150,000 for any subsequent violations DENYING ACCESS TO YOUR FTBA BUSINESS/ORGANIZATION WILL BE ALSO REPORTED TO FTBA FOR. FURTHER ACTIONS www.ftbagency.com"
- [2 months ago](#) <https://twitter.com/NA Sheridan/status/1275804529427128325>

[Name Redacted] @ [Name Redacted]

Many thanks to [Name Redacted] for this great product. Speedy service too! It's ready for me to

attend my hair appt in July 😊 #disability #FaceCoveringsInUK #FaceMaskExempt

https://pbs.twimg.com/media/EbSRC5_XYAAHkeM.jpg

Twitter | Jun 24th (153 kB)

https://pbs.twimg.com/media/EbSRc5_XYAAHkeM.jpg



- [2 months ago](#) (checked [Name Redacted] - can't see card there yet)
- [2 months ago](#) <https://omegakingdomministry.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/mask-exemption.pdf>
- [2 months ago](#) <https://www.aboutthesky.com/aboutthesky/smallstorm-blog/1305-face-mask-exemption-tool>
- [2 months ago](#) <https://scarlettnlily.com/products/free-download-face-mask-exemption-card>

Scarlett & Lily

[FREE DOWNLOAD Face Mask Exemption Card — Scarlett & Lily](#)

Download and print - this is a business card size 3.25x2. You will have to place it in your cart to be able to download it.

- [2 months ago](#) Also on ftbagency.com

image.png



MESSAGE TO THE BUSINESS MANAGER

1

ONLY A LICENSED MEDICAL PROFESSIONAL IS QUALIFIED TO GIVE MEDICAL ADVICE SUCH AS WEARING A MASK WHICH NEGATIVELY AFFECTS THE RESPIRATORY, NEUROLOGICAL AND IMMUNE SYSTEM

2

PRACTICING MEDICINE WITHOUT A LICENSE IS AN OFFENSE PUNISHABLE BY LAW

3

THERE IS NO LAW IN THAT REQUIRES ANYONE TO WEAR A MASK INTO ANY BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT. GUIDELINES ARE NOT LAWS

4

EQUAL ACCESS AND ACCOMMODATIONS IN ANY BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENT WHATSOEVER IS PROTECTED BY LAW. NO CITIZEN MAY BE DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BASED ON A HEALTH CONDITION UNDER COLORADO ANTI-DISCRIMINATION ACT TITLE 24 & 10

5

ANY THREAT OF INTIMIDATION IN THIS MATTER WILL RESULT IN LAW ENFORCEMENT BEING SUMMONED

For more info and tools visit

www.ftbagency.com

- [2 months ago https://twitter.com/mattbc/status/1275962452807745536](https://twitter.com/mattbc/status/1275962452807745536)

[Name Redacted]

But it's their facebook page where ... the mask really slips off (I'm sorry, I hate me too) and they tell us who they are, "an agency designed to stop face mask orders from spreading nationwide and globally"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/907564453095607/>

<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/EbUg4ddXYAE7o3z.jpg>

Twitter | Jun 24th (85 kB)

<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/EbUg4ddXYAE7o3z.jpg>

About This Group

Description

Breathing is a vital biological activity to physical and emotional well being. Oxygen is No.1 nutrient for every living organism including humans. Wearing a mask is an unhealthy obstruction of oxygen flow that can lead to hypoxemia and hypoxia, can permanently damage the brain, lungs, heart and about any organ. We must protect our birth right to breathe. This is NOT negotiable. FTBA is an agency designed to stop face mask orders from spreading nationwide and globally.

History

Group created on June 1, 2020

Name recently changed from Anti-Mask Task Force

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- [2 months ago https://www.facebook.com/groups/907564453095607/](https://www.facebook.com/groups/907564453095607/)

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[Freedom To Breathe Agency](#)

Breathing is a vital biological activity to physical and emotional well being. Oxygen is No.1 nutrient for every living organism including humans. Wearing a mask is an unhealthy obstruction of oxygen...

- [2 months ago Whois reveals the domain \[ftbagency.com\]\(http://ftbagency.com\) registered on june 12th on wix.](#)

- [2 months ago](https://web.archive.org/web/20200624214535/https://www.ftbagency.com/) <https://web.archive.org/web/20200624214535/https://www.ftbagency.com/>
wayback machine has a snapshot of the site. found email: ftbagency@gmail.com
- [2 months ago](https://www.instagram.com/p/CBzSdKRF801/?igshid=rc8k3k55twdq) <https://www.instagram.com/p/CBzSdKRF801/?igshid=rc8k3k55twdq>
- [2 months ago](#) Another version found on 4chan

image.png



- [2 months ago](#)

Counters (thanks [Name Redacted] for the steer)

https://www.reddit.com/r/Bestbuy/comments/hfthvd/live_in_a_mask_required_area_hope_this_helps/



[Live in a mask required area? Hope this helps.](#)

Posted in r/Bestbuy by u/[Name Redacted] • 51 points and 24 comments (55 kB)

https://preview.redd.it/f2cv6sqo84751.jpg?overlay-align=bottom&left&crop=790:413.612565445,smart&overlay-height=15p&overlay=%2Fwatermark%2Ft5_2rofz.png%3Fs%3Ded7c9c8cdb51d3c3b2140d652f4748a5babe3370&width=790&height=413.612565445&auto=webp&s=d891d2990941111d337a



[b3444862b28c11b66a4e](#)

- [2 months ago](#) Also

https://www.reddit.com/r/funny/comments/hfqanb/my_unofficial_nongovernmental_bureau_u_my_desktop/



[My unofficial non-governmental bureau \(my desktop pc\) has issued an updated no mask exemption override card](#)

Posted in r/funny by u/[Name Redacted] • 63 points and 11 comments (73 kB)

https://preview.redd.it/t3tsafe5d3751.jpg?overlay-align=bottom,left&crop=790:413.612565445,smart&overlay-height=15p&overlay=%2Fwatermark%2Ft5_2qh33.png%3Fs%3D85844117119fb21f99900e8d19c2eeddd0ec409&width=790&height=413.612565445&auto=webp&s=734246b3f8d33e712dc1

FACE MASK EXEMPTION OVERRIDE CARD

MASKS ARE REQUIRED

This card nullifies and cancels any card presented as a mask exemption card.

CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL

800-CDC-INFO-1 (1-800-232-4636)



[7cb2464aead94cc036d7](#)

- [2 months ago](#) This post may have details about the people who created this...

<https://www.upnorthprogressive.com/2020/06/25/maskupmichigan-the-covid-stupidity-level-reached-critical-mass-ftba-edition/>

Up North Progressive

[#MaskUpMichigan the COVID Stupidity Level Reached Critical Mass: FTBA Edition - Up North Progressive](#)

Two covidiot in California attempt to mimic a health card that exempts people from wearing masks in public places. It didn't work out so well for them.

Jun 25th (102 kB)

<https://i.imgur.com/WRYu50J.jpg>

- [2 months ago](#) <https://www.upnorthprogressive.com/2020/06/25/maskupmichigan-the-covid-stupidity-level-reached-critical-mass-ftba-edition/> (

[_MaskUpMichigan_the_COVID_Stupidity_Level_Reached_Critical_Mass_FTBA_Edition_-Up_North_Progressive.png](#)

The cards, Facebook group, and website are the fever dream of [Lenka Koloma](#) and [Fred DiDomenico](#). Both live in California, a state where new COVID-19 cases have recently spiked, and both insist wearing a mask is government tyranny. Watch Lenka as she strolls into a Costco and lies to the staff at the door she can't wear one.



Once inside, she smirks at the other shoppers giving her dirty looks and rants about the mask nazi employee who always tells her to get out. She also mentions you should carry the card just in case.

- [1 month ago https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/06/27/884272188/justice-department-issues-warning-about-fake-mask-exempt-cards](https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/06/27/884272188/justice-department-issues-warning-about-fake-mask-exempt-cards)

NPR.org

[Justice Department Issues Warning About Fake Mask Exempt Cards](#)

The department says the public should ignore the fraudulent cards, which purport to carry the authority of the "Freedom to Breathe Agency," which is neither a federal nor a state agency.
(341 kB)

https://media.npr.org/assets/img/2020/06/27/ap_20178589962496_wide-f33efde0a10da0b833f00643bb4823f57a8ee7bd.jpg?s=1400

- [1 month ago https://www.ada.gov/covid-19_flyer_alert.html](https://www.ada.gov/covid-19_flyer_alert.html)
ada.gov

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- [1 month ago https://vm.tiktok.com/JdBYEmM/](https://vm.tiktok.com/JdBYEmM/)

TikTok

[Name Redacted]

Freedom to Breathe Agency, or #FTBA, is promoting fake face mask exemption cards. #DOJ said they are FAKE #wearamask

- [1 month ago](#) Seems that Tiktok handled this incident well
- [1 month ago](#) Ok, so the misuse of the DOJ seal should be enough for the corporate policy regardless of the case law. Fingers crossed.
- [1 month ago](#) Bringing this into the thread <https://cti-league.slack.com/archives/C011QVAKR6U/p1593313887143400> New thread: t-shirts and other merchandise found whilst looking for "no mask" merch
- [1 month ago](#) [Name Redacted] Zip <ftbagency.com.mtgl>
- [1 month ago](#) Founder is [Name Redacted]
- [1 month ago](#) [Name Redacted]

Author of Unleash The Supernatural, transformation coach, cancer survivor, mom, entrepreneur, health warrior. (16 kB)

https://static.wixstatic.com/media/21a692_9c54fa0cf2694334a50cd26b5b693dd7%7Emv2.png/v1/fit/w_2500,h_1330,al_c/21a692_9c54fa0cf2694334a50cd26b5b693dd7%7Emv2.png

[Name Redacted]

- [1 month ago](#) Yes, that's the woman in teh photo and the video
- [1 month ago](#) [Name Redacted] is her partner
- [1 month ago](#) facebook.com/[Name Redacted]
- [1 month ago](#) It's just a money grab
- [1 month ago](#)

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- [1 month ago](#) Notority helps sell books and bootcamps

Thread 2020-06-25

- [1 month ago](#) https://cti-league.slack.com/archives/C011QVAKR6U/p1593176574072400?thread_ts=1593103039.022400&cid=C011QVAKR6U
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_MaskUpMichigan_the_COVID_Stupidity_Level_Reached_Critical_Mass__FTBA_Edition_-_Up_North_Progressive.png

- [1 month ago](#) Whats interesting is <ftbagency.us> redirects to the article linked above
- [1 month ago](#) I suspect the blogger did that?

- [1 month ago](#) Domain owner appears to be [Name Redacted]
- [1 month ago](#) I have a small Maltego transform I can share
- [1 month ago](#) I can take look at see if any of my apis can enrich it
- [1 month ago](#) Sure, it's not terribly exciting but that's how I found that article...
- [1 month ago](#) <https://twitter.com/beccanalia/status/1281365731830104065?s=21>

[Name Redacted]

This is complete & utter BS.

-It's #Disinformation.

-It's ignorant.

-It's dangerous.

-It encourages ADA fraud.

You wear a mask for the same reasons you wear steel-toed boots: For Health & Safety.

<https://twitter.com/intheMatrixxx/status/1281345522381524994>

 Twitter | [Jul 9th](#)

[Name Redacted]

Here is Get out of Tyranny free card. Know your rights.

<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/EchA9Z5WkAcDKDc.jpg>

 Twitter | [Jul 9th](#) (139 kB)

Thread 2020-06-27 Merchandise found

- [1 month ago](#) #flattenthefear hashtag out of Germany

<https://etsy.me/2Aa13cL>

Etsy

[Flatten the fear / Outdoor Sticker / 10 x 10 cm / with slit back / Activist / Love&Peace / Justice /](#)
[Donate to Save the Children](#)

Lets flatten the fear and stay positive! Fear generation is an instrument of domination, and techniques for generating social fear are part of the craft of power. It is time to become more sceptical, to believe little and to question everything. Its time to think for yourself again. (52 kB)
https://i.etsystatic.com/23763053/r/il/3c0124/2369816616/il_570xN.2369816616_94iy.jpg

- [1 month ago](#) <https://etsy.me/3dHXVCy>

Etsy

[Hysteria -Flatten the fear / Unisex T-Shirt / Stone White / 100% Organic Cotton + Fair Wear +](#)
[Vegan / Activist/ Donations to Save the Children](#)

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- [1 month ago](#) “Fear Is A Liar” (came up as a suggested item to “Flatten the fear” unable to see the seller’s tags) <https://etsy.me/2ZIK4g6> (edited)

Etsy

[Fear Is A Liar Christian Hoodie for Ladies / Premium Hoodie / Christian Apparel / Christian Gifts / Faith Hoodie / Church Hoodie/Godly Women](#)

Available in a unisex fit, various colors, and a softness level that feels premium. **Also available in a different color variation for men! Please check our store If you like our designs, visit our website www.cleanapparel.com for discount coupons and more! (30 kB)

Thread June 26 5:45am Comedy mask card

FACE MASK EXEMPT CARD

I AM A COMPLETE IDIOT AND WANT TO DIE
FROM CORONAVIRUS

Wearing a mask keeps everyone around me safe, but I am an idiot. if anyone tries to stop me from entering a building I will complain to as many people as I can on social media and try and get you fired

Federal Trade Commission Report Deceptive Practices Number
1-877-382-4357



If found in violation you may find yourself being publicly shamed and or being kicked out of Public Places.. Organizations have the right to kick you out and publicly shame you the way you try to

PROVIDING THIS CARD MEANS
ABSOULUTELY NOTHING. THERE ARE NO
REPERCUSSIONS. HAVE FUN!!!!

Thread June 26 11:38 anti pants

<https://twitter.com/lovelydreamer/status/1276704148445151232> <-- a nice counter meme for the mask cards.

PANTS EXEMPTION CARD

I AM EXEMPT FROM ANY ORDNANCE REQUIRING PANTS IN PUBLIC

WEARING PANTS POSSES A HEALTH PROBLEM FOR ME. UNDER THE ZAPP BRANIGAN ACT OF 2999, I AM NOT REQUIRED TO DISCLOSE THE NATURE OF MY SEXLEXIA



Reporting Violations Hotline: (844) 387-6962



If found in violation of this act you could be subject to up to \$150,000 dollars fine and cancellation of your licences!



Signed, *D. Duck*

U.S.A. FREEDOM FROM PANTS AGENCY

DENYING ACES TO YOUR BUSINESS WILL BE REPORTED TO THE FFPA FOR FURTHER INFORCEMENT!!

Thread June 27 5:49am RealityTeam explainer

UPDATES:

NEW: Facebook group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/2643269522591297/>

New Explainer: Should I wear a mask? https://medium.com/@info_3381/explainer-should-i-wear-a-mask-b9afe802e051

M Medium

[Explainer: Should I wear a mask?](#)

Key takeaways:

Reading time

4 min read

Jun 26th (45 kB)

https://miro.medium.com/max/720/1*TJluMYq61TDayS9EiMqVw.png

Facebook



Thread 28 June 2020 on legals behind this

- [Jun 28th at 8:15 AM](#) Sooo not to be too much of a downer, but does anyone have any idea if there is any grain of truth in these HIPAA/ADA claims? I suppose we won't actually know for sure until someone gets kicked out of a store and then sues and then the lawyers sort it out since this seems like a matter of not-yet-existing case law rather than something that would already be administratively spelled out. But it seems like the

text of this merchandise is at least plausible enough that Amazon and Etsy might be hesitant to do anything about it without some sort of written rationale to fall back on.

- [1 month ago https://cti-league.slack.com/archives/C011QVAKR6U/p1593292198112100?thread_ts=1593103039.022400&channel=C011QVAKR6U&message_ts=1593292198.112100](https://cti-league.slack.com/archives/C011QVAKR6U/p1593292198112100?thread_ts=1593103039.022400&channel=C011QVAKR6U&message_ts=1593292198.112100)

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- [1 month ago](#) I hope that's helpful [Name Redacted]
- [1 month ago](#) Yep. Also HIPAA is a data protection act. Literally nothing to do with this whatsoever.
- [1 month ago](#) (before we even get to the HIPPA spelling...)
- [1 month ago](#) There is no solid scence backing the claim so HPAA plays no role. My cousin is a doctor, her mom, my aunt retired a few years ago after 20+ years at FDA.
- [1 month ago](#) [Name Redacted] point (and mine) is that it LITERALLY has no place in the face mask exemption argument. It's just scary language. (edited)
- [1 month ago](#) HIPAA applies to hospitals, healthcare insurance providers, pharmacies etc.
- [1 month ago](#) these are called "covered entitites" within the language of the law
- [1 month ago](#) It also applies to business associates which can be any company that does business with a covered entity.
- [1 month ago](#) I believe the reason HIPAA is being invoked (albeit, incorrectly) is that there is confusion that HIPAA prevents a grocery store entrance attendant from asking what health condition a customer has which prevents them from wearing a mask.
- [1 month ago](#) Anyone that handles data considered to be "Protected Health Information" as defined by the Office of Civil Rights
- [1 month ago](#) It does, but it applies in the context that the health data came from a covered entity, with a BAA agreement executed between the two. (edited)
- [1 month ago](#) An individual can shout their data or someone elses health data from the rooftops.
- [1 month ago](#) HIPAA can't do anything about it unless they are a healthcare worker and they obtained the information through the covered entity.
- [1 month ago](#) So, what I'm getting at is, when a grocery store attendant asks you to prove you have a health condition preventing you from wearing a mask, you have two choices.
- [1 month ago](#) We are all correct. This is thread is to provide reassurance to another member of this channel. Let's remember to provide links to sources that easy to understand and are reputable
- [1 month ago](#) You either prove it, or you don't, in which case you may not be allowed to enter.

- [1 month ago](#) Yup, yup. For sure. I think the end result is exactly the same.
- [1 month ago](#) I've been involved in two OCR investigations. That's the majority of my source
- [1 month ago](#) I'll try to find if there is a link where the nuance is explained.
- [1 month ago](#) Thank you [Name Redacted]
- [1 month ago](#) [Name Redacted] and your information is correct. I was just pointing out the nuances
- [1 month ago](#) I'm a security engineer turned HIPAA compliance consultant
- [1 month ago](#) Nice. I've worked in the healthcare sector for 18 years.
- [1 month ago](#) Yeah, though [Name Redacted] is correct in that any entity. A regular company can violate HIPAA if the email list of the company insurance gets exposed. OCR can go after an individual if the records they are shouting from the rooftop are not records they should have.
- [1 month ago](#) Hmm. Not a lawyer, but I'm guessing cases can be made when information is obtained illegally.
- [1 month ago](#) However, from what I understand, that would be under something like the CFAA and not specifically covered within HIPAA.
- [1 month ago](#) The OCR has audit authority over CEs and BAs
- [1 month ago](#) audit and penalty assignment etc.
- [1 month ago](#) Well it becomes sticky because while it wouldn't be in violation of HIPAA for a store employee to ask a person what their medical issue is that prevents it. HIPAA would come into play as to who that store employee is then allowed to tell.
- [1 month ago](#) I'd think that –outside of complications related to things like grocery store clinics and pharmacies– this data would be covered by the FTC breach notification rule
- [1 month ago](#) If they blasted over the intercom "hey everybody Mrs. Smith isn't wearing a mask because X medical condition" that wouldn't be ok.
- [1 month ago](#) Similar to the fitbits and other wearables
- [1 month ago](#) That's obviously wouldn't be ok, but I'm unclear whether it would be a violation of a federal law.
- [1 month ago](#) This is a great conversation. I'm sure even lawyers won't have these nuances answered off the top of their heads
- [1 month ago](#) Well [Name Redacted] if Mrs Karen Smith self disclosed so HIPAA doesn't apply. Meaning "I have a breathing problem and my doctor said that I don't have to wear a mask!" (edited)
- [1 month ago](#) I believe that if information is disclosed voluntarily outside of a healthcare setting and unrelated to a care provisioning event, it doesn't meet the OCR definition of PHI.
- [1 month ago](#) So let's circle this back to the original point of information disorder and examine what's happening:

Believable by the general public? yes

Using official sounding language of authority? yes

Visually recognizable logos/seals for credibility? yes

Said logos/seals able to be accessed for use? yes

Does this misinformation align with emotionally charged discussion currently taking place? Yes

Looks like we have ourselves an artifact! 

- [1 month ago](#) Confusing enough to not be clarified after 5 hours of googling? Yes 😊
- [1 month ago](#) We don't have to be SME's on everything in disinformation. We DO have to recognize the TTP's.
- [1 month ago](#) agreed
- [1 month ago](#) Nice discussion friends!
- [1 month ago](#) Definitely jogged my brain 😊
- [1 month ago](#) The people that come up wth this claims are good
- [1 month ago](#) And both correct this is a great discussion of a complicated compliance. It's unfortunate how relatively little enforcement happens. In my experience the threat of enforcement hasn't been great enough to get companies to commit to compliance.
(edited)
- [1 month ago](#) Sorry to drop in on the party with virtual essays at random intervals but my job is too busy lately and I am limited to around 10 hours at the PC. This is my favorite channel though so I want to contribute ideas sometimes.

I think the dual intent of this shirt is to A) intimidate potential civilian mask shakers into remaining silent; and B) to be like a "handicap hang tag" for "special access" in patronizing public spaces without a legally required mask--by intimidating employees and managers into not enforcing face mask policy, in order to avoid potential lawsuits.

The wearer is absolutely in the wrong though.

The triple stupidity of this I think is not only is it unconscionably selfish, childish and misspelled, but it's also citing the wrong regulation. As [Name Redacted] said, HIPAA, while almost uselessly vague, also applies to health data, not legally allowable healthful behaviors.

A more accurate shirt would contain a folksy quip alluding the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) like "No mask due to a protected disability, my shirt is my handicap tag" or something even dumber. Even then, the presumption that ANY disability allows one to put others at risk, is patently, offensively wrong.

The wearer may or may not have a covered disability mandating "reasonable modification" to a store's face mask policy in order to abide with ADA law. It's similar to the way an ADA reasonable accommodation works in the workplace. If they do have a documented disability, then stores that fail to accommodate a suitable mask policy workaround could hypothetically get sued, possibly even successfully. IANAL and have no insight into the practical success of such a suit. HOWEVER, if a store allows phone orders, curbside pickup, online ordering, or any other means of patronizing other than lumbering around in a FauxNews induced stupor and mouth-breathing on innocents, that purchasing mode may be considered a "reasonable modification" and as such, a litigious customer probably would be wasting their money trying to file against them for not being permitted entrance.

Most importantly--there is NO CIRCUMSTANCE legally or morally in which a person with an ADA certifiable disability condition impacting face coverings (PTSD, panic, autism, asthma, etc) is just entitled, or has a RIGHT to openly defy mask laws, and they may be asked to leave and even prosecuted if that law applies locally.

Like I said NOT a lawyer, but in DC metro, I know too many of them and this is an area of law with which I have some lay experience.

Here in VA the Presidential Order for Mandatory Masks, EO-63, is backed up by the health department and not police, so it's relatively toothless, and so places you CAN go if you want to experience 100% mask compliance vs. non-compliance may come down to "which business attracts more assholes."

One reference: <https://www.adasoutheast.org/ada/publications/legal/ada-and-face-mask-policies.php>

- [1 month ago](#) When the assertion of your legal rights endangers the legal rights of others, the state may legitimately curtail your freedom in the interest of the common good. This is called the harm principle.

Translation? The government can legally, constitutionally, and thus legitimately, make you wear a mask.

- [1 month ago](#) That the only purpose for which power can be rightfully exercised over any member of a civilized community, against his will, is to prevent harm to others. His own good, either physical or moral, is not a sufficient warrant. He cannot rightfully be compelled to do or forbear because it will be better for him to do so, because it will make him happier, because, in the opinion of others, to do so would be wise, or even right... The only part of the conduct of anyone, for which he is amenable to society, is that which concerns others. In the part which merely concerns himself, his independence is, of right, absolute. Over himself, over his own body and mind, the individual is sovereign

From the original writings of the harm principal.

Thread July 1 [4:27 AM](#) DoJ response

DoJ reminder on this (links to previously shared alert), this from yesterday.

<https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/department-justice-warns-inaccurate-flyers-and-postings-regarding-use-face-masks-and>

 justice.gov

[The Department of Justice Warns of Inaccurate Flyers and Postings Regarding the Use of Face Masks and the Americans with Disabilities Act](#)

Assistant Attorney General for the Civil Rights Division Eric Dreiband reiterated today that cards and other documents bearing the Department of Justice seal and claiming that individuals are exempt from face mask requirements are fraudulent.

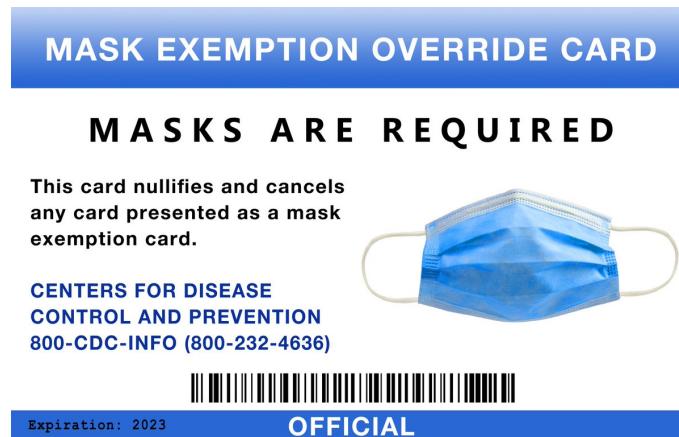
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<https://twitter.com/deviantollam/status/1278455933941792769> - not disinformation but rather funny nonetheless :smiley:

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For anyone who wants to print their own using a card printer, here you go!
(this is formatted for ID-1 format, not business card format)

high res here: https://deviating.net/stuff/mask_card/
<https://pbs.twimg.com/media/Eb36DCkWsAcAcEh.jpg>



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<https://twitter.com/TinySnekComics/status/1278736435047067648?s=19>

Thread: may 18 discussions

- <https://stoplookthink.com/face-mask-exemption/>
- <https://www.truthorfiction.com/covid-19-hipaa-face-mask-exemption-passes/>

Thread june 27 DoJ response

<https://www.npr.org/sections/coronavirus-live-updates/2020/06/27/884272188/justice-department-issues-warning-about-fake-mask-exempt-cards... Show more>

NPR.org
Justice Department Issues Warning About Fake Mask Exempt Cards

THread June 25 parody counter account

Some of the mask card exempt stuff I found but didn't share was really funny. Someone created a parody account for the Freedom to Breathe agency. "@breathe_agency"

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<https://www.blogto.com/city/2020/07/mask-exemption-cards-fake-scammers/>