



[Amber Schmidtke, PhD](#) @AmberSchmidtke 22 hours ago



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Context. Without a doubt, May 13 was a turning point in the pandemic. Changing the mask guidance without a way to verify immunity contributed in a big way to what we're currently experiencing.

 **Eric Topol** 
@EricTopol 

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 [justjessicaok](#) @justjessicaok 22 hours ago

I'm so scared to send my son to kindergarten in GA. We're seriously considering doing virtual now after Kemp said no mask mandates are allowed in schools. 😭😭😭😭 we were so close.

 [Alberto Stolfi](#) @StolfiAlberto 21 hours ago

We just decided to switch to virtual. Superintendent is in denial about Delta variant.

 [Jauffret Solignac](#) @JauffretSolignac 21 hours ago

Please don't kill the mental health of your kid... This way worst than what covid can do to them... CDC recommends in person at all costs... Follow the science!

 [Beavisandbutthead](#)  @Beavisandbutt18 15 hours ago

This is what virtual learning does.



At least 41% of Baltimore high school students earn below-D GPA

Forty-one percent of Baltimore public high school students made below a D grade point average during the first three quarters of the 2020–2021 school year, according to an analysis of the district's data.

<https://news.yahoo.com/least-41-baltimore-high-school-121900046.html>

 [JS-Success](#)  [Rerum cognoscere causas](#) [#JoeKamila20](#) @KriTims1 14 hours ago

You can still send your kid to school with a mask. Mandates are not allowed, your choice is still ok

 [justjessicaok](#) @justjessicaok 21 hours ago

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 [FB](#) @djfrankiebee 22 hours ago

Love you Amber but the mask thing needs to be put to rest; ain't going to happen. (I'm fine with them, just saying for the mass population). Keep up the vaccination pressure. Make it mandatory

 [Amber Schmidtke, PhD](#) @AmberSchmidtke 22 hours ago

I don't disagree with you. But when this pandemic is over, this decision will be counted among the most catastrophic failures.

 [Debbie Hernick](#) @redheadrunner89 21 hours ago

Especially as many children in GA head back to school in 2 1/2 weeks. I fear the lack of mask mandates will hit our students hard.

 [Alberto Stolfi](#) @StolfiAlberto 21 hours ago

We are going virtual. I am incensed at this fiasco.

 [Carma](#) @pieceful9 20 hours ago

Wish the officials would be held to account for the mistakes on mask policies

 [Christina Wright](#) @Christi16664806 21 hours ago

Unfortunately, from what I have seen online recently, the anti-vax sentiment around the Covid vaccine has gotten worse. Plus no broad education component that I've seen, and no need to prove status. I doubt there is political will for mandates. Unbelievable.

 [Amber Schmidtke, PhD](#) @AmberSchmidtke 21 hours ago

Agreed. And if government is going to abdicate its responsibility, I at least wish we had a vaccine to offer some protection for our kids.

 [Christina Wright](#) @Christi16664806 21 hours ago

I couldn't agree more with an 11 year old in the house and school starting in about 2 weeks. It is very frustrating to say the least. Especially since you posted the article saying mid-winter now for 12 and under, instead of September.



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 [Lawrence Eckerling](#) @LEckerling 21 hours ago

True, but you can't put this on the CDC. You have to put it where it belongs... on the people who should have been wearing masks, yet were NOT wearing masks.

 [Amber Schmidtke, PhD](#) @AmberSchmidtke 21 hours ago

These were pretty predictable consequences. The decision made in May was made unilaterally and didn't appear to go through the usual clearance process. In PH, every word matters. The CDC director did not choose her words carefully and it wasn't the first time that's happened.

 [David Usharauli](#) @3DiMMUNE 21 hours ago

I don't understand how will put a "like" on this tweet when it was he who was promoting and cheering to the "mask-off" rules in May to begin with? ^_(ツ)_/^-

 [Mandy](#) @jmalder 22 hours ago

The CDC has proven over and over again since the beginning of the pandemic that they need an overhaul.

 [Tyree Leigh](#) @tyleigh64 21 hours ago

And if you can tell me why anyone should get jabbed when they end up with Covid Anyway?



3 Texas Democrats test positive for COVID-19 in Washington, D.C.

Three Texas Democrats tested positive for COVID-19 after this week's walkout. The House Democratic Caucus said all three are vaccinated, but did not release names.

<https://www.statesman.com/story/news/politics/state/2021/07/17/texas-democrats-walk-out-three-test-positive-covid-in-was...>



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 [Sarah Connor](#) @ Looking for Work! @artbysConnor 20 hours ago

Because no vaccine is a 100% preventative, nor do these Covid vaccines profess to be a failsafe form of prevention. Their intention was/is to reduce the severity of cases and result in fewer hospitalizations. Which is why yes, you can still get it, and we still need precautions.

 [Go Blue is for the Wolverines NOT Politics](#) @umichfan54 13 hours ago

One state.....



The screenshot shows a news article from NBC 10 Boston. The header features the NBC peacock logo and the text "10 BOSTON". Below the header, the word "CORONAVIRUS" is written in blue. The main title of the article is "79 People Dead, 303 Hospitalized in Mass. Breakthrough Cases: Report", with "79 People Dead, 303 Hospitalized in Mass." in a larger, bold, yellow font, and "Breakthrough Cases: Report" in a smaller, bold, black font. The article text states: "Though the metrics remain near their recorded low points, COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations are rising in Massachusetts and breakthrough cases are being reported as the Delta variant continues to spread." At the bottom, it says "By Staff Reports • Published July 14, 2021 • Updated on July 14, 2021 at 2:37 pm".

 [Beavisandbutthead](#)  @Beavisandbutt18 15 hours ago

So then why do we still need precautions? If cases = common cold, who cares?

 [Tyree Leigh](#) @tyleigh64 20 hours ago

That's some really crappy odds. Certainly in no way should the world be pressured into taking jabs .. not until a full and comprehensive study and FDA approval. This is beyond ridiculous to me

 [Amber Schmidtke, PhD](#) @AmberSchmidtke 20 hours ago

Those infections are rare, but when they do happen they are milder than if a person hadn't been vaccinated. Keeping people out of the hospital = success. Hospitalization is expensive, vaccines are free.

 [Tyree Leigh](#) @tyleigh64 19 hours ago

And if you've already had Covid you don't need the vaccine there's no need and Drs are warning against it especially in Seniors

 [Roque Coral](#) @roque_coral 18 hours ago

We really have no evidence of this though:

 **G. Elliott Morris**  @gelliottmorris



Idk, it seems almost impossible to attribute causality of the current covid wave to CDC masking policies vs Delta variant. Our YouGov/Economist survey data suggest the CDC announcement didn't really even change trends in masking rates for vaccinated or unvaccinated Americans.

 **Leana Wen, M.D.**  @DrLeanaWen

38 states have a greater than 50% increase in #covid19 infections. This can be traced back to the CDC's actions that essentially ended mask mandates for the unvaccinated. The "honor system" did not work, and instead disincentivized people from getting vaccinated.

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 **G. Elliott Morris** @gelliottmorris 18 hours ago

Yes — if anything, the fact that the UK experienced a parallel trend while issuing differing guidance should tell us the CDC decision didn't really matter

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 [Care Bear](#) @CareBea66282499 20 hours ago

Dr. Walensky needs to be held responsible. Relying on the honor system was an obvious disaster.

The ghost of future's past @bengordonshow 21 hours ago

What is the current CT ratio on the Rt-PCR? Cases are meaningless unless we know this. Before Fauci's WEF handlers got to him he admitted anything above 25 CT was "replication incompetent"--WHO lowered CT right as Biden was sworn in. It was likely jacked up again for "Delta"

 [Joe McGinniss Jr](#) @joemcginnissjr 21 hours ago

We don't have the courage to mandate vaccines, masks or proof of vaccination

 [James Davenport](#) @jimdavenport42 20 hours ago

Except the UK has a mask mandate in force and they're still seeing growth. I believe masks work, so put the blame where it belongs, on those who don't care.

[Constantinos Kyriakis](#) @cskyriakis 15 hours ago

Which of course people don't really follow any more.

 [GodzillalsHurtingPeople](#) @Valentine721 4 hours ago

...or...we are following the exact same trajectory as the UK who did not have a may 13th CDC announcement. Also...do we really think the average population of Arkansas was waiting on pins and needles for the CDC to say de-mask?

 [Amber Schmidtke, PhD](#) @AmberSchmidtke 4 hours ago

Well, disease doesn't recognize borders. This is about to be the entire country's problem. Difference this time is no one is wearing masks anymore and I don't think there's political will to reinstate a mask mandate.

 [GodzillalsHurtingPeople](#) @Valentine721 3 hours ago

...I mean...sure...but you are not addressing the problems with your post. Anyone can draw on any graph and say there is a pattern, even though there is zero correlation.

 [Amber Schmidtke, PhD](#) @AmberSchmidtke 4 hours ago

There's about to be a lot of death and it will be hard to control. Immunity takes time, we need masks in the meantime.

 [Jauffret Solignac](#) @JauffretSolignac 22 hours ago

How are the death though? Because case are nothing... Do you track hand mouth foot disease ? No because it mostly does not kill... Soon covid-19 will become that way with the vaccine!

 [sanderabernathy](#) @sanderabernathy 15 hours ago

How can you attribute it to ending mask mandates without considering the new variant and the elimination of other prevention measures? There's zero research to support a conclusion that it's primarily driven by change in mask guidance but ample evidence it's due to Delta.

 [Start Stop Reset](#) @startstop_reset 20 hours ago

Um No Every country in asia has the same "turning point" with no change in mask guidance Another phd who doesn't understand correlation is not causation

 [Lovelyperson](#) @CounterfeitMitt 3 hours ago

I would focus on April 13, the day the J&J vaccine was paused. That killed all vaccine momentum and was, not coincidentally, the day the us had the highest number of vaccinations.

 [Black Wang](#) @terps2153 8 hours ago

 [Black Wang](#) @terps2153 9 hours ago

This is none sense. If you really think masks make the difference, then you should see the same trend in every state like Arkansas. It's vaccination!!! Vaccinated people have no obligation to take extra burden to protect unvaccinated ones.



Who? What? When? Where? @Jimmy_Jeans 9 hours ago

so we ain't ignorant morans after all....



MIT Study: Vaccine Hesitancy Is 'Highly Informed, Scientifically Literate,' and 'Sophisticated'

Vaccine hesitancy is a big problem, according to the Biden administration.

<https://pjmedia.com/news-and-politics/rick-moran/2021/07/17/mit-study-vaccine-hesitancy-is-highly-informed-scientifically-l...>



☆ JULIE ANNE ☆ @julieanne117 11 hours ago

#KaryBMullis #KaryMuis #pcrtest

Kary Mullis Founder of PCR Testing Admits Ineffective For Viral Detection



[Luis Velazco](#) @lgvelazco 15 hours ago

Is Washington State going to learn from others or make the same mistake?



[Ken Gursky](#) @KenGursky 17 hours ago





[Misgivings #3](#) @lacunalingua_3 18 hours ago



[Luna](#) @Luna88117975 18 hours ago

Either that or a new variant that is massively more transmissible became dominant.



[Copium Dealer](#) @JenniferJacksun 4 hours ago

We knew it was decimating India. We saw trends in breakthrough cases in UK. Were we so arrogant we didn't think it would be here, or already here? Especially when only about 30% were vaxxed when the CDC made the announcement?



[Justin Payne](#) @crashfrog 18 hours ago

The thing your arrow points to is the literal opposite of a turning point



[Icebush](#) @Icebush1 20 hours ago

You're full of shit. Are you aware that masks were mandated in many states for over a year, yet those states had waves? Your analysis suggests that lack of masks are what is causing this rise. It's false. Lack of vaccinations are causing it. You're anti science and pro fear mong

 [Start Stop Reset](#) @startstop_reset 20 hours ago

 **Youyang Gu**
@youyanggu 

Not a single country in the world has vaccinated enough people to stop the Delta variant.

Malta, the world's most vaccinated country (~90% of adults), saw its COVID-19 cases increase from 1 a day in June to 200 yesterday.

We must all adapt & learn to live in this new normal.

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 [Real Life](#) @Community_Guy 21 hours ago

Incitement of discrimination and hatred against the unvaccinated should be reported to the police immediately. Racial and sexual discrimination is illegal and so is medical discrimination.



Leana Wen, M.D. 

@DrLeanaWen

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No one should tell you what to do with your body. Planned Parenthood is fighting against these bans on abortion care with everything we have — because everyone has the right to make decisions about their own bodies. [#BansOffMyBody](#)



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 [Kamai](#) @Kamai00206612 21 hours ago

 **Joe Biden**  @JoeBiden

United States government official



This was made possible by the extraordinary success
we've had in vaccinating so many Americans, so quickly.

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