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12 Relevant Results for

Diseases

Disease/Symptom	Cumulative Knowledge	Article Count
Influenza	74	8
Coronavirus Infection	44	8
Upper Respiratory Infections	40	3
Headache	20	2
Respiratory Infections	11	2
Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease	10	1
Common Cold	10	1
Hemodialysis	10	1
Kidney Failure: Chronic	10	1
Staphylococcus aureus infection	10	1
Streptococcus Infections	10	1
Measles	1	1

3 Relevant Results for Keywords

Keyword Name	Cumulative Knowledge	Article Count
Risk Factors	31	4
Increased Risk	30	3
Hand Disinfection	20	1

1 Relevant Result for Problematic Actions

Problematic Action Name	Cumulative Knowledge	Article Count
Face Masks: Cloth	56	8

1 Relevant Result for Therapeutic Actions

Therapeutic Action Name	Cumulative Knowledge	Article Count
Exercise	1	1

**View the Evidence.
25 Research Articles in Total.**

Category : Diseases

Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (AC 1) (CK 10)

[Risks of N95 face mask use in subjects with COPD.](#)

Pubmed Data : Respir Care. 2020 May ;65(5):658-664. Epub 2020 Jan 28. PMID: [31992666](#)

Article Published Date : Apr 30, 2020

Authors : Sun Young Kyung, Yujin Kim, Hyunjoong Hwang, Jeong-Woong Park, Sung Hwan Jeong

Study Type : Human Study

Additional Links

Diseases : [Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease](#) : CK(386) : AC(58)

Additional Keywords : [Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease](#) : CK(386) : AC(58)

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Common Cold (AC 1) (CK 10)

Face mask use in health care workers has not been demonstrated to provide benefit in terms of cold symptoms or getting colds.

Pubmed Data : Am J Infect Control. 2009 Jun ;37(5):417-419. Epub 2009 Feb 12. PMID: [19216002](#)

Article Published Date : May 31, 2009

Authors : Joshua L Jacobs, Sachiko Ohde, Osamu Takahashi, Yasuharu Tokuda, Fumio Omata, Tsuguya Fukui

Study Type : Human Study

Additional Links

Diseases : [Common Cold](#) : CK(549) : AC(67)

Anti Therapeutic Actions : [Face Masks \(Lack of Safety and Ineffectiveness Research\)](#) : CK(265) : AC(34)

Coronavirus Infection (AC 8) (CK 44)

A face masks surface can become a contamination source.

Pubmed Data : J Public Health Res. 2020 Jun 4 ;9(1):1771. Epub 2020 Jun 8. PMID: [32582579](#)

Article Published Date : Jun 03, 2020

Authors : Fang-Lin Chao

Study Type : Human Study

Additional Links

Diseases : [Coronavirus Infection](#) : CK(1) : AC(1)

Additional Keywords : [Risk Factors](#) : CK(3057) : AC(392)

Anti Therapeutic Actions : [Face Masks \(Lack of Safety and Ineffectiveness Research\)](#) : CK(265) : AC(34)

Airborne coronavirus particle (<0.125 micron) will pass directly through a N95 face mask.

Pubmed Data : N Engl J Med. 2020 02 20 ;382(8):727-733. Epub 2020 Jan 24. PMID: [31978945](#)

Article Published Date : Jan 19, 2020

Authors : Na Zhu, Dingyu Zhang, Wenling Wang, Xingwang Li, Bo Yang, Jingdong Song, Xiang Zhao, Baoying Huang, Weifeng Shi, Roujian Lu, Peihua Niu, Faxian Zhan, Xuejun Ma, Dayan Wang, Wenbo Xu, Guizhen Wu, George F Gao, Wenjie Tan,

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In this study infection with SARS-CoV-2 occurred in 42 participants wearing masks (1.8%) and 53 control participants without wearing masks (2.1%).

Pubmed Data : Ann Intern Med. 2020 Nov 18. Epub 2020 Nov 18. PMID: [33205991](#)

Article Published Date : Nov 17, 2020

Authors : Henning Bundgaard, Johan Skov Bundgaard, Daniel Emil Tadeusz Raaschou-Pedersen, Christian von Buchwald, Tobias Todsén, Jakob Boesgaard Norsk, Mia M Pries-Heje, Christoffer Rasmus Vissing, Pernille B Nielsen, Ulrik C Winsløw, Kamille Fogh, Rasmus Hasselbalch, Jonas H Kristensen, Anna Ringgaard, Mikkel Porsborg Andersen, Nicole Bakkegård Goecke, Ramona Trebbien, Kerstin Skovgaard, Thomas Benfield, Henrik Ullum, Christian Torp-Pedersen, Kasper Iversen

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Study Type : Human Study

Additional Links

Diseases : [Coronavirus Infection](#) : CK(1) : AC(1), [Respiratory Infections](#) : CK(615) : AC(72)

Anti Therapeutic Actions : [Face Masks: Cloth](#) : CK(10) : AC(1), [Face Masks \(Lack of Safety and Ineffectiveness Research\)](#) : CK(265) : AC(34)

No evidence exists to claim the facemasks during exercise

offer additional protection from the droplet transfer of the virus.

Pubmed Data : Med Hypotheses. 2020 Jun 22 ;144:110002. Epub 2020 Jun 22. PMID: [32590322](#)

Article Published Date : Jun 21, 2020

Authors : Baskaran Chandrasekaran, Shifra Fernandes

Study Type : Review

Additional Links

Diseases : [Coronavirus Infection](#) : CK(1) : AC(1)

Therapeutic Actions : [Exercise](#) : CK(2795) : AC(411)

Anti Therapeutic Actions : [Face Masks \(Lack of Safety and Ineffectiveness Research\)](#) : CK(265) : AC(34)

On respiratory droplets and face masks.

Pubmed Data : Phys Fluids (1994). 2020 Jun 1 ;32(6):063303. PMID: [32574231](#)

Article Published Date : May 31, 2020

Authors : Talib Dbouk, Dimitris Drikakis

Study Type : In Vitro Study

Additional Links

Diseases : [Coronavirus Infection](#) : CK(1) : AC(1)

Anti Therapeutic Actions : [Face Masks \(Lack of Safety and Ineffectiveness Research\)](#) : CK(265) : AC(34)

There was a higher risk of coronavirus infection in health care workers who wore a mask compared to a respirator.

Pubmed Data : Int J Infect Dis. 2020 Jun 1. Epub 2020 Jun 1. PMID: [32497810](#)

Article Published Date : May 31, 2020

Authors : C Raina MacIntyre, Abrar A Chughtai, Holly Seale, Dominic E Dwyer, Wang Quanyi

Study Type : Review

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Diseases : [Coronavirus Infection](#) : CK(1) : AC(1)

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Transmission probability is strongly driven by indoor air quality, followed by patient infectiousness, and the least by respiratory protection from medical face mask use.

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Article Published Date : Jul 01, 2020

Authors : C Zemouri, S F Awad, C M C Volgenant, W Crielaard, A M G A Laheij, J J de Soet

Study Type : In Vitro Study

Additional Links

Diseases : [Coronavirus Infection](#) : CK(1) : AC(1), [Influenza](#) : CK(978) : AC(180), [Measles](#) : CK(962) : AC(39)

Additional Keywords : [Measles](#) : CK(962) : AC(39)

Anti Therapeutic Actions : [Face Masks \(Lack of Safety and Ineffectiveness Research\)](#) : CK(265) : AC(34)

Headache (AC 2) (CK 20)

Healthcare providers may develop headaches following the use of the N95 face-mask.

Pubmed Data : Acta Neurol Scand. 2006 Mar ;113(3):199-202. PMID: [16441251](#)

Article Published Date : Feb 28, 2006

Authors : E C H Lim, R C S Seet, K-H Lee, E P V Wilder-Smith, B Y S Chuah, B K C Ong

Study Type : Human Study

Additional Links

Diseases : [Headache](#) : CK(785) : AC(92)

Additional Keywords : [Increased Risk](#) : CK(1600) : AC(192)

Anti Therapeutic Actions : [Face Masks \(Lack of Safety and Ineffectiveness Research\)](#) : CK(265) : AC(34)

Most healthcare workers develop de novo PPE-associated headaches or exacerbation of their pre-existing headache disorders.

Pubmed Data : Headache. 2020 05 ;60(5):864-877. Epub 2020 Apr 12. PMID: [32232837](#)

Article Published Date : Dec 31, 2019

Authors : Jonathan J Y Ong, Chandra Bharatendu, Yihui Goh, Jonathan Z Y Tang, Kenneth W X Sooi, Yi Lin Tan, Benjamin Y Q Tan, Hock-Luen Teoh, Shi T Ong, David M Allen, Vijay K Sharma

Study Type : Human Study

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Additional Keywords : [Risk Factors](#) : CK(3057) : AC(392)

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Hemodialysis (AC 1) (CK 10)

Wearing an N95 mask for 4 hours during HD significantly reduced PaO₂ and increased respiratory adverse effects in ESRD patients.

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Authors : Tze-Wah Kao, Kuo-Chiang Huang, Yu-Ling Huang, Tun-Jun Tsai, Bor-Shen Hsieh, Ming-Shiou Wu

Study Type : Human Study

Additional Links

Diseases : Hemodialysis : CK(463) : AC(49), Kidney Failure: Chronic : CK(148) : AC(21)

Additional Keywords : Kidney Failure: Chronic : CK(148) : AC(21), Increased Risk : CK(1600) : AC(192)

Anti Therapeutic Actions : Face Masks (Lack of Safety and Ineffectiveness Research) : CK(265) : AC(34)

Influenza (AC 8) (CK 74)

Cloth masks might facilitate transmission of pathogens when used repeatedly without adequate sterilization.

Pubmed Data : Clin Infect Dis. 2017 Nov 13 ;65(11):1934-1942. PMID: [29140516](#)

Article Published Date : Nov 12, 2017

Authors : Vittoria Offeddu, Chee Fu Yung, Mabel Sheau Fong Low, Clarence C Tam

Study Type : Meta Analysis, Review

Additional Links

Diseases : Influenza : CK(978) : AC(180), Upper Respiratory Infections : CK(1224) : AC(152)

Anti Therapeutic Actions : Face Masks (Lack of Safety and Ineffectiveness Research) : CK(265) : AC(34)

Meta-analyses suggest that regular hand hygiene provided a significant protective effect and facemask use provided a non-significant protective effect.

Pubmed Data : Epidemics. 2017 09 ;20:1-20. Epub 2017 Apr 30. PMID: [28487207](#)

Article Published Date : Dec 31, 2016

Authors : Patrick Saunders-Hastings, James A G Crispo, Lindsey Sikora, Daniel Krewski

Study Type : Meta Analysis, Review

Additional Links

Diseases : Influenza : CK(978) : AC(180)

Additional Keywords : Hand Disinfection : CK(21) : AC(1)

Anti Therapeutic Actions : Face Masks: Cloth : CK(10) : AC(1) , Face Masks (Lack of Safety and Ineffectiveness Research) : CK(265) : AC(34)

Penetration of cloth masks by influenza particles was almost 97% and medical masks 44%.

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The use of N95 respirators compared with surgical masks is not associated with a lower risk of laboratory-confirmed influenza.

Pubmed Data : J Evid Based Med. 2020 May ;13(2):93-101. Epub 2020 Mar 13. PMID: [32167245](#)

Article Published Date : Apr 30, 2020

Authors : Youlin Long, Tengyue Hu, Liqin Liu, Rui Chen, Qiong Guo, Liu Yang, Yifan Cheng, Jin Huang, Liang Du

Study Type : Meta Analysis, Review

Additional Links

Diseases : Influenza : CK(978) : AC(180)

Anti Therapeutic Actions : Face Masks (Lack of Safety and Ineffectiveness Research) : CK(265) : AC(34)

The use of face masks either by infected persons or by uninfected persons does not have a substantial effect on influenza transmission.

Pubmed Data : Emerg Infect Dis. 2020 May ;26(5):967-975. Epub 2020 May 17. PMID: [32027586](#)

Article Published Date : Apr 30, 2020

Authors : Jingyi Xiao, Eunice Y C Shiu, Huizhi Gao, Jessica Y Wong, Min W Fong, Sukhyun Ryu, Benjamin J Cowling

Study Type : Review

Additional Links

Diseases : Influenza : CK(978) : AC(180)

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There are fewer data to support the use of masks or respirators to prevent becoming infected.

Pubmed Data : Epidemiol Infect. 2010 Apr ;138(4):449-56. Epub 2010 Jan 22. PMID: [20092668](#)

Article Published Date : Mar 31, 2010

Authors : B J Cowling, Y Zhou, D K M Ip, G M Leung, A E Aiello

Study Type : Review

Additional Links

Diseases : Influenza : CK(978) : AC(180)

Anti Therapeutic Actions : Face Masks (Lack of Safety and Ineffectiveness Research) : CK(265) : AC(34)

This systematic review found limited evidence that the use of masks might reduce the risk of viral respiratory infections.

Pubmed Data : Can Fam Physician. 2020 Jul ;66(7):509-517. PMID: [32675098](#)

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Study Type : Review

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Kidney Failure: Chronic (AC 1) (CK 10)

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Measles (AC 1) (CK 1)

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Respiratory Infections (AC 2) (CK 11)

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Staphylococcus aureus infection (AC 1) (CK 10)

Wearing multi-layer operating room masks for every visit to patient rooms had no effect on nose or throat carriage rates.

Pubmed Data : J Hosp Infect. 1986 May ;7(3):289-94. PMID: [2873176](#)

Article Published Date : Apr 30, 1986

Authors : U Ransjö

Study Type : Human Study

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Diseases : [Staphylococcus aureus infection](#) : CK(305) : AC(219), [Streptococcus Infections](#) : CK(428) : AC(73), [Upper Respiratory Infections](#) : CK(1224) : AC(152)

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Upper Respiratory Infections (AC 3) (CK 40)

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