

# COVID-19 RE-INFECTION AND EFFICACY OF MASK WEARING

## SPAR BETWEEN SENATOR PAUL AND DR. FAUCI

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*'We have become too civilized to grasp the obvious. For the truth is very simple. To survive you often have to fight, and to fight you have to dirty yourself. War is evil, and it is often the lesser evil. Those who take the sword perish by the sword, and those who don't take the sword perish by smelly diseases.'* – George Orwell

The purpose of this segment is to provide a transcript of a heated exchange between Senator Paul and Dr. Fauci at a public Senate Hearing. It involved the discussion of COVID-19 Re-Infection and the efficacy of Mask Wearing. The assertion by Dr. Fauci is that there are constant Variants arising and the possibility of still transmitting the virus, even after taking the mRNA shots will require to maintain the Lockdowns and the need to therefore keep wearing Masks. Senator Paul is a Doctor. Basically, Senator Paul argues that People develop Immunity after contracting and surviving COVID-19 and that Mask wearing does not prevent Infection nor Transmission of the virus. And therefore, there is no Science behind the forced Lockdowns or Mask Wearing.

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### **Senator Paul.**

*Dr. Fauci, in a recent British study, David Wiley and others **found that no Symptomatic Re-Infections from COVID-19 occurred after following 2,800 patients for several months.** In fact, there have been no reports of significant numbers of Re-Infections after acquiring COVID-19 naturally. Shane Crotty, a Virologist at La Jolla Institute for Immunology concludes from his experiments that the **amount of Immune Memory gained from Natural Infection would likely prevent the vast majority of People from getting hospitalized, disease, severe disease for many years.** In this study, which was published in Science, **Dr. Crotty showed that Antibody levels stayed relatively constant with only modest declines over 6 to 8 months.***

*Dr. Crotty reported that Notably Memory B Cells, specific for the Spike Protein or RBD were **detected in almost all COVID-19 cases with no apparent half-life at 5 to 8 months after infection.** In other words, **Dr. Crotty found significant evidence of Long-Term Immunity after COVID Infection.** Furthermore, Dr. Crotty noted B-Cell Memory to some other infections has been observed for as long as **60 plus years**, after smallpox vaccination for even **90 years** after a Natural Infection with influenza. That was a woman who got the Spanish Flu still showed immunity 90 years later. So rather than being pessimistic towards People gaining Immunity after they have had COVID or had a vaccine. Studies argue for significant optimism.*

In fact, there have been no Scientific Studies arguing or proving that Infection with COVID does not create Immunity. **There have been no studies showing significant numbers of Re-Infections of the 30 million Americans who have had COVID.** Only a handful of Re-Infections have been discovered. In fact, the New York Times reported last Fall, more than **38 million People** at the time worldwide, had been Infected with the Corona-Virus. And as of that date, fewer than **5** of these cases had been confirmed by Scientists to be Re-Infections.

Scientists interviewed for the article concluded **in most cases a 2<sup>nd</sup> bout with the virus produced Milder Symptoms or none at all.** Given that no Scientific Studies have shown significant numbers of Re-Infections of Patients previously Infected or previously vaccinated, **what specific studies do you cite to argue that the public should be wearing Masks well into 2022?**

**Dr. Fauci.**

*I am not sure I understand. The connection of what you are saying about Masks and Re-Infection. We are talking about People who have never been infected before.*

**Senator Paul**

**You are telling everybody to wear a Mask whether they have had an Infection or a vaccine.** What I am saying is they have Immunity and everybody agrees they have Immunity. **What studies do you have that people that have had the vaccine or have had the Infection are spreading the infection?** if we are not spreading the Infection, isn't it just 'Theater'?

**Dr. Fauci**

*No it isn't*

**Senator Paul**

*That is theater.*

**Dr. Fauci**

*No that's not ...here we go again with the 'Theater'. Let us get down to the facts. Okay. The studies that you quote from Crotty and Sette look at in Vitro Examination of Memory Immunity which in their paper, they specifically say this does not necessarily pertain to the actual protection. It is In-Vitro.*

**Senator Paul**

*And what study can you point to, that shows significant Re-Infection? There are no studies that show...*

**Dr. Fauci**

*Just let me finish the response to your question, if you please. The other thing is that when you talk about Re-Infection and you do not keep in the concept of variance, that is an entirely different ballgame. That is a good reason for a Mask.*

*In the South African study conducted by J & J, they found that people who were infected with Wild Type and were exposed to the variant in South Africa, the 351, it was as if they had never been infected before. They had no protection. So, when you talk about Re-Infection, you have got to make sure you are talking about Wild Type. I agree with you that you very likely would have protection from Wild Type for at least 6 months, if you are Infected. But we, in our country now have Variants that are circulating significant Re-Infection.*

**Senator Paul**

*What study shows significant Re-Infection, hospitalization and death after either Natural Infection or the vaccine? It does not exist. There is no evidence that there are significant Re-Infections after vaccine. In fact, I do not think we have a hospitalization in the United States after the 2-week period after the 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccination.*

**Dr. Fauci**

*Yeah, you have a death in the United States. You are not hearing what I am saying about Variance. We are talking about Type versus Variance.*

**Senator Paul**

*And now what proof is there that there are significant Re-Infections with hospitalizations and death from the Variants? None. In our country, '0'.*

**Dr. Fauci**

*Well, because we do not have a prevalent of a Variant yet. We are having one...Can I finish? We are having 117.*

**Senator Paul**

*That is becoming more Dominant Policy based on conjecture.*

**Dr. Fauci**

*No. You have the... it is not based on conjunction.*

**Senator Paul**

*So, you... some, you want People to wear a Mask for another couple years? No. You have been vaccinated and you parade around in 2 Masks for show. No, you cannot get it again. There is almost... there is virtually 0% chance you are going to get it and you are telling People...that have had the vaccine who have Immunity? You are defying everything we know about immunity by telling people to wear masks [that] have been vaccinated. Instead, you should be saying there is no Science. To say we are going to have a problem from the large number of people being vaccinated? You want to get rid of Vaccine Hesitancy, someone wearing their Mask after they get the vaccine? You want People to get the vaccine? Give them a reward instead of telling them that the 'Nanny State' is going to be there for 3 more years. And you got to wear a Mask forever! People do not want to hear it. There is no science behind it.*

**Dr. Fauci**

*Well, let me just state for the record that Masks are not 'Theater'. Masks are protective and...*

**Senator Paul**

*We have Immunity there. Theater if you already have Immunity. You are wearing a mask to give comfort to others. You are not wearing a mask because of any sign...*

**Dr. Fauci**

*I totally disagree with you*

**Senator Murphy**

*Dr Fauci, if you could respond, so that we could understand the difference between the virus itself and the Variance and the reason for a Mask?*

**Dr. Fauci**

*I am sorry, Ma'am, I cannot...*

**Senator Murphy**

*If you could respond to the question so that we could all understand the difference between the vaccine and controlling the Wild Type versus?*

**Dr. Fauci**

*The Variants that are out there ,and the reason for wearing a Mask? I'd appreciate it, yeah. I mean yes, first of all when you have a Variant, you have an Immunity that you get what is 'Convalescent', Sarah. And the same sort of thing if I vaccinate you or me against the Wild Type. You get a certain level of Antibody that is specific for a particular Viral Strain. If there is a Circulating Variant, you do not necessarily have it. You have some spillover Immunity to be sure. But you diminish by anywhere from 2 to 8-fold the protection.*

*So, the point I am saying is that there are Variants in now circulating. The point that Senator Paul was making was that if you look at Wild Type only, there is some clear-cut credence to what he is saying. But we are living right now in a situation where we are having a dominance of 117, which was the original UK. We have a very troublesome Variant in New York City of 526. We have got 2 variants in California, four of 427-429. And we have a number of others. So, we are not dealing with a static situation of the same virus. That was the only point I am making.*

**Senator Murphy**

*Okay. Thank you very much.*

**Dr. Fauci**

*Thank you, Senator Murphy.*

### **Other Senator**

*Thank you very much Madam Chair. Dr. Fauci, thank you for **setting an example over the course of the last year for Americans. You have made it clear that Masks saved lives.***

This is a clear case of now there is no Science behind the forced Lockdowns and Mask Wearing but that after presenting several Scientific Papers to support Senator Paul's claims, using facts, there is a clear decision to reject Science. This goes to show that it is about politics and an agenda to sustain the element of fear through what amounts to Medical Martian Law.

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