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## 'Masks work? NO': Twitter removes anti-mask tweet from Dr. Scott Atlas

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Dr. Scott Atlas delivers his remarks during a press conference Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2020, in the James S. Brady Press Briefing Room of the White House. (Official White House photo by Tia Dufour)

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Twitter removed a tweet from a top White House coronavirus adviser, saying that, contrary to official Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, masks don't prevent the spread of the virus.

On Saturday, Dr. Scott Atlas [tweeted](#) that evidence showed masks don't work, according to [NBC News](#). The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released [guidance](#) in April urging Americans to wear masks in public to prevent the spread of coronavirus after weeks of recommending the opposite.

"Masks work? NO: LA, Miami, Hawaii, Alabama, France, Philippines, UK, Spain, Israel," Atlas' deleted tweet said, according to NBC News.

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He continued, "WHO: 'widespread use not supported' + many harms; Heneghan/Oxf CEBM: 'despite decades, considerable uncertainty re value'; CDC r/w May: 'no significant reduction in influenza transmission'; learn why."

A link to Atlas' [tweet](#) now includes a link to Twitter's [enforcement policies](#).

"The Tweet was in violation of our COVID-19 Misleading Information Policy," a Twitter spokesperson told The Daily Caller News Foundation.

Twitter [prohibits](#) coronavirus-related content it deems misleading and harmful. The company says it determines information to be misleading based on official guidance from public health authorities.

Do you agree with Dr. Scott Atlas' stance about masks?

Atlas praised President Donald Trump's messaging on masks in a follow-up [tweet](#) Saturday.

"That means the right policy is @realDonaldTrump guideline: use masks for their intended purpose – when close to others,

especially hi risk. Otherwise, social distance. No widespread mandates. #CommonSense,” he [tweeted](#).

Trump hired Atlas as a top health adviser in August, according to [The Associated Press](#). He is a [senior fellow](#) at Stanford University’s Hoover Institution and former chief of neuroradiology at the university’s medical center.

Like the CDC, the World Health Organization (WHO) has changed its mask-wearing guidance. In April, the WHO issued [guidance](#) only recommending that health care workers wear masks before [reversing](#) that guidance in June.

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