

☰ Rand Paul: Those immune to coronavirus should 'throw your mask away' and tell 'Fauci to take a leap'

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Sen. Rand Paul warned this week that pro-coronavirus lockdown advocates will “never let up” and that they are defying science.

“They will never let up. There are doctors out there saying ... we may need to wear [masks] forever,” the Kentucky Republican told Fox News’s Laura Ingraham on Friday. “That is ridiculous, and that defies the science.”

Paul added that people who are immune to the virus should “throw your mask away” and “tell Dr. Fauci to take a leap.”

[.@RandPaul](#): "There are doctors... saying we need to wear [masks] after the vaccine and really we may need to wear them forever. That is ridiculous and defies the science."

If you have immunity, "I say throw your mask away...tell these so called experts... to take a flying leap."

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Paul, who practiced ophthalmology for almost two decades before joining the U.S. Senate in 2010, mentioned a recent Stanford University study that concluded strict lockdowns had [no clear benefit over voluntary distancing measures](#).

“This was a peer-reviewed study in a medical journal,” Paul said. “They studied 10 different countries, and what they found is that the mandatory lockdowns did no better than voluntary suggestions.”

“I don’t think we’ve changed the trajectory of the virus at all with any of the things we’re told to do,” he added.