

## Contraceptive and COVID-19 Mask Use

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Despite public health guidance and state mandates calling for individuals to wear facial coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19, some individuals still refuse to wear them. There is relatively little published research on predictors and variables associated with individual face mask usage because of how new the COVID-19 virus still is. Similar health crises, such as the HIV/AIDS epidemic and associated behaviors involving condom usage, may show the importance of finding ways to predict why individuals do and don't wear face masks to reduce the spread. The present study explored correlations between individuals' personality characteristics, COVID-19 face mask usage, and contraceptive behaviors. Participants were asked to fill out a series of measures about their condom usage, reasons for using or not using condoms, self-efficacy for condoms, and attitudes towards face masks. This data collected will allow for comparisons among these variables and contribute to further research that will help pinpoint areas to focus on when promoting more frequent face mask use to those that do not already. We expect to find that those who frequently use contraceptives will also display frequent mask wearing and those who tend to use contraceptives infrequently will show decreased mask wearing behaviors.