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# Smithsonian: IPA Study Is the Most Convincing Research on Mask Effectiveness

*Smithsonian Magazine's* science section makes the case for wearing surgical masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19, including the Omicron variant. The article references [IPA research in Bangladesh](#), which it calls one of the most convincing studies supporting the effectiveness of surgical mask use.

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