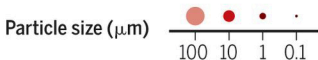


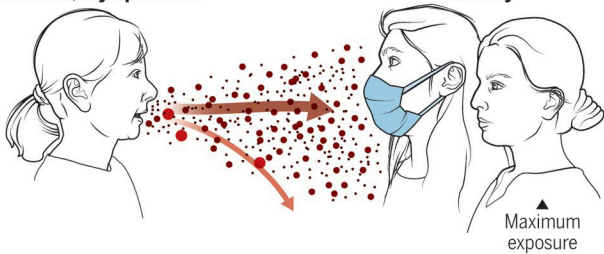
# Masks reduce airborne transmission

Infectious aerosol particles can be released during breathing and speaking by asymptomatic infected individuals. No masking maximizes exposure, whereas universal masking results in the least exposure.

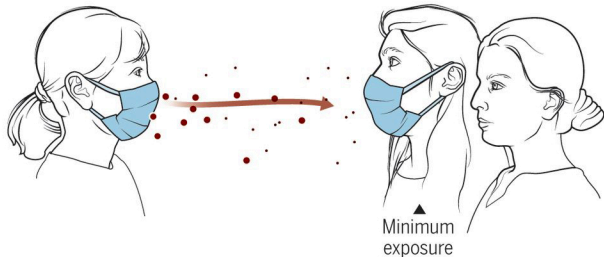


**Infected, asymptomatic**

**Healthy**



▲  
Maximum exposure



▲  
Minimum exposure