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Masks

Shortage on masks - not a defect with the actual masks

Pros

Protects you from infection.

If your mask can filter small enough particles such as viruses.
Read more:
https://smartairfilters.com/en/blog/what-is-pm0-3-why-important/
http://emag.medicalexpo.com/which-masks-actually-protect-against-coronavirus/

- By filtering the air.
- By hindering droplets such as those from saliva when speaking to reach your nose and mouth (not your eyes though).

Protects others from getting infected by you.

Through omitting saliva particles through speaking, spitting, sneezing etc.

Keeps you from touching your face and touching nose, mouth and eyes with contaminated fingers, palms etc.

Cons

False security

Some masks are not made to protect from viruses / very small particles. If one acts like they are one can put oneself in extra danger.

Can infect you through negligence

The mask can get virus particles on the outside. If you touch contaminated parts and then eg your eyes you can get infected.
This is not exclusive to masks. The same goes for all your clothing / everything that is exposed to getting virus particles on it (eg cap, jacket, gloves, pants, your hair etc).