

COVID-19 coronavirus

One study found lower rates of infection among marchers than in their surrounding communities.

Epidemiologists concluded that mask wearing and being outdoors protected the protesters. Moreover, demonstrators were on the move.

[Michael] Osterholm [director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota] said that people in stationary crowds are more likely to become infected. In other words, joining a protest march is inherently less dangerous than attending a political rally.

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