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Top social media companies are adopting stricter rules to limit scams and thwart misinformation during the coronavirus pandemic. But posts continue to surface that violate them — underscoring how the companies are engaged in an infinite game of whack-a-mole that's tough to win.

A page with more than 1,200 followers was peddling N95 masks on Facebook yesterday – despite the company's policies prohibiting such sales to prevent people from exploiting the public health emergency with scams or price gouging. Several accounts were also claiming to sell the masks on its subsidiary Instagram.

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