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From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller
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Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 7:33 PM
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Live Form

Topic State of Emergency

BCC Agenda Date 10-1-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments I support the continuation of the Pinellas County State of Emergency. We are not out of the woods, yet. There needs to be continued use of face coverings to mitigate the SARS-CoV-2. Flu season, which has not begun, will put a strain on our hospitals, schools, and community.

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Topic Local State of Emergency

BCC Agenda Date 9-22-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments

Thank you for supporting continued use of face coverings by the citizenry. They are inconvenient and uncomfortable but they work. Mayo Clinic, John Hopkins Medical and the CDC data all indicate face covering use slows the spread of Covid-19 and probably other diseases such as seasonal flu. Some say mandatory face covering use is an infringement on Constitutional Liberty and Rights. This may be so. However, from time to time society has decided that in order for society to function effectively we collectively decide to put some curbs on individual behaviors. Traffic laws are an example. We don't drive on US-19 at 100 MPH. We stop for red lights and go at green lights. We take turns at 4way stops. We do these things and other things for our collective good. Aren't we smart enough, tough enough, and don't we have the integrity to do what is needed now in the short term for the long term gain wearing face coverings will give us? Let us remember that our collective lives depend on each others toil and commitments to each other. Continued and improved leadership on the city, county, state and national levels is needed with these ideals to keep America great. Thank you for your support and service. Keep it up.

Citizen Name Charles Wood

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Topic	Mask Mandate
BCC Agenda Date	
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	Please keep the mask mandate as we get into the season of flu and predicted uptick of COVID
Citizen Name	Rochelle Baccari
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Carpenter, Katherine

From: Quintana, Vanessa
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 8:15 AM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #18885310

From: noreply@fs30.formsite.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>
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Direction of Inquiry	General Information
Subject	Pro Mask Mandate
Message	<p>Only recently have we been secure enough with our counties numbers concerning covid to venture out and spend our dollars locally. The mask mandate helps the economy. We will go less places and continue to spend our money through limited delivery services. We are proud to see the work you all have done to keep this mandate science driven. There will always be rebels and deniers. Please do not be bullied by those who would rather risk those elderly, brown and black folks that are most effected by this disease. Just because these "Anti maskers" are louder then any other sound imaginable does not mean we have to bow to their will. Please keep this mandate in place. Please keep doing what appears to be working.</p>
Your Name	Amanda Carson
Your Street Address	5563 7th Ave N
City/Unincorporated County	Saint Petersburg
Zip Code	33710
Your Phone Number	7274810972
Your Email Address	mandapandamoon@yahoo.com

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From: Tracy Tolliver <tracy@sunhost.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 1:49 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: masks are important

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Ms Gerard,

We as a county, state and country should not be thinking of changing any mask ordinance. As a county we rely on tourism. I personally rely on tourism for my business. In my business we have had quite a few guests that don't like masks and have let us know, but they are still traveling. They are still going to restaurants, stores and tourist attractions.

Since the mask ordinance my husband and I go out 1 to 2 nights a week for dinner. We have vacationed in Disney World twice going to dinner and parks. My sisters and my 82 yr old mother spent a weekend in downtown St Petersburg dining out and shopping.

Part of my job is shopping for furniture and supplies for homes. Before the mask ordinance I did little shopping and it was mostly online. Currently I have been shopping locally and also using the large chain stores. In the last week I have spent \$2000 purchasing items locally for work. If the ordinance is lifted I will not be shopping anywhere with the exception of Publix.

I know a mask is not going to completely prevent the spread of illness including COVID 19, but it will create a small barrier when a person sneezes, coughs or accidentally spits when they speak. This barrier is helpful and a small inconvenience.

I realize you have many "anti maskers" pushing for the masks to stop, but I would like to point out they will still continue to go out and those that aren't going probably don't go out anyway.

Thank you for your time,

Tracy Tolliver

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Have a great day!

Tracy

Please respond to all emails

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From: Tim Tolliver <tim@sunhost.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 12:32 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Keep the Mask Mandate

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Ms Gerard,

I am writing to you today to express my opinion regarding the county's mask mandate.

Please keep the mandate in place as long as Covid is an issue.

Our customers are afraid to travel during Covid and everything we can do on this end to make them feel safe is a bonus. The scientific evidence is there, masks are one of the only things that work to control the spread.

I know that my wife and I and our families and friends are venturing out to the local community a few times a month and spending money. We appreciate the mask mandate and do not understand the anti-maskers that are over running your meetings.

If the mask mandate were to be rescinded before a vaccine is in place or before Florida is not at further risk of Covid, we will begin to stay home again and that is a detriment to our local economy.

All The Best,

Tim Tolliver
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From: linda medeiros <bchlad08@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 9:22 AM
To: rgualtieri@pcsonet.com
Cc: Gerard, Pat; Welch, Kenneth; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; jclong@pinellascounty.org; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; sjohnson@pcsonet.com
Subject: Re: Who do you call...

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Resending due to problems with sending to Sheriff

Sent from my iPad

> On Sep 23, 2020, at 9:14 AM, linda medeiros <bchlad08@icloud.com> wrote:

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> Dear Sheriff Gualtieri:

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> In one of the earlier PCBOCC meetings regarding Covid mandates you said that the state handed you a “bucket of mud”, and given the many vague rules that was a pretty apt description. However, despite much discussion at many subsequent meetings and site updates, there are many of us who feel some of the rules are as “clear as mud”. Yesterday you were very clear that a business owner has the right to set rules and deny service to customers who don’t adhere to them (no shoes, no shirt, no service). However, it seems most the problems that are encountered are when people are defying the mandate, not the store policy per se. Shopping in grocery stores is a prime example, and many in many store managers say they are unable to enforce this. However, the smaller retail stores are also problematic. Corporate/owner policy aside, the mandate says that if there are more than 10 or fewer people in the store and/or customers cannot socially distance (minimum of 6 ft.) people must wear masks. Also, I believe I read that employees in retail businesses, and this includes owners, must wear masks if they interface with the public. Is this correct?

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> Most recently a friend patronized a small retail store, and the owner was not wearing a mask. When customers entering the store saw the owner maskless they also removed theirs, so an area that could be maintained by social distancing was now compromised. (I personally think this is a very grey area). Can the owner just require you to leave if you complain and if you don’t accuse you of trespassing? Can they be held accountable for not wearing a mask? One solution is to leave, but what if you want to pursue this...what is your course of action and who do you call?

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> Although I basically don’t go out and when I do I limit myself to essential shopping, with a mask, I always encounter people who are at best not wearing masks properly...below the nose, etc. Because I choose not to get in a confrontation or demand that an hourly employee be responsible for telling these often belligerent people to mask up, I shop at off hours when at least I have a chance of maintaining a lot of distance. I’m also fortunate to have options, so I can choose not to shop in person, and I haven’t dined out in months (sad to say). However, again, I would like to understand the process for reporting and holding people and at which point does your department steps in.

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> Thanks in advance for your help, and I hope I didn’t hand you another “bucket of mud”.

>

> Sincerely,

> Linda Medeiros

> Dunedin

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From: CB <peacedalegreen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 6:05 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: masks mandate

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Please do the right thing and keep the mask mandate in Pinellas County.

People who choose not to wear them & complain put others at risk.

Acc to all the epidemiologists, this is one way we CAN work on stemming the spread / re-spread of covid 19. We are certainly not out of the woods yet. Far from it.

More US lives have been lost now than in 5 wars. Is that not sobering enough?

This number is made up of real people - not all of whom are old or infirm.

Our freedom comes w responsibility to our fellow man. Since when is this not important?

PLEASE keep Pinellas County as an example of the right & best thing to do.

Thank you.

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Henrietta Silverman <cyndisilv@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 1:00 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Keeping Mask ordinance in place

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I read a quote from Dave Eggers about rescinding the mask ordinance. All I can say is he must like to tempt fate and wants to be responsible for deaths of innumerable people. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE keep the mask ordinance in place for all indoor establishments. As it is we are still taking too many risks with restaurants, barber shops, and beauty salons open. Aerosol transmission of this virus is REAL and deadly. The only defense we have at this moment is Mask wearing and Social distancing.

Please do your job to protect the people you represent and keep the mask ordinance in place.

Thank you,
Henrietta C Silverman

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Quintana, Vanessa
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #18864684

From: noreply@fs30.formsite.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 9:54 PM
To: Public, AF <publicaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
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Direction of Inquiry	General Information
Subject	COVID-19 Precautions
Message	I just want to commend the Commission for instituting a mask mandate in June, and hope you will continue the mandate at least through the remainder of the year, and potentially into 2021. Unfortunately, our governor is too weak of a leader to issue a state-wide mandate, so we in Pinellas County must rely on our County Commissioners to work to keep us safe. Thank you and keep it up!
Your Name	Patricia Regan
Your Street Address	1454 Bay Harbor Dr #106
City/Unincorporated County	Palm Harbor
Zip Code	34685
Your Phone Number	4438963360
Your Email Address	patregan3@gmail.com

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Direction of Inquiry	General Information
Subject	Masks
Message	Masks are working.! The numbers are dropping. Please continue to make masks a mandate. I'm 68 years old. I feel safe to go to the grocery store when everyone is wearing a mask. Please keep us safe Thank you for your time
Your Name	Susan
City/Unincorporated County	Oldsmar
Zip Code	34677
Your Email Address	redonred24@yahoo.com

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To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #18863128

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Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 5:06 PM
To: Public, AF <publicaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #18863128

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Direction of Inquiry	General Information
Subject	Masks for Covid
Message	Recently the head of the CDC, in testimony, before Congress said the best protection and defenses against the Covid virus is a mask. Until we have a vaccine, I see no reason not to continue to wear a mask. For my protection, for your protection and good citizenship, I think everyone should wear a mask.
Your Name	William Everett Athanson
Your Street Address	12934 91Ave N
City/Unincorporated County	Seminole
Zip Code	33776
Your Phone Number	7275606291
Your Email Address	wea39@tampabay.rr.com

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From: Kimberly Berfield <kberfie1@jhmi.edu>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 9:06 AM
To: Gerard, Pat; Eggers, Dave; Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: JHACH Mask Mandate Input
Attachments: JHACH_Letter2_CountyCommission_Maks_09.22.2020.pdf

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Good Morning Commissioner~

We are nine months into the COVID-19 pandemic. In this time, we have learned much about the SARS CoV-2 virus, which causes COVID-19 disease. We have also learned about the dynamics of how this virus spreads through our communities.

Now with over six months to study the effects of widespread masking on the transmission of SARS CoV-2, some exciting and interesting lessons have been learned. Many peer-reviewed scientific studies are now available which shed light on nearly every aspect of what masks do to slow the spread of this virus. We have insight into how well masks physically block exhaled particles. We have learned more about how differences in degree of virus exposure influence the severity of symptoms in infected people. Finally, and perhaps most importantly, we have learned from real life epidemiological studies how the virus spreads in populations of people with and without masks. All of the available evidence makes it clear that masks work to our advantage in every capacity. They are a simple, inexpensive and safe way to protect society from a disease that has claimed the lives of nearly a million people to date. Attached you will find a letter outlining in more detail these findings.

In summary, in terms of "bang for the buck" there is no public health measure at this time more clinically effective, cost effective and safe than the widespread use of masks to slow the spread of COVID-19. Until a time when there is a safe and effective vaccine available, universal masking offers the best path forward to help save lives, prevent illness and allow more mobility and normalcy in our daily lives during this unprecedented time.

Thank you for your consideration and public service.

Loyally,

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Carpenter, Katherine

From: Kim Meyers <kmeyers4181@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 8:06 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Please EXTEND Mask Mandate

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Good morning!

Please vote to keep the mask mandate in effect! This will help to keep our numbers low and benefit all of us in the long run!

I would like this mandate to stay in place for several more months if it will help slow the spread of Covid-19 and keep businesses open.

Thank you.

Kimberly Meyers
1682 Robinhood Lane
Clearwater,FL 33764

Sent from my iPhone