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From: Greenleaf, Kim
Sent: Monday, April 26, 2021 4:41 PM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: 4/27th BCC meeting - LSOE & Mask Ordinance (supports masks)
Attachments: Covid 19 precautions that must be maintained for success

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Topic Mask Mandate

BCC Agenda Date 4-27-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments

Unfortunately we are still in the middle of a pandemic. Our county needs to do the right thing and continue the mask mandate for now. My husband got sick in 2010 from H1N1 (swine flu) after everyone was convinced that the threat was over. He died after 17 days on a ventilator. If the mask mandate saves one person from going through what I went through, it is worth it.

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Topic	Mask Ordinance
BCC Agenda Date	4-27-2021
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
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Topic SOE/Mask Mandate

BCC Agenda Date 4-27-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments Please continue the mask mandate. Despite high vaccination rates, we're not there yet. Some of our most vulnerable citizens, including children, are still getting COVID. Thank you for your service.

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Topic Maintain masks in the County

BCC Agenda Date 4-27-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments Please continue the mask mandate in our county. With no sign of herd immunity, we need to protect everyone that we can. Please keep masks and the public safety at the top of your list. Thank you for your work and wise decisions.

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Topic Mask Mandate

BCC Agenda Date 5-11-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments

I am submitting this comment card early to the BCC and Administrator so that our family's support of the mask mandate is documented well in advance of a potential vote on May 11, 2021. Thank you all for creating the mask mandate for our county and for maintaining the order even when there is so much pressure on each of you to reconsider. Your leadership has already saved countless lives by implementing and maintaining the mask mandate. With COVID deaths in our county continuing to average at least 50 deaths daily and thousands testing positive, please consider staying consistent with best practices to protect our citizens. Our first responders, health care workers, teachers and their families should have the best chance of being protected. Thank you for continuing to keep the mask mandate in place! Bob & Chris Rose

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Your Stand on the Issue Support

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Dear Commissioners, I know everyone is tired of wearing masks and are ready to put them away but we're almost there. Pinellas County in the last week has had 200 to 250 positive coronavirus cases added to the year's total. That translates into 1 in every 12 people testing positive. What about the people who have never been tested? Thanks to your courage to mandate masks for so long, the numbers aren't higher than they are. Other counties in Florida can't say that. There has also been fewer cases of the flu and strep throat which means less antibiotics prescribed, just to name a few benefits. Many residents are being vaccinated, which is wonderful but there are many large gatherings being planned in the coming weeks. The high school graduation season is fast approaching and we don't want another "surge" much like we had after all the spring break vacations. If people are passionate about no more masks? Then I CHALLENGE them to go through their personal contact lists and thank everyone who has gotten their vaccinations and help those who have not gotten theirs yet. Keep in mind everyone 16 and older can get their shot now with vaccination locations close to everyone's home. When our own contact lists hit "herd immunity" of about 90%, it'll be time to put the masks in the drawer for good! Thank you again for your mask mandate! It has made us safer and a world of difference.

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Topic Face Coverings Required

BCC Agenda Date 5-11-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments

The requirement for face coverings inside public places should be continued as it has been proven to slow the spread of Covid-19. This is a fact, not an opinion. I have a right as a citizen to be protected from harm. Other citizens who choose to behave irresponsibly by intentionally spreading their viruses need to be deterred by requiring them to follow rules. This is no different than a requirement not to drink and drive or not to drive recklessly. Please keep the mask mandate in place to ensure the protection of all.

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From: Tracy, Jan H
Sent: Friday, April 23, 2021 1:58 PM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: BCC Agenda - Mask Mandate

Commissioner Seel received a phone call today, April 23 at 9:13am, from Genia Pandorf that she supports leaving the mask mandate in place.

Jan H. Tracy

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Topic Extending Face Covering Ordinance

BCC Agenda Date 5-11-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments I support extending the face covering ordinance because we have not reached herd immunity yet and many people are still at risk for infection regardless of vaccine status. I am one of those people and I vote.

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Topic Mask mandate

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Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments I support the county mask mandate. I believe I caught COVID-19 when eating indoors at a restaurant in a Florida county which did not have a mask mandate, and none of the employees wore masks. We need to keep each other safe.

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From: Danna Wilson <dfw1981@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 19, 2021 9:18 AM
To: Greenleaf, Kim
Subject: Re: BCC to hold public hearing on May 11th regarding Ordinance 20-14

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Please forward my comments to the PCCC.

I feel the mask ordinance and capacity requirements should stay in force for another couple of months. Even if the county starts to have a good immunization percentage, we still have tourists who may not be vaccinated yet. For the protections of both residents and visitors, masks should still be required.

Having the mask ordinance in place makes it much easier for commercial establishments to enforce their own mask requirements. If masks were "voluntary but recommended", the way it is in Sarasota County, mask enforcement is much more difficult for employees. I myself am boycotting Sarasota because of their decision to not protect their citizens and visitors.

Thank you,

Danna Wilson
Palm Harbor, FL

On Fri, Apr 16, 2021 at 4:29 PM Greenleaf, Kim <kgreenleaf@co.pinellas.fl.us> wrote:

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From: CB <peacedalegreen@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 18, 2021 3:36 PM
To: anetCLong@pinellascounty.org; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: [BULK] PLEASE KEEP MASK MANDATE & KEEP RESIDENTS SAFE
Importance: Low

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Now is NOT the time to lift the mask mandate!!

For all those who want to risk their own & other peoples' lives, it is their choice as mislead as they are.

For the rest of us, we count on YOU.

For your constituents' welfare, please do the right thing & keep the mask mandate in place.

THIS PANDEMIC IS NOT OVER. AND WE ARE NOT YET OUT OF THE WOODS.

All you need do is read the CDC's advice and epidemiologists' recommendations.

PLEASE KEEP PINELLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS SAFE.

Common sense & science give us the guidance needed, not falsehoods & those who do not care.

The time will come, but it is NOT YET NOW!

We depend upon you to safeguard our well-being.

My family, friends, & I ask for your conscientious & caring right choice for all of Pinellas County residents.

We are several of the number of those in the thousands who support keeping a mask mandate in place until the pandemic is under better control, and more people are vaccinated, with daily numbers going down.

Thank you. Please do not let us down.

Pinellas County will vote whether to end its mask mandate May 11

The Pinellas County Commission could make any changes at a future date, when herd immunity is expected.

The Pinellas County Commission will vote on May 11 whether to rescind or amend its now 10-month-old mask mandate that was enacted to stem the spread of coronavirus.

The commission unanimously agreed on Tuesday to schedule the vote, a necessary logistical step to make the required public notice. But officials also discussed their ability to make any approved changes that go into effect at a later date, like early June as proposed by Commissioner Pat Gerard.

About 37 percent of the population in Pinellas County had received at least one dose of the vaccine [as of Tuesday](#). Dr. Ulyee Choe, director of the Florida Department of Health in Pinellas, said he expects 50 percent of the county to have completed vaccinations by May 25, a sign towards herd immunity.

The Commission is evaluating its mask mandate amid strong pressure from anti-mask advocates, who spent two hours speaking against the ordinance during the public comment portion of Tuesday's discussion.

"I think people just want an end date; they've been asking for an end date," Commissioner Kathleen Peters said. "I think if we give them a date of May 11, that we're going to put it on the agenda to be serious about talking about it, then that helps get them to where they want to be."

The elected officials reviewed a report from University of South Florida scientists Edwin Michael and Ken Newcomb that stated social measures like masks "are highly effective in protecting against infection." While they prevent transmission, masks also slow the development of herd immunity, and lifting the measure would result in the pandemic's resurgence.



The scientists predicted that accelerating vaccination rates by five times will allow for a full release of social measures by July 1.

"I don't think it's too much to ask that we err on the side of caution," Commissioner Janet Long said.

The mandate, enacted June 23, requires masks in most indoor public places, including in restaurants while not eating or drinking.

But Gerard also pointed to some of the data shared Tuesday to justify beginning to look for an end date for the mandate.

Counties with a mask ordinance showed a spike in cases in June and July of 2020, followed by a steady decline, then another spike in December and January followed by another decline, according to Burton's data. Counties with no mask requirement followed a similar pattern.

Commissioner Karen Seel noted that those numbers did not indicate how many residents in counties without a mask mandate were wearing face coverings anyway, therefore skewing the data.

The Florida Department of Health and Centers for Disease and Prevention showed coronavirus cases were higher in school districts that did not require masks, a more reliable figure, Seel said.

In February, 18 medical professionals from Tampa Bay hospitals, health centers and university programs [provided a joint letter of advice](#) urging local governments maintain the mask requirements

until Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas counties hit a seven-day average positivity rate of 3 percent or less for four consecutive weeks.

On Tuesday, Pinellas had a 6.8 percent seven-day average, compared to 4.5 percent last month, according to Choe.

While Hillsborough county still has its mask requirement in place, Pasco County administrator Dan Biles [ended that government's mask mandate on](#) April 5. Pinellas County Schools Superintendent Mike Grego said Tuesday the district's mask requirement will remain, despite loud opposition because his medical advisors have recommended continuing the health safety protocol.

“We did not vote you in to manage our health or dictate what we do with our bodies and what we put on our bodies or what we put in our bodies,” Yvette Gaugh, president of Welllife Health told the Commission Tuesday. “I am appalled that you’re telling me to put a face covering over my face to protect my health.”

But Commissioner Rene Flowers reminded her colleagues that for all of the loud comments they heard Tuesday – many she said were factually inaccurate and distasteful – there were thousands of other residents who supported the safeguard.

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Topic amending face mask requirements ORDINANCE 20-14

BCC Agenda Date 5-11-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

I am a senior citizen over 65. I have been eating in restaurants in Pinellas County since they have reopened ONLY because all employees must wear face coverings. I wear my own mask at all times in public except when I am eating. If the face mask requirement in restaurants were lifted I will NOT be able to eat out. I cannot risk my health. Regardless of being vaccinated I would not feel safe. This would deprive me of contact with others and deprive the restaurant of income. I am sure I am not the only person who feels this way. Please do not remove the face mask requirement in public places.

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Whether we can attend the May 11th soiree or not, here are two votes from our house: keep the mask ordinance intact until we have better Covid vaccination coverage.

We both are 3 weeks + past our 2nd Pfizer vaccinations, and we still are taking the CDC recommendations seriously. While I know people want to get back to normal, that is history. We are living through the Spanish Flu redux and I know why people "forgot about it" after it was over back then: it was so painful, all they wanted to do was leave it in the past,

Then they had the mini-bust in the early 20s, the crash of 1929, the Great Depression (that came back 2 weeks after WWII ended where I lived), WWII and the recovery from the worst war ever in the history of mankind. The 20th century was not a fun time in which to live from 1914 to 1954, because we also had Polio with which to deal just after WWII.

From 1950 onwards it was not too bad, probably was as good a 50 year span as mankind has had in the past 500 years. But what Trump inflicted on us during his time of Chaos, will take decades to repair, it ever. He resurrected all of the worst things of our nation's history in 4 years. Whatever "normal" is going to be will have little relationship to what the prior 66 years were like before Trump.

Just remember that a healthy CDC & its related infrastructure combated Zika, Ebola, the first SARS epidemic, several versions of the flu (to include the first revival of the Spanish Flu of 1915-1922), polio, and even HIV. The CDC infrastructure Trump destroyed is the "gift" that will keep on giving for at least another 30 years.

I am sorry that is what your future is going to be. It will not be mine.

I almost died 3 times in 2019 from a Streptococcus Bovis (old name) infection, that attacked my spine, spinal cord, plus the aortic & mitral valves of my heart, concurrently, I also ended up with 18 fewer inches in my colon. I have been in medical lockdown & limbo since March 2019, so if I can ever get back on cruises, that is where you will find me evading reality until I croak. If I have ten more years, I will be lucky, so losing the past 2-3 years has eaten up 25 % of what time I might have left, perhaps more.

I first learned about the etiquette of wearing a mask in public in 1962 when I was homeported in Yokosuka Japan where anyone with an infection wears one as a courtesy to their fellow citizens. And we view it as an infringement upon our "rights" instead of treating our fellow citizens with kindness, consideration, and empathy. I guess MAGA only means to me MCPs in charge & white ones at that.

This male caucasian Viet Nam vet left the Far West to get away from the macho crap espoused by pseudo-men. I am pro-mask, social distancing, vaccines, and anything else the CDC recommends. My wife agrees.

Thanks again for helping us find shots and the Pfizer ones too. Thanks, we appreciated your help & guidance. I hope the Commissioners have the courage to do the right thing, but I am not holding my breath.....

Stay healthy & wise, you are the kind of staff person I always valued when I worked in the Federal Bureaucracy: you have no idea how much people like you have influence on the course of the ship of state for the good of that ship. I served my country in uniform, in mufti, in government service, and as a defense contractor (I still served the government first & my employer second, because the government was the customer),

Jay Brown

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Subject: Please don't allow Pinellas county to become another laughingstock

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Please vote to keep the mask mandate in Pinellas.

Please follow the scientifically proven recommendations of the world health organization and the CDC.

The rest of the world is watching.

Be well and have a beautiful day,

~Eros Bongiovanni
Tarpon Springs