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From: Jean Johnson <johnsonjean58@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 4:44 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Be a hero

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Vote to require mandatory masks

Sent from my iPhone

Young, Bernie C

From: Cathleen Greenwood <cfgreenwd@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Gerard, Pat; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen
Subject: County Meeting RE COVID measures

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Dear Commissioners,
What will it take for our elected officials to pass measures that are guaranteed to save lives? If I told you that making face masks mandatory indoors and outdoors would save ONE life, would that be enough? How about five lives? Twenty? One hundred? What will it take? Science shows that you will save lives by mandating masks.

Florida is the tragic laughingstock of the nation, opening up businesses WAY too early, resulting in a rise in infections and deaths unrivalled in our nation. Please, do the right thing and mandate masks. You have waited so long that not only have more people died, three counties - Hillsborough, Tampa, and St. Petersburg - are way ahead of Pinellas and have put mandates in place to enforce masks. Shame on you.

Please vote for mandatory face masks in public areas indoors and outdoors, including all restaurants, bars, gyms, salons, tattoo parlors et al.

Sincerely,
Cathy Greenwood
2239 Watrous Drive
Dunedin, FL 34698

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Cathy Foster Greenwood

914-960-0801 cell
cfgreenwd@gmail.com

Young, Bernie C

From: Philip Stone <philstone300@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:28 AM
To: Eggers, Dave; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: COVID Pandemic

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I strongly urge you to vote to require that proper face coverings be worn by everyone in all public places in the County....including & especially by all workers in restaurants, stores and other businesses.

COVID 19 must be understood as the urgent Public Health crisis that it is -- not a political issue. Almost all the COVID illness, disability, suffering, loss of life and associated economic disaster in the U.S.A. could have been prevented if appropriate testing, tracing and other public health measures were taken very early in this pandemic.

I am particularly concerned about the conditions in the Pinellas County Jail. I fear the Sheriff does not take this issue seriously.

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Phil Stone
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Home: (727) 400-6158

Young, Bernie C

From: Julie Vlietstra <vlietstrajulie@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:51 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Face Mask

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Good afternoon,

My name is Julie Vlietstra and I am a waitress and single mom of 3 children and I am about to lose my job if the face mask obedience goes into effect. I refuse to wear a mask to protect others while possibly destroying myself. I can not imagine the long term negative affect it will have on me to completely cover my nose and mouth for 4 days in a row 6 to 8 hours straight inhaling my own toxins and no fresh air. I don't refuse to wear a mask out of lack of respect for others...I love myself too much for that. Besides, how is it not against my constitutional rights to be forced to do something like this to MY body???

Please do not ask/force us to do something like this. Then a Judge will get to decide if it's against my rights or not.

GOD Bless

Stay safe

Julie

Young, Bernie C

From: Chris Mueller <cem.hmm14@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 3:36 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Face masks

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I'm not sure I'm in time for your meeting or vote but I sure hope you will mandate wearing masks in Pinellas County. I think it's the only way going forward until there's something more definitive like a vaccine.

Chris Mueller
Clearwater
Sent from my iPhone

Young, Bernie C

From: George Baxter <georgebaxter6@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mandate Masks

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To Commissioner Gerard:

If we want nonprofits to survive, you must lead in mandating masks. Other than the few nonprofits who did online fundraising this spring, nonprofit fundraising events were cancelled. The PPP money got them through until now. Many will be out of cash reserves beginning this fall if they cannot hold fall fundraisers. Then they will begin closing their doors forever unless there is more government assistance.

Scientist and physicians estimate it will take three months to get COVID-19 under control once mandated mask wearing is in place and enforced. If you fail to mandate masks now, fall fundraisers will also be canceled. As nonprofits fold, what will our community do?

As the founding President for the Community Foundation of Tampa Bay, I remain in touch with many nonprofit CEOs. Since retiring in 2004, as the Foundation's President Emeritus, I volunteer to co-lead year-long leadership programs for the CEOs of nonprofits. 168 have graduated from the program or are in the current class. I hear their stress and concerns. At 2:00 today, I am gathering 35 representatives of art organizations to work together to control the virus. Together we can do it, but only if masks are mandated.

On their behalf, I plead with you to lead and mandate masks.

Respectfully,

George J. Baxter
727-867-1991

Young, Bernie C

From: Andrea Anderson <sewingseedsmama@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:18 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mandates on masks

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Dear Commissioner Gerard,

I pray this email finds you well. Thank you for all you do to support the freedoms of the residents of Pinellas County. I am writing in regards to possible mandates on masks. There is nothing wrong with recommending, but mandating is an unnecessary show of force by the Pinellas County government.

The medical field is highly conflicted about the efficacy and safety of wearing masks. Dr. Shane Neilson, a physician recognized by our federal government as an expert in his field published a peer review article through the CDC's medical source, the US National Institute of Health, stating that mandating masks is a poor fit for risk reduction. In this article he agrees with physicians around the globe that masks do not reduce risk of infection and can even create greater risk by encouraging irresponsible behavior through a false sense of security and endanger the health of those with preexisting conditions.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4868614/>

Dr. Neilson's opinion is not rare among informed physicians and is supported by medical science. Additionally, mandating masks is a violation of the Americans with Disability Act for those with preexisting health conditions. Personally, I see several doctors for health and autoimmune issues and I have been advised that it would not be good for me to wear a mask.

A mandate for masks will cause confusion and could even lead to medical discrimination or increased health risk for those who feel they must comply even though it is contrary to their health. A county-wide mandate could even open up the county to lawsuits for negligent contribution to these mask related health injuries. It is not wise for the county to mandate masks. Please vote NO to mandating masks.

Thank you,
Andrea Anderson
Pinellas County Resident

Young, Bernie C

From: amonacat@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:38 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: RE: 6/23/2020 MEETING - See below please - PLEASE REQUIRE MANDATORY FACE MASK WEARING OUTSIDE & AT ALL PUBLIC PLACES

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Attached is a link about the concerns of EMS & hospitals about overwhelming the medical systems in Pinellas if actions are not taken to change the trajectory of the new spike in COVID19 cases.

<https://stpetecatalyst.com/top-ems-doc-pinellas-hospitals-preparing-for-a-surge-in-covid-19-patients/>

-----Original Message-----

To: pgerard@pinellascounty.org <pgerard@pinellascounty.org>

Sent: Mon, Jun 22, 2020 8:49 pm

Subject: RE: 6/23/2020 MEETING - PLEASE REQUIRE MANDATORY FACE MASK WEARING OUTSIDE & AT ALL PUBLIC PLACES

TO: Pat Gerard, Chair of Pinellas County Commission

Dear Ms. Gerard,

I am a resident of Clearwater and registered voter in Pinellas County, FL. I am writing to ask you and all the Pinellas County Commissioners to put in place an order when you meet tomorrow to **require everyone to wear a face mask at all times whenever they are outside of their homes**. This is one step to help flatten the curve of Covid19 in our county & keep the medical system from being overwhelmed and save lives. **I ask you to propose this NOW with the earliest possible effective date and to VOTE YES to mandatory mask use. Thank you.**

My name and address are below. If you need further information, please contact me.

Yours truly,

A CHRISTINE MEYERS
1012 PEARCE DR, UNIT 2105
CLEARWATER, FL 33764

Young, Bernie C

From: Susan Crockett <SCrockett@rutherfordhall.net>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:30 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Burton, Barry
Subject: Mandatory Face Masks

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Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to require citizens to wear face coverings inside facilities that serve the public. Non-profit cultural institutions cannot financially survive unless we can curtail the spread and implement measures that protect persons when social distancing is not feasible. We will be requiring our patrons to wear face masks at our first attempt at a socially distant concert in Ruth Eckerd Hall because while seated six feet apart, they will inevitably cross paths within our facility. We are mandating it in hope that we help contain that which is threatening our institution's survival. Social distancing limits are capacity to under 30% which is not sustainable. We are likely to lose some customers by requiring masks but that is a small risk compared to 18 months of social distancing. However unless this is a widespread mandate, I fear it will have little impact. Wearing a mask seems a small price to pay to re-open our economy, keep citizens out of hospitals and keep our employees in a job.

Thank you for your service,

Susan M. Crockett
President & CEO
Ruth Eckerd Hall, Inc.
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From: Duncan McClellan <duncan@dmglass.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:31 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Burton, Barry
Subject: Mandatory mask order needed

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Dear Commissioners:

I sincerely hope you follow our mayor's example by mandating that all wear face masks for the protection of everyone. With the number of cases surging, especially here in Florida, it is imperative that masks be worn by everyone when in public. Masks have proven to be effective and are a minor inconvenience when the health and lives of residents and visitors are at stake. With so many individuals being asymptomatic, one does not necessarily know who may have the virus. Please help protect everyone by using your power wisely to pass an ordinance requiring face masks.

Thank you,
Duncan McClellan
Duncan McClellan Gallery
DMG School Project
2342 Emerson Ave. S.
Saint Petersburg Florida. 33712
813-760-6600

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Young, Bernie C

From: Karen Bartoszek <khbartoszek@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 5:41 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Mask Ordinance

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Dear Honorable County Commissioners,

I listened to this afternoon's County Commission meeting regarding the mask ordinance and the public comments that followed. You have a challenging role at this time and I respect you for serving our community.

I would implore you to implement the mask ordinance for both businesses and the public visiting those businesses. St. Petersburg and Tampa have both implemented these much needed measures. To be effective, the rest of Pinellas County needs to do the same to reduce the rapidly growing numbers of COVID-19 cases in the Tampa Bay area.

Many of the public comments I heard were people concerned about their rights. I have a 93 year old mother who cannot go to many places now because of concerns about contracting the virus. That is infringing on her rights to live a life free of health concerns brought on by others. What about all those families who can only see their loved ones through glass windows at senior living communities? Those are precious people who desperately need to feel the warmth and love of their families. They have their rights, too. Commissioner Peters, regarding your question about the average age of deaths, why should that matter? Does a senior's life have less value?

The World Health Organization, the Centers for Disease Control and many other highly respected health organizations are all in agreement that masks help slow the spread of COVID-19. Masks do not cause hypoxia. That is an internet story that has been disproven multiple times over.

Masks are a short term inconvenience as we work towards a long term solution. I personally will frequent more businesses if I know that everyone is wearing a mask. I will not go to those where masks are not required. I am not alone. Mask requirements are a solution to both reduce the spread of this virus and help keep the economy growing. I cannot imagine the revenue impact that businesses face that have employees and customers who test positive and then have to close, get everyone tested, deep clean, reopen and then work to restore their customers' confidence.

Again, thank you for serving and I implore you to pass mask requirements for both businesses and the public visiting those businesses.

Sincerely,

Karen Bartoszek
1209 Roxbury Drive
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
727.643.6809

"You cannot discover new oceans unless you have the courage to lose sight of the shore." ANDRÉ GIDE

Young, Bernie C

From: Danita Beck <danita.lolalee@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:49 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask Palm Harbor

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Make mandatory mask wearing inside / outside to all people and to all businesses.

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From: johnsimmons25@gmail.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:44 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Masks

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Dear Commissioner Gerard,

The effects of Covid on our citizens' health and livelihoods are devastating. Sadly, there is not an easy and quick way back. While the virus severity is weakening, it may still be a significant force for another year. Flu vaccines are not dependable, so there may not be a dependable vaccine "answer."

Our country's economy has been devastated. The employee-intensive industries (restaurants, retail, transportation, healthcare, other) have laid off millions of people who may not have any jobs to return to for many months.

We cannot stay at home anymore. We must wear masks to protect ourselves from others and them from us. It is disheartening to see all of the people who do not wear masks and do not social distance.

I am a director of Ruth Eckerd Hall. Masks will be the only avenue for most of us to ever feel comfortable enough to return to airplanes, hotels, churches, subways, busses, concerts, schools, retail, restaurants, beauty salons, fitness clubs, theme parks, theaters, parks, etc.

Please, please, please institute a mask ordinance. It is not forever. It is the only way to get people healthy and back to work.

Thank you for everything you do and caring for the citizens.

Best regards,

John Simmons

813-494-5859

Young, Bernie C

From: prometheus6939 <prometheus6939@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:42 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Masks

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You communists need to go! Fauci
Even says masks don't work on video. Do your research!

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S®6 active, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

Young, Bernie C

From: J&T <tommarin@mindspring.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:42 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Masks and Personal Freedoms

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Dear Commissioners;

As you consider the issues of wearing masks and how that may affect individual freedoms, please consider also that other ordinances affect individual freedoms as well.

Examples may include speed limits, driving while impaired, seat belts, discharging firearms in public, no wake zones, allowing dangerous dogs to roam freely, quarantining of tuberculosis patients and the list goes on. You can probably come up with examples of your own.

These ordinances are in place to protect the public at large. Certainly, they do affect personal freedoms. Does personal freedom mean that an individual may act in any way they please with total disregard for the freedoms or safety of others?

Please consider the above issues when coming to your decisions about how best to curb the spread of this devastating viral pandemic.

Sincerely,
C. Thomas Marinelli, MD

Young, Bernie C

From: William Selvidge <wsel2672@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Masks

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Pat,

Living on Clearwater Beach, we see masses of people, none wearing masks. As a physician myself, I know masks work. If we want to get back to normal while cases of Covid-19 go up, the only way to do it without shutting down again, is for everyone to wear a mask. To that end, I hope you'll support requiring masks for everyone in closed spaces and inside buildings.

Thanks, Bill

Young, Bernie C

From: pauline mccarthy <paulinemccarthy.1961@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:14 PM
To: Creech, Whitney
Subject: NO to mandatory masks

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Absolutely NO to mandatory masks for healthy individuals. We have immune systems.
Elderly and immunocompromised, absolutely.
For the rest of us, it's time for herd immunity.
This virus cannot be allowed to keep controlling our lives

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Young, Bernie C

From: Alicia Suarez <magentacow@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:11 PM
To: Creech, Whitney
Subject: Opposition to Face Coverings/Masks

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Dear Ms. Creech,

I respectfully request that the commission **not** make face masks mandatory in Pinellas County.

Do you know how many restaurant employees I have seen physically struggling because the mask is affecting them? One of the servers at Rumba's Restaurant in Clearwater had a rash all over her face. It was RAW, but because she needed the job, she continued to wear it. Another employee at Publix could not work and had to stay home because the masks are making her nauseous and light headed.

Additionally, exercise is necessary for our citizens to stay healthy. If the commission make the mask mandatory in gyms 1000s of people will be unable to exercise, something NECESSARY for our health. (High blood pressure in our case)

Thank you very much for your attention.

Respectfully,

Alicia Suarez
1550 Ridgewood St
Clearwater FL 33755

Young, Bernie C

From: Kathy Greif <KGreif@thedali.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 1:56 PM
To: Kathy Greif
Subject: Pinellas County Commission Vote Regarding Mandatory Masks

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Dear Commissioners,

I was pleased to see the Mayors of St. Petersburg and Tampa both mandated masks when in public (and I believe now Hillsborough County). We encourage you to pass an ordinance requiring Pinellas County to follow suit. This support is essential for the cultural arts community to restart safely, helping to instill confidence and encourage visitation, which is critically needed after the prolonged closures.

Thank you for your consideration,
Kathy Greif



Kathy Greif Chief Operating Officer

KGreif@thedali.org | 727.623.4790

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Young, Bernie C

From: Sheila Cowley <sdcowley@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:56 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Burton, Barry
Subject: please require everyone to wear a mask in public

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As a concerned citizen and voter, I urge you to require everyone to wear a protective mask when they're out in public - and wear it properly.

We've been to two recent arts events hosted by nonprofits who asked people to wear a mask when attending, but so many people didn't that it was stressful and terrifying, and we left early. We don't dare go to the grocery store in person or run errands downtown, because so many people aren't wearing masks - or if they have one, pull them down to talk to you.

This life-threatening disease will never be controlled if people aren't required to take vital safety precautions. Sadly, people who aren't forced to consider the safety of others or their own safety, need to be required to do just that, or this area will have to remain under lockdown until there's a vaccine.

Thank you for your help.

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Sheila Cowley
sdcowley@gmail.com
128 20th Ave S
St Petersburg FL 33705

Young, Bernie C

From: Suzanne Delaney <suzy.delaney@me.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; koeters@pinellascounty.org; Welch, Kenneth; Burton, Barry
Subject: Please Vote for Mandatory Masks in Pinellas County

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Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your leadership during this difficult time.

Please pass an ordinance requiring all to wear masks while in public in Pinellas County. This is essential to allow businesses, theaters, education programs, and arts organizations to reopen safely. It will allow people to feel comfortable and for commerce to re-emerge in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Suzy Delaney
Pinellas County Resident, Palm Harbor

Sent from my iPad

Young, Bernie C

From: Joseph Papich <joseph.papich@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Burton, Barry
Subject: Pro Face Mask Ordinance: Item 21 On Agenda This Afternoon

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Good morning, I am a resident of St. Petersburg encouraging the commissioners to pass an ordinance requiring face masks in public.

. It's important that individuals not be excluded from participating in our local economy because of safety concerns. The alternative is that my money is spent on delivery services without ties to our local economy.

Thank you,
Joseph Papich
221 44th Ave NE
St. Petersburg, FL 33703

Young, Bernie C

From: Jean Johnson <johnsonjean58@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:14 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Re: Be a hero

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Why is there NO vote?

Sent from my iPhone

> On Jun 23, 2020, at 4:43 PM, Jean Johnson <johnsonjean58@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Vote to require mandatory masks

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> Sent from my iPhone

Young, Bernie C

From: Tanya Yatsco <tyatsco@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:32 PM
To: Creech, Whitney
Subject: Re: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #18200675

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Whitney,

I have now watched the entire commission meeting and I sincerely hope you will relay to Commissioner Gerard my sincere thanks for her persistence and patience through the meeting today and this entire pandemic.

And thank you as well as I am sure your desk has been overflowing.

Tanya Yatsco

Sent from my iPad

On Jun 22, 2020, at 9:59 AM, Creech, Whitney <wcreech@co.pinellas.fl.us> wrote:

On behalf of the Pinellas County Commission, thank you for your email. The Commissioners appreciate hearing from citizens and other elected officials on matters. I will add your comments to the public record.

The county commission will be discussing the use of face masks at the BCC meeting (VIRTUAL) on Tuesday, June 23. The meeting begins at 2 pm. You can view the meeting, and any previous meetings at: http://www.pinellascounty.org/BCC_agenda.htm

The public can address the County Commission on any agenda item that is voted on. You can find meeting details and the public participation at the above link.

Thank you for the comment, and for your support of the commission during this pandemic. Stay safe, and be healthy.

Whitney Creech

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Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
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From: form_engine@fs30.formsite.com <form_engine@fs30.formsite.com>

Sent: Sunday, June 21, 2020 8:51 AM

To: Gerard, Pat <pgerard@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #18200675

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- Commissioner Janet C. Long - District 1
- Commissioner Pat Gerard - District 2 (2020 Chair)
- Commissioner Charlie Justice - District 3
- Commissioner Dave Eggers - District 4 (2020 Vice Chair)
- Commissioner Karen Williams Seel - District 5
- Commissioner Kathleen Peters - District 6
- Commissioner Kenneth T. Welch - District 7

Subject Covid-19

Message Pinellas county's infection rate is on the rise, which cannot be explained away by more resting. And the young, asymptomatic carriers? They are spreading it to the at risk folks. Please make wearing a mask mandatory for everyone!!

Your Name Tanya Yatsco

Your Street Address 4227 30th Ave N

City/Unincorporated County St. Petersburg

Zip Code 33713

Your Email Address tyatsco@yahoo.com

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Young, Bernie C

From: Irene McClellan <irene@dmglass.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Burton, Barry
Subject: Request for ordinance requiring all to wear masks while out in public

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Dear Commissioners,

Considering the corona virus is raging in Florida, I implore you to pass an ordinance requiring all to wear masks while out in public. This support is crucial to reducing the number of new cases of the virus. Wearing a mask is a minor inconvenience, but goes a long way in keeping fellow residents safe, especially considering many who contract the virus are asymptomatic and may not even be aware they are carriers. Further, requiring that masks be worn will instill confidence in residents, especially those who wish to venture out but are older or have underlying conditions that put them more at risk. It is essential for the safety of those visiting our many museums, galleries, studios, and theaters. We, at the Duncan McClellan Gallery, require masks to be worn by all staff and guests at all times while on the premises and, out of consideration for our fellow residents, my husband and I don't ever go out in public without wearing a mask. I would greatly appreciate an ordinance passing this requirement in all of Pinellas County. We are in support of our mayor who mandated masks be worn in St. Petersburg and would strongly urge you to follow suit. Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,
Irene McClellan

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More than a Gallery.....

Young, Bernie C

From: Adele Walsh <awalsh522@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 2:43 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Virtual Meeting today + Face Masks + Testing

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Today was the first time I have watched a virtual meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. I would like to apologize for the verbal abuse you all had to tolerate with most of the people calling in. I doubt they would want your job or even be able to do it. Please know that these angry people do not represent the majority of us.

My opinion on the face masks is that I would like to see them mandatory for everyone indoors. I have been sheltered in place since the 3rd week in February because we were told anyone over 65 should do this. I do not enjoy staying in my house so those that have no tolerance or respect for others can run around and do what they want with no regard to those around them.

In regards to the Governor, let me just add that when I hear an official that really believes that if we did less testing that we would have less cases, I wonder if he thinks if we didn't do mammograms that we'd have less breast cancer.

The last thing I would like to mention is that the "Top Chat" on the virtual meeting doesn't need to be shown as it is filled with hateful messaging for people with more to say than any of us need to hear. they were calling people names that called in that did not have their same view and even once asked what the callers IQ was. I think this just stirs the pot and a reason I won't be attending another one of these meetings.

Good luck to you all and remember we are all depending on you to keep us safe.

Thank you.

Young, Bernie C

From: sabina otto <oan3@outlook.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:45 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: We must wear masks!

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We need to have a law to wear masks. Over 100,000 cases in Florida. Scary!

Sabina Otto
1019 Egret Court
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Sent from my iPad

Young, Bernie C

From: Elena Levine <elewinemd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:21 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Vote Yes re: Face Coverings, Essential Protection

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Dear Commissioners,

As a Dunedin resident, and as a Physician, Board Certified in Preventive Medicine & Public Health, I strongly urge you to vote to require that proper face coverings be worn by everyone in all public places in the County....including & especially by all workers in restaurants, stores and other businesses.

All Police should also be required to wear masks when interacting with each other & with the public. They are supposed to Protect & Serve -- and to protect us and each other they must wear masks. And they can further Protect by setting an example for how we all need to act to help protect each other.

Requiring proper use of masks is a crucial Public Health step to help stop this horrendous virus and the current surge in infections in Florida.

I have heard about objections to enforcing this ordinance by our Sheriff...and of his intention to only fine business owners if customers do not wear masks. This would place more burdens on already struggling owners, and relieve the police of their duty to hold everyone accountable for harmful actions toward others. This must be understood as the urgent Public Health crisis that it is -- not a political issue. As documented in other countries: almost all the COVID illness, disability, suffering, loss of life and associated economic disaster in the U.S.A. could have been prevented if appropriate testing, tracing and other public health measures were taken very early in this pandemic -- by our National, State and local leadership. The same is true of the current surge in Florida -- preventable with good Public Health strategies.

Please do the right thing on this piece tomorrow. Then, if the Sheriff will not enforce the ordinance, please work with us -- local concerned citizens -- to do all we can to make enforcement happen. Then you can know that further COVID illness and deaths here, caused by his lack of enforcement, are his legacy -- not yours.

Sincerely and with great concern,

Elena Levine, MD

Young, Bernie C

From: Robert Hoffman <rhoffman721@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:14 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Vote on masks

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Ms Gerard,

Thank you for all you do to support the freedoms of the residents of Pinellas County. I am writing in regards to possible mandates on masks. There is nothing wrong with recommending, but mandating is an unnecessary show of force by the Pinellas County government. The medical field is highly conflicted about the efficacy and safety of wearing masks. Dr. Shane Neilson, a physician recognized by our federal government as an expert in his field published a peer review article through the CDC's medical source, the US National Institute of Health, stating that mandating masks is a poor fit for risk reduction. In this article he agrees with physicians around the globe that masks do not reduce risk of infection and can even create greater risk by encouraging irresponsible behavior through a false sense of security and endanger the health of those with preexisting conditions.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4868614/>

Dr. Neilson's opinion is not rare among informed physicians and is supported by medical science. Additionally, mandating masks is a violation of the Americans with Disability Act for those with preexisting health conditions. A mandate for masks will cause confusion and could even lead to medical discrimination or increased health risk for those who feel they must comply even though it is contrary to their health. A county-wide mandate could even open up the county to lawsuits for negligent contribution to these mask related health injuries.

We can trust the citizens of Pinellas County to wear masks and protect each other from COVID-19 without the need for a government mandate. Please vote NO to mandating masks.

Thank you,
Robert Hoffman

Young, Bernie C

From: Kim Dohrman <kim@creativeclay.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:16 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Vote on Mandatory Mask Ordinance

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Dear Commissioner Gerard,

Please follow the recommendations of the CDC and vote to pass the wearing of masks in indoor public spaces mandatory in our county. With the numbers of Covid-19 cases rising in Florida and so many people not taking it seriously, we as a community seek your leadership to keep us safe.

From the [CDC website](#): CDC continues to study the spread and effects of the novel coronavirus across the United States. We now know from recent studies that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms (“asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity—for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing—even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms. In light of this new evidence, CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

Sincerely,

Kim Dohrman

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Young, Bernie C

From: Larri Gerson
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 12:07 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Gerard, Pat; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen
Cc: Larri Gerson
Subject: Vote for Mandatory Face Masks in Public Areas and Indoor ALL Businesses/Restaurants/Bars/Gyms/Salons

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Commissioners:

The one and only proposal Pinellas County Commission should consider, anything less is negligence.

Make Face Masks mandatory. Require all individuals (residents/guests visiting) to wear a face covering while in any indoor/outdoor establishment and in any public settings within Pinellas County.

Your 3 proposals being considered tomorrow is weak and disappointing. Missing is mandatory wearing face masks outdoor public settings.

1. Requires all people to wear a face covering while in any indoor establishment within Pinellas County.
2. Require all people to wear face coverings in grocery stores, drug stores, doctor offices and hospitals.
3. Require masks for all indoor areas where customers interact with the public.

The ordinances make it mandatory for employees, owners and managers in establishments where food is prepared to keep their faces covered at all times while on duty, “regardless of where the food or beverage is being prepared or whether the customers being served food or beverage” are inside or outside.

Compare yours to those in the Tampa Bay Area:

Hillsborough County: all indoor business operators will be required to enforce a mandatory mask order in Hillsborough County. The order carries a stick. Business operators who don't comply could be charged with a second-degree misdemeanor, with a penalty of up to 60 days in jail and/or six months probation and a \$500 fine. Customers can't be penalized. The order requires businesses to “ensure compliance” and “enforce the provisions” by denying admittance to any indoor location to people who aren't wearing masks (and aren't

exempted by age, disability or other condition) or removing people from the business who aren't following the mandate.

Tampa: Mayor Jane Castor issued an executive order mandating the use of face coverings for individuals in the City of Tampa. This order went into effect at 5pm June 19, 2020.

A mandatory mask order requiring all Tampa residents (and those working and visiting Florida's third-largest city) to wear masks indoors and outside their home. Requires Face Mask when indoors and unable to maintain 6ft distance from others. If you don't listen, you might get a civil citation of up to \$500.

St Petersburg: Mayor Rick Kriseman signed an executive order requiring residents to wear face masks or coverings in the city of St. Petersburg. All residents must wear face coverings when in any room, space, common area or other locations indoors in St. Pete. Last week Mayor Kriseman issued a mandatory mask order for business employees will be required to wear a mask or face covering when dealing with the public starting Friday, June 19 at 5 p.m. If not, they will be fined. Effective June 23, 2020.

Please VOTE for Mandatory Face Masks in Public Areas both outdoors and indoors that includes ALL businesses and ALL restaurants, bars, gyms, salons, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

Larri Gerson

Dunedin

Young, Bernie C

From: Joanne Tomassi <tomassifamily@att.net>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:22 PM
To: Peters, Kathleen; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie
Subject: Tomorrow's meeting

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Dear Commissioners,

It is my understanding you will be voting about the wearing of masks in public. I am writing with my opinion and reasoning and hope you will agree.

Wearing a mask in public is a sign of respect for others as well as a way to help curtail the spread of the virus. However, wearing a mask in public is only partially effective unless all people wear masks. It is my hope you, the commissioners of Pinellas County will **mandate** the wearing of a mask by all people when in a public place. At the very least, please mandate the wearing of masks by employees who are work in a position where they are face to face with the public. But doing only this much would be totally unfair to them as they would be subjected to being face to face with the customers not wearing masks.

We have to do more to curtail the spread of this virus. It is evident by the numbers that covid continues to spread and, now in greater numbers. In the last month we have seen the percentage of positive tests go from a low of 2.27% week ended 5/21 to a high of 8.48% week ended 6/20, nearly quadruple. This is very alarming. Unless more is done to curb this rise, we may find ourselves closed down again.

I don't know about you but I am tired of all the limitations and the restrictions. But I would rather live with them then die without them. So, again I ask you mandate the wearing of masks by all people when in a public place.

Sincerely,

Joanne Tomassi

Young, Bernie C

From: Jeremy Reynolds <tannis11@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:44 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Jeff Gow; Bujalski, Julie; Kynes, Deborah; Gracy, Heather
Subject: Scientific Study on Masks and Efficacy on stopping Covid19

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So I know that you will be making a decision on requiring masks in Pinellas County tomorrow and while I am disappointed that the Dunedin City Commission chose to be a follower instead of a leader like the City of St Petersburg I thought it would be very easy to break this down as follows:

First, we must look to CDC guidance. Because state leaders have chosen not to follow CDC guidelines for reopening it is up to you as county leaders to ensure public health. Our lives are literally in your hands. The fact is that the status quo isn't working. With case, positivity rates and new case rates at an alarming, all-time high, and climbing the time to act is now and the decision is a no brainer. Here is what the CDC says:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html>

"CDC continues to study the spread and effects of the novel coronavirus across the United States. We now know from [recent studies](#) that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms ("asymptomatic") and that even those who eventually develop symptoms ("pre-symptomatic") can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity—for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing—even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms. In light of this new evidence, CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) **especially** in areas of significant community-based transmission.

It is critical to emphasize that maintaining 6-foot social distancing remains important to slowing the spread of the virus. CDC is additionally advising the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional measure."

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

Thus, requiring masks in public would serve to prevent deaths. While I appreciate civil liberties, nobody has civil liberty to endanger the lives of others. Just as we require seatbelts

and their use we can legally require mask use in public and if the Sherrif refuses to enforce that then he should be removed. You legislate the law and the Sherrif enforces it whether he likes it or not.

Secondly, we must look at the practicality of requiring masks in public. To this end, I have attached a scientific study currently undergoing peer review from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. The findings of the study are summarised by:

"First, most common household fabrics, such as T-shirt material, have 40% or higher droplet blocking when used as a single layer. In two layers, to our surprise, T-shirt fabric had a 98% droplet blocking efficiency—exceeding that of the medical mask, while maintaining better breathability.

Second, most common fabrics are hydrophilic, meaning they up soak water, whereas medical masks are hydrophobic, meaning they repel water. This tells us that common household fabrics use an alternative mechanism to hold droplets by retaining them"

This is a public health issue, no different from traffic fatalities. The conduct of individuals poses a threat to the health safety and welfare of others. Just as we require people to wear seatbelts and law enforcement to act as a deterrent to non-compliance, so must we now require masks in public. If the Sherrif has a legal basis for not enforcing the law then he can take it up in court.

Please, for the lives of Pinellas, make masks mandatory.

Sincerely
Jeremy Reynolds

Young, Bernie C

From: Ruth Rymal <ruth@ruthrymal.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:26 AM
To: Seel, Karen; Gerard, Pat
Cc: Welch, Kenneth; Peters, Kathleen; Eggers, Dave; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C
Subject: Regarding mandatory mask proposal June 23 BCC Agenda Item

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Dear Commissioner

My name is Ruth Rymal and I am a 20 year resident of Pinellas County, living in Clearwater.

I write you today to let you know my thoughts on a county-wide policy for wearing masks in public.

I oppose any plan which treats the entire county as a homogeneous, uniform environment.

When the stay-at-home order was put in place the intention was to prevent a system-breaking demand on the healthcare system. That potential crisis was averted. During that same period of time tests to detect infection/exposure were created.

With increased testing and modified resumption of interpersonal interactions the infection numbers have risen - as we were told to expect.

My opposition is based on the following data and not simply my *opinion*.

1) More than 70% of fatalities in Pinellas are isolated to care facilities. That is where the lion-share of efforts and directives should be focused. Address the issues of negligence, under-staffing, under-funding or whatever the problems are.

2) The initial model was what precipitated the stay home order. Now that actual figures are available we can see that the fatality rate is far, far less than initially anticipated. Wholesale mask wearing will not effect the morbidity rate.

3) "Wearing an earloop mask does not reduce the risk of contracting any disease or infection." It says so right on the box. Most people will be operating with a false sense of security and make health-risking mistakes because they'll think they're in compliance but they won't know they're not safe.

4) A one-size-fits-all protocol is woefully ineffective and will not produce desired outcomes.

5) A vaccine is too far off to wait for so "herd immunity" is what the world will have to shoot for. In spite of it's high mortality rate the Influenza of 1918 disappeared in less than 18 months. We no longer worry about catching Spanish Flu and one day we will no longer worry about catching COVID19.

6) Dr. Michael Osterholm, the director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Prevention recently said, "About 5% of the US population has been infected to date with the virus, this virus is not going to rest

until it gets to about 60% or 70%," Osterholm said. "When I say rest, I mean just slow down, so one way or another we're going to see a lot of additional cases."

7) The cure is worse than the problem. Hospitals are reporting serious drop offs in the number of cancer, cardiac and other deadly and significant health issues. If we continue to frighten our elderly and sick from seeking medical assistance for fear of getting COVID19 at the place of treatment we could lose many more family and neighbors than we're trying to prevent from getting the virus.

8) Sheriff Gaultieri has stated he won't arrest anyone in violation of this possible order, so I'm assuming the punitive threat will be a fine so large as to financially destroy many households. (Tampa has set their fine at \$500.) We've heard for many years that most households cannot come up with \$400 for an emergency. How will people not returning to work or behind on their bills or facing another stay at home order come up with that kind of money? And if they can't pay, which liberties are you considering taking from them until they do pay?

9) How are people expected to stay healthy through exercise if required to wear a mask outdoors? It is unreasonable to mandate a mask in an open air environment. there is neither scientific nor anecdotal evidence that walking/running/cycling is a high risk or high density transmission environment - for example Ream Wilson or Pinellas Trail.

10) OSHA regulations require oxygen concentration in confined spaces of not less than 19.5% (OSHA Standard 1910.146(f)). Many of today's masks can restrict/reduce airflow to this range. Lack of oxygen (hypoxia) is dangerous to health and impairs thought and decision making functions.

11) Businesses along the beaches, restaurants and other places are just getting reopened. Mandatory mask usage will probably have a significant impact on their ability to stay open as people decide it's easier to stay home and order-in or shop Amazon rather than locally.

This is not a hurricane or a super storm. We can't shelter in place, waiting for it to pass by.

Please do not apply the wrong solutions to this problem.

We cannot hide from a virus.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,
Ruth Rymal
Ella Place, Clearwater FL 33765

Young, Bernie C

From: Elena Levine <elewinemd@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:33 PM
To: Creech, Whitney
Subject: Re: Voice mail: 74 sec.

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Dear Ms. Creech,

Thank you for your fast & helpful reply. After I left my voice message comment today, I heard that the Sheriff is a key obstacle about this crucial Public Health effort...that he will not enforce such an ordinance, and only would fine business owners if customers do not wear masks, etc. I hope to manage to Comment during the Meeting tomorrow. And I sent an e-mail to all the Commissioners this evening -- which I hope they all will read before the Meeting tomorrow. It is not enough nor humane to just fine Business owners if their customers or staff do not wear Masks! Local businesses have suffered too much already from the lack of & mis-managed Public Health efforts -- which should have been done differently very early in the pandemic.

The Commission needs to do whatever it can to help stop the carnage from this pandemic. This virus is not political -- it is an emergency medical, Public Health crisis. The response must be science-based...not politically motivated. The illness & deaths and eventually excess financial suffering due to re-opening too soon & unsafely are unconscionable....and a terrible legacy for too many officials.

Please see my prior e-mail this evening -- to all the Commissioners -- urging all to do the right thing tomorrow with their votes.

Sincerely,
Elena Levine, MD

From: Creech, Whitney <wcreech@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 5:29 PM
To: elewinemd@hotmail.com <elewinemd@hotmail.com>
Subject: FW: Voice mail: 74 sec.

Dr Levine,
On behalf of the Commission, thank you for the voicemail.
We don't know how the commissioners are going to vote. They have a scheduled meeting tomorrow.

On behalf of the Pinellas County Commission, thank you for your email. The Commissioners appreciate hearing from citizens on matters. I will add your comments to the public record.

The county commission will be discussing the use of face masks at the BCC meeting (VIRTUAL) on Tuesday, June 23. The meeting begins at 2 pm. You can view the meeting, and any previous meetings at:

http://www.pinellascounty.org/BCC_agenda.htm

The public can address the County Commission on any agenda item that is voted on. You can find meeting details and the public participation at the above link.

Thank you for the comment, and for your support of the commission during this pandemic.
Stay safe, and be healthy.

Whitney Creech

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Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 4:49 PM

To: Creech, Whitney <wcreech@co.pinellas.fl.us>

Subject: Voice mail: 74 sec.

Young, Bernie C

From: Murray Cohn <mscohn1@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:40 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth; Burton, Barry; Peters, Kathleen
Subject: Please Vote Yes on Masks For All in Pinellas

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To All

I am worried about the future of our county with escalating COVID cases and decreasing medical resources available each day. The scientific and medical professions believe a viable and available vaccine is well over a year away. The only way to currently get COVID-19 under control is with mandatory masks – which has been proven to work.

I plead with you to join St. Petersburg, Tampa, and Hillsborough County to vote to require the wearing of masks for all in Pinellas County. We must change from being a county with escalating cases to one which turned this around by working together with the mitigation strategies shown to work in states that have adapted them, as well as in countries all over in the world.

Thank You

Murray Cohn

Young, Bernie C

From: Helen French <hhfrench@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:04 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Burton, Barry
Subject: Please pass a mandatory mask ordinance

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Dear Commissioners,

As a mother of school age children, a working performing artist, arts educator, and board member of the St. Petersburg Arts Alliance, I urge you to pass an ordinance requiring all to wear masks while out in public. This support is essential, critical to helping our museums, galleries, studios, theaters (summer education programs) restart safely. It will provide more confidence to the public that is able to safely take their families to visit our cultural institutions.

Thank you for your consideration, be well and stay safe!

Helen French
St. Petersburg Resident

Young, Bernie C

From: rob k <robert.h.kastner@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:54 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: No Masks Please

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We do not need a law requiring anyone to wear a mask.

I do not feel the brief close encounters at retail, grocery and convenience stores are that risky. And in a bar or restaurant where you are eating and drinking it is impractical to wear one.

I enjoyed going out again when things reopened.

I see the numbers going up.

I am being very careful about where and when and for how long I go somewhere.

I think you need to let people self-regulate themselves and not become a nanny state or county. We know our bodies and the situations we are in.

I've been trying different masks. None of them are worth the anxiety and claustrophobia I feel with one on.

And I really don't think you should be forcing private companies to force this on their employees either. But I think that would be the best option if you had to vote yes on anything.

Please vote no!

Thanks!

Proud resident of Largo Florida,
Rob Kastner

Young, Bernie C

From: Deborah Rothenberger <d2bvr@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:23 PM
To: Peters, Kathleen; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie
Subject: Masks

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Dear Commissioners,

Please vote to require masks for employees and the public when they go in stores. I think it is especially inconsiderate of people going into places like Publix and Walmart, where the stores are making a strong effort to keep people safe, and yet people go into the stores and don't wear masks or observe social distancing. All employees at Publix are wearing masks, yet they have to risk their health every day because of people who can't be bothered to wear a mask.

Today my husband's dentist had to close his office because an employee tested positive for corona virus. A Ford Dealership in Tampa had 17 employees test positive. We don't want to go back where we were 2 months ago. Wearing a mask does not take much effort. Please vote to require masks in all public places and stores.

Thank you,

Deborah Rothenberger
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727-560-1238

Young, Bernie C

From: Iris <geir@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:02 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Masks for Florida - please

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Hi Pat,

I appreciate everything you do.

I feel it is very important for Floridians to wear masks, observe social distancing and wash hands. That is all we got to combat this virus. Please support mandatory wearing of masks for all. Please ensure mandates are enforced.

Accountability is of utmost importance. Please support communication of urgency in this matter. We need to stay safely open. Please support correct way of using PPE. It is not symbolic, it needs to be done right.

Thank you for your support.

Regards,

A concerned citizen

Sent from my iPad

Young, Bernie C

From: Mark Cantrell <mcantrell@floridaorchestra.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:46 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Masks
Attachments: Masks

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Young, Bernie C

From: Teresa Guarcello <teresa.guarcello@inceptra.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:17 AM
To: Peters, Kathleen; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie
Subject: Masks

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Dear Commissioners,

I am asking that you vote to require masks for employees and the public when they go in stores. It is not a political issue. It is science and not too much to ask. The essential workers are working and wearing masks for our benefit. It is inconsiderate of people going into places like Publix and Walmart, to not wear masks, where the stores are making a strong effort to keep people safe, and yet people go into the stores and don't wear masks or observe social distancing.

I appreciate your consideration.

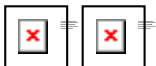
Warmest regards,
Teresa Guarcello

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From: Kenneth Barnhart <kenneth.barnhart78@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 7:10 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Masks

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Dear Commissioners,

I am not sure why the county commissioners, governor and others feel that it is their duty to tell me how best to look out for my own health. The reality is that this virus is no worse than any other seasonal influenza that has spread throughout the country and specifically the state of Florida. It is time for us to say enough. Not only should we not expand the mask usage, it is time to fully open up the county. We have observed that taking people and forcing them into their homes makes them angry with nothing to do. I guess if all I had to do was sit around and worry which was going to kill me first, a virus, poverty, fungus, toxins, or some new bacteria it would make me angry and depressed. Depressed people attach to any cause that will make them feel useful and we see them tearing our country apart.

People who want to hide from other people have all sorts of options to do so. They can literally live their lives in their homes without ever leaving, the rest of us should not have to suffer because of their choice. It is bizzare to force healthy people to behave as if they are sick.

Finally, I would like to know why my body, my choice; is not applied to this issue. This is a widely accepted ideology adopted by all three branches of government.

Be an example, open up the county and let's move on from this.

Respectfully,

Kenneth Barnhart
8267 120th Street
Seminole, FL 33772

Young, Bernie C

From: roy cucchiara <rfcucchiara@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 10:50 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: masks

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Please approve masks

Young, Bernie C

From: Donald Sweigart <dssweigart@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 5:08 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Peters, Kathleen
Subject: Mask ordinance

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As a resident of Pinellas County, specifically PAG, I would like to show my support for a mask ordinance. Living in a resort area, we deal with much more than just our own residents. We also must take into account the vast number of out-of-towners/staters that vacation in our hometown and frequent our community businesses and services; many of whom do not wear masks and do not quarantine when they arrive in our towns. Requiring masks for all indoor facilities will add a layer of confidence for residents when frequenting our local businesses and services. The CDC strongly recommends the wearing of masks to help slow the spread of this virus. As the City of St Petersburg has already adopted this policy, I think it would make sense for the ordinance to be county-wide so as to have no confusion of boundaries. Please vote to implement a mask ordinance!

Sheryl Sweigart
2881 & 2901 E Vina Del Mar Blvd

Young, Bernie C

From: Adam Lewin <adamgator@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:27 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask Ordinance

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Dear Chairwoman Gerard,

I urge you and the Pinellas County Commission to adopt rules to require masks at all indoor activities at public indoor facilities, private businesses for patrons and employees and outdoor events depending on crowd size and proximity (required for common areas such as bathrooms and close proximity at public spaces such as Coachman Park, Fort Desoto etc.). I would suggest even at parks/beaches if within < 6ft but I gather that would be difficult to enforce.

I am writing as a private citizen but I am a Professor of Pediatrics at USF. Unfortunately if I wear a mask, the protection is minimal. I rely on others doing the same - if both parties wear a mask, risk is significantly reduced. If both wear a mask, distance is increased, and time in close proximity is minimal, transmission is further reduced. Every morning I get the briefings from Tampa General and hospitals - this is a horrible virus. We need to protect our vulnerable citizens and give my colleagues working in the ICU and ER time to manage current patients.

Thank you for your leadership and for considering this action.

Adam

Adam B. Lewin, Ph.D., ABPP
2873 Chancery Lane Clearwater 33759

Young, Bernie C

From: diane gilmour <dianegilmour@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 5:36 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask ordinance

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I support the requirement that all Pinellas County residents wear masks while out in public. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,
D. Gilmour

Sent from my iPhone

Young, Bernie C

From: Peter Kuhlmann <pkuhlmann@acquestinternational.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 5:22 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask ordinance

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- > Please vote to enact a mask ordinance for all people out in public in Pinellas County.
- >
- > The no-mask no-social distance crowd has already wasted everyone's investment in a six week plus lockdown.
- >
- > Masks are easy to wear, simple to obtain, and can prevent the public health crisis from turning into a total disaster.
- >
- > Thank you for your consideration.
- >
- > Best regards,
- >
- > Peter Kuhlmann
- > 2881 Alton Drive
- > St. Pete Beach
- > +1 917 975 3000 cell
- >
- > Sent from my iPhone

Young, Bernie C

From: Matthew Featherston <mfeatherston@netscape.net>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 9:38 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask Mandate is Infringement on Our Rights

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As a Pinellas County citizen, I implore you NOT to mandate mandatory masks on the public. Doing so would be a major infringement on individual rights, especially given the fact that the notion of a COVID-19 pandemic is a proven and blatant lie. You only need to do a few minutes of research to find countless doctors and epidemiologists who prove there is no more threat from COVID than there is from the seasonal flu.

Regardless, mandating the wearing of masks is infringing on our rights as citizens, and I urge you to recognize this and leave this choice to the people.

Thank you. --Matt Featherston 864-905-8001
Clearwater resident

Young, Bernie C

From: kzaubzer <kzaubzer@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask Mandate for Pinellas

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Dear Commissioner Gerard,

I'm writing this morning to urge you to please vote no on a mask mandate for Pinellas county. There are no studies that show wearing a face mask actually prevents the spread of Covid19. In fact, there are numerous studies, as I'm sure you're aware, that show exactly the opposite. Wearing of masks only perpetuates the spread of germs, especially in our weather climate.

This is not even to mention the psychological effect it has already had on the public, as a whole. We will only see a decline in humanity if this becomes a mandate.

There are many, like myself and my 5 year old son, who physically can not wear a mask due to personal or medical reasons. We are constantly shamed, harrassed, ignored simply for breathing as usual. And the personal and mental toll it's taking on us - and especially our children is devastating and will have long term repercussions.

Once again, I beg you to please use common sense on today's upcoming vote and let us, as responsible Pinellas County citizens, continue to make the choices that are best for us and our families.

Thank You for Your Time and Service to Our Community.

Sincerely,

Kristin Zaubzer

Young, Bernie C

From: Eric Waltz <ewaltz@sandpearl.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:02 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mandatory masks

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Good morning Commissioner Gerard,

I am writing today regarding the meeting this afternoon about mandating masks to be worn. I am 100% in agreements that businesses and all employees should wear masks at all times when social distancing is not possible. We have been doing that consistently for the past few weeks without much concern. My concern lies with mandating it for the general public (our guests) to wear masks at all times. Currently about 30% of our guests are choosing to wear masks this week. That is up from about 5% a week ago. I feel that if the commission makes a "recommendation" that all citizens wear masks in public and businesses alert guests by posting signage more guests will comply. I would not be in favor of forcing guests to wear masks and then the having the business be fined when their patrons refuse. The business owners should not be turned in the police. This will be an impossible task to handle and only hurt business and add additional stress to an already difficult situation.

Again, thank you all you and the County Commission are doing to lead us through these tough times.

Regards,
Eric Waltz

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From: Ann Kanuck <afkanuck@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:29 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mandatory Masks in Pinellas

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Dear Ms Gerard,

I support requiring all residents and employees within Pinellas County to wear masks while inside in buildings other than their own (or families') homes.

Thank you for your consideration.

Ann Kanuck

Sent from my iPhone

Young, Bernie C

From: Randi Artsalliance <randi@stpeteartsalliance.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:17 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Burton, Barry
Subject: Mandatory Mask Requirement Please

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Dear Commissioners,

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I am proud that yesterday our Mayor mandated masks in St. Petersburg and believe our entire peninsula should follow.

Thank you for your consideration,

Rändi Hillesø
Associate Director

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206-909-2420
www.stpeteartsalliance.org



Young, Bernie C

From: Roger Young <Roger@danada.net>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:37 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mandatory Face Mask - Vote Yes

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Young, Bernie C

From: Diamond, Ben <Ben.Diamond@myfloridahouse.gov>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 8:01 PM
To: Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Letter RE: Proposed Ordinances for Face Mask Requirements
Attachments: Letter.pdf

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Dear County Commissioners:

Please find the attached letter regarding the proposed ordinances for face mask requirements that will be considered during tomorrow's Commission meeting.

Sincerely,

Ben Diamond
Florida House of Representatives
425 22nd Avenue North, Suite C
St. Petersburg, FL 33704
Telephone: (727) 552-2747

Young, Bernie C

From: Mary Anna Murphy <maryanna@mamexhibitdesign.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:44 AM
To: Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Burton, Barry; janetclong@pinellascounty.org
Subject: In favor of mandatory face masks

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Dear all,

Please register me in favor of asking the public to wear face masks. Reading some FaceBook protests against - they repeat untrue health claims, etc. So, suggest a very healthy public education statement along with the rule. Plus, please clarify what constitutes a face mask. Bandana? Gaiter?

Thank you for your service to our county.

Mary Anna

Mary Anna Murphy

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From: spfing@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:35 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Fwd: Visiting my Mom safely

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From: spfing <spfing@aol.com>
Date: Tuesday, June 23, 2020
Subject: Visiting my Mom safely
To: GovernorRon.DeSantis <GovernorRon.DeSantis@eog.myflorida.com>

Hello Governor,

Can you please tell me when I will be able to visit my Mom safely? It has been over 3 months...I missed her 97th birthday, Mothers day and Memorial day. This is the very 1st time in my life that I have separated from my Mom.

This separation is not good mentally.

Her facility, Westchester Gardens, tested everyone recently. Can you tell me when they will have the rapid testing to be conducted twice per week?

Maybe the family can be tested...can you please get a plan in action so we can see our loved ones?

Today is 1 year since my Mom had a stroke and I cannot see her.

When she cries I cannot hold her.

PLEASE PUT A PLAN TOGETHER SO WE CAN SEE OUR LOVED ONES SAFELY?PLEASE HURRY

THANK YOU,
SUZANNE PFINGSTEN

Westchester Gardens in Clearwater, they had all negative tests...please let us visit our loved ones safely...the clock is just ticking away in a bad way

Young, Bernie C

From: SHERYL SIBER <saks1966@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 8:39 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Fwd: Make masks mandatory !

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Begin forwarded message:

From: SHERYL SIBER <saks1966@yahoo.com>
Date: June 23, 2020 at 8:37:40 AM EDT
To: janetCLong@pinellascounty.org
Subject: Make masks mandatory !

Please make masks mandatory in all public places !!!
Do not have it hinge on social distancing it should not be left to the individuals interpretation.
Businesses in Saint Pete Beach which have employees wearing masks but none of the patrons is a complete disregard and disrespect for local life.
Thank you
Sheryl Siber
Spb

Sent from my iPhone

Young, Bernie C

From: Dan Hott <dhott75@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 22, 2020 11:50 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Justice, Charlie; Gerard, Pat; Welch, Kenneth; Eggers, Dave; Burton, Barry; White, Jewel
Subject: Facemask ORDINANCE - 6/23/20

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To County Commissioners / Dr. Choe & Dr. Jameson:

A public health director is a person "responsible" for the overall management of public health care programs and organizations. "ACCOUNTABILITY" refers to the principle that individuals, organizations, and the community are responsible for these actions and may be required to explain them to others.

Dr. Choe's quote in Tampa Times:

"As a physician, you treat one patient at a time, in public health you have the opportunity to treat the whole community".

"If you have that kind of a tie to the area, to the community, it makes a world of difference - especially in the world of public health where you are trying to improve the health of the community".

Seeing the 'SUDDEN RISE' in cases, after a successful flattening of the curve as the residents of Pinellas County followed the County's guidance, one can't help but wonder why 'anyone' in County Government has not been held accountable? As opposed to creating "new laws"! If it comes down to making new laws, "someone" failed!

Put simply, accountability is about taking responsibility for your actions always ensuring you are competent to do the activity you are being asked to perform. Public Health agencies are supposed to be held accountable directly from boards and executives and indirectly by the communities they serve. Public Health directors are supposed to be stewards of community overall health while being held accountable by performance measures and reporting. Performance standards have been facilitated by the very CDC by which our experts have recommended.

To the ordinance, an order such as this would violate the EQUAL PROTECTION CLAUSE by mandating that all person's must wear masks, disproportionately affecting residents of the County and those that cannot wear masks for legitimate medical or other reasons (like 100 degree heat, CO2 levels, etc). Those without masks cannot exercise fundamental constitutional rights - including leaving their home for "essential" goods and services (like grocery stores) while affluent individuals may be able to comply.

While many folks will have to purchase masks by not already having suitable masks, some are unable to afford them, the County would need to have provisions in place to 'FUND' the purchase of the applicable masks for those who cannot afford them. This ordinance fails to provide this, therefore one cannot rest the exercise of fundamental rights on people's ability to afford those rights.

If you do not 'intend' or 'expect' law enforcement to impose citations and fines for violations - WHY CREATE/VOTE FOR/ENACT an ordinance or a new law?

Politicizing a public health and safety crisis is the WORST outcome imaginable for the long term health and safety of any community!

"Leaders" or "elected officials" should urge or recommend everyone to continue taking this seriously, however, an ABUSE OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS or ORDINANCES is the ultimate Government overreach! These kind of confusing Government policies fuel public anger. This "required mask" law has been enacted and redacted in many other areas of the country. Since, many emergency orders have been lifted due to violence in local communities. This "ORDINANCE" WILL lead to verbal abuse and possibly violence towards businesses and their employees! You will be responsible for that!!!

A Houston judge ruled the following after overturning a county ORDINANCE:

"It is important that elected officials uphold their oaths to defend the Constitution and ensure individual freedoms remain in tact DURING and AFTER this pandemic!"

IF THIS IS PASSED, PINELLAS COUNTY RESIDENTS NEED TO HOLD FOLKS ACCOUNTABLE. VOTE "NO" TO THE "required" ORDINANCE!

Thanks for your time!

Dan Hott

Madeira Beach

"Brighter days ahead!"



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From: Tracy Kennard <tracy@stpeteartsalliance.org>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:01 AM
Subject: Face masks

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I am proud that yesterday our Mayor mandated masks in St. Petersburg and believe our entire peninsula should follow.

Thanks for your consideration,

Stay safe and healthy!

Tracy Kennard
Associate Director, Operations
[St. Pete Arts Alliance](#)



Young, Bernie C

From: Robin LoBianco <robinlobianco@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Face masks

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YES to the face masks in public places.

Thank you
Robin Lobianco
St Pete Beach, Fl

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Young, Bernie C

From: Kelly Lee McFrederick <kellylee.mcfrederick@premiersir.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 10:07 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Burton, Barry
Subject: face Mask requirement- yes

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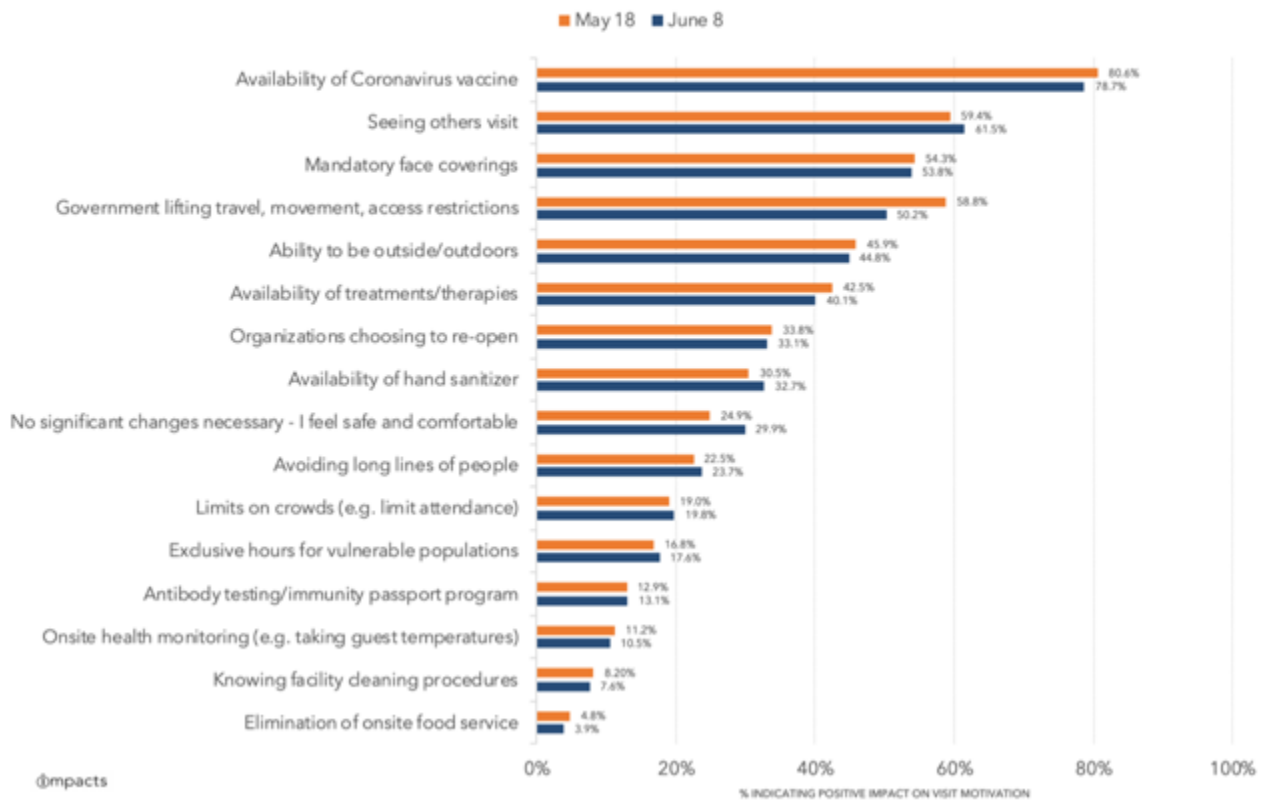
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My 80+ folks were in St. Pete on Sunday and they were so sad that there was not one museum they could visit and happily would of wore a mask to tour a museum on a hot Sunday afternoon

“What would make you feel safe and comfortable going to a museum, aquarium, theater, zoo, or concert again?”

As of 8 June 2020, multiple choice, select all that apply, choices populated by lexical analysis



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From: Jim Woodfield <woodfieldfineart@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Burton, Barry
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Thank you for your consideration,
James (Jim) Woodfield
Woodfield Fine Art Gallery

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Sent: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 9:40 AM
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