

Johnson, Krista

From: Jim <jtanner@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 9:35 AM
To: Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Subject: Mask Mandate

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Please end this mask mandate. The numbers have been low for a very long time and there is no threat of overcrowding at hospitals. With people being vaccinated there is zero reason to continue the mask mandate (especially since its been shown it had less than a 5% difference). For those of us that have been vaccinated it's simply ridiculous to wear a mask.

Thank you,

James Tanner

Pinellas Park, FL 33781

Jtanner@tampabay.rr.com

Johnson, Krista

From: Julie Efron <julieeffronphoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 9:36 AM
To: Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen
Subject: Keeping up with Pasco County

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Dear Commissioners (& Barry Burton) -

By now I'm sure you've heard/seen that Pasco County has been the first in the Tri-County area to remove their mask mandate. This might be the first time that Pasco County has been the first at anything, but good for them! They are letting their residents make their own health decisions. What a concept!

Pasco County's Executive Order 20-10 specifically states "based on this information and the fact that beginning Monday, April 5th, all adults are eligible to get vaccinated, the Emergency Management Director and the County Administrator have concluded that sufficient safeguards are in place to remove a mandatory requirement for face coverings."

The vaccine is now available to all adults & children 16+ throughout Florida. There is no reason to continue your mask mandate. We are nearing 10 months of a "2 week to stop the spread" mask mandate. Enough is enough. I am asking that in your April 13th meeting, you all vote to rescind the mask mandate for your Pinellas County residents.

Sincerely,
Julie Efron-McAllister
Pinellas County Resident
(914) 548-8008

Johnson, Krista

From: Not Sure <ughasif@protonmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 10:10 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Why

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Why is this still going on?

June 17, 2020, at 5 pm Pinellas BCC enacted a two-week mask mandate to "flatten the curve" for supposed overrun hospitals.

Here we are April 6, 2021, and the two-week mask mandate is still in effect!

WHY?????

I do believe the two weeks are up and that we have "flattened the curve" quite well!

When is this going to stop?

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Johnson, Krista

From: Bruce Feldman Jr <BruceFeldmanJr@protonmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 10:27 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Ord 20-14

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

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Without delving into the studies and the science and facts of the matter (you've heard quite a bit of this already from the public during the commissioners meetings), it's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our freedom of choice to remain intact. Not to mention the fact that it's been over a year now and after such a period of time we know what we're dealing with.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

As a reminder, "Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed" and there is a growing majority who do not consent.

I will say, regardless of your decision on rescinding the ordinance, I will not comply.

Bruce Feldman (Broker)
Bright Future Realty Inc
727-430-2002 (Direct)
BruceFeldmanJr@protonmail.com

Johnson, Krista

From: Deb Mercurio <debmercurio727@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 10:47 AM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: No more masks in Pinellas - especially for our school children

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Dear Commissioners:

Our children have been wearing masks over their faces for an entire school year. Our 14-year old now will not go out of the house without a mask on because he is so fearful of catching a virus with a less than 1 percent fatality rate (lower than that in children). Pasco County just lifted their mask mandate. Levy County, where we also own property, never had one. It is wonderful to visit there and be the free Americans we tell the world we are. The Pinellas County Commissioners have done a disservice to this county by following the now debunked "guidelines" of the CDC for far too long. Add to that the fact that there is now a vaccination available to us.

Your residents in Pinellas Florida county must **INSIST** that you lift this mask mandate in our county and allow us the option of protecting our own health as we see fit. To do otherwise at this point is just negligence and continued fear-mongering on the part of the County Commission.

Sincerely, Deborah J. Mercurio

Johnson, Krista

From: Barbara Benton <pepicraig@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 11:35 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: please rescind the mask mandate

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I seriously want this mandate to be rescinded. It has been over one year and the fact is we are causing damage to people by requiring them. (with gum and lung health just for starters)

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let our citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Barbara Benton
1409 Fairfield Dr.
Clearwater, Florida, 33764
415-571-7871

Johnson, Krista

From: mazie@travelthisrock.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 12:16 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry
Subject: We The People!

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Mazie Middleton
Melvin Middleton
Alex Middleton

Johnson, Krista

From: Laura Poirier <laurapoirier524@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 12:29 PM
To: Greenleaf, Kim
Subject: [BULK] Mask ordinance!

Importance: Low

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Hello I am told that you are deciding on the mask ordinance in Pinellas County today. Please keep in mind the governor Has Lifted mandates and yes he's given each individual area the right to proceed otherwise but enough is enough. You must have enough people reaching out that are done with this. People getting vaccinated they do not need to wear masks please study the science. The real science not the fauci science not the CDC science. People have been moving in and out of their daily lives for years without being vaccinated and without worrying about a virus because we all get sick at some point.

Enough is enough. Sickness that is coming down the line is going to be because of vaccines not because of a seasonal virus. People that have been intubated have been the most mistreated did not have to die.

Let people live and move about their day the way they want we are born Americans and we are free. People living in fear that are infiltrating our community need to make their decision to stay home or cover their face or do whatever they need to do we are free people.

<https://phibetaiota.net/2021/03/video-3234-dr-tenpenny-expains-in-simple-terms-some-of-the-dangers-of-the-covid-19-vaccine/>

VERY IMPORTANT AND EXCELLENT INFO FROM DR.TENPENNY ABOUT DANGERS OF VACCINES

Regards,
Laura Poirier

Johnson, Krista

From: Tina V <tinav68@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 1:52 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: rescind the mask ordinance

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

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Without quoting into the studies, science, and facts of the matter because I am sure you've heard quite a bit of this already. It's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our freedom of choice to remain intact. I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

There is no such thing as a year-long emergency. Your legal team lied to the Pinellas County Judge in July 2020 when the mask ordinance and the state of emergency were referred to as temporary.

Thank you,
Tina Ambrose

Johnson, Krista

From: jonnyrichesflorida <jonnyrichesflorida@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Subject: Ending the Mandatory Mask Mandate

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Hello Pinellas County Commissioners,

Jonathan Riches with Pinellas Community Patriots.

Letting you know Pasco County Commissioners just ended their Mandatory Mask Mandate.

When will you ask yours?

It's time to end it.

Many people, including myself plan to attend your next meetings to address the ending of the Mask Mandates.

We also have serious influence with Voters!

Do the Right thing.

Thanks,

Jonathan Riches

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Johnson, Krista

From: John and Brenda Ainlay <ainlays@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 3:38 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry
Subject: Concerned resident about the meeting on April 13th

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Dear Pinellas County Commissioners and Administrator,

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

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Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you for your time,
John and Brenda Ainlay

Pinellas County Residents

Johnson, Krista

From: Laura <lclouden@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 06, 2021 8:46 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Rescind Mask Mandate

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Laura Clouden
727-492-6407

Sent from my iPhone

Johnson, Krista

From: Patrick Valtin <patrick@patrickvaltin.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 7:54 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

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Not to mention the fact that it's been over a year now and after such a period of time we know what we're dealing with.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

FYI, See the trend below!!!



Thank you,

Patrick Valtin

1988 Freedom Drive, Clearwater FL 33755.

Direct line: (813) 602 2262

patrickvaltin.com

Patrick

Patrick Valtin

[My calendar](#)

Toll free: 877-831 2299

Direct line: (813) 602 2262

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Johnson, Krista

From: Desiree Lotz <desilotz@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 9:01 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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Dear Commissioner Eggers

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Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own. I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Desiree Lotz

Johnson, Krista

From: nathan valtin <nathanvaltin@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 9:17 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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Dear Dave,

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you!!!

Nathan Valtin

Johnson, Krista

From: Sherry Fiorenzo <safiorengo74@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 9:19 AM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: Mask's and the regional approach

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The mask mandate/ordinance was based on a regional approach. Pasco county has now rescinded their county mask requirements.

It is time for Pinellas county to do the same.

The members of Pinellas Watch, Community Patriots Pinellas and Pinellas County for Mask Freedoms absolutely do not accept the way we have been told it can be ended.

Talk to your lawyer. Figure out how to end it now.

You installed it immediately. You need to remove it immediately.

This having to do 2 hearings to rescind the ordinance and letting it drag out until May 11th is a complete waste of time and utter nonsense.

The time to act is NOW. Give businesses and citizens the right to make up their own mind about how they handle their own health.

Please stop dragging it out.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sherry Fiorenzo

Largo FL 33771

Pinellas County Resident

Johnson, Krista

From: Michael Mack <mcmackk03@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 9:44 AM
To: Seel, Karen; Long, Janet C; Welch, Kenneth; board@pcsb.org; Justice, Charlie; Peters, Kathleen; Gerard, Pat; Eggers, Dave
Subject: You Have Provided Zero Studies Supporting Your Mask Mandate

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Hello - Given no one on this email has provided any studies supporting your mask mandate, you have admitted to having zero basis for implementing and continuing these mandates. This, along with what Ron Desantis has ordered, your mask mandate is null and void. Given your mask mandate is null and void, it is your responsibility to end it.

Thanks,
Michael Mack
727-365-2575

Johnson, Krista

From: Elizabeth Del Carpio <bethdelcarpio@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 10:10 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Cc: Burton, Barry
Subject: It's time to end the mask mandate

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I am sure you have heard that Pasco has ended their mask mandate. The first in the Tampa Bay Area to lead the charge to let it's citizens make their own decision. I used to not think Pasco was much of a leader, but they have proved me wrong. Now that the vaccines are available to anyone who wants it, I respectfully request that as a representative of ME, you remove the mandate. Masks can be worn by those who choose too. You all have stepped WAY over your authority. Over a year passed "2 weeks to slow the spread". You instituted this mandate in 1 meeting so you can end it on the 13th. WE ARE DONE.

Sincerely Annoyed,
Beth Del Carpio
Pinellas Park, FL

Johnson, Krista

From: Chantal Valtin <chantalvaltin@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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Dear Sir,

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you for your help on this.

Chantal Valtin

Johnson, Krista

From: Amy Brown <arbrown1981@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 12:18 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: mask mandate

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Thank you,

Amy Brown

727-644-3447

Johnson, Krista

From: D Casey <casey_007@icloud.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 12:39 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mandates

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Dear Commissioner Deggers,

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

There is a long line of Doctors and specialist that also call the mask a health issue for healthy children and adults. It's time to stop this tyranny of only one opinion. Thousands of elderly have had their "shots". Herd Immunity is surely taking over with many. It shouldn't be politics that makes this decision.

It should be a personal preference. So many in my community are over wearing mask.

Thank you,
Mrs Diana Casey

Johnson, Krista

From: Jennifer Cathleen <jcathleen0416@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 12:58 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry; GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Mask Mandate

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Dear Commissioners (& Barry Burton) -

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Sincerely,

Jennifer Hall
Jcathleen0416@gmail.com

Johnson, Krista

From: Quintana, Vanessa
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 1:04 PM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20609547

From: noreply@fs30.formsite.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 7, 2021 12:07 PM
To: Public, AF <publicaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20609547

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This information is a result of a Pinellas County Online Customer Service form submission from the Pinellas County web site.

Direction of Inquiry	General Information
Subject	Mask Ordinance
Message	It's time to end the mandatory mask ordinance. Enough already!!! We all know masks don't work anyways!
Your Name	Mary Dyck
Your Street Address	18 LEXINGTON DR
City/Unincorporated County	DUNEDIN
Zip Code	34698-8213
Your Phone Number	7274312807
Your Email Address	madyck1965@gmail.com

This email was sent to publicaf@pinellascounty.org as a result of a form being completed.
[Click here](#) to report unwanted email.



Johnson, Krista

From: Cheryl <cherylockhart@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 1:26 PM
To: Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Subject: April 13th

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Dear Commissioner Flowers,

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

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Without delving into the studies and the science and facts of the matter (you've heard quite a bit of this already from the public during the commissioners meetings), it's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our FREEDOM of choice to remain intact. Not to mention the fact that it's been over a year now and after such a period of time we know what we're dealing with.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own. I appreciate my personal business to remain my business & I do not infringe my beliefs on others. I do not think anyone has the right to enforce their beliefs on me.

I see our rights have been infringed upon & it's unconstitutional in so many ways. This is a much larger problem because it doesn't end with the masks.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

I believe in FREEDOM. This is about all of us, not just my personal beliefs.

What's happening in the country is also happening all around the world.

We can keep our freedoms with your influence. Every step towards our ultimate goal, freedom to choose is a step in the tight direction.

Thank you,

🌴 Have a great day

~Cheryl Lockhart

630-863-8665

Johnson, Krista

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To: Comments, BCC Agenda

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From: John Bryan <eaglescoutjb@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 4:03 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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My name is John Bryan and I am a lifetime resident of Pinellas County. I am writing to you regarding Ordinance 20-14.

I respectfully ask that you rescind this ordinance as the State of Emergency does not prevent you from doing so per section 8.

We have passed the one year mark of the mask mandate and many residents have been vaccinated or soon will be. Many others are now carrying antibodies making the need for mandatory masks no longer critical.

As a taxpayer of Pinellas county, I would ask you to seriously consider my request during your April 14 meeting.

Sincerely,

John H Bryan

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From: Jeanie Sigal <jeaniesigal@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 6:30 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: END mask mandate for sake of the environment and our health

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

Did you know:

- It's estimated that 129 billion face masks are used worldwide each month, which works out to about 3 million masks a minute
- Not only are masks not being recycled, but their materials make them likely to persist and accumulate in the environment
- Because masks may be directly made from micro-sized plastic fibers with a thickness of 1 mm to 10 mm, they may release micro-sized particles into the environment more readily — and faster — than larger plastic items, like plastic bags and water bottles

In addition to masks being terrible for the environment, there are NO studies supporting that masks effectively slow the spread of Covid-19. In fact, there are many studies showing little to no improvement in outcomes. (Link to research [here](#).) However, masks do have social and psychological effects, especially on children.

There is no denying that continuing the mask mandate is pure theatre at this point. I urge you to please end the mask mandate effective immediately!

Best,
Jeanie Sigal

Johnson, Krista

From: Rachel Brittany <rachel.brittany.87@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2021 6:50 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: [BULK] Mask Mandate

Importance: Low

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I could say a lot on the topic, but I will try to keep opinion out of it, and keep this short.

It boggles my mind how there is still an emergency mask mandate in place after more than ONE YEAR.

This has never been done for any other disease, even ones that were deadlier and more contagious.

Being born, raised, educated, graduated, and employed for my ENTIRE life in Pinellas County, I am sorry to say that I could not wait any longer for the commission to end the "temporary" mask mandate, and I finally took my family's tax dollars and moved them away, to a county that allowed more personal freedom and choice in the matter.

Our household is small, and we are only three people, but that's more than a quarter million dollars a year in income and a fair amount of disposable income that went into the local economy (and government) that is now being rerouted to a local government that listens to (actual) science and serves its constituents, rather than listening to an overzealous mob of fear mongers.

I am sorry to say I am no longer a Pinellas resident as a direct result of this unconstitutional mandate.

Actually, I'm just sorry it's still in place. I'm happy to support and contribute to a government that is working in favor of personal liberty and freedom.

We are hoping to come back and buy another property in Pinellas before long, but not if this removal of our rights continues.

For the sake of all of my family and friends who are still Pinellas residents, I ask for you to retract the mandatory order at the nearest possible opportunity, and stay along the lines of what our great governor is doing: personal choice, liberty, and leaving it to individuals to decide what risks to take or not take for their own families' welfare.

The damage these closures and mandates are doing to our children, economy, and future of our society is UNTOLD and has the potential to be much worse than the virus itself, if it is not already so in terms of mental health and other unintended side effects.

We have flattened the curve and slowed the spread. The mandate achieved its aim. It is time to end it and allow people to make their own decisions.

Sincerely,

Rachel K.
A lifelong (now former/future) Pinellas resident

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From: Denise Sieger <denise.sieger@verizon.net>
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To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Masks

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Dear Commissioner Eggers:

It has been over a year! I feel like we have worn these masks long enough. We need to breathe. I do understand that some people want to continue to wear masks and they have that right. Others, however, do not want to do this anymore. We should have that right. Please do what you can to end this.

Thank you,
Denise Sieger

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From: The Florida Populist <floridarepublic@gmail.com>
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To: Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry; uchoe@usf.edu; White, Jewel
Subject: There is No Justification For A Continued Mask Mandate or Emergency Order
Attachments: PBCC.pdf

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Greetings Pinellas County Commissioners, Administrator Burton, Counselor White, FDOH D.O Choe, attached is a pdf stating my reasons for easier reading, or in the alternative, the same can be read online here

https://pdfhost.io/v/gFcluNaR_PBCC_413_PCR_EM.pdf

It is requested that each member who will be present at the meeting have this document to refer to due to the graphs being more expedient in conveying the information. It is the opinion of the undersigned that it's a small favor to ask considering that commissioners' salaries and citizens property taxes have been increased.

Regards,
Geoffrey Jacob Caputo

Greetings Pinellas County Commissioners, Administrator Burton, Counselor White, and FDOH D.O Choe,

(I) 3% Case Positivity Metric Unrealistic (Pages 1-2)

The threshold metric for ending the mask mandate , the three % or less on a rolling seven-day average for four consecutive weeks (“≤ 3%”, herein) is based on a testing procedure mostly prone to generating misleading positives via “over-amplified” PCR cycle thresholds (Ct) which register results as positive those who are not contagious with Sars-Cov-2, or even false positives altogether via rapid antigen tests. Remedies to this would be to stop testing asymptomatic people; and also require a second test, preferably of a different type of manufacturer, to confirm positive tests.

(II) Case Hospitalization and Case Fatality Ratios Dive While Cases Rise (Pages 3-4)

The impracticality of the $\leq 3\%$ metric using such testing procedures can be observed by looking at the three events of the case testing positivity metrics, coupled with both the case hospitalization and fatality ratios over the four month period of September 2020 through January 2021. In the alternative, if the PCR Ct amplifications will not be lowered to levels which reflect those who are truly contagious and a danger to public health, then a Case Hospitalization Ratio (CHR) would be a more reliable metric to measure whether or not a public health emergency truly exists.

(III) Manatee County With No Mask Policy Having Better Results Than Pinellas (Pages 4-6)

Pinellas is without cause to continue the mask mandate based on the fact that such policy has proven ineffective in light of indisputable empirical data from the neighboring county of Manatee being without such policy with either close positivity percentages, similar epidemic curves, and with Manatee having even lower hospitalizations.

(IV) No Cause For Health Emergency In Pinellas Considering Hospital Rates (Pages 6-10)

The routine capabilities of hospitals are not overwhelmed or indicating an overwhelming with bonafide statistics, then there is no reason to continue the State of Emergency.

(V) Pinellas Fails at All Necessary Criteria for Current Public Health Emergency (Pages 10-12)

The harms and ineffectiveness of mask use , based on all of the empirical county wide epidemiological data presented , outweigh the perceived benefits, and fail at the five known criteria for what constitutes a bonafide “public health emergency”.

(VI) CONCLUSION (Pages 12-15)

(VII) References and Attachments (16-27)

(VIII) Addendum: Mask Policy and COVID Metrics: Correlation Is Not Causation

(1) Regarding issue (I), the $\leq 3\%$ case positivity metrics resulting from PCR Ct scans greater than or equal to 34 cycle thresholds (≥ 34 Ct, herein) or rapid antigen tests should NOT be used for shaping clinical diagnostics, public health and policy decision-making within Pinellas County.

(a) In August , the New York Times reported that up to 90 percent of people testing positive across three states carried barely any virus, and PCR Tests at 37-40 Cycle thresholds are such high amplifications that they generate up to 90% misleading positive results, and may detect not just live virus but also just dead genetic fragments of a “non-viable” virus. They went further in that the PCR test is limited to just plus or minus results and is not good enough for huge impacting actions such as clinical diagnostics for public health or for policy decision-making. ¹

(i) For more understanding of cycle thresholds (Ct) and how Ct scans at ≥ 34 are “over amplified”, refer to endnote. ²

(ii) As far back as the beginning of the pandemic, in late April, 2020, it was discovered that patients with Ct scan values ≥ 34 were no longer contagious and could be considered suitable for discharge. ³

(b) The FDA has warned about antigen tests being prone to giving false positives and Medscape confirmed the FDA directive and reported the high false positive rates from antigen tests. Since the FDA warned about the potential of rapid antigen tests having the potential of giving false positives, and since at least two states were reported as getting false positives with the antigen kits, it stands to reason that this method of testing is not accurate. ^{4,5}

(c) Almost a year ago on July 2020, Dr. Fauci himself states that 35 Ct is too high for detecting realistic positive cases. ⁶

(c) Since rapid antigen tests are prone to false positive results, and since PCR testing results ≥ 34 Cycle Thresholds (Ct) are reflective of positive results in which 90% of those tested may have a high likelihood of a “non viable virus” which will not replicate or transmit, then rapid tests and also PCR positive results ≥ 34 Ct should NOT be used for shaping clinical diagnostics, nor public

health and policy decision-making within Pinellas County, because such results produce a misrepresentation of which cases could be a threat to public health. Even using hospitalization and death metrics to gauge the true impact to public health is not conclusive because it is impossible to determine whether those testing positive for Sars-Cov-2 are or were really sick and contagious to the public. Using case positivity as a primary metric leads to misplaced policy decisions by the PBCC regarding COVID, and also causes UNNECESSARY mass fear and panic in the population due to dramatic upturns, most of which are likely to be “over-amplified” positives. Therefore, the $\leq 3\%$ case positivity metrics resulting from rapid antigen tests and PCR tests with Ct scans ≥ 34 should NOT be used for shaping clinical diagnostics or public health and policy decision-making within Pinellas County. Remedies to this would be to stop testing asymptomatic people; and also require a second test, preferably of a different type of manufacturer, to confirm positive tests.

(2) Regarding issue 2, the data in the graph above sourced from the FAU Florida COVID Tracker, and spreadsheets can be provided on request to check for veracity.

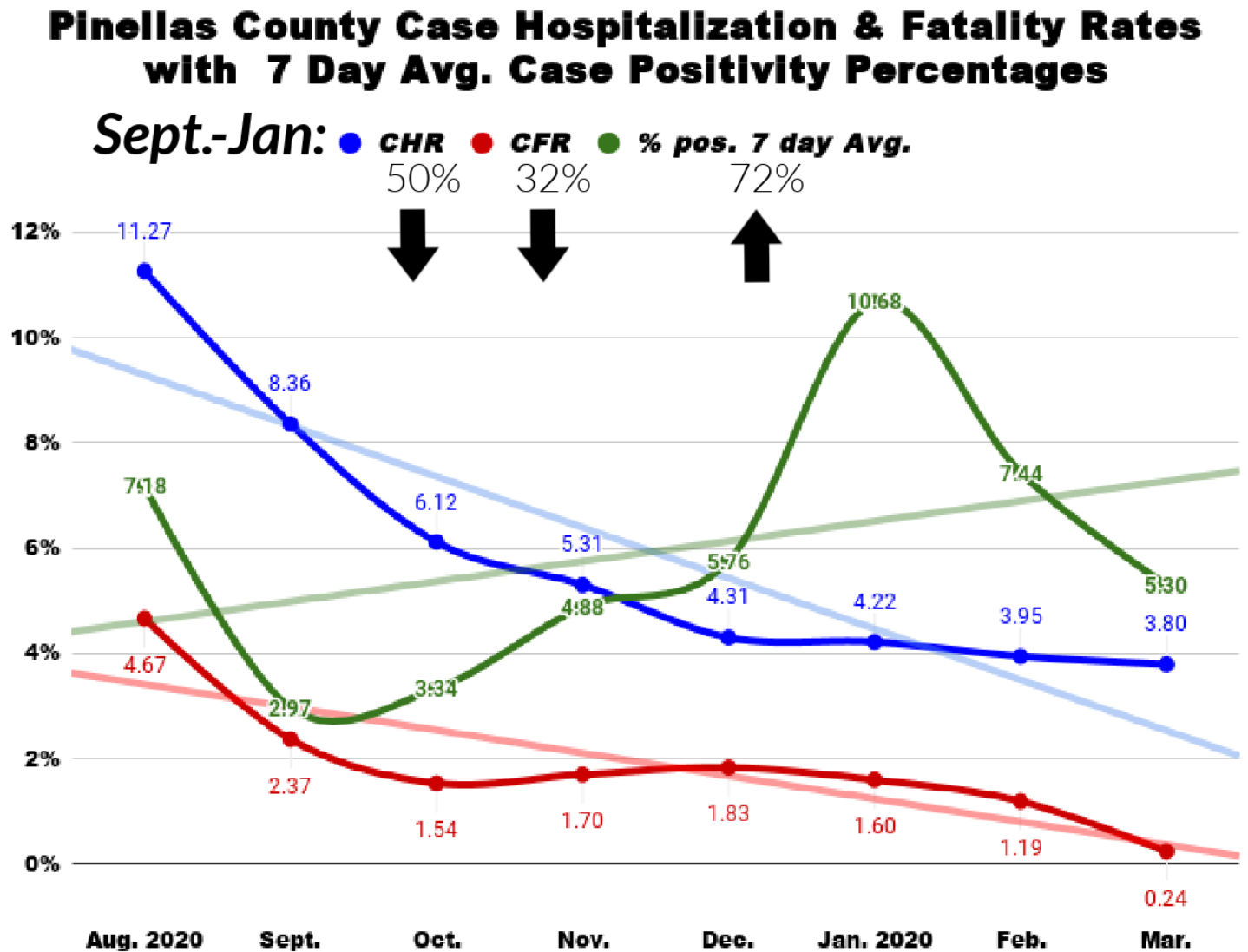
<https://business.fau.edu/covidtracker/data/pinellas-county/>

(a) Prior to the January vaccine rollout, Case Hospitalization and Fatality Rates (CHR & CFR) were dropping significantly starting in August.

(b) From September 2020 to January 2021, CHR dropped 50%, CFR dropped 32%, but case positivity percentage on a rolling seven-day average rose a staggering 72%. The significant drop in CHR and CFR cannot be attributed to vaccines since mass vaccinations were not occurring during this period. The fact that case positivity rose a whopping 72% while CHR and CFR dropped significantly validates the premise in (1), that a considerable majority of those testing positive were not contagious with the virus. It stands to reason that IF the 72% increase of a case positive rate reflected those truly contagious with Sars-Cov-2, then the CHR and CFR would increase proportionally, particularly over the course of four (4) months.

However, the CHR and CFR instead decreased significantly, rather than insignificantly without the aid of a mass vaccination program.

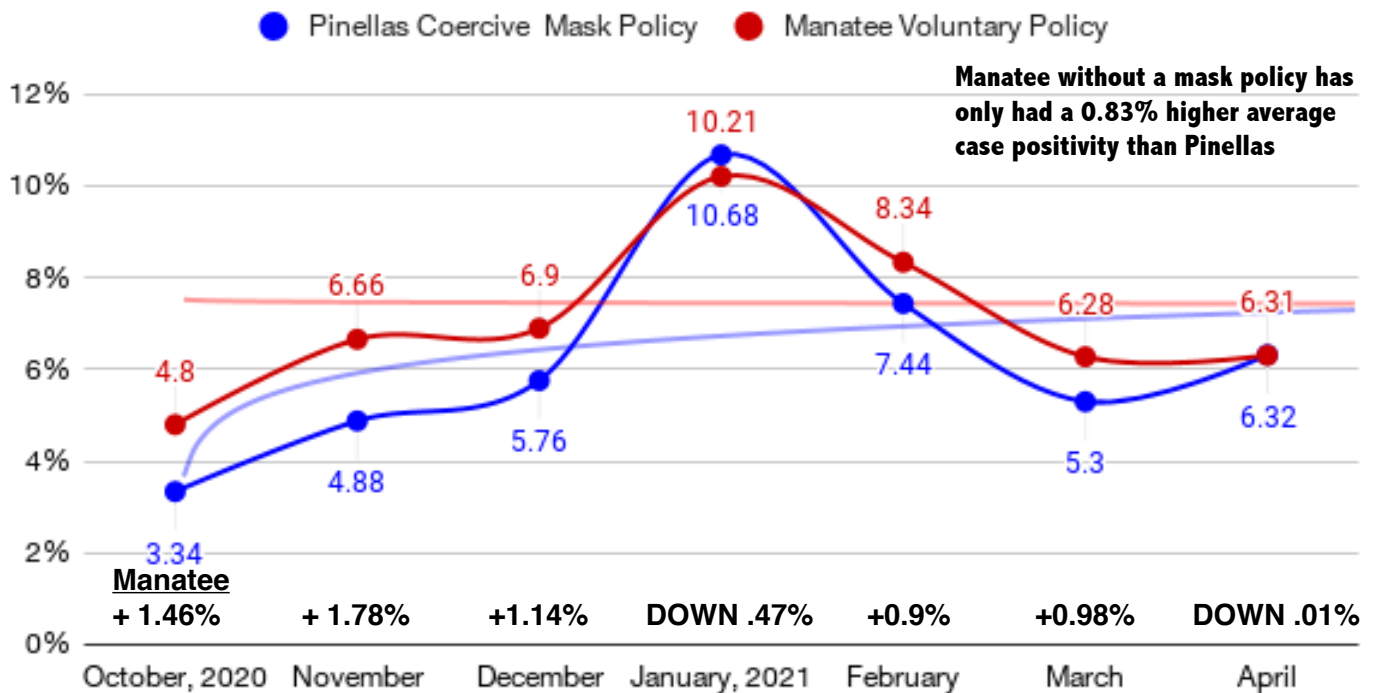
Figure 1



(3) At the expense of redundancy, some of the following was communicated earlier, but is relevant, but with more updated charts, and much more condensed format, with additional points not previously introduced. When comparing the strong mask policy of Pinellas with that of the Manatee no mask policy starting in October, there is little empirical difference in case positivity percentage. Again the data was gleaned from the above referenced FAU Florida COVID Tracker for both Pinellas and Manatee counties, and spreadsheets can be provided on request to check for veracity.

Figure 2

Case Positivity Based on a Rolling 7 Day Avg.

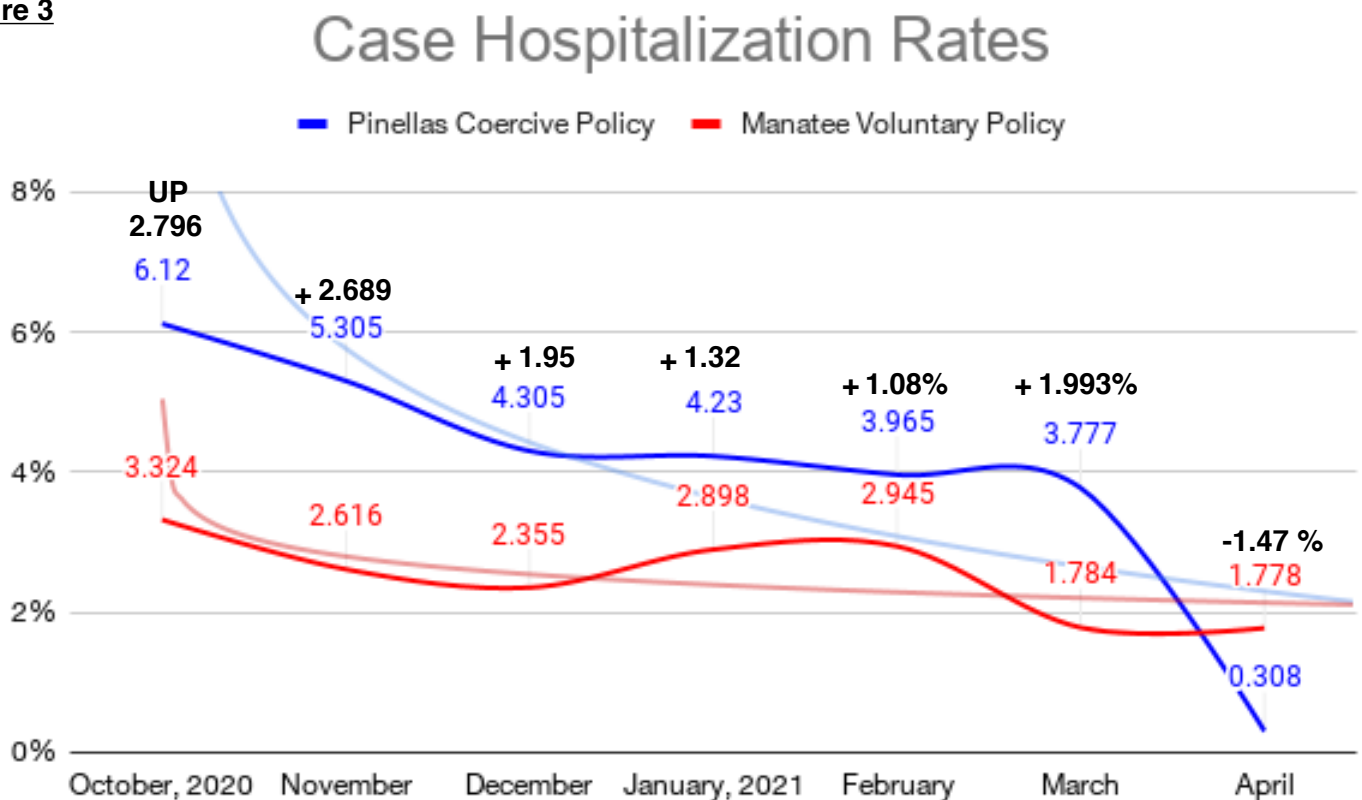


- (a) It is important to note that John Hopkins University (JHU) has demonstrated that higher population density is NOT linked with higher COVID numbers. ⁷
- (b) Manatee lifted their mask mandate ~October 1, 2020 and the 7 day average case positivity over the past 7 months has been an average of only 0.83% higher than that of Pinellas with the strict mask policy.
 - (i) Looking back at figure 1, both Pinellas and Manatee follow the same peaks and valleys in their epidemic curves.
 - (ii) With Manatee having no mask policy, and Pinellas having a strict mask policy, both within an ~0.83% average variance, and following the same curves, with Pinellas even surpassing Manatee when they were at their January peaks, and then catching up to Manatee numbers in April, then this empirical data makes it evident that the Pinellas mask policy is of no effect when comparing case positivity averages with that of Manatee in that the results are virtually identical. This is further reason which validates that case positivity

percentage is an inferior metric for ending the mask or emergency orders. Pinellas residents' quality of life is being infringed upon with an ineffective intervention.

(c) In regards to hospitalizations, and knowing that JHU proves that population density is not a factor, the Pinellas County hospitalization rate has been an average of 1.5% higher, and even more than double than that at certain times of Manatee since the lifting of their mask mandate the past seven months since October. It has taken Pinellas 7 months to finally “catch down to” and get to a lower rate than Manatee. Considering that hospitalizations are a more serious metric than case positivity, this is empirical evidence that the Pinellas mask policy has made no difference in lower case hospitalization rates than a neighboring county with no mask mandate.

Figure 3



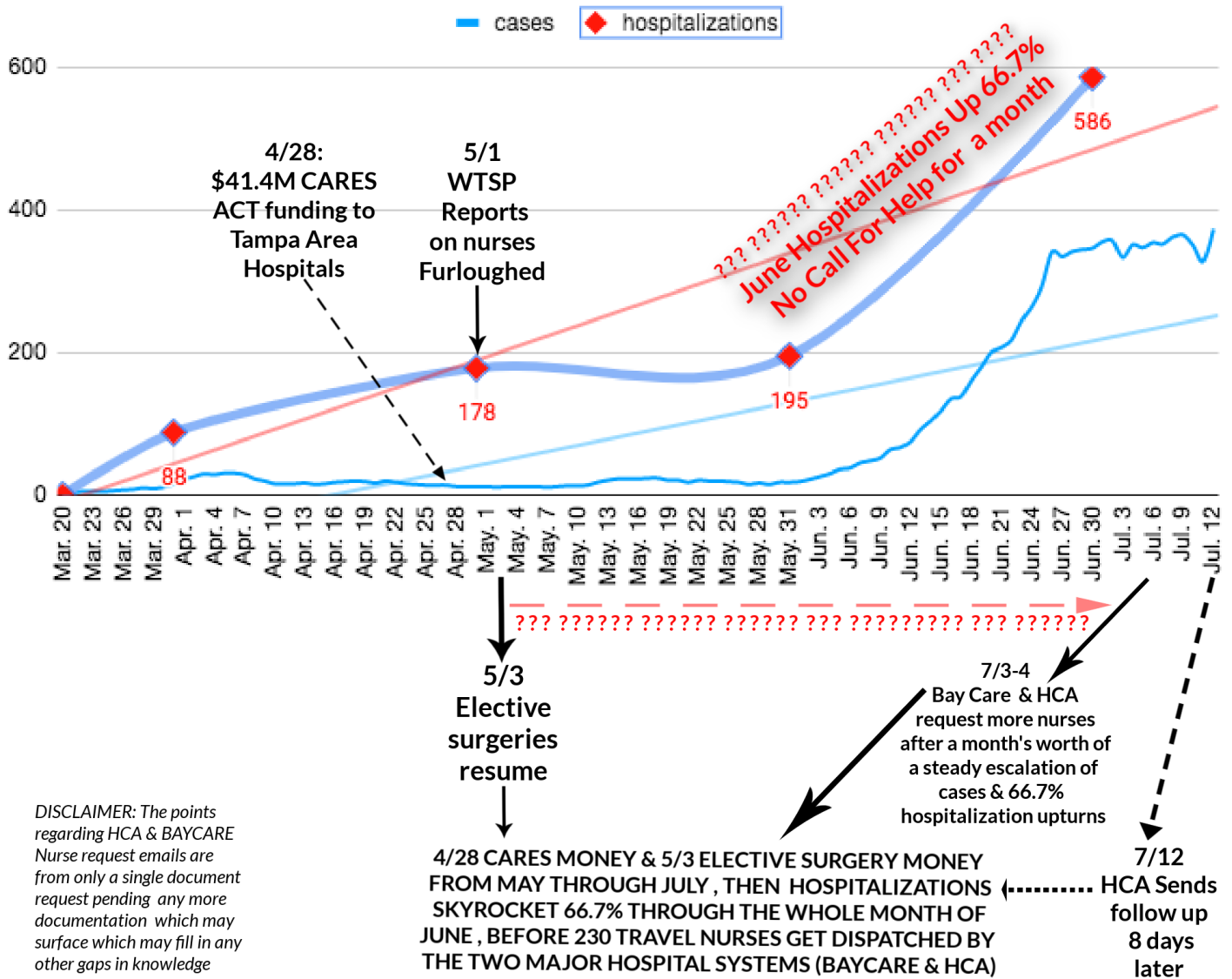
(d) Therefore, Pinellas is without cause to continue the mask mandate based on the fact that such policy has proven ineffective in light of indisputable empirical data from the neighboring county of Manatee being without such policy with either close positivity percentages, similar epidemic curves, with Manatee having even lower hospitalizations.

- (4) Pinellas area hospitals are not trending toward the exceeding of hospital capacities which would warrant a state of emergency.
- (a) It is commonly known in public health administration that the cause for a public health emergency is for situations “whose scale, timing, or unpredictability threatens to overwhelm routine capabilities.”⁸
- (b) Routine capabilities for hospitals is ~67% average occupancy, with a target a utilization of ~80%- 85% on average, and ICU national average from 57.4% to 82.1%.^{9, 10, 11, 12}
- (c) Even at peak of 481 Pinellas County COVID hospitalizations, the occupancies were at 82% for regular facilities, and ICU at 83%.¹³
- (d) The need for hiring the 287 nurses for the July 20, 2020 peak was due to staffing shortages due to the furloughing of nurses in May due to elective surgeries being cancelled, more so than large numbers of COVID patients overwhelming normal and expected capacities beyond generally accepted and known parameters so stated in (b).^{14, 15}
- (e) However, Governor Ron Desantis permitted the profitable elective surgeries to resume the first week of May, 2020 and Tampa hospitals received \$41.4M in CARES funding.^{16, 17}
- (f) At the beginning of June, around the time of the Phase 2 reopening , cases skyrocketed and a nearly 67% spike in COVID hospitalizations occurred into July and beyond, most likely due to a lockdown being lifted due to no natural or acquired immunity to Sars-Cov-2 in the population, and also due to the fact that coronaviruses are known to spread in sub tropical climates during the rainy seasons.^{18, 19}
- (g) Pursuant to July 3 through July 4th, 2020 communications from HCA and BayCare , which were gathered from a public document request from Pinellas County Emergency Management, Baycare requested 60 RNs under the direction of Lisa Johnson, and HCA requested 120 RPNs and 50 LPNs under the direction of Larry Feinman, thus 230 of the 287 staff as reported earlier. HCA followed up with their request eight days on July 12, 2020.

(attached, also refer to figure 4 for a graphic summary of (d)-(g)...)

Figure 4

Pinellas: Cases, Moving Average & Hospitalizations, Actual Counts (2020)

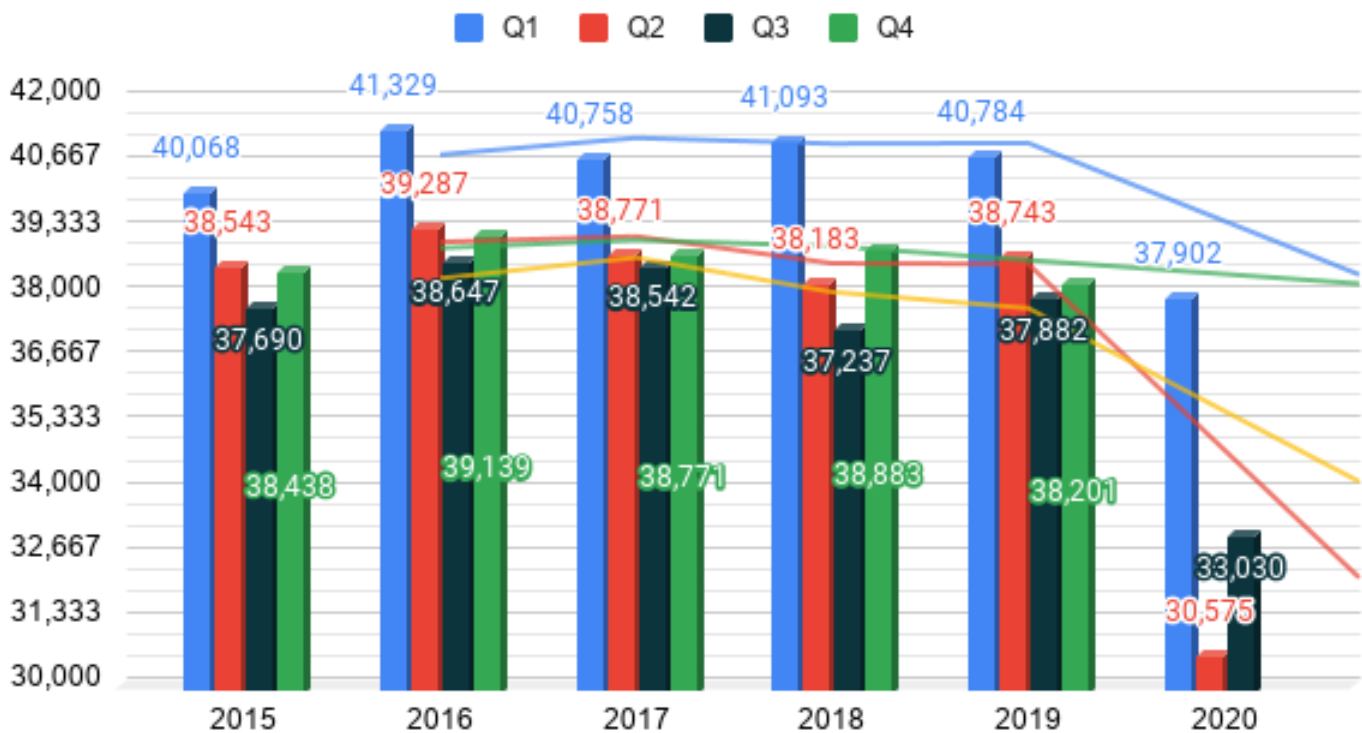


(h) With only the publicly available information gathered for now, it appears that the 66.7% spike in COVID hospitalizations through entire month of June , and before the two biggest hospital chains made the decision in early July to request nearly 250 travel nurses to keep up with the demand; that only skeleton crews of nurses were pushed to their limits for a full month with backed up elective surgeries occurring simultaneously with an influx of Covid cases which multiplied before HCA and Baycare finally asked for help.

- (i) Since elective surgeries were permitted in May, and since federal relief money for furloughed nurses may have been received by hospitals at or around such time, then the publicly available information demonstrates for now that hospitals could still have run at a profit May through July with some regular staffing without as many furloughs which caused the staffing shortages prompting the last minute requests for 230 nurses in early July after the 66.7% increase in hospitalizations was realized throughout the entire month of June prior.
- (j) The conclusions reached from Figure 5 in the table below are from a custom data order obtained by the undersigned from the AHCA. This data can be authenticated by the undersigned via a chain of custody in the email exchange if requested.
- (k) Figure 5 demonstrates significantly lower hospitalization discharges than what Pinellas county hospitals have been accustomed to since at least from 2015-2019.

Figure 5

Pinellas County Total Hospital Discharges 2015-2020 (Q4 Pending)



- (l) Since Quarter 2 through Quarter 3 cover the months of June through September, 2020 hospitalizations were significantly lower for the reasons previously exhausted.

- (m) The next COVID hospitalization peak occurred on January 14, 2121 at a 396 census, so COVID occupied beds Pinellas County wide represented 14.4% occupancy of hospitalizations (396/2755). Total facility occupancy was at 80.4% (2755/3427), and ICU occupancy was at 91.5%. <https://business.fau.edu/covidtracker/data/pinellas-county/>
- (n) October through April “Snowbird” season which causes hospital capacity spikes have been known and proven for nearly 20 years, and Flu Season in Florida Typically occurs between the same months, peaking in January through February. Also, since the Late September Phase 3 reopening came out of the Phase 2 lockdown, (f) still applies in that insufficient acquired immunity in the population was likely not reached. ^{20, 21}
- (o) The information herein demonstrates that hospitals in Pinellas County were never overwhelmed in either the July or January peaks to the point of a definitive “public health emergency” from COVID patients ostensibly exceeding the known, expected, and/or routine facility capacities. Hospitals experienced capacity problems due to the decision making of hospital business administrators. The furloughs happened in May, yet hospitals were permitted to resume their profitable elective surgeries through the beginning of July, while likely receiving CARES act funding. The 66.7% upward hospitalization trend in June towards the July peak was not acted upon by HCA and Baycare , who instead hired travel nurses in July after an entire month of rising cases and hospitalizations.
- (p) Therefore, the eleventh hour decisions on the part of HCA and Baycare should not constitute an emergency on the part of Pinellas County residents, and the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners should cease the State of Emergency due to the routine capabilities of the area’s hospitals not under any imminent threat of being overrun with COVID patients.
- (5) The harms and ineffectiveness of mask use , based on all of the empirical county wide epidemiological data presented , outweigh the perceived benefits, and fail at the five known criteria for what constitutes a bonafide “public health emergency”.

(a) Consistent cloth mask use puts people at increased risk of respiratory illness and viral infections and their global use should be discouraged, according to a UNSW study. ²²

(b) The same study found that cloth masks were only 3% effective, and that medical masks were only 56% effective. **IBID**

(c) A Randomized Control Trial (*RCT - the gold standard of effectiveness research*) in the American Journal of Infection control stated that masking caused headaches and did nothing to prevent colds. ²³

(d) The Clinical Research in Cardiology Journal stated that that the wearing of surgical masks and N95 at work or during physical exercise both significantly reduce pulmonary parameters at rest and at maximum load with reduced ventilation, and reduced quality of life. The researchers went further to state that their quantitative data could be relied on to inform medical recommendations and policy makers. ²⁴

(e) French researches in 2018 proved that Surgical mask wearers had significantly increased dyspnea (shortness of breath) after a 6-minute walk than non-mask wearers. ²⁵

(f) Even more harms associated with mask wearing are confirmed by the WHO in December, 2020 such as headache and/or breathing difficulties, development of facial skin lesions, irritant dermatitis or worsening acne, when used frequently for long hours, difficulty with communicating clearly, especially for persons who are deaf or have poor hearing or use lip reading, discomfort, disadvantages for or difficulty wearing masks, especially for children, developmentally challenged persons, those with mental illness, persons with cognitive impairment, those with asthma or chronic respiratory or breathing problems, those who have had facial trauma or recent oral maxillofacial surgery and those living in hot and humid environments. ²⁶

(g) Since the wearing of face masks have now been proven to impair pulmonary and ventilation capabilities, particularly in occupations and exercise, and that this data was suggested by

researchers for informing medical professionals and policy makers, and since the mere walking for 6 minutes with a surgical mask causes shortness of breath, then such is an apparent oversight on part of both the PBCC and the Director for mandating masks on employees at businesses who are working, or on students in sports activities, in light of such inevitable impairments and disruptions in the quality of life as demonstrated in this randomized cross over study.

- (h) The mandatory masking of school students pose a significant detriment to their neurodevelopment, and also their development of basic psychosocial skills , by having the likelihood to impair or damage the faculty of Facial Emotional Recognition. Damages or impairments to such faculty are a precursor to mental and/or behavioral disorders. ²⁷⁻³¹
- (i) All of what has been discussed in this issue should be of grave concern to the PBCC, Pinellas Public Health Officials, School Boards, Mayors, City Commissioners, and any other government official due to the impacts on mental health on youth which can have devastating effects on the future of this county. On top of this, the costs of extra mental health care could be much higher than average, particularly due to the need for voluminous diagnoses. Since Dr. Choe is known to have accelerated behavioral health programs in the county, it is shocking that this aspect of FER impairment and damage has not been considered.
- (j) Masks also impair major life activities and and major bodily functions as described in The American Disabilities Act in 42 U.S. Code § 1210 , some of which may include , “eating, walking, lifting, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, working, functions of the immune system, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory . . . functions”

(6)

CONCLUSION

The conditions due to the Sars-CoV-2 infection and COVID-19 disease DO NOT create the disaster or threat which gives the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners , The County Administrator, Director Choe, and others in Pinellas County governments the justificatory conditions to coerce children and businesses with a blanket public health emergency policy which infringes on the medical autonomy of, and impairs the major life activities and major bodily functions of the less vulnerable 75% majority of the Pinellas County population who are under the age of 65, and without pre-existing conditions making them more susceptible.

(a) Pinellas Municipal Code §34-28(c)(8) states that the conditions creating the disaster or threat must be specified in a State of Emergency order.

(i) Reiterating The American Journal of Public Health (AJPH) from (4) , “A situation becomes emergent when its health consequences have the potential to overwhelm routine community capabilities to address them. Thus, the proposed definition focuses on situations “whose scale, timing, or unpredictability threatens to overwhelm routine capabilities.”

- The analysis and conclusion in (4) addresses the fact that routine capabilities are and were never overwhelmed. The sudden need for 287 travel nurses could have been anticipated through June and also subsidized via elective surgeries revenue and CARES act funding, therefore putting to rest any notion of unpredictability warranting a “public health emergency”.

(ii) An often cited paper for public health policy, published in The Journal of Law Medicine & Ethics, states that there should be five “justificatory conditions” that indicate when public health interventions which infringe on individual autonomy are ethically warranted, which are (1) effectiveness, (2) proportionality, (3) necessity, (4) least infringement, and (5) public justification.³²

(A) The current COVID restriction mandates and State of Emergency fail the first justificatory condition of effectiveness as stated in (3)(d). Pinellas County policies have

shown to be ineffective at reducing hospitalizations or case positivity percentages when compared against neighboring Manatee County with no mask mandate which has tracked closely and identically with Pinellas in case positivity, even having a lower hospitalization rate.

(B) The public health emergency policy and restriction mandates also fail for want of meeting the proportionality criteria. Considering the policy ineffectiveness in (A), and the result of health risks, reductions in quality of life, impairments of major life activities, bodily functions, and the infringement of medical autonomy via a mask mandate, then these harms far outweigh public health benefits when seen in conjunction with the Pinellas County vs. Manatee County conclusion in (3)(d).

(C) These policies also fail in the necessity and least restrictive alternative criteria. The coercive approach for the PBCC policies are not necessary and also not least restrictive considering the inevitable damages and impairments of major life activities and major bodily functions which can result from mandatory mask wearing, and also coupled with the empirical and indisputable data in (3) which demonstrates that Manatee County has no mask policy, with far better case hospitalization rates than Pinellas and with similar case positivity percentage averages. Therefore, it is unnecessary to coerce children and businesses with mask mandates when there are better to similar results in a neighboring county with no such coercion.

(D) As it stands the PBCC policy fails, and in the absence of contradicting these issues, such will be proven to have failed the public justification criteria needed in public health emergency policies which involve coercion. This would be so by the PBCC and The Director not responding in a relevant manner to any of the information herein which address the many presumptions relied upon for their policy to be valid, all by such parties either ignoring the issues, conclusions herein, and also by not showing where the undersigned has misapplied or misconstrued the information. Further, The PBCC at their

public meetings in regards to the public health emergency policy, and conditions surrounding such , have been routinely ignoring information presented by the public, as well as passing to the County Administrator the responsibility for the policy, which then keeps the PBCC from having to address such at the meetings. With this behavior , low levels of accountability and accommodation to public deliberation are shown , thus abandoning any obligation as government leaders and decision-makers to provide honest information and justifications for their decisions. Such actions or inactions do and will therefore undermine the public trust and the transparency of the PBCC and of the FDOH in Pinellas.

(iii) The Primary Care Companion To The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry states that a corollary to the basic foundation established by the Bill of Rights is the common-law principle of self-determination that guarantees the individual's right to privacy and protection against the actions of others that may threaten bodily integrity. ³³

(iv) Considering how there is no cause for the “public health emergency policy” and how the mask mandate is of no effect due to what has been exhausted regarding the Pinellas vs. Manatee analysis, and the hospital capacity issue, and the imminent harms and impairments inflicted by masks; The Pinellas Board of County Commissioners should cease the state of emergency, and the mask mandate should cease because coercing businesses and schools to , in turn , impair the integrity of Pinellas County residents’ major bodily functions and major life activities, is both cruel and unwarranted,.

Respectfully Submitted,



4/6/2021

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VII REFERENCES

(1) Your Coronavirus Test Is Positive. Maybe It Shouldn't Be, New York Times

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/29/health/coronavirus-testing.html>

“In three sets of testing data that include cycle thresholds, compiled by officials in Massachusetts, New York and Nevada, up to 90 percent of people testing positive carried barely any virus, a review by The Times found.”

“One solution would be to adjust the cycle threshold used now to decide that a patient is infected. Most tests set the limit at 40, a few at 37. This means that you are positive for the coronavirus if the test process required up to 40 cycles, or 37, to detect the virus.”

“Tests with thresholds so high may detect not just live virus but also genetic fragments, leftovers from infection that pose no particular risk — akin to finding a hair in a room long after a person has left, Dr. Mina said.”

“We’ve been using one type of data for everything, and that is just plus or minus — that’s all,” Dr. Mina said. “We’re using that for clinical diagnostics, for public health, for policy decision-making . . . But yes-no isn’t good enough, he added. It’s the amount of virus that should dictate the infected patient’s next steps. “It’s really irresponsible, I think, to forgo the recognition that this is a quantitative issue . . . “

“It’s just kind of mind-blowing to me that people are not recording the C.T. values from all”

(2) 3 basic PCR steps of DNA amplification process

<https://biology.reachingfordreams.com/biology/molecular-genetics/methods-in-molecular-genetics/20-3-pcr-steps-of-dna-amplification>

Example: Each cycle doubles the amount of virus fragment in the sample

10 cycles = 1,000X

20 cycles = 1,000,000X

30 cycles = 1,000,000,000X

40 cycles = ~1,000,000,000,00

To get an idea of how “overamplified” 40Ct is to 34Ct, the equation is $2^{40} - 2^{34} = 1,082,331,758,592$, which means that labs are amplifying the tests at over 1 trillion than necessary in order to detect infectious and contagious viral loads of Sars-Co v-2.

(3) Viral RNA load as determined by cell culture as a management tool for discharge of COVID-19 patients from infectious disease wards,

“ . . .patients with Ct above 33–34 using our RT-PCR system are not contagious and thus can be discharged from hospital care or strict confinement for non-hospitalized patients.”

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7185831/8>

(4) Potential for False Positive Results with Antigen Tests for Rapid Detection of SARS-CoV-2 - Letter to Clinical Laboratory Staff and Health Care Providers

<https://www.fda.gov/medical-devices/letters-health-care-providers/potential-false-positive-results-antigen-tests-rapid-detection-sars-cov-2-letter-clinical-laboratory>

(5) Rapid Testing Is Less Accurate Than the Government Wants to Admit

https://www.medscape.com/index/list_11447_0

(6), "If you get a cycle threshold of 35 or more, that the chances of it being replication competent are miniscule" . . ."You almost can never culture virus from 37 Ct... ya gotta say, 'ya know, it's just dead nucleotides, period'..." please advance to 4:00 in to 4:45 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a_Vy6fgaBPE&feature=youtu.be

(7) Urban Density Not Linked to Higher Coronavirus Infection Rates—and Is Linked to Lower COVID-19 Death Rates, <https://www.jhsph.edu/news/news-releases/2020/urban-density-not-linked-to-higher-coronavirus-infection-rates-and-is-linked-to-lower-covid-19-death-rates.html>

(8) Conceptualizing and Defining Public Health Emergency Preparedness , The American Journal of Public Health (AJPH) <https://ajph.aphapublications.org/doi/full/10.2105/AJPH.2007.114496>

(9) Fast Facts on U.S. Hospitals, 2021: <https://www.aha.org/statistics/fast-facts-us-hospitals>

(10) Emergency Department Directors Academy Phase I Fall 2018 , “When staffing for a queuing system, and accommodating for variation, it is critical to target utilization of approximately 80% -

85% on average” <https://www.iephysicians.com/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/tu-12-13-jensen-engineering-patient-flow.pdf>

(11) Scheduled admissions and high occupancy at a children's hospital, “Operations management and queuing theory suggest that systems function well up to 85% to 90% of capacity. Hospitals that plan ahead and ensure a buffer for unscheduled admissions during months or days when that demand is known to rise are less likely to cross into high occupancy. On the other hand, hospitals that do not anticipate increases in unscheduled admissions are more likely to encounter excess capacity problems”

<https://www.journalofhospitalmedicine.com/jhospmed/article/127856/scheduled-admissions-and-occupancy>

(12) ICU occupancy and mechanical ventilator use in the United States,

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/23963122/>

(13) FAU COVID TRACKER: Scroll to “Hospitalization trends, and scroll over the bars for statistics.

For July 20, 2020 - (2388/2906 = 82% occupancy, and ICU occupancy 83% (282/338)

<https://business.fau.edu/covidtracker/data/pinellas-county/>

(14) May 1, 2020, Why are nurses getting furloughed during a pandemic?

<https://www.wtsp.com/article/news/investigations/10-investigates/nurses-health-care-workers-furloughed-furlough-coronavirus-covid-19/67-d7af42fd-d79c-4b39-ba21-6ae4ed8d553a>

(15) Jul 23, 2020, Florida hospitals request thousands of nurses to help with COVID-19 patients,

ABC Action News, <https://www.abcactionnews.com/news/region-pinellas/florida-hospitals-request-thousands-of-nurses-to-help-with-covid-19-patients>

(16) Tampa hospitals, health care providers receive \$41.4M through coronavirus relief fund, “The funds are meant to help keep doctors, nurses and providers safe and focused especially as elective surgeries are suspended and hurting their bottom line”

<https://www.bizjournals.com/tampabay/news/2020/04/28/tampa-hospitals-health-care-providers-receive-41.html>

(17) Governor DeSantis: Elective surgeries to resume 5/3/2020 :

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/governor-desantis-elective-surgeries-to-resume/vi-BB13yfJm>

(18) Report 9: Impact of non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) to reduce COVID-19 mortality and healthcare demand , Imperial College COVID-19 Response Team, “Introducing such interventions too early risks allowing transmission to return once they are lifted (if insufficient herd immunity has developed) . . . In this scenario, interventions can limit transmission to the extent that little herd immunity is acquired – leading to the possibility that a second wave of infection is seen once interventions are lifted” <https://mcacs.org/multimedia/files/COVID19.pdf>

(19) Seasonality of Respiratory Viral Infections: Will COVID-19 Follow Suit?

<https://www.frontiersin.org/articles/10.3389/fpubh.2020.567184/full>

“Most viral respiratory infections tend to follow seasonal patterns with high incidence during winter in temperate regions and during the rainy season in tropical regions . . . In most of the tropical regions, these viruses occur year-round with increased incidence in rainy seasons .”

(20) “It was found that the pattern of transports by EMS is symmetrical to the expected seasonal ‘Snowbird’ population increase during the months of October through April and was consistent over a four-year period (1998-2001). . . Even though seasonal ‘Snowbirds’ do impact the Pinellas County EMS system, since they are more likely to have insurance and a higher income, the impact is one of a capacity impact and not an impact due to increase unpaid EMS services.”

[The Impact of Snowbirds to Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services](http://psrdc.fmhi.usf.edu/Pinellas/TheImpactofSnowbirdstoPinellasCountyEMS.pdf), By Diane Haynes , October 2003 <http://psrdc.fmhi.usf.edu/Pinellas/TheImpactofSnowbirdstoPinellasCountyEMS.pdf>

(21) Flu Season in Florida Typically occurs between the same months, peaking in January through February <https://westfloridahospital.com/patients/flu-faqs.dot>

(22) A cluster randomised trial of cloth masks compared with medical masks in healthcare workers, “The rates of all infection outcomes were highest in the cloth mask arm, with the rate of ILI statistically significantly higher in the cloth mask arm (relative risk (RR)=13.00, 95% CI 1.69 to

100.07) compared with the medical mask arm. Cloth masks also had significantly higher rates of ILI compared with the control arm. An analysis by mask use showed ILI (RR=6.64, 95% CI 1.45 to 28.65) and laboratory-confirmed virus (RR=1.72, 95% CI 1.01 to 2.94) were significantly higher in the cloth masks group compared with the medical masks group. Penetration of cloth masks by particles was almost 97% and medical masks 44%. . . When we analysed all mask-wearers including controls, the higher risk of cloth masks was seen for laboratory-confirmed respiratory viral infection.”

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/5/4/e006577>

(23) “...subjects in the mask group were significantly more likely to experience headache during the study period . . . Face mask use in health care workers has not been demonstrated to provide benefit in terms of cold symptoms or getting colds.” Use of surgical face masks to reduce the incidence of the common cold among health care workers in Japan: a randomized controlled trial : American Journal of Infection control, <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/19216002/>

(24) Clinical Research in Cardiology , July 2020 Effects of surgical and FFP2/N95 face masks on cardiopulmonary exercise capacity

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s00392-020-01704-y>

(25) Effect of a surgical mask on six minute walking distance

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/S0761842517309415?via%3Dihub>

(26) Mask use in the context of COVID-19 Interim guidance 1 December 2020 , Pg. 10,

<https://apps.who.int/iris/handle/10665/337199>

(27) “Face perception is of critical importance in social interactions. In addition to providing information regarding age, gender, race, and identity, facial expressions provide important cues about thoughts and emotions [1]. Correct processing and interpretation of emotions conveyed by facial expressions is crucial as it ensures successful interpersonal communication. Decades of facial recognition research has shown that discriminating facial expressions is an innate ability evident in infancy [2], and it is refined across childhood [3,4] and adolescence [1].”

[Associations between Facial Emotion Recognition and Mental Health in Early Adolescence.](#)

International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6981578/>

(28) “correct processing” as above, and goes further in that “perturbations in this ability have been linked to psychopathology, as both a precursor and epiphenomenon of disorders”

Individual Differences in Children’s Facial Expression Recognition Ability: The Role of Nature and Nurture, The Journal Developmental of Neuropsychology, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2797312/>

(29) “Faces convey an abundance of information about the internal state of an individual.

Appropriately decoding facial expressions aids in an individual’s ability to understand and appropriately adapt to the social environment and thus is a crucial part of social interactions. Gaining a greater understanding of the normal developmental trajectory of emotional facial recognition may help in the early identification and possible treatment of affective disorders such as autism, depression, and anxiety disorders. . . Emotional face processing involves a network of brain areas, including the fusiform gyrus, prefrontal cortices(PFC), insula, and the amygdala . . .

Neurodevelopmental studies suggest that the brain areas important for facial expression processing continue to develop structurally throughout late childhood and adolescence ...”

Development of emotional facial recognition in late childhood and adolescence, Developmental Science Journal, <https://www.academia.edu/2908762/>

[Development of emotional facial recognition in late childhood and adolescence](#)

(30) Advice on mask-wearing did not consider impact on pupils' development and mental health , Irish Examiner <https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-40086536.html>

(31) Do Masks Impede Children’s Development? New York Times <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/14/well/family/Masks-child-development.html>

(32) The Journal of Law, Medicine & Ethics, 2002 - Public Health Ethics: Mapping the Terrain, pgs 173, 175 available for pdf download at [https://www.researchgate.net/publication/](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/11307207_Public_Health_Ethics_Mapping_the_Terrain)

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(33) Competency and the Capacity to Make Treatment Decisions: A Primer for Primary Care Physicians

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC181079/#i1523-5998-001-05-0131-b1>

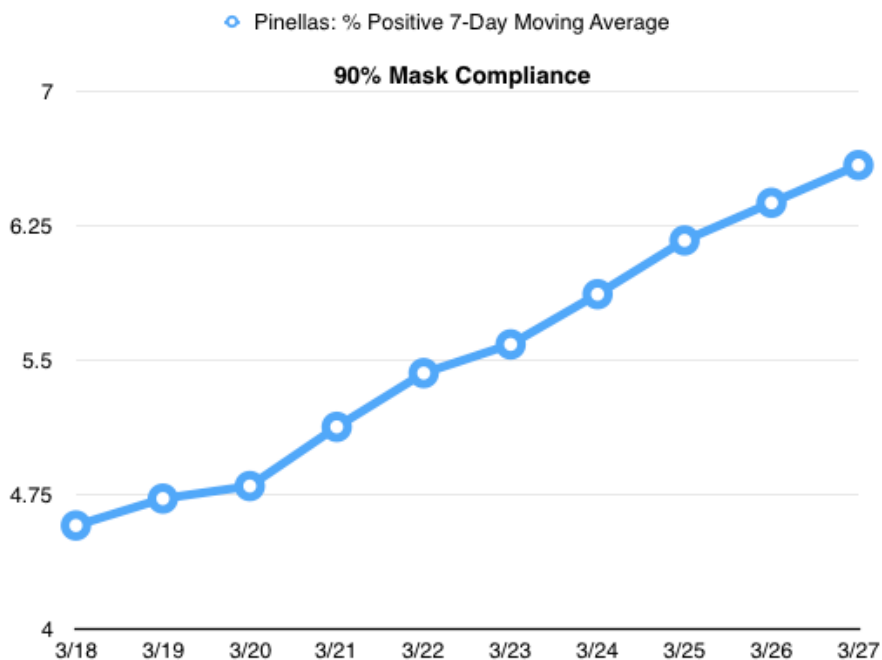
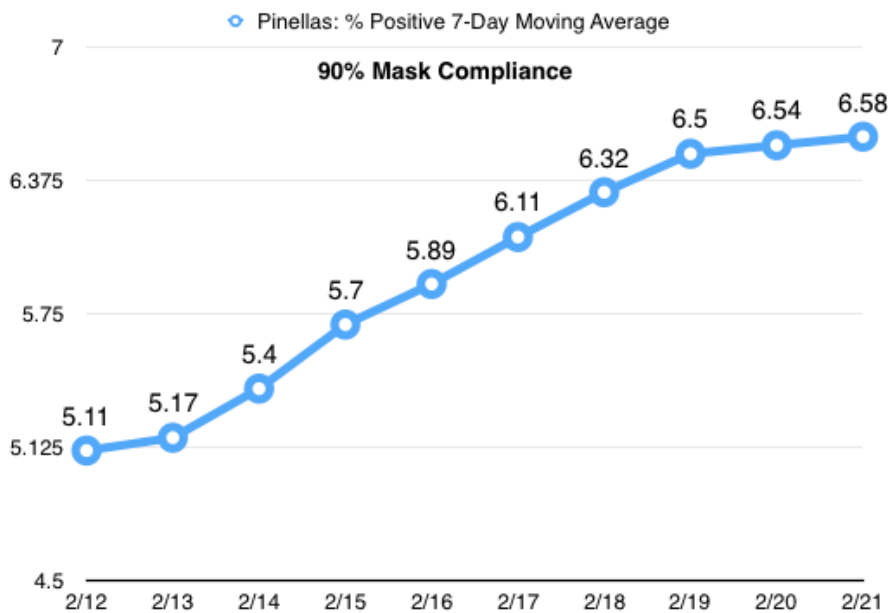
VIII: Addendum: Mask Policy and COVID Metrics: Correlation Is Not Causation

(A) CORRELATION IS NOT CAUSATION

- “Causality is the area of statistics that is commonly misunderstood and misused by people in the mistaken belief that because the data shows a correlation that there is necessarily an underlying causal relationship” <https://datascience.eu/mathematics-statistics/correlation-and-causation/>
- Therefore there is no justification at law or in statistical science for Recipient(s) citing a causal relationship between their public health policy with that of COVID downturns by solely citing the overlapping of the dates between the two events absent any other type of scientific nexus.
- MASK COMPLIANCE U.S. WIDE HAS BEEN RANKED at 93%
“More than nine in 10 U.S. adults (93%) said they sometimes, often or always wear a mask or face covering when they leave their home and are unable to socially distance,”
<https://www.webmd.com/lung/news/20201022/mask-use-by-americans-now-tops-90-poll-finds#1>
- Two steady climbs in case positivity occurred in February and March in the midst of a high ~90% compliance with the mask mandate . The following tool was used by the revered Washington Post for tracking mask compliance, and will be used herein for Pinellas County mask compliance.
- A powerful argument for wearing a mask, in visual form, October 23, 2020
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/10/23/pandemic-data-chart-masks/>
- To use this tool, <https://delphi.cmu.edu/covidcast/indicator/?date=20210401>
 - enter Pinellas County , Florida
 - Next drop menu, under “public’s behavior” > “people wearing masks”
 - Scroll down to the PEOPLE WEARING MASKS CHART, move the cursor along the date line to see that mask compliance was been at 90%.

- The following page has a graph reflecting Pinellas County Case Positivity Percentage and Mask Compliance.

In times of COVID metric downturns, and citing just the mask policy being in existence as the reason for the downturns is the logical fallacy of Correlation is Causation. This can be seen here in that there was high mask compliance, but instead, significant COVID metric upturns occurred. So taking the position that high compliance causes upturns in this case would also be the same “correlation is causation” logical fallacy, just applied the other way.



Johnson, Krista

From: Loretta Lane <llcycle01@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 6:32 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Subject: Mask Mandate Revisited

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I heard you may be reconsidering the mask mandate. I've written many times before already and it hasn't made a difference other than making me upset.

When I first wrote it was due to the harassment I was experiencing. That only got worse especially after you started going after businesses. I still can't believe it's not somehow against the law to discriminate against medical conditions. I can't medically wear a mask and because of that I'm treated like a pariah. Businesses refuse to serve me and people act like I'm a leper.

I started having panic attacks due to the treatment I was receiving and as more and more places refused to admit me I started becoming isolated. Depression soon followed. I'm now having to see a psychiatrist and I'm angry about that. I was a happy person before all this.

Months ago I sent you all comparisons of cities and states with and without mask mandates and the differences were negligible. Now there's even more evidence that's the case as more places end their mandates.

We've been talking about moving. I grew up in Pinellas, I feel like I'm being forced out of my home but it's been almost a year and only one of you seems to be genuinely interested in ever bringing this to an end. Tampa sounds like they're going to be digging their heels in even further, for no rational reason, and I don't have the confidence you won't just follow their lead despite counties to the north and south no longer having mandates.

I want my life back, if this is going to be Pinellas' "new normal" then I can't and don't want part of it. Every time someone tells me I'm so lucky to live in Florida, a "free" state, I just want to cry.

If it's really going to take a month to fully get rid of the mandate after you make a decision then it's time. Carrying this on for a year+ isn't something to be proud of when the numbers here aren't any better than places that have never had a mandate. It really does just look political at that point. The worst part is being vaccinated doesn't make any difference either.

Johnson, Krista

From: Liz Bryant <rtfan1998@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 6:33 AM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: End the masks in Pinellas!

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I am writing to remind you all that dying businesses and individuals are depending on you to do the right thing and remove the mask mandate in this county immediately. Until then, I will continue to only patronize businesses that allow the exemptions you saw fit to write in the mandate and will take other business outside this county. Not everybody fits into the same square box that you and businesses have tried to force so many of us into. Yes, every finger points right back to every one of you! That's why so many of us have to constantly maintain our vigilance and be prepared to defend ourselves because of the constant lies that you have fed to the public. You see the liars every time you look in a mirror. The same faces that think the same square box that works for them, works for everyone. Facts coming out nationwide, and locally, prove your "facts" as nothing more than lies. Do the right thing and end this mask mandate now.

Thank you,

Johnson, Krista

From: meghan panek <meghpanek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 7:02 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask Mandate
Attachments: Yahoo Mail - FOIA Letter.pdf

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

It's been 380+ days to flatten the curve and slow the spread now.

Masks never changed the graphs on the deaths or cases. The only thing that made a significant difference is when the CDC made a huge change to the tests on Inauguration Day (weird day to pick to do that).

I've attached a letter here from the CDC saying they actually don't have any scientific studies saying masks work. They have guessed they sort of work and so they implemented them.

Masks for all we know could be like Splenda or e-cigs. They sound like a healthy solution but in a year or 2 we will start seeing people die off from lung diseases.

And we could be killing people who don't even know it. My family has a genetic abnormality called Alpha1. It effects the lungs. My great grandfather died of an asthma attack. My grandfather died of emphysema. We didn't know this gene ran in our family until my cousin was then hospitalized for lung issues.

I am terrified to wear a mask and have my kids wear a mask but most places think I am just lying when I say I can't and the public literally attacks us.

You think you are doing the lesser of two evils but you are running off assumptions and not enough factual data.

Covid will never end. It's time to end these mandates that are based off assumptions which might actually be doing more harm than good. We tried for a year. We did our part.

Meghan Panek

Johnson, Krista

From: Lorand Fabian <lorandfabian@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 9:22 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Request to withdraw Ordinance 20 – 14

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Dear Commissioner Dave Eggers,

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

Without delving into the studies and the science and facts of the matter (you've heard quite a bit of this already from the public during the commissioner's meetings), it's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our freedom of choice to remain intact.

Not to mention the fact that it's been over a year now, was supposed to be two weeks to flatten the curve and after such a period of time, we know what we're dealing with, namely Government oppression.

This is no longer about health. It is about making citizens rescind their rights enshrined in the Bill of Rights to Big Pharma, and for the medical industry to cash in on an orchestrated pandemic.

I understand it, there is no money "in healthy people", right?

A real pandemic does not require the amount of publicity and campaigning that this one has undergone. A real pandemic people can feel, this is a fake one that is created for the benefit of Big Government Overreach and Big Pharma.

The US constitution was written for the people to protect them from Big Government. Not the other way around.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,

Lorand Fabian
727-330-8422

Johnson, Krista

From: Keisha Brotnov <kabrotnov@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 9:24 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Cc: Burton, Barry
Subject: Remove Mask Ordinance

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Dear Commissioners,

I am a Pinellas county resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency. Without delving into the studies and the science and facts of the matter (you've heard quite a bit of this already from the public during the commissioners meetings), it's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our freedom of choice to remain intact. Not to mention the fact that it's been over a year now and after such a period of time we know what we're dealing with.

Whether we are safe and healthy should be a personal decision that each of us adults and patriots make on our own. It should no longer be a mandate from the county.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us free, law abiding citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Keisha Brotnov
Oldsmar, FL

Johnson, Krista

From: Becky Beall <Beckybeall99@outlook.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 9:32 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry
Subject: Please Rescind Mask Mandate

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Dear Commissioners,

I am a Pinellas resident of 20 years and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

Per Section 8 this ordinance can be rescinded, as many other counties are doing and have done.

We, as adults, should be able to make our own health decisions and whether we choose to wear a mask or not, based on our own health situation.

It's very important to take a look at the facts and also what the people are asking for. We need our freedom of choice to remain intact. It's been over a year and we now know what we are dealing with. Also, many have been fully vaccinated at this point.

I am not saying that no one should wear masks. I am simply asking you to let us make our own decision if our health is at a place where we need to wear a mask or not. Our children, who are at a very low risk, should especially not be mandated to wear a mask. Neither should many healthy adults.

I am asking you to please rescind the mask mandate for Pinellas County. It is no longer needed or necessary.

Thank you,

Becky Beall
727-225-4623

By the way, I work at a school and it is excruciating to watch these young children to have labored breathing because they have to wear a mask all day while they try to think and work. While they are exercising, while they are running and playing. While they are having anxiety or other health issues. Please find it in your hearts to at least lift the mandates for our children!

Johnson, Krista

From: Quintana, Vanessa
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20620206

From: noreply@fs30.formsite.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 8, 2021 8:54 AM
To: Public, AF <publicaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20620206

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Direction of Inquiry	General Information
Subject	Mask Ordinance
Message	END THE MASK ORDINANCE NOW!!!!!!!!!! WE'RE OVER IT!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Your Name	mary dyck
Your Street Address	18 LEXINGTON DR
City/Unincorporated County	DUNEDIN
Zip Code	34698-8213
Your Phone Number	7274312807
Your Email Address	madyck1965@gmail.com

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Johnson, Krista

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller <noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 11:44 AM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda

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Live Form

Topic Masks in school

BCC Agenda Date 4-13-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

Unmask our students mybchildren have been at home elearning all year. I have a student that sees a Speech pathologist and on camera they can see each other without masks. When she returns she wobt be able to see her teachers mouth, we k ow this covid 19 has not affected our child we all had it and with little on symptoms. Masks should be voluntary. Kids need to see there teachers smile. Stop abusing our children. Teachers are vaccinated and the pasco county has lifted the mask mandate. And as of April 26 will. O longer require masks. Unmask our student.

Citizen Name Charise M

Address United States

Phone

Email

Johnson, Krista

From: Not Sure <ughasif@protonmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 1:02 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: So

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As of April 8, 2021, it has now been about 295 days of a two-week flatten the curve.
When will this ever end?

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Johnson, Krista

From: melodypond324@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 2:42 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry
Cc: GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Mask mandates hurt people with disabilities

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Good afternoon,

As a resident of Pinellas County, I am writing to ask the county to rescind the mask mandate because it encourages discrimination against those with certain medical conditions. Not everyone can wear a mask and keeping the mandate in place implies everyone is able to comply. It emboldens citizens to harass, attack, bully, and discriminate against those unable to wear masks. It only serves to create civil unrest and divisions. Those who are unable to wear masks are not "bad" or "selfish" and those who can wear masks are not "good". This narrative is unfair to those with medical conditions they have no control over. Wearing a mask does not make you a good person, if anything it has become sanctimonious.

Individuals with medical conditions such as PTSD, autism, claustrophobia, anxiety, COPD and more are suffering as these conditions make it impossible to wear face coverings. I hate hearing the phrase "just wear your mask, it's so easy", if it WAS so easy, I WOULD wear it no questions asked. It would save myself plenty of grief.

<https://wheelchairtravel.org/disabilities-that-could-make-wearing-face-masks-impossible/>

I personally have suffered from claustrophobia my entire life. On top of that, I am a domestic violence survivor (it's not something I enjoy discussing but involves strangulation). The combination of claustrophobia and PTSD makes it impossible to for me wear necklaces, turtlenecks, scarves, face masks, face shields and more. Anything that impedes my breathing, makes me feel confined, or touches my neck immediately gives me debilitating panic attacks. If you think my case is isolated, think again. It is estimated that 7%-10% of the population suffers from claustrophobia and 7%-8% suffer from PTSD. The county mandate is torturing more people than you realize. No one is speaking up for us because we have been bullied and dismissed into submission.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/aug/01/mask-face-coverings-i-cant-wear-one-health-reasons>

[It's easy to judge. But some people really can't wear a mask](#)

https://www.ptsd.va.gov/understand/common/common_adults.asp

<https://www.psycom.net/claustrophobia-claustrophobic-fear-of-small-spaces>

People with these conditions are being treated as sub-human or second-class citizens. We are labeled as "selfish jerks" and horribly discriminated against. We are denied participation in nearly all facets of life (i.e. shopping, doctor visits, haircuts just to name a few), subjected to dirty looks, bullying, and violent confrontations from other citizens. I personally was chased from an OUTDOOR market like Frankenstein's monster because of my inability to wear face coverings. **NO ONE DESERVES TO BE TREATED LIKE THIS**. Those of us with disabilities that make wearing face coverings impossible are tired of the stigma and just want to live our lives without hassle.

There is no reason why people like me should be subjected to this treatment, we also deserve respect. I recently spent some time in the panhandle (Destin to be specific) where they have never imposed mask mandates. It was like stepping into a whole other world. While some businesses did require masks, others did not, and I was able to choose. For the first time in months I was able to live my life without fear; fear of harassment, fear of bullies, or fear of confrontation. I finally felt like a person again. If I could move to Destin, I would have moved yesterday. I am heartbroken to be back in Pinellas county, as I must return to living like a prisoner in my home or dare venture out and face brutal discrimination. It's incredibly frustrating because it does not need to be this way.

<https://www.winknews.com/2021/03/18/gov-desantis-to-hold-public-health-roundtable-in-tallahassee/>

I kindly ask for the mask mandate to be rescinded, please put an end to the suffering of those unable to wear masks.

Kind regards,

Melissa King

Johnson, Krista

From: Sherry Fiorenzo <safiozenzo74@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 3:01 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: What we can do - unmasked

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It is time.

Time to stop the masking of the general public.

Time to give the power of medical decisions back to the people.

Time to let business owners make up their own mind if they require masking or not.

But, since you likely have already made up your mind to not rescind the mask.

We will continue to go places that allow exemptions. Thankfully there are so many places, it's getting easier every day to live normally!

We will continue to encourage others to take it off and be free. Many just comply because they don't know they don't have to. Education with a visible smile is the new mission.

We will continue to network and build our community and encourage others to get active.

We will continue to write and thank our Governor who made the ordinance unenforceable.

We will continue to write and call various state and government officials to pass legislation that will prevent you from doing this to the citizens of our county ever again for this length of time.

Someday this will come to an end.

At least I can say I tried. I didn't remain silent. I stood up for those with exemptions.

Sherry Fiorenzo
Largo FL 33771

Johnson, Krista

From: Chris Basinger <chrisbasinger43@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 3:51 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Seel, Karen; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry; Peters, Kathleen
Cc: Laura Christine Basinger
Subject: NO MORE MASK

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Dear Elected officials,

I writing to say ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. Please follow our Governor Ron DeSantis and lift the mask order immediately. Medically there is no proof that mask are helping, in fact the are doing more damage than good. Most of the county is received the vaccine and if you believe it works, then why the mask? This is un-American!!
It more than time to open up business to full capacity and remove the mask mandate..
PLEASE!!

This country is build on Freedom... We are grown adults who should and CAN make choice about are health without your help. If people choose to continue to wear their face diapers, let them.

But this should NO longer be required. Stop wasting time and our money on this issue.

Special thank you to the commissioner that are fighting for the people rights to choose in this matter.

God Bless America,

Laura C. Basinger
Palm Harbor Resident and active Voter.

Johnson, Krista

From: Joey Besio <joeybesio@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 3:58 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I know there will soon be a vote to rescind the mask mandate and I am hoping the tyrannical actions which have been put into place are canceled.

We live in the best state in USA, however if Pinellas County doesn't lift these mandates it might as well be California or New York in regards to lack of freedom given to its citizens

I hope to see this mandate removed in short order

Regards, Joey

Johnson, Krista

From: Donato Paradiso <doparadi@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 6:36 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20 – 14.

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Not to mention the fact that it's been over a year now and after such a period of time we know what we're dealing with.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you!!!

Respectfully yours,
Donato Paradiso

Johnson, Krista

From: Kendra Lister <kendra_lister@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 8:20 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask Ordinance

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Thank you,
Kendra Copelan

Johnson, Krista

From: Daiana Paradiso <daianaparadise@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 8:29 PM
To: Long, Janet C
Subject: Mask ordinance

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you very much!!

Daiana Paradiso

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Johnson, Krista

From: A Reeves <beachymama@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 8:49 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: mask ordinance

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Dear Commissioner Long,

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in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a

mask or not.

Thank you,

Alecia Reeves

Johnson, Krista

From: Jeremy Cunningham <jeremyc326@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 10:26 PM
To: Burton, Barry; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Eggers, Dave; Justice, Charlie; Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C
Subject: Enough is enough!

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End this asinine mask mandate now!

Johnson, Krista

From: Melissa Enders <mrsenders@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 10:47 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas County Mask Mandate

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I'm a Pinellas County resident for 5 years, along with my husband, 2 children, and live-in father who is in the over-70, diabetic, at risk category for Covid-19.

With the vaccine readily available to Floridians and Pinellas County residents, I feel we are now well protected from Covid and there is no longer a need for an Emergency Order or Mask Mandate in this county.

I respectfully ask that you vote to rescind the mask mandate that the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners instituted last year. It is time we move on, and return to normal.

Kindest regards,
Melissa Enders
Pinellas County Resident - Largo



Virus-free. www.avast.com

Johnson, Krista

From: Megan Tapp <mtapp1989@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 12:00 AM
To: mtapp1989@gmail.com
Subject: Fwd: Remove the mask mandate

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>
> Hello,
>
> I request that you end the mask mandate immediately. The emotional and psychological trauma these ridiculous masks have caused me and my family is unacceptable.
>
> Recently, I was discriminated against in a store. That is how bad this has gotten. While no one should be discriminated against, because I am a white female, I was targeted. In a store I regularly frequent, I was maskless as usual. I had my baby with me. A store associate told me I had to leave the store if I would not wear a mask. There were several groups of shoppers near me and none of them had anything said to them that they weren't wearing masks. There were all genders and colors around me, but I was discriminated against. Even though I never became hostile and did leave without resisting the store associates word, quite a large scene was caused where every single person was looking between us. Why me?
>
> At another store, I had to leave with my 5 year old son crying because we were not allowed to shop without masks. Children's feet grow quickly and out of nowhere, I needed to get him new sneakers. I can't order that. But we weren't allowed to shop because of a mask?
>
> The above two examples are just a small drop in the bucket of instances I could tell you about. And trust me when I tell you I drastically reduced the story of the horrible interactions to you so that you will understand a brief summary of what happened.
>
> I understand you personally aren't the ones that discriminated against me or caused the mask nazi to have zero compassion for how quickly a child's foot grows, but your refusal to end this illogical mask mandate has caused me more grief than I've ever felt. I'm not sure what your agenda is here. I'm sure it's all about the money since you have zero scientific justification for this asinine mask mandate. Please don't bother with a lame, generic response about preventing spread or concern for others health.
>
> I will not submit and wear the mask to conform. NEVER will that happen.
>
> I close this email to you with the demand to end the mask mandate and the state of emergency immediately.
>
> Sincerely,
>
> Megan Lianidis
>
> Sent from my iPhone

Johnson, Krista

From: Julie Lee <juliemannlee@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 9:27 AM
To: Peters, Kathleen; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry
Subject: Mask Mandate

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Hello, I am writing once again before next week's meeting to ask you to please lift the mask mandate.

Many other states and counties have done this successfully. Please please allow us to make our own decisions as to what is correct and right for us. Return our rights.

Julie Lee

Resident and business owner Pinellas County

Johnson, Krista

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller <noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 9:42 AM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda

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Topic Masks

BCC Agenda Date 4-13-2021

Your Stand on the Issue

Comments

There is scientific evidence that masks do not make a difference in viral transmission rate. In fact currently a "cold" virus is spreading despite the mask mandate in Pinellas County. Our neighboring counties to the north and south no longer require masks. By now most citizens, including myself, in this county have been vaccinated. I personally have great difficulty breathing while wearing a mask. I therefore oppose continuation of the mask mandate in Pinellas County.

Citizen Name Ruddolph Mannari

Address 9011 Briarwood Drive
Seminole, FL 33772
United States

Phone 727-244-8273

Email r.mannar@verizon.net

Johnson, Krista

From: Jessica Carroll <j_carroll555@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 5:11 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Subject: RESCIND MANDATE - BODY AUTONOMY NOW!

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RESCIND MASK MANDATE

- Neighboring Counties rolling back mandates and some never had requirements. Current data reflects nothing is gained by enacting these mandates. Studies are not real time examples and there are no current data points that show that masks work
- The negative effects of masks are very real and are being ignored. The mask is being used as a false safety net and are dehumanizing. This is having detrimental effects on children who are the least likely to transmit this virus
- We are creating an us vs them mentality among citizens and it only ends with extreme polarization

Sarasota County

There is no county-wide mask mandate in place at this time in Sarasota County.

The City of Sarasota allowed its mandatory mask ordinance to expire on **Feb. 25** and Sarasota officials on March 15 voted against re-implementing a mask ordinance that was previously removed.

The Venice City Council voted to end the city's mask requirement on Oct. 31

Manatee County

The Manatee County Commission voted on **Sept. 29** to repeal the countywide mandatory mask mandate.

"The majority of people wear a mask not because of a mandate but because they know it's the right thing to do," said Commissioner Vanessa Baugh, who voted for the repeal. "It's up to each business to enforce whether people should wear a mask or not."

Polk County

No countywide mask mandate

In Lakeland, commissioners allowed the city's mask mandate to expire on **Oct. 6**

Winter Haven's face mask ordinance ended on **Oct. 15**.

Pasco County

As of April 5, face coverings are no longer required in Pasco County. Pasco County Administrator Dan Biles signed an executive order that face coverings would no longer be required in the county due to lower COVID-19 hospital rates and climbing vaccine rates.

Pasco County government said in a press release hospitalization rates for patients with severe COVID-19 symptoms had been steadily dropping for several weeks, increasing the number of available hospital beds for anyone who needs them.

There are currently no face mask requirements in
Hernando - Highlands - Citrus - DeSoto - Hardee

RESCIND MASK MANDATE

Let us make decisions about the risk we are willing to take
BODY AUTONOMY NOW!

Johnson, Krista

From: Daune Schoel <daune.schoel@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 7:07 AM
To: Eggers, Dave

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

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Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Please make MASKS OPTIONAL.

Thank you,
Daune Schoel
727-657-1252

Johnson, Krista

From: Shannon Harrison <shannon_2@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2021 4:19 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry; GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Day 288

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Wow! Just watched part your this morning's meeting where most of you complained about having to hear from the citizens for which you have been elected to represent. Some of you pretty well mentioned it angers you that we are speaking up and emailing you. Be prepared to hear from even more of us and more often.

No, it's not been quite a year..it's been 288 days since you instated this ridiculous mask ordinance.

You claim our emails are full of lies while stating your opinions and expect us to respect them all the while bashing us and wonder why we're frustrated.

You keep making excuses and wanting to wait. Yes, the infamous 2 week wait and then just for good measure, let's wait another 2 weeks.

And shocker, the deadline to have your newspaper announcement was today, how convenient that was and of course, you don't have time to have that ready to submit.

Thank you to [@Peters, Kathleen](#) for standing up for the citizens of this county and responding to us.

To the rest of you, it is laughable to hear how you are tired of the masks. Apparently not because you just continue to make excuses to keep them in place and promoting fear in this county.

[@GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com](#) - we need your help at the state level to put an end to this nonsense. Please DO NOT extend the SOE.

Thank you,
Shannon Harrison
Fed up taxpayer and Largo resident.

Johnson, Krista

From: Trish Hitchcock <bthitch@msn.com>
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 5:00 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Subject: SPARS Pandemic 2-25-2028 / INFOWARS

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Commissioners,

I just watched a video on Infowars.com on a paper entitled SPARS Pandemic 2025-2028 that Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School wrote and was completed in 2017. **I URGE YOU TO WATCH THIS VIDEO IN IT'S ENTIRETY.** The paper mirrors the Covid-19 pandemic as we are living it out. I would like to add that I am very unhappy with the continuation of the mandate in our county. I recently read an article which stated that the committee wants to see 3%, 7-day daily average before lifting it. I find this unrealistic as we are very desirable vacation destination and the numbers will not truly reflect the citizens of Pinellas county. Now that the experimental vaccine has been offered to all age groups, people who choose to continue to wear their masks may, but mandating everyone to is government overreach. People need to take personal responsibility for their health.

Again, I cannot urge you enough to take the time to watch the above video.

Thank you for your time,

Patricia Hitchcock

Johnson, Krista

From: Ivy Lippard <lippsforchrist@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 6:05 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Lift Mask Mandate

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Thank you,
Ivy Lippard

Johnson, Krista

From: BOBBI AUBREY <bobbiaubrey013@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 10:35 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask Mandate - stop it

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Happy Saturday to you. Just writing to let you know that not all of us are "terrorized by the numbers" I don't know why the papers continue to tout 5% positive, 6.7% positive.

Do they think we are stupid in Pinellas County? That means 95% NEGATIVE or more recently with really questionable numbers 93.3 % NEGATIVE.

The best way to fight against a loss of liberty is to stand up to it.

STOP the MASK MANDATE now.

With Kindness and Common Sense,

Bobbi Aubrey,

Us Citizen,
Florida Citizen,
Pinellas County Citizen,
Registered Democrat

Johnson, Krista

From: Shannon Harrison <shannon_2@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 5:20 PM
To: GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: Day 290

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Good afternoon.

Another day has passed and we're now 290 days into this mask ordinance with no realistic end in site because you refuse to make the time to discuss it yet some of you complain about being sick of hearing from some of your citizens because we continue to speak up for our rights. Some of you laugh at us and mock us...how dare we, as average citizens, have a mind of our own and speak up when we feel something is not right.

You're obsessed with the number of positive tests as if this is indicative of severity of cases. As you may know, most cases are minor in nature and most people don't develop severe symptoms let alone need hospitalization. Yet the narrative we've heard for a year is how horrible this virus and wearing a bacteria filled mask is somehow healthy.

Today's hospitalizations

3.6% Covid occupied, approximately 175 and approximately 0.0175% of our county population.

I know I'm not going to change your opinion because most likely you'll never even read my messages let alone open your mind to think that what has happened over most of the last year did not make sense and still doesn't. It's not about safety and well-being and you'll never convince me otherwise even though I've thought through and researched for myself to better understand what has happened.

I will continue to speak up, for myself and those I love and will pray for this world.

Thank you for your time,
Shannon Harrison
Largo


Sent from my iPhone

Johnson, Krista

From: lisa bragato <lisafsm@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 10, 2021 7:51 PM
To: Gerard, Pat; Eggers, Dave
Subject: Re: Message to commissioners Pinellas

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Si sono negativa 
Mandato petizione:)

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2021, at 3:57 PM, lisa bragato <lisafsm@hotmail.com> wrote:

PINELLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

Janet Long: JanetCLong@pinellascounty.org

Pat Gerard: pgerard@pinellascounty.org

Charlie Justice: cjustice@pinellascounty.org

Dave Eggers: deggers@pinellascounty.org

Karen Williams Seel: kseel@pinellascounty.org

Kathleen Peters: kpeters@pinellascounty.org

Rene Flowers: rflowers@pinellascounty.org

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

Bob Burton: bburton@pinellascounty.org

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Thank you!!!

(your name)

-----Lisa Bragato-----

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Johnson, Krista

From: LucianaGMAIL <lucianaclearwater@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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Thank you!!!

Luciana Bonomo

1128 Sunset Point Rd (apt.405)

Johnson, Krista

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller <noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 1:50 PM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda

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Topic	Mask mandates
BCC Agenda Date	4-13-2021
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	End mask mandates asap. They should be optional. Our children need to stop wearing them in school as well.
Citizen Name	Rachael Swartz
Address	6360 70th ave pinellas park United States
Phone	727-458-3874
Email	info@claytonswartz.com

Johnson, Krista

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller <noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
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To: Comments, BCC Agenda

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Topic	Mask Mandate
BCC Agenda Date	4-13-2021
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	End the Mask Mandate. As of April 11, 2021, it has now been about 291 days of a two-week flatten the curve mandate.
Citizen Name	
Address	34683 United States
Phone	
Email	

Johnson, Krista

From: Shannon Harrison <shannon_2@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 5:04 PM
To: GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: Day 291 - Pinellas County Mask Ordinance

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Good afternoon.

Another day, actually day 291 of your ridiculous mask ordinance.

Hospitals are still well below any crisis levels with today's numbers at 3.9% or roughly 189 Covid patients and approximately 42 ICU Covid patients. Combined, this is approximately **0.0231%** of the Pinellas County population.

Instead of comparing us against other masked counties why don't you look at those who have either not had mandated masking or have dropped their mandates? I'm guessing there wouldn't be a major difference and in fact, there may be about the same or less rates of hospitalization. I know that goes against the narrative but that's why we're speaking up. Some of us have listened to this narrative and questioned it instead of just going along with it. Maybe you should do the same, you might be surprised that what the media and their chosen doctors are saying may not be the whole truth.

Thank you,
Shannon Harrison
Largo

Johnson, Krista

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller <noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
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Topic Mask Mandate
BCC Agenda Date 4-13-2021
Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

I am the mother of a 10 year old Pinellas County school student. My son was diagnosed with Tourette Syndrome just before entering kindergarten. He has a 504 plan and is also a part of the gifted program. I wanted to preface this with a little background info before voicing my concerns and I hope that my voice is heard and taken into consideration when you all make your determination on whether or not to move forward with continuing the mask mandate. TS is a very complicated neurological disorder. It's multifaceted and is usually accompanied by things like OCD, ADHD among others. My son has a little of both and up until covid hit, his teachers and the staff at Perkins Elementary had been so accommodating and kind. I know they are only doing what they have to and are not authorized to make exceptions but I want you to know what a struggle it's been and how much forcing my son to wear a mask 7+ hours a day has negatively impacted him. His tics are involuntary and include things like touching his face, squinting his eyes, twisting his neck, slapping his leg, squealing, clicking etc. Sometimes that includes doing something to a part of his face that is covered by the mask and though he knows while he is at school he has to follow the rules, he often can't help it. Here and there he will pull down his mask to do something that he can't control and he's met with taunts and bullying from his classmates who refer to him as "rona boy" and purposely try to get him in trouble. This is one aspect of his daily struggle while in school. Another consequence which should be noted is that studies have been done linking long-term mask wearing to an increase in tics. I didn't actually need a study to tell me this because I noticed it right away. Since he's been forced to wear a mask constantly, the frequency and severity of his tics have increased so much and it's heartbreaking. To know that he is suffering and that this could affect him long term or permanently that there is a hard pill to swallow. Unfortunately, he had too many incidences at school and he has now been forced to go back to online learning. We did online for the last half of 2020 and for the first part of this school year and it was a complete disaster. He has regressed because of those months of distance learning. It was nearly impossible to keep

him focused. I did everything I could while trying to care for my 2-year-old twins and keep him on track and it was never enough. He needs to be in a classroom to thrive - I know this now - and I am so fearful that he is not going to get what he so desperately needs at home. He is not going to get the education he is entitled to. He is a bright boy and deserves to have access to the same opportunities as everyone else but it seems like what the school board is saying when they refuse to take our opinions into consideration is that he does not matter. Why are exceptions made for virtually everything with a 504 plan except this? Medical exemptions are honored essentially everywhere but the classroom. Do you intend to keep children in masks until the end of time regardless of the consequences? I've never been able to attend one of your meetings because of the times they are held but I've watched them online and it's embarrassing to see how some of these mothers who get up to speak are treated. I've heard snickering from the board members, whispers as they are leaving the room after an impassioned plea to give our children a choice and it's unacceptable. I watched a mother get harassed by a police officer and told she needed to put a mask on in order to leave the building and was then arrested for daring to refuse which blows my mind. These meetings are clearly just a dog and pony show. It seems like there is never an intention to take anybody's concerns seriously and that you've already made your decision before hearing anyone so really, what's the point? I hope you hear me and rather than roll your eyes or laugh at my "anti-science" opinion, maybe stop and think and perhaps put yourself in my shoes for a moment. Enough is enough. We cannot run from this forever and sacrifice our children's mental health and education in the process. Please lift the mask mandate and maybe offer online learning for those that are immunocompromised rather than punishing those who are healthy or cannot wear one.

Citizen Name	Dana Say
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Email	dana.say81@gmail.com

Johnson, Krista

From: Greenleaf, Kim
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 7:21 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Fwd: To Dave Eggers

Kim Greenleaf

Begin forwarded message:

From: kelli snow <kelli_snow@yahoo.com>
Date: April 11, 2021 at 6:32:26 PM EDT
To: "Greenleaf, Kim" <kgreenleaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: To Dave Eggers

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I sent you a text but should have sent via email.

The point is

A store can take a healthy person and tell you to wear a mask. If you refuse. They make you leave. If you don't leave they trespass you and call police. For doing nothing wrong. And being healthy. Completely unconstitutional and just wrong!

A republic is constitutional protection for individuals.

Thank you for your time and anticipated attention to this matter!

Kelli & Lonnie Snow
416 klosterman road west
Palm Harbor FL 34683
727 687 8550

Sent from my iPhone

Johnson, Krista

From: Rich Perfidio <perfidio@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 8:37 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry
Subject: Time to End the State of Emergency and the Mask mandate
Attachments: COVID data Pop and Masks.docx

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Dear Commissioners and County Administrator:

As a fellow citizen, voter and constituent I have researched various data points with relevant citation links presenting the case as to why the "sham" Pinellas County state of emergency and mask mandate should be repealed immediately.

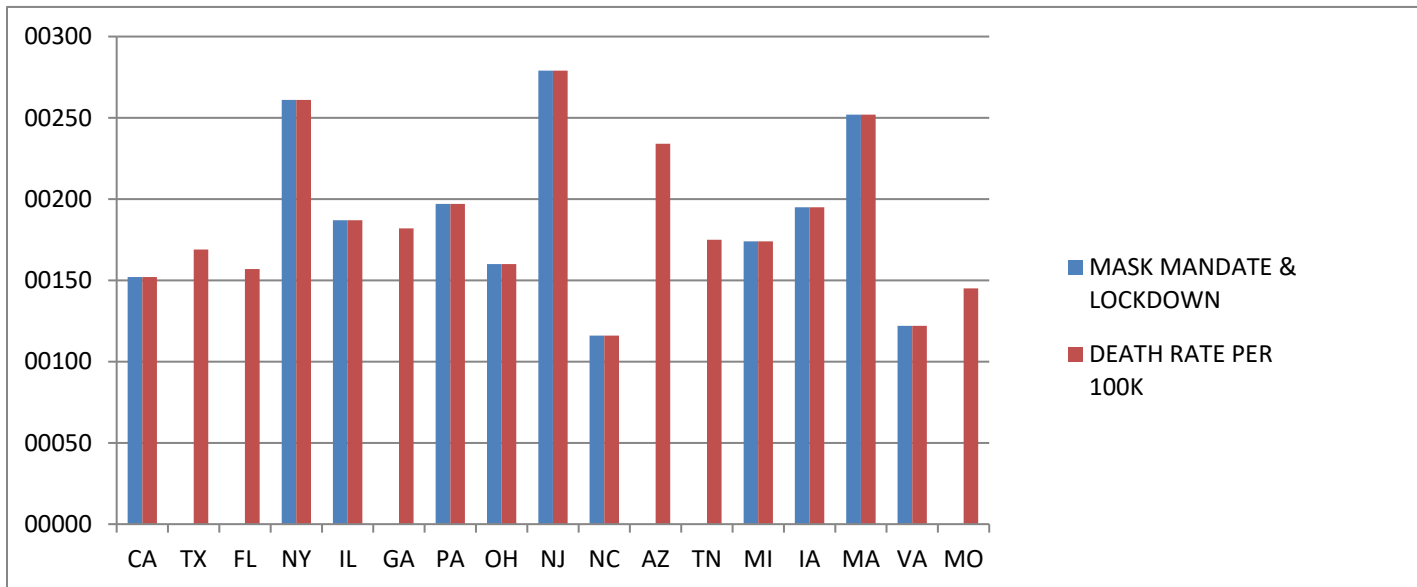
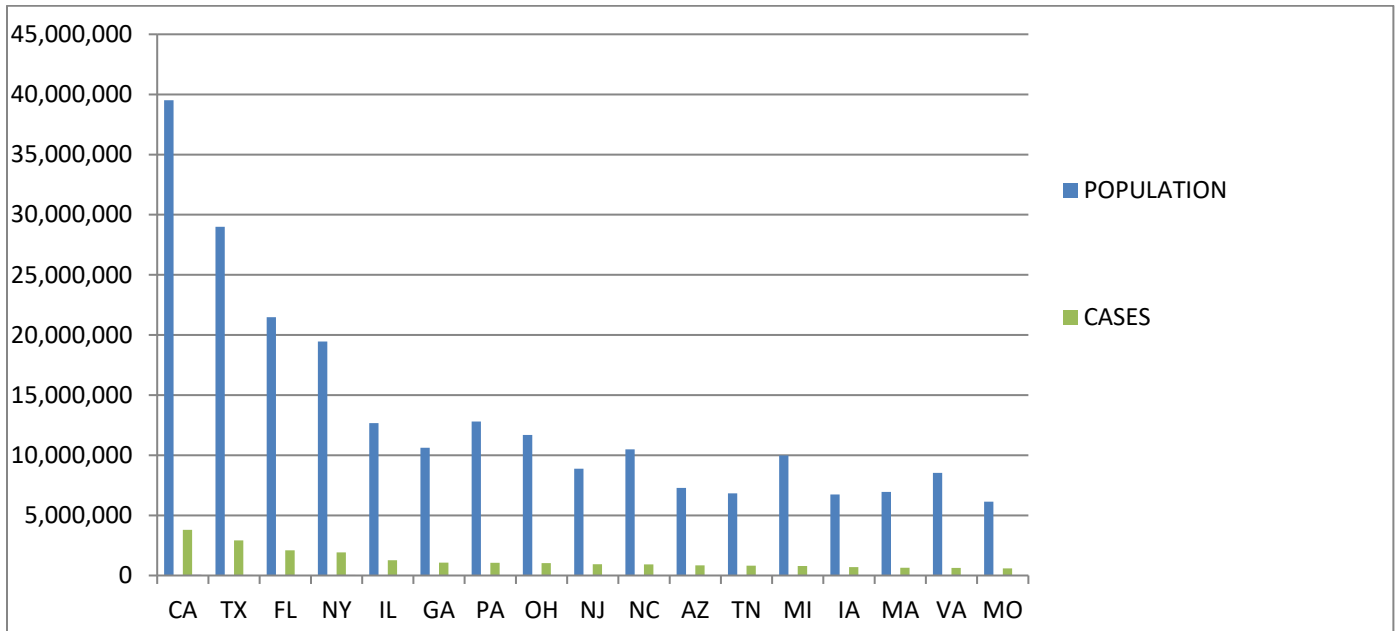
As you can see both within Florida and the US writ large masks mandates and "lock downs" have had NO impact in the curtailing and/or controlling of the COVID-19 virus. Common sense, personal hygiene and common courtesy have had more impact then the draconian measures instituted by various entities.

It is time for the County Commissioners to regain the responsibility which they delegated to an un-elected employee and remove the veil of tyranny that has been spread over the past year.

Wearing a mask should be a voluntary choice NOT a mandate!

Rich Perfidio
(407)978-2368

POPULATION vs CASES



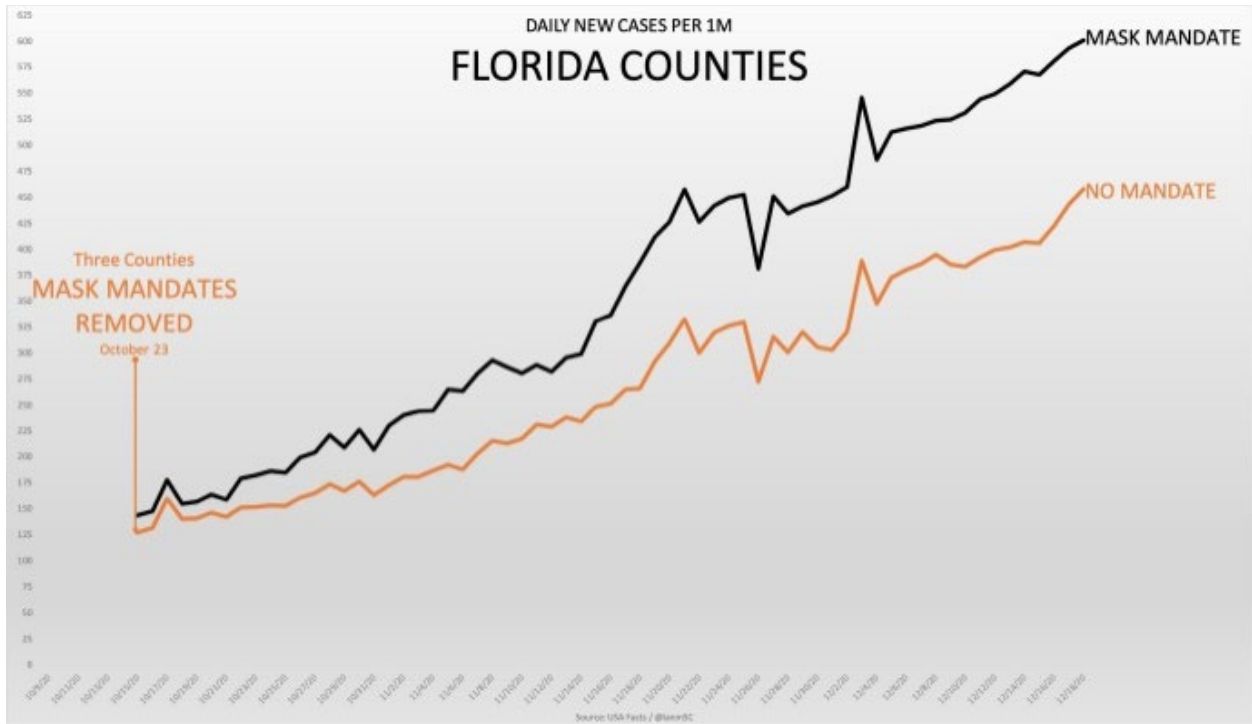
Death Rate per 100K

BLUE LINE INDICATES MASK MANDATE and LOCKDOWN State

Data derived from Statista- <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1101932/coronavirus-covid19-cases-and-deaths-number-us-americans/>

Mask Vs Unmasked states - <https://www.cnn.com/2020/11/09/us/biden-mask-mandate-nationwide-trnd/index.html>

US State Population - <https://www.infoplease.com/us/states/state-population-by-rank>



<https://rationalground.com/after-nine-months-we-still-know-masks-dont-work/>

Johnson, Krista

From: Quintana, Vanessa
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:07 AM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20651612

From: noreply@fs30.formsite.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 7:01 PM
To: Public, AF <publicaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20651612

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Direction of Inquiry	General Information
Subject	Mask mandate
Message	End it now!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Your Name	Mary Dyck
Your Street Address	18 Lexington dr
City/Unincorporated County	Dunedin
Zip Code	34698
Your Phone Number	7274312807
Your Email Address	madyck1965@gmail.com

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Johnson, Krista

From: Quintana, Vanessa
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 9:08 AM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20650346

From: noreply@fs30.formsite.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 1:52 PM
To: Public, AF <publicaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20650346

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Direction of Inquiry	General Information
Subject	End mask mandates
Message	Please stop with the madness. We all know now that masked really don't work. Before Dr Fauci became a darling of CNN he said at best it may stop a droplet or two. The adverse affects of having to wear these masks far outweighs the chance of catching a virus that has an over 99 percent survival rate. Our children are struggling with sinus infections and sore throats from have yo wear them all day. It's time. Please do your civic duty and not the liberal money making agenda. Stop the mask mandates please.
Your Name	Mona K
City/Unincorporated County	Largo
Zip Code	33770
Your Email Address	creollady2@ail.com

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Johnson, Krista

From: Not Sure <ughasif@protonmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 10:09 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Update

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As of April 12, 2021, it has now been about 292 days of a two-week flatten the curve.
When will this end!

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Johnson, Krista

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller <noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
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Topic End Mask Mandate

BCC Agenda Date 4-13-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

It is well past time to end the mask mandate. Mandating masks is not based on science, but rather on the suppression of individual's rights. It violates not only the American Disabilities Act but the Nuremberg Code as well. I would hope you have listened to Governor DeSantis's Round Table on the subject with his panel of experts who agreed beyond any reasonable doubt that IT IS PAST TIME FOR MASKS TO GO.

Citizen Name Ruth Egli

Address 2934 Dartmouth Ave. N
St. Petersburg, FL 33713
United States

Phone 540-5397348

Email reglih4h@gmail.com

Johnson, Krista

From: stefanie glenn <stefa_noe@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:00 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: mask ordinance

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

There is no point debating the studies. Masks will never be a solution, no matter what any individual personal beliefs might be.

We can see the dystopia that this kind of governance is headed and we can see our elected officials' blatant failures to listen to and stand up for the people that elected them. As we have stated loud and clearly for over a year now, these mandates must end now. This is a crime against humanity that is headed down a horrific path.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own with lifestyle choices and common sense. This is not the role of our government.

Our children are suffering beyond repair. Families are breaking. The human face has been demonized. It's time for adults to start adulting and demonstrating common sense and strength for ourselves, for our children and the rest of the world.

Thank you,
Stefanie Glenn

Johnson, Krista

From: Cindy Travis <cindy.travis24@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:04 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Rescind Mask Ordinance 20-14

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Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

Without delving into the studies and the science and facts of the matter (you've heard quite a bit of this already from the public during the commissioners meetings), it's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our freedom of choice to remain intact. Not to mention the fact that it's been over a year now and after such a period of time we know what we're dealing with.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,

Cindy Travis

Johnson, Krista

From: glamagirl@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 11:11 AM
To: Samantha Levy
Subject: Mask

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To whom it may concern,

I can't take it any more! Please end the masks!

Sincerely,
Me

Johnson, Krista

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller <noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
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Live Form

Topic	End the mask mandate
BCC Agenda Date	4-13-2021
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	End the mask mandate they have proven that the mask does not work to prevent the coronavirus and it does not stop us from getting it . I want to peoples faces again.
Citizen Name	Kevin Miller
Address	288 larchwood blvd Largo , Fl 33770 United States
Phone	727-743-2609
Email	miller.kevin57@gmail.com

Johnson, Krista

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller <noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
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Live Form

Topic Mask Mandate

BCC Agenda Date 4-13-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments Requesting that the mask mandate imposed upon the citizens of Pinellas county be dismissed. If masks work then those who need to wear them can and will be protected, but there is no need to force everyone to wear one.

Citizen Name Dave Wilkins

Address 620 Fayette Dr N
Safety Harbor, FL 34695
United States

Phone

Email Dave@livintheharbor.life

Johnson, Krista

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller <noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
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Live Form

Topic "State of Emergency" mask mandate

BCC Agenda Date 4-13-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Support

Comments

I support the end of Pinellas' mask mandate, ASAP. Spring Break is over, the President's 100 day mandate will be over 4/28, and Florida's governor eliminated fines for non-compliance months ago. This mandate is over-reaching, punishing residents because our state depends on tourism. Making our vaccinated citizens wear masks because unvaccinated visitors risk vacationing here does nothing to stop the spread of COVID19. Masks are an environmental nightmare; those germy discarded masks that aren't clogging landfill find their way to our beaches, waterways, sidewalks, everywhere. Forcing immune people to wear masks for the sake of "community safety" is eroding confidence in the effectiveness of vaccination, a clear example of Virtue Signaling- Zero science behind it. Pinellas county has done a stellar job of distributing vaccinations, the curve has flattened and numbers are down. School children and senior citizens have been oxygen-deprived long enough. Please stop making us wear these filthy, hideous face coverings.

Citizen Name Susan Smith

Address 17817 Lee Ave.
Redington Shores, Florida 33708
United States

Phone 813-5058051

Email susanann5@verizon.net

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Live Form

Topic Mask Mandate

BCC Agenda Date 4-13-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

It is time to end the mask mandate. Many of us are not wearing the mask, me I would have an asthma attack and I show the store info from my Dr. I know of many stores that now will not enforce it as they know it does NO good at all. its a joke. All it is, is being little sheep and hurting your own body from carbon dioxide. Other counties nearby have long gotten rid of the mandate. We had none on Sars flu and it ended quicker. This is nothing but a flu anyway, a man made one, but a flu. ALL viruses are alike. Stop making a laughing stock of this county and end this insanity.

Citizen Name Adelle Blackman

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Tarpon Springss 34689, Fl 34689
United States

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Email xeriscapelady@yahoo.com

Johnson, Krista

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller <noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
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Live Form

Topic	Mask Mandate
BCC Agenda Date	4-13-2021
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	End the mask mandate for Pinellas County.
Citizen Name	Angela Merkle
Address	614 Smallwood Circle Clearwater, Florida 33755 United States
Phone	727-4414718
Email	amerkle@merklemagri.com

Johnson, Krista

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller <noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
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Live Form

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Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	As of April 12, 2021, it has now been about 292 days of a two-week flatten the curve. When will this end!
Citizen Name	
Address	United States
Phone	
Email	

Johnson, Krista

From: Aden <adenlynnbarnes@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2021 9:27 PM
To: Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry
Cc: Senator Jeff Brandes; Nick.DiCeglie@myfloridahouse.gov; Ron DeSantis
Subject: End the Pinellas Mask Mandate

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Good afternoon,

Just a friendly reminder that we are now on Day 389 of “15 days to slow the spread.”

<https://trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/articles/15-days-slow-spread/>

Also, we are on Day 289 of Pinellas County Mask Ordinance, 76 short days until we reach the 1 yr anniversary of forced masking.

<https://covid19.pinellascounty.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Adopted-ORD-20-14.pdf>

The BCC talks perpetually about needing the case positivity rate to be lower before feeling comfortable with lifting the mask ordinance, yet we know there are a number of false positives with these tests and we also know the vast majority of cases, not only in Pinellas, but worldwide are mild. In fact, this mask mandate should not have been implemented to begin with since it infringes on our constitutional right to life and liberty.

From the PC Covid Dashboard, "System capacity is key to ensuring that local hospitals are able to treat all patients requiring hospitalization safely without resorting to crisis standards of care." We've not yet been in a state where the hospitals were overwhelmingly occupied with Covid patients and we still aren't there. As of yesterday, the Covid occupied beds was 4.2% or roughly 204 patients. In a population of roughly 1 million citizens that is approximately 0.02%, not 0.2% or 2.0% or 20% but 0.02%. While it is unfortunate that anyone is hospitalized, this is a very low number considering the number of people in this county that have had to seek hospitalization for treatment, some of which is not available in an outpatient setting. You don't seem too concerned about the larger number of our citizens, approximately 3705 or 0.37%, not 3.7% or 37% that are hospitalized for other issues.

<https://proofpointisolation.com/browser?url=https%3A%2F%2Fcovid19.pinellascounty.org%2Fdashboard%2F%23health%2Fcare>

Pinellas County Commissioners “value” volunteers who take their time to participate in their Government.

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/boards/default.htm>

Based on the video clip (comments from many of the BoCC), you may want to revise the above statement to better state how you truly feel about the citizens of this county speaking up and expressing concerns with how you are handling some of your responsibilities. It is very apparent that some of you are annoyed and even angered that constituents are taking time out of our busy lives to pay attention and speak up when we feel there is an issue.

To our elected FL House Representative DiCeglie and Senator Brandes, please view the following short video clip from yesterday's BCC meeting. We need you to step in with legislation to prevent local government from passing “temporary” mask mandates and this illustrates why we need legislation to limit emergency powers of local government:

<https://www.youtubetrimmer.com/view/?v=vZBLg30XkN8&start=750&end=1742>

Some of you say that you are sick of the masks and that you're sick of hearing from some of your citizens, but it doesn't appear to us that you are truly sick of this issue or you would be working toward a speedy resolution to rescind this ordinance.

You mentioned that the ordinance is not being enforced and some of us are non-compliant, why refuse to end the mask mandate? Some Pinellas citizens are fearful of this virus based on what they see on the news, so they still comply. Employees are forced to comply.

For those of you that take the time to read our messages, we thank you. We ask that you help our voices be heard amongst your fellow board members. For those of you who continue to ignore us, we're not going anywhere anytime soon. We are here to hold you accountable to those whom you were elected to serve. End the mask mandate

Thank you,
Aden Lynn Barnes
Largo

Johnson, Krista

From: Richard Carroll <richardcarroll7@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2021 10:04 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Subject: RESCIND MASK AND DISTANCE MANDATE

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My Name is Richard Carroll and I am DEMANDING the RESCINDING OF THE MASK MANDATE AND SOCIAL DISTANCE MANDATE.

FOR INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES!!!!

I Would send the youtube link to the Ron Desantis Round Table about Covid from 2 weeks ago, but apparently talking with doctors breaks their terms of service. So I've included the Downloaded video before the removal of our Governors public meeting that has been scrubbed from the internet for your viewing and a record of it being sent to all of you.



[Gov. Ron DeSantis Holds Public Health Roundtabl...](#)



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Richard Carroll
727.492.8442.
richardcarroll7@gmail.com

Johnson, Krista

From: Robin S <rvschenck@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2021 9:34 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Fwd: Mask Ordinance - TBN 4/8/21

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Dear Commissioner Eggers:

Why is Pinellas County continuing this mask mandate after a whole year when the virus has not slowed down with the use of masks? If the county is relying on the number of positive PCR test results for this policy, they need to review the veracity of these tests. Even the CDC states they are not reliable and were never intended to diagnose infections as we were misled to believe.

<https://delgadoprotocol.com/the-covid-19-test-wasnt-meant-for-detecting-viruses/>

<https://www.israelnationalnews.com/News/News.aspx/292466>

Masks only provide a false sense of security. One only need look at mask **charts** that show “cases” of Covid-19 in relation to mask mandates. It virtually has no bearing on the number of cases. If cases are increasing, the cases continue to increase and vice versa.

Mask charts: <https://thefederalist.com/2020/10/29/these-12-graphs-show-mask-mandates-do-nothing-to-stop-covid/>

This article (link below) points out that several prominent doctors have stated clearly “the science doesn’t justify the fanatical commitment to mask-wearing.” If they worked why don’t hospitals allow loved ones to visit their dying relatives? Common sense dictates that health officials know they don’t work.

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As Pinellas is extending a state of emergency and the mask ordinance primarily due to higher test results, I can’t help but wonder the true reason. Wasn’t this “state of emergency” instituted initially to “flatten the curve” – to not overwhelm our hospitals? Since the PCR tests are unreliable and it’s clear that masks don’t protect people from viruses, why continue this ruse?

Sincerely,

Robin Schenck

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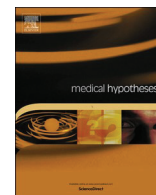
I wanted to share the attached with you and hope you will take time to read it. This study substantiates other scientific studies that have existed long before COVID started.

During a department meeting today, I learned of the son of a co-worker who lives in Puerto Rico who now has gum disease. Please research mask mouth. I'm also aware of a young son of one of our members (Community Patriots) who has developed asthma since being required to wear a mask at school. These were not planned for extensive wear by the general public. We need to stop this before more children are harmed.

I wish the medical community would get on the same page. There is so much conflicting information out there.

I look forward to meeting you at tomorrow's meeting.

Thank you,
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Facemasks in the COVID-19 era: A health hypothesis

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ABSTRACT

Many countries across the globe utilized medical and non-medical facemasks as non-pharmaceutical intervention for reducing the transmission and infectivity of coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19). Although, scientific evidence supporting facemasks' efficacy is lacking, adverse physiological, psychological and health effects are established. It has been hypothesized that facemasks have compromised safety and efficacy profile and should be avoided from use. The current article comprehensively summarizes scientific evidences with respect to wearing facemasks in the COVID-19 era, providing proper information for public health and decisions making.

Introduction

Facemasks are part of non-pharmaceutical interventions providing some breathing barrier to the mouth and nose that have been utilized for reducing the transmission of respiratory pathogens [1]. Facemasks can be medical and non-medical, where two types of the medical masks primarily used by healthcare workers [1,2]. The first type is National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH)-certified N95 mask, a filtering face-piece respirator, and the second type is a surgical mask [1]. The designed and intended uses of N95 and surgical masks are different in the type of protection they potentially provide. The N95s are typically composed of electret filter media and seal tightly to the face of the wearer, whereas surgical masks are generally loose fitting and may or may not contain electret-filtering media. The N95s are designed to reduce the wearer's inhalation exposure to infectious and harmful particles from the environment such as during extermination of insects. In contrast, surgical masks are designed to provide a barrier protection against splash, spittle and other body fluids to spray from the wearer (such as surgeon) to the sterile environment (patient during operation) for reducing the risk of contamination [1].

The third type of facemasks are the non-medical cloth or fabric masks. The non-medical facemasks are made from a variety of woven and non-woven materials such as Polypropylene, Cotton, Polyester, Cellulose, Gauze and Silk. Although non-medical cloth or fabric facemasks are neither a medical device nor personal protective equipment, some standards have been developed by the French Standardization Association (AFNOR Group) to define a minimum performance for filtration and breathability capacity [2]. The current article reviews the

scientific evidences with respect to safety and efficacy of wearing facemasks, describing the physiological and psychological effects and the potential long-term consequences on health.

Hypothesis

On January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) announced a global public health emergency of severe acute respiratory syndrome-coronavirus-2 (SARS-CoV-2) causing illness of coronavirus disease-2019 (COVID-19) [3]. As of October 1, 2020, worldwide 34,166,633 cases were reported and 1,018,876 have died with virus diagnosis. Interestingly, 99% of the detected cases with SARS-CoV-2 are asymptomatic or have mild condition, which contradicts with the virus name (*severe* acute respiratory syndrome-coronavirus-2) [4]. Although infection fatality rate (number of death cases divided by number of reported cases) initially seems quite high 0.029 (2.9%) [4], this overestimation related to limited number of COVID-19 tests performed which biases towards higher rates. Given the fact that asymptomatic or minimally symptomatic cases is several times higher than the number of reported cases, the case fatality rate is considerably less than 1% [5]. This was confirmed by the head of National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases from US stating, "the overall clinical consequences of COVID-19 are similar to those of severe seasonal influenza" [5], having a case fatality rate of approximately 0.1% [5–8]. In addition, data from hospitalized patients with COVID-19 and general public indicate that the majority of deaths were among older and chronically ill individuals, supporting the possibility that the virus may exacerbates existing conditions but rarely causes death by itself [9,10]. SARS-CoV-2 primarily

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affects respiratory system and can cause complications such as acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS), respiratory failure and death [3,9]. It is not clear however, what the scientific and clinical basis for wearing facemasks as protective strategy, given the fact that facemasks restrict breathing, causing hypoxemia and hypercapnia and increase the risk for respiratory complications, self-contamination and exacerbation of existing chronic conditions [2,11–14].

Of note, hyperoxia or oxygen supplementation (breathing air with high partial O₂ pressures that above the sea levels) has been well established as therapeutic and curative practice for variety acute and chronic conditions including respiratory complications [11,15]. In fact, the current standard of care practice for treating hospitalized patients with COVID-19 is breathing 100% oxygen [16–18]. Although several countries mandated wearing facemask in health care settings and public areas, scientific evidences are lacking supporting their efficacy for reducing morbidity or mortality associated with infectious or viral diseases [2,14,19]. Therefore, it has been hypothesized: 1) the practice of wearing facemasks has compromised safety and efficacy profile, 2) Both medical and non-medical facemasks are ineffective to reduce human-to-human transmission and infectivity of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19, 3) Wearing facemasks has adverse physiological and psychological effects, 4) Long-term consequences of wearing facemasks on health are detrimental.

Evolution of hypothesis

Breathing Physiology

Breathing is one of the most important physiological functions to sustain life and health. Human body requires a continuous and adequate oxygen (O₂) supply to all organs and cells for normal function and survival. Breathing is also an essential process for removing metabolic byproducts [carbon dioxide (CO₂)] occurring during cell respiration [12,13]. It is well established that acute significant deficit in O₂ (hypoxemia) and increased levels of CO₂ (hypercapnia) even for few minutes can be severely harmful and lethal, while chronic hypoxemia and hypercapnia cause health deterioration, exacerbation of existing conditions, morbidity and ultimately mortality [11,20–22]. Emergency medicine demonstrates that 5–6 min of severe hypoxemia during cardiac arrest will cause brain death with extremely poor survival rates [20–23]. On the other hand, chronic mild or moderate hypoxemia and hypercapnia such as from wearing facemasks resulting in shifting to higher contribution of anaerobic energy metabolism, decrease in pH levels and increase in cells and blood acidity, toxicity, oxidative stress, chronic inflammation, immunosuppression and health deterioration [11–13,24].

Efficacy of facemasks

The physical properties of medical and non-medical facemasks suggest that facemasks are ineffective to block viral particles due to their difference in scales [16,17,25]. According to the current knowledge, the virus SARS-CoV-2 has a diameter of 60 nm to 140 nm [nanometers (billionth of a meter)] [16,17], while medical and non-medical facemasks' thread diameter ranges from 55 μm to 440 μm [micrometers (one millionth of a meter)], which is more than 1000 times larger [25]. Due to the difference in sizes between SARS-CoV-2 diameter and facemasks thread diameter (the virus is 1000 times smaller), SARS-CoV-2 can easily pass through any facemask [25]. In addition, the efficiency filtration rate of facemasks is poor, ranging from 0.7% in non-surgical, cotton-gauze woven mask to 26% in cotton sweater material [2]. With respect to surgical and N95 medical facemasks, the efficiency filtration rate falls to 15% and 58%, respectively when even small gap between the mask and the face exists [25].

Clinical scientific evidence challenges further the efficacy of facemasks to block human-to-human transmission or infectivity. A

randomized controlled trial (RCT) of 246 participants [123 (50%) symptomatic] who were allocated to either wearing or not wearing surgical facemask, assessing viruses transmission including coronavirus [26]. The results of this study showed that among symptomatic individuals (those with fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose ect...) there was no difference between wearing and not wearing facemask for coronavirus droplets transmission of particles of >5 μm. Among asymptomatic individuals, there was no droplets or aerosols coronavirus detected from any participant with or without the mask, suggesting that asymptomatic individuals do not transmit or infect other people [26]. This was further supported by a study on infectivity where 445 asymptomatic individuals were exposed to asymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 carrier (been positive for SARS-CoV-2) using close contact (shared quarantine space) for a median of 4 to 5 days. The study found that none of the 445 individuals was infected with SARS-CoV-2 confirmed by real-time reverse transcription polymerase [27].

A *meta-analysis* among health care workers found that compared to no masks, surgical mask and N95 respirators were not effective against transmission of viral infections or influenza-like illness based on six RCTs [28]. Using separate analysis of 23 observational studies, this *meta-analysis* found no protective effect of medical mask or N95 respirators against SARS virus [28]. A recent systematic review of 39 studies including 33,867 participants in community settings (self-report illness), found no difference between N95 respirators versus surgical masks and surgical mask versus no masks in the risk for developing influenza or influenza-like illness, suggesting their ineffectiveness of blocking viral transmissions in community settings [29].

Another *meta-analysis* of 44 non-RCT studies (n = 25,697 participants) examining the potential risk reduction of facemasks against SARS, middle east respiratory syndrome (MERS) and COVID-19 transmissions [30]. The *meta-analysis* included four specific studies on COVID-19 transmission (5,929 participants, primarily health-care workers used N95 masks). Although the overall findings showed reduced risk of virus transmission with facemasks, the analysis had severe limitations to draw conclusions. One of the four COVID-19 studies had zero infected cases in both arms, and was excluded from *meta-analytic* calculation. Other two COVID-19 studies had unadjusted models, and were also excluded from the overall analysis. The *meta-analytic* results were based on only one COVID-19, one MERS and 8 SARS studies, resulting in high selection bias of the studies and contamination of the results between different viruses. Based on four COVID-19 studies, the *meta-analysis* failed to demonstrate risk reduction of facemasks for COVID-19 transmission, where the authors reported that the results of *meta-analysis* have low certainty and are inconclusive [30].

In early publication the WHO stated that “facemasks are not required, as no evidence is available on its usefulness to protect non-sick persons” [14]. In the same publication, the WHO declared that “cloth (e.g. cotton or gauze) masks are not recommended under any circumstance” [14]. Conversely, in later publication the WHO stated that the usage of fabric-made facemasks (Polypropylene, Cotton, Polyester, Cellulose, Gauze and Silk) is a general community practice for “preventing the infected wearer transmitting the virus to others and/or to offer protection to the healthy wearer against infection (prevention)” [2]. The same publication further conflicted itself by stating that due to the lower filtration, breathability and overall performance of fabric facemasks, the usage of woven fabric mask such as cloth, and/or non-woven fabrics, should only be considered for infected persons and not for prevention practice in asymptomatic individuals [2]. The Central for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) made similar recommendation, stating that only symptomatic persons should consider wearing facemask, while for asymptomatic individuals this practice is not recommended [31]. Consistent with the CDC, clinical scientists from Departments of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology in Australia counsel against facemasks usage for health-care workers, arguing that there is no justification for such practice while normal caring relationship between patients and medical staff could be compromised [32].

Moreover, the WHO repeatedly announced that “at present, there is no direct evidence (from studies on COVID-19) on the effectiveness face masking of healthy people in the community to prevent infection of respiratory viruses, including COVID-19” [2]. Despite these controversies, the potential harms and risks of wearing facemasks were clearly acknowledged. These including self-contamination due to hand practice or non-replaced when the mask is wet, soiled or damaged, development of facial skin lesions, irritant dermatitis or worsening acne and psychological discomfort. Vulnerable populations such as people with mental health disorders, developmental disabilities, hearing problems, those living in hot and humid environments, children and patients with respiratory conditions are at significant health risk for complications and harm [2].

Physiological effects of wearing facemasks

Wearing facemask mechanically restricts breathing by increasing the resistance of air movement during both inhalation and exhalation process [12,13]. Although, intermittent (several times a week) and repetitive (10–15 breaths for 2–4 sets) increase in respiration resistance may be adaptive for strengthening respiratory muscles [33,34], prolonged and continues effect of wearing facemask is maladaptive and could be detrimental for health [11–13]. In normal conditions at the sea level, air contains 20.93% O₂ and 0.03% CO₂, providing partial pressures of 100 mmHg and 40 mmHg for these gases in the arterial blood, respectively. These gas concentrations significantly altered when breathing occurs through facemask. A trapped air remaining between the mouth, nose and the facemask is rebreathed repeatedly in and out of the body, containing low O₂ and high CO₂ concentrations, causing hypoxemia and hypercapnia [11–13,35,36]. Severe hypoxemia may also provoke cardiopulmonary and neurological complications and is considered an important clinical sign in cardiopulmonary medicine [37–42]. Low oxygen content in the arterial blood can cause myocardial ischemia, serious arrhythmias, right or left ventricular dysfunction, dizziness, hypotension, syncope and pulmonary hypertension [43]. Chronic low-grade hypoxemia and hypercapnia as result of using facemask can cause exacerbation of existing cardiopulmonary, metabolic, vascular and neurological conditions [37–42]. Table 1 summarizes the physiological, psychological effects of wearing facemask and their potential long-term consequences for health.

In addition to hypoxia and hypercapnia, breathing through facemask residues bacterial and germs components on the inner and outside layer of the facemask. These toxic components are repeatedly rebreathed back

into the body, causing self-contamination. Breathing through facemasks also increases temperature and humidity in the space between the mouth and the mask, resulting a release of toxic particles from the mask's materials [1,2,19,26,35,36]. A systematic literature review estimated that aerosol contamination levels of facemasks including 13 to 202,549 different viruses [1]. Rebreathing contaminated air with high bacterial and toxic particle concentrations along with low O₂ and high CO₂ levels continuously challenge the body homeostasis, causing self-toxicity and immunosuppression [1,2,19,26,35,36].

A study on 39 patients with renal disease found that wearing N95 facemask during hemodialysis significantly reduced arterial partial oxygen pressure (from PaO₂ 101.7 to 92.7 mm Hg), increased respiratory rate (from 16.8 to 18.8 breaths/min), and increased the occurrence of chest discomfort and respiratory distress [35]. Respiratory Protection Standards from Occupational Safety and Health Administration, US Department of Labor states that breathing air with O₂ concentration below 19.5% is considered oxygen-deficiency, causing physiological and health adverse effects. These include increased breathing frequency, accelerated heartrate and cognitive impairments related to thinking and coordination [36]. A chronic state of mild hypoxia and hypercapnia has been shown as primarily mechanism for developing cognitive dysfunction based on animal studies and studies in patients with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease [44].

The adverse physiological effects were confirmed in a study of 53 surgeons where surgical facemask were used during a major operation. After 60 min of facemask wearing the oxygen saturation dropped by more than 1% and heart rate increased by approximately five beats/min [45]. Another study among 158 health-care workers using protective personal equipment primarily N95 facemasks reported that 81% (128 workers) developed new headaches during their work shifts as these become mandatory due to COVID-19 outbreak. For those who used the N95 facemask greater than 4 h per day, the likelihood for developing a headache during the work shift was approximately four times higher [Odds ratio = 3.91, 95% CI (1.35–11.31) p = 0.012], while 82.2% of the N95 wearers developed the headache already within ≤10 to 50 min [46].

With respect to cloth facemask, a RCT using four weeks follow up compared the effect of cloth facemask to medical masks and to no masks on the incidence of clinical respiratory illness, influenza-like illness and laboratory-confirmed respiratory virus infections among 1607 participants from 14 hospitals [19]. The results showed that there were no difference between wearing cloth masks, medical masks and no masks for incidence of clinical respiratory illness and laboratory-confirmed respiratory virus infections. However, a large harmful effect with more than 13 times higher risk [Relative Risk = 13.25 95% CI (1.74 to 100.97)] was observed for influenza-like illness among those who were wearing cloth masks [19]. The study concluded that cloth masks have significant health and safety issues including moisture retention, reuse, poor filtration and increased risk for infection, providing recommendation against the use of cloth masks [19].

Psychological effects of wearing facemasks

Psychologically, wearing facemask fundamentally has negative effects on the wearer and the nearby person. Basic human-to-human connectivity through face expression is compromised and self-identity is somewhat eliminated [47–49]. These dehumanizing movements partially delete the uniqueness and individuality of person who wearing the facemask as well as the connected person [49]. Social connections and relationships are basic human needs, which innately inherited in all people, whereas reduced human-to-human connections are associated with poor mental and physical health [50,51]. Despite escalation in technology and globalization that would presumably foster social connections, scientific findings show that people are becoming increasingly more socially isolated, and the prevalence of loneliness is increasing in last few decades [50,52]. Poor social connections are closely related to

Table 1
Physiological and Psychological Effects of Wearing Facemask and Their Potential Health Consequences.

Physiological Effects	Psychological Effect	Health Consequences
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hypoxemia • Hypercapnia • Shortness of breath • Increase lactate concentration • Decline in pH levels • Acidosis • Toxicity • Inflammation • Self-contamination • Increase in stress hormones level (adrenaline, noradrenaline and cortisol) • Increased muscle tension • Immunosuppression 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Activation of “fight or flight” stress response • Chronic stress condition • Fear • Mood disturbances • Insomnia • Fatigue • Compromised cognitive performance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased predisposition for viral and infection illnesses • Headaches • Anxiety • Depression • Hypertension • Cardiovascular disease • Cancer • Diabetes • Alzheimer disease • Exacerbation of existing conditions and diseases • Accelerated aging process • Health deterioration • Premature mortality

isolation and loneliness, considered significant health related risk factors [50–53].

A meta-analysis of 91 studies of about 400,000 people showed a 13% increased mortality risk among people with low compare to high contact frequency [53]. Another meta-analysis of 148 prospective studies (308,849 participants) found that poor social relationships was associated with 50% increased mortality risk. People who were socially isolated or fell lonely had 45% and 40% increased mortality risk, respectively. These findings were consistent across ages, sex, initial health status, cause of death and follow-up periods [52]. Importantly, the increased risk for mortality was found comparable to smoking and exceeding well-established risk factors such as obesity and physical inactivity [52]. An umbrella review of 40 systematic reviews including 10 meta-analyses demonstrated that compromised social relationships were associated with increased risk of all-cause mortality, depression, anxiety suicide, cancer and overall physical illness [51].

As described earlier, wearing facemasks causing hypoxic and hypercapnic state that constantly challenges the normal homeostasis, and activates “fight or flight” stress response, an important survival mechanism in the human body [11–13]. The acute stress response includes activation of nervous, endocrine, cardiovascular, and the immune systems [47,54–56]. These include activation of the limbic part of the brain, release stress hormones (adrenalin, neuro-adrenalin and cortisol), changes in blood flow distribution (vasodilation of peripheral blood vessels and vasoconstriction of visceral blood vessels) and activation of the immune system response (secretion of macrophages and natural killer cells) [47,48]. Encountering people who wearing facemasks activates innate stress-fear emotion, which is fundamental to all humans in danger or life threatening situations, such as death or unknown, unpredictable outcome. While acute stress response (seconds to minutes) is adaptive reaction to challenges and part of the survival mechanism, chronic and prolonged state of stress-fear is maladaptive and has detrimental effects on physical and mental health. The repeatedly or continuously activated stress-fear response causes the body to operate on survival mode, having sustain increase in blood pressure, pro-inflammatory state and immunosuppression [47,48].

Long-Term health consequences of wearing facemasks

Long-term practice of wearing facemasks has strong potential for devastating health consequences. Prolonged hypoxic-hypercapnic state compromises normal physiological and psychological balance, deteriorating health and promotes the developing and progression of existing chronic diseases [11–13,23,38,39,43,47,48,57]. For instance, ischemic heart disease caused by hypoxic damage to the myocardium is the most common form of cardiovascular disease and is a number one cause of death worldwide (44% of all non-communicable diseases) with 17.9 million deaths occurred in 2016 [57]. Hypoxia also playing an important role in cancer burden [58]. Cellular hypoxia has strong mechanistic feature in promoting cancer initiation, progression, metastasis, predicting clinical outcomes and usually presents a poorer survival in patients with cancer. Most solid tumors present some degree of hypoxia, which is independent predictor of more aggressive disease, resistance to cancer therapies and poorer clinical outcomes [59,60]. Worth note, cancer is one of the leading causes of death worldwide, with an estimate of more than 18 million new diagnosed cases and 9.6 million cancer-related deaths occurred in 2018 [61].

With respect to mental health, global estimates showing that COVID-19 will cause a catastrophe due to collateral psychological damage such as quarantine, lockdowns, unemployment, economic collapse, social isolation, violence and suicides [62–64]. Chronic stress along with hypoxic and hypercapnic conditions knocks the body out of balance, and can cause headaches, fatigue, stomach issues, muscle tension, mood disturbances, insomnia and accelerated aging [47,48,65–67]. This state suppressing the immune system to protect the body from viruses and bacteria, decreasing cognitive function, promoting the developing and

exacerbating the major health issues including hypertension, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, cancer, Alzheimer disease, rising anxiety and depression states, causes social isolation and loneliness and increasing the risk for prematurely mortality [47,48,51,56,66].

Conclusion

The existing scientific evidences challenge the safety and efficacy of wearing facemask as preventive intervention for COVID-19. The data suggest that both medical and non-medical facemasks are ineffective to block human-to-human transmission of viral and infectious disease such SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19, supporting against the usage of facemasks. Wearing facemasks has been demonstrated to have substantial adverse physiological and psychological effects. These include hypoxia, hypercapnia, shortness of breath, increased acidity and toxicity, activation of fear and stress response, rise in stress hormones, immunosuppression, fatigue, headaches, decline in cognitive performance, predisposition for viral and infectious illnesses, chronic stress, anxiety and depression. Long-term consequences of wearing facemask can cause health deterioration, developing and progression of chronic diseases and premature death. Governments, policy makers and health organizations should utilize prosper and scientific evidence-based approach with respect to wearing facemasks, when the latter is considered as preventive intervention for public health.

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Topic Pinellas County Mask Mandate

BCC Agenda Date 4-13-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

I wish to publicly state that I am opposed to continuing the Pinellas County mask mandate. The 'effectiveness' of masks has been widely disputed. But the mental anguish mask wearing in not disputed, along with the damage to our economy. Please consider removing this mandate, the government is NOT responsible for taking care of the health of citizens; rather this is an individual responsibility. The government should not overstep its authority just because of a 'virus' with a very low rate of death already. I hope you will consider this comment. Thank you.

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Topic Mask mandates

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

I would like to say that I oppose the continuation of mask mandates. It is starting to cause a huge divide amongst the people. Vaccines are now readily available for ages 16 and up and our death rate from covid is hardly notable. Some states like Texas have removed the masks and baseball stadiums are packed at 100% capacity with no masks and their numbers continue to drop. I have autoimmune issues and cannot wear a mask and am tired of being abused. Besides vaccines there are very effective therapeutics out there for patients. We need you to make masks optional. If someone is still living in fear then by all means wear a mask but the rest of us need to live a normal life again. My family contracted covid in November and healed naturally within 5 days. Some of us had barely any symptoms and like I said I am immune compromised. Viruses are a permanent part of life. People need to get used to it and work on their personal health by eating healthy, exercising and taking vitamin supplements.

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Topic Mask Mandate

BCC Agenda Date 4-13-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

Please remove the mask mandate. At the very least, you should be able to agree that there is conflicting data on both the effectiveness and safety of mask wearing, and thus the decision should be left up to each individual. There has been no increase in Covid cases in any of the areas where mask mandates have been removed (or were never put in place). The continuation of this mandate is purely political, and an overstep of your powers. Remove the mandate!!

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Topic Emergency Powers - Mask Mandate

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

It's time to lift this mask mandate which continues to prove more and more useless. As counties continue to lift theirs - the Florida death count PLUMMETS. https://www.theepochtimes.com/florida-reports-single-digit-ccp-virus-deaths-for-first-time-since-september_3772438.html Our county extended this mandate for another week with the excuse that "there was a rise in cases" - here's the deal - that rise was like 100 cases. And cases did not equal deaths or hospitalizations. Both of those have been CONSISTENTLY dropping. Expecting a 3% case positivity count out of a county of a million is not only absurd it's a purposeful obstacle to freedom. Between the amount of ppl who have been vaccinated, and natural herd immunity, it is CLEAR we've done our part. It's time to follow our neighboring counties like Pasco and Manatee which BTW do not have rising cases despite having not mandates. It's time to free our CHILDREN who are the least infectious and the least likely to catch this from wearing them 7+ hours a day. It. Is. Time. Stop stalling. Do your job and listen to your constituents. We know you've overtly expressed annoyance at how many emails you've received from us. We will not stop until you do your JOB and listen to the people who put you there. Be honorable leaders. Sincerely

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Greetings Pinellas County Commissioners, Administrator Burton, Counselor White, and FDOH D.O
Choe,

(I) 3% Case Positivity Metric Unrealistic (Pages 1-2)

The threshold metric for ending the mask mandate , the three % or less on a rolling seven-day average for four consecutive weeks (" $\leq 3\%$ ", herein) is based on a testing procedure mostly prone to generating misleading positives via "over-amplified" PCR cycle thresholds (Ct) which register results as positive those who are not contagious with Sars-Cov-2, or even false positives altogether via rapid antigen tests. Remedies to this would be to stop testing asymptomatic people; and also require a second test, preferably of a different type of manufacturer, to confirm positive tests.

(II) Case Hospitalization and Case Fatality Ratios Dive While Cases Rise (Pages 3-4)

The impracticality of the $\leq 3\%$ metric using such testing procedures can be observed by looking at the three events of the case testing positivity metrics, coupled with both the case hospitalization and fatality ratios over the four month period of September 2020 through January 2021. In the alternative, if the PCR Ct amplifications will not be lowered to levels which reflect those who are truly contagious and a danger to public health, then a Case Hospitalization Ratio (CHR) would be a more reliable metric to measure whether or not a public health emergency truly exists.

(III) Manatee County With No Mask Policy Having Better Results Than Pinellas (Pages 4-6)

Pinellas is without cause to continue the mask mandate based on the fact that such policy has proven ineffective in light of indisputable empirical data from the neighboring county of Manatee being without such policy with either close positivity percentages, similar epidemic curves, and with Manatee having even lower hospitalizations.

(IV) No Cause For Health Emergency In Pinellas Considering Hospital Rates (Pages 6-10)

The routine capabilities of hospitals are not overwhelmed or indicating an overwhelming with bonafide statistics, then there is no reason to continue the State of Emergency.

(V) Pinellas Fails at All Necessary Criteria for Current Public Health Emergency (Pages 10-12)

The harms and ineffectiveness of mask use , based on all of the empirical county wide epidemiological data presented , outweigh the perceived benefits, and fail at the five known criteria for what constitutes a bonafide "public health emergency".

(VI) CONCLUSION (Pages 12-15)

(VII) References and Attachments (16-27)

(VIII) Addendum: Mask Policy and COVID Metrics: Correlation Is Not Causation

(1) Regarding issue (I), the $\leq 3\%$ case positivity metrics resulting from PCR Ct scans greater than or equal to 34 cycle thresholds (≥ 34 Ct, herein) or rapid antigen tests should NOT be used for shaping clinical diagnostics, public health and policy decision-making within Pinellas County.

(a) In August, the New York Times reported that up to 90 percent of people testing positive across three states carried barely any virus, and PCR Tests at 37-40 Cycle thresholds are such high amplifications that they generate up to 90% misleading positive results, and may detect not just live virus but also just dead genetic fragments of a “non-viable” virus. They went further in that the PCR test is limited to just plus or minus results and is not good enough for huge impacting actions such as clinical diagnostics for public health or for policy decision-making. ¹

(i) For more understanding of cycle thresholds (Ct) and how Ct scans at ≥ 34 are “over amplified”, refer to endnote. ²

(ii) As far back as the beginning of the pandemic, in late April, 2020, it was discovered that patients with Ct scan values ≥ 34 were no longer contagious and could be considered suitable for discharge. ³

(b) The FDA has warned about antigen tests being prone to giving false positives and Medscape confirmed the FDA directive and reported the high false positive rates from antigen tests. Since the FDA warned about the potential of rapid antigen tests having the potential of giving false positives, and since at least two states were reported as getting false positives with the antigen kits, it stands to reason that this method of testing is not accurate. ^{4,5}

(c) Almost a year ago on July 2020, Dr. Fauci himself states that 35 Ct is too high for detecting realistic positive cases. ⁶

(c) Since rapid antigen tests are prone to false positive results, and since PCR testing results ≥ 34 Cycle Thresholds (Ct) are reflective of positive results in which 90% of those tested may have a high likelihood of a “non viable virus” which will not replicate or transmit, then rapid tests and also PCR positive results ≥ 34 Ct should NOT be used for shaping clinical diagnostics, nor public

health and policy decision-making within Pinellas County, because such results produce a misrepresentation of which cases could be a threat to public health. Even using hospitalization and death metrics to gauge the true impact to public health is not conclusive because it is impossible to determine whether those testing positive for Sars-Cov-2 are or were really sick and contagious to the public. Using case positivity as a primary metric leads to misplaced policy decisions by the PBCC regarding COVID, and also causes UNNECESSARY mass fear and panic in the population due to dramatic upturns, most of which are likely to be “over-amplified” positives. Therefore, the $\leq 3\%$ case positivity metrics resulting from rapid antigen tests and PCR tests with Ct scans ≥ 34 should NOT be used for shaping clinical diagnostics or public health and policy decision-making within Pinellas County. Remedies to this would be to stop testing asymptomatic people; and also require a second test, preferably of a different type of manufacturer, to confirm positive tests.

(2) Regarding issue 2, the data in the graph above sourced from the FAU Florida COVID Tracker, and spreadsheets can be provided on request to check for veracity.

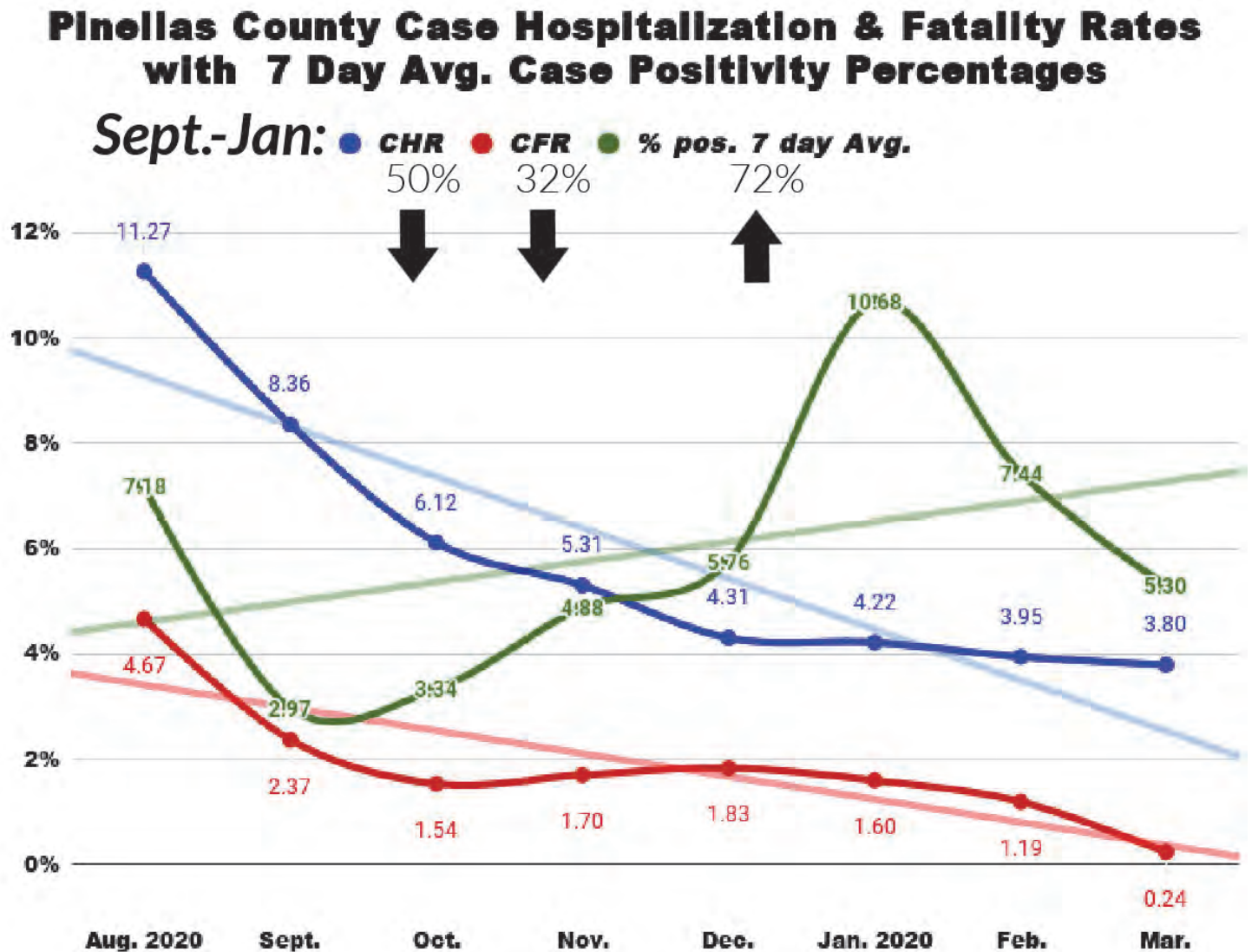
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(a) Prior to the January vaccine rollout, Case Hospitalization and Fatality Rates (CHR & CFR) were dropping significantly starting in August.

(b) From September 2020 to January 2021, CHR dropped 50%, CFR dropped 32%, but case positivity percentage on a rolling seven-day average rose a staggering 72%. The significant drop in CHR and CFR cannot be attributed to vaccines since mass vaccinations were not occurring during this period. The fact that case positivity rose a whopping 72% while CHR and CFR dropped significantly validates the premise in (1), that a considerable majority of those testing positive were not contagious with the virus. It stands to reason that IF the 72% increase of a case positive rate reflected those truly contagious with Sars-Cov-2, then the CHR and CFR would increase proportionally, particularly over the course of four (4) months.

However, the CHR and CFR instead decreased significantly, rather than insignificantly without the aid of a mass vaccination program.

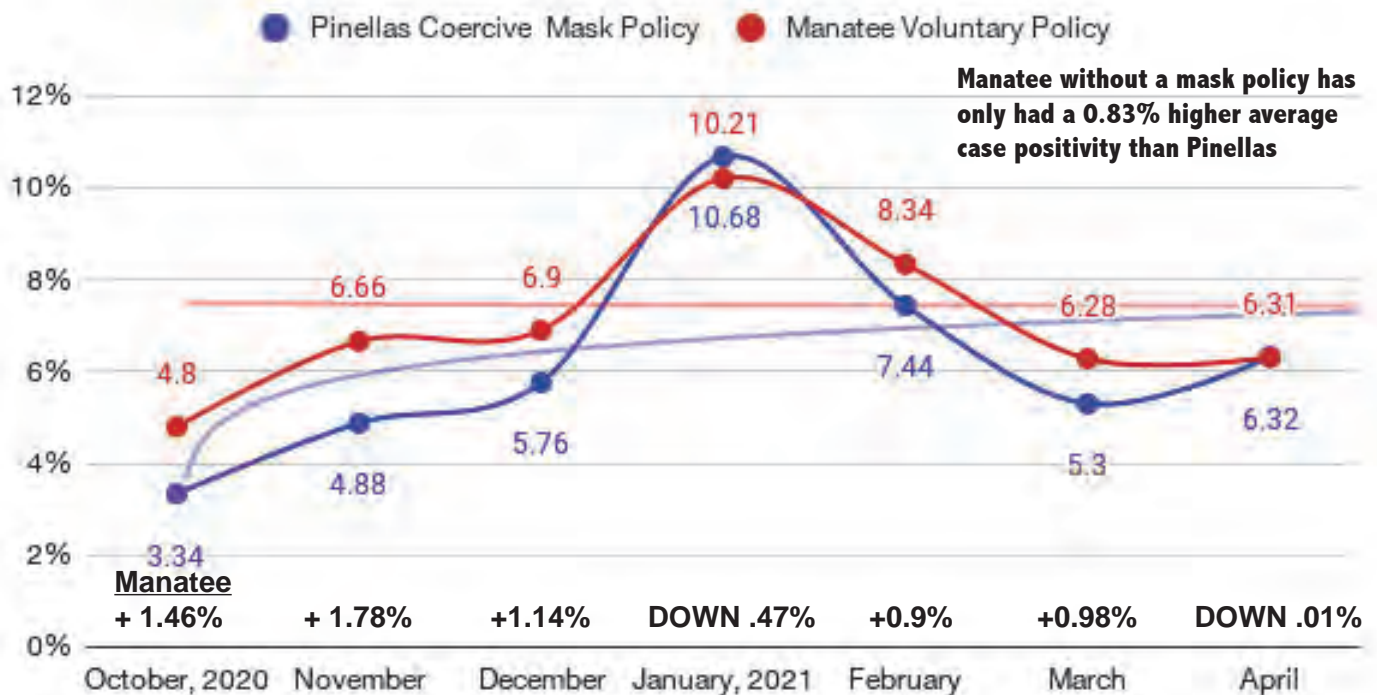
Figure 1



(3) At the expense of redundancy, some of the following was communicated earlier, but is relevant, but with more updated charts, and much more condensed format, with additional points not previously introduced. When comparing the strong mask policy of Pinellas with that of the Manatee no mask policy starting in October, there is little empirical difference in case positivity percentage. Again the data was gleaned from the above referenced FAU Florida COVID Tracker for both Pinellas and Manatee counties, and spreadsheets can be provided on request to check for veracity.

Figure 2

Case Positivity Based on a Rolling 7 Day Avg.

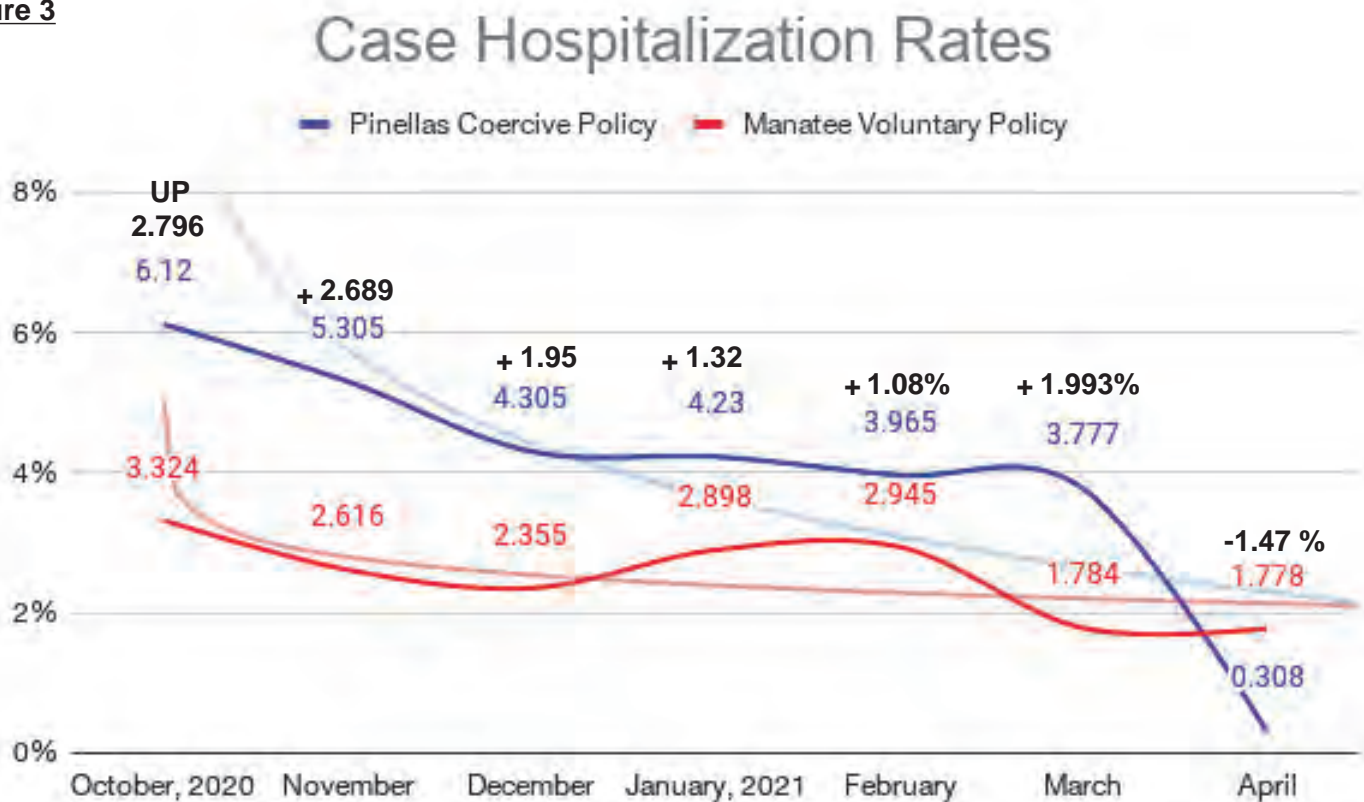


- (a) It is important to note that John Hopkins University (JHU) has demonstrated that higher population density is NOT linked with higher COVID numbers. ⁷
- (b) Manatee lifted their mask mandate ~October 1, 2020 and the 7 day average case positivity over the past 7 months has been an average of only 0.83% higher than that of Pinellas with the strict mask policy.
- (i) Looking back at figure 1, both Pinellas and Manatee follow the same peaks and valleys in their epidemic curves.
- (ii) With Manatee having no mask policy, and Pinellas having a strict mask policy, both within an ~0.83% average variance, and following the same curves, with Pinellas even surpassing Manatee when they were at their January peaks, and then catching up to Manatee numbers in April, then this empirical data makes it evident that the Pinellas mask policy is of no effect when comparing case positivity averages with that of Manatee in that the results are virtually identical. This is further reason which validates that case positivity

percentage is an inferior metric for ending the mask or emergency orders. Pinellas residents' quality of life is being infringed upon with an ineffective intervention.

(c) In regards to hospitalizations, and knowing that JHU proves that population density is not a factor, the Pinellas County hospitalization rate has been an average of 1.5% higher, and even more than double than that at certain times of Manatee since the lifting of their mask mandate the past seven months since October. It has taken Pinellas 7 months to finally “catch down to” and get to a lower rate than Manatee. Considering that hospitalizations are a more serious metric than case positivity, this is empirical evidence that the Pinellas mask policy has made no difference in lower case hospitalization rates than a neighboring county with no mask mandate.

Figure 3



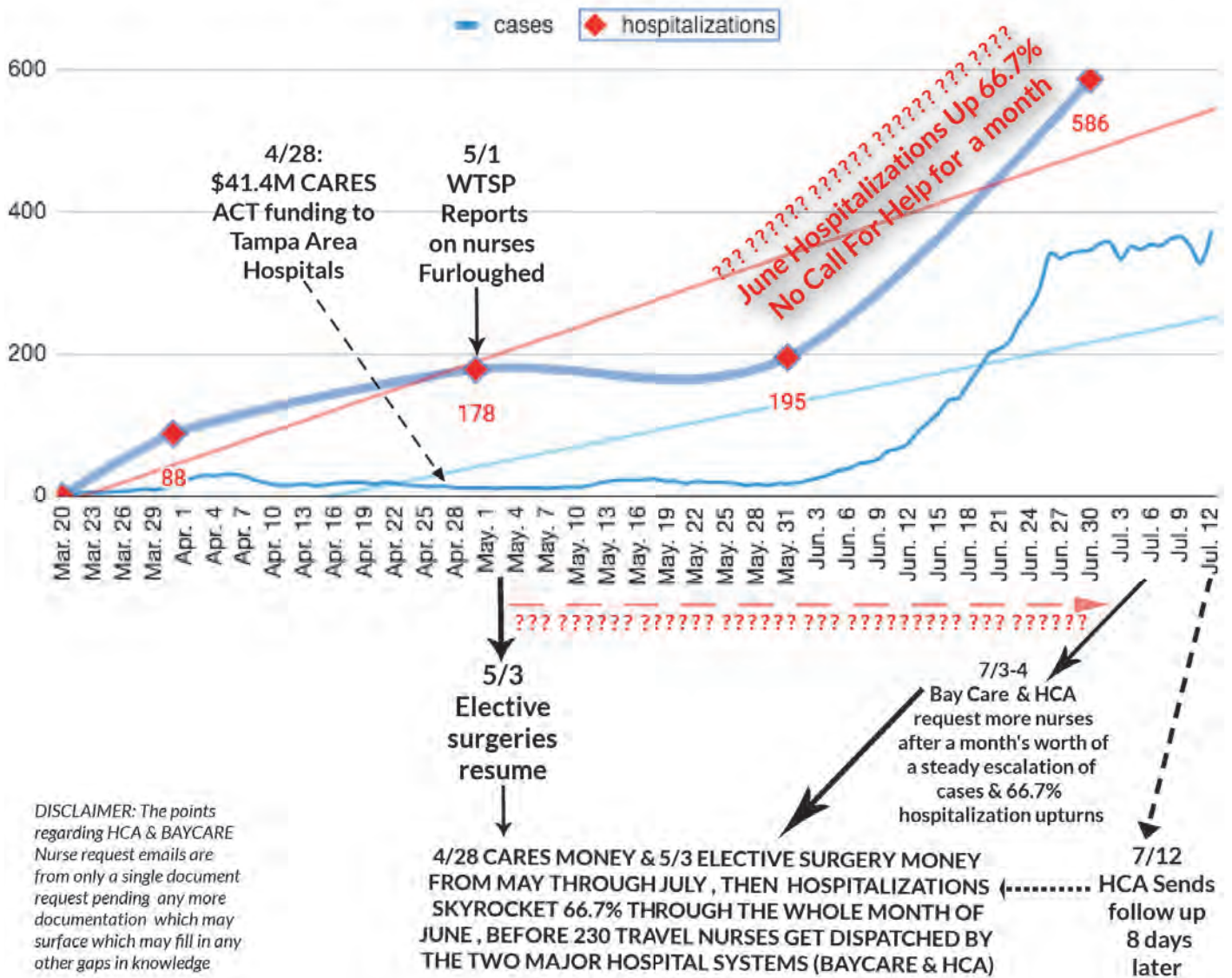
(d) Therefore, Pinellas is without cause to continue the mask mandate based on the fact that such policy has proven ineffective in light of indisputable empirical data from the neighboring county of Manatee being without such policy with either close positivity percentages, similar epidemic curves, with Manatee having even lower hospitalizations.

- (4) Pinellas area hospitals are not trending toward the exceeding of hospital capacities which would warrant a state of emergency.
- (a) It is commonly known in public health administration that the cause for a public health emergency is for situations “whose scale, timing, or unpredictability threatens to overwhelm routine capabilities.” ⁸
- (b) Routine capabilities for hospitals is ~67% average occupancy, with a target a utilization of ~80%- 85% on average, and ICU national average from 57.4% to 82.1%. ^{9, 10, 11, 12}
- (c) Even at peak of 481 Pinellas County COVID hospitalizations, the occupancies were at 82% for regular facilities, and ICU at 83%. ¹³
- (d) The need for hiring the 287 nurses for the July 20, 2020 peak was due to staffing shortages due to the furloughing of nurses in May due to elective surgeries being cancelled, more so than large numbers of COVID patients overwhelming normal and expected capacities beyond generally accepted and known parameters so stated in (b). ^{14, 15}
- (e) However, Governor Ron Desantis permitted the profitable elective surgeries to resume the first week of May, 2020 and Tampa hospitals received \$41.4M in CARES funding. ^{16, 17}
- (f) At the beginning of June, around the time of the Phase 2 reopening , cases skyrocketed and a nearly 67% spike in COVID hospitalizations occurred into July and beyond, most likely due to a lockdown being lifted due to no natural or acquired immunity to Sars-Cov-2 in the population, and also due to the fact that coronaviruses are known to spread in sub tropical climates during the rainy seasons. ^{18, 19}
- (g) Pursuant to July 3 through July 4th, 2020 communications from HCA and BayCare , which were gathered from a public document request from Pinellas County Emergency Management, Baycare requested 60 RNs under the direction of Lisa Johnson, and HCA requested 120 RPNs and 50 LPNs under the direction of Larry Feinman, thus 230 of the 287 staff as reported earlier. HCA followed up with their request eight days on July 12, 2020.

(attached, also refer to figure 4 for a graphic summary of (d)-(g)...)

Figure 4

Pinellas: Cases, Moving Average & Hospitalizations, Actual Counts (2020) :

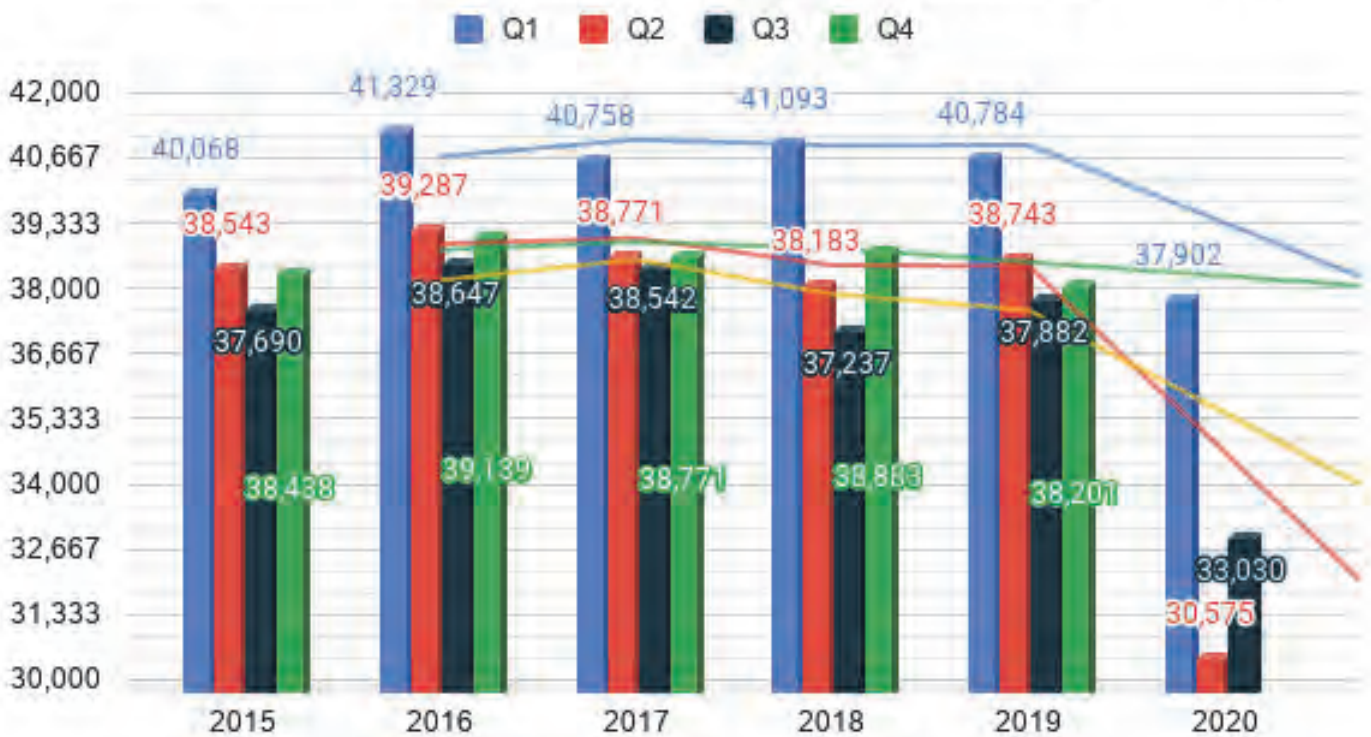


(h) With only the publicly available information gathered for now, it appears that the 66.7% spike in COVID hospitalizations through entire month of June , and before the two biggest hospital chains made the decision in early July to request nearly 250 travel nurses to keep up with the demand; that only skeleton crews of nurses were pushed to their limits for a full month with backed up elective surgeries occurring simultaneously with an influx of Covid cases which multiplied before HCA and Baycare finally asked for help.

- (i) Since elective surgeries were permitted in May, and since federal relief money for furloughed nurses may have been received by hospitals at or around such time, then the publicly available information demonstrates for now that hospitals could still have run at a profit May through July with some regular staffing without as many furloughs which caused the staffing shortages prompting the last minute requests for 230 nurses in early July after the 66.7% increase in hospitalizations was realized throughout the entire month of June prior.
- (j) The conclusions reached from Figure 5 in the table below are from a custom data order obtained by the undersigned from the AHCA. This data can be authenticated by the undersigned via a chain of custody in the email exchange if requested.
- (k) Figure 5 demonstrates significantly lower hospitalization discharges than what Pinellas county hospitals have been accustomed to since at least from 2015-2019.

Figure 5

Pinellas County Total Hospital Discharges 2015-2020 (Q4 Pending)



- (l) Since Quarter 2 through Quarter 3 cover the months of June through September, 2020 hospitalizations were significantly lower for the reasons previously exhausted.

- (m) The next COVID hospitalization peak occurred on January 14, 2121 at a 396 census, so COVID occupied beds Pinellas County wide represented 14.4% occupancy of hospitalizations (396/2755). Total facility occupancy was at 80.4% (2755/3427), and ICU occupancy was at 91.5%. <https://business.fau.edu/covidtracker/data/pinellas-county/>
- (n) October through April “Snowbird” season which causes hospital capacity spikes have been known and proven for nearly 20 years, and Flu Season in Florida Typically occurs between the same months, peaking in January through February. Also, since the Late September Phase 3 reopening came out of the Phase 2 lockdown, (f) still applies in that insufficient acquired immunity in the population was likely not reached. ^{20, 21}
- (o) The information herein demonstrates that hospitals in Pinellas County were never overwhelmed in either the July or January peaks to the point of a definitive “public health emergency” from COVID patients ostensibly exceeding the known, expected, and/or routine facility capacities. Hospitals experienced capacity problems due to the decision making of hospital business administrators. The furloughs happened in May, yet hospitals were permitted to resume their profitable elective surgeries through the beginning of July, while likely receiving CARES act funding. The 66.7% upward hospitalization trend in June towards the July peak was not acted upon by HCA and Baycare , who instead hired travel nurses in July after an entire month of rising cases and hospitalizations.
- (p) Therefore, the eleventh hour decisions on the part of HCA and Baycare should not constitute an emergency on the part of Pinellas County residents, and the Pinellas Board of County Commissioners should cease the State of Emergency due to the routine capabilities of the area’s hospitals not under any imminent threat of being overrun with COVID patients.
- (5) The harms and ineffectiveness of mask use , based on all of the empirical county wide epidemiological data presented , outweigh the perceived benefits, and fail at the five known criteria for what constitutes a bonafide “public health emergency”.

(a) Consistent cloth mask use puts people at increased risk of respiratory illness and viral infections and their global use should be discouraged, according to a UNSW study. ²²

(b) The same study found that cloth masks were only 3% effective, and that medical masks were only 56% effective. **IBID**

(c) A Randomized Control Trial (*RCT - the gold standard of effectiveness research*) in the American Journal of Infection control stated that masking caused headaches and did nothing to prevent colds. ²³

(d) The Clinical Research in Cardiology Journal stated that that the wearing of surgical masks and N95 at work or during physical exercise both significantly reduce pulmonary parameters at rest and at maximum load with reduced ventilation, and reduced quality of life. The researchers went further to state that their quantitative data could be relied on to inform medical recommendations and policy makers. ²⁴

(e) French researches in 2018 proved that Surgical mask wearers had significantly increased dyspnea (shortness of breath) after a 6-minute walk than non-mask wearers. ²⁵

(f) Even more harms associated with mask wearing are confirmed by the WHO in December, 2020 such as headache and/or breathing difficulties, development of facial skin lesions, irritant dermatitis or worsening acne, when used frequently for long hours, difficulty with communicating clearly, especially for persons who are deaf or have poor hearing or use lip reading, discomfort, disadvantages for or difficulty wearing masks, especially for children, developmentally challenged persons, those with mental illness, persons with cognitive impairment, those with asthma or chronic respiratory or breathing problems, those who have had facial trauma or recent oral maxillofacial surgery and those living in hot and humid environments. ²⁶

(g) Since the wearing of face masks have now been proven to impair pulmonary and ventilation capabilities, particularly in occupations and exercise, and that this data was suggested by

researchers for informing medical professionals and policy makers, and since the mere walking for 6 minutes with a surgical mask causes shortness of breath, then such is an apparent oversight on part of both the PBCC and the Director for mandating masks on employees at businesses who are working, or on students in sports activities, in light of such inevitable impairments and disruptions in the quality of life as demonstrated in this randomized cross over study.

- (h) The mandatory masking of school students pose a significant detriment to their neurodevelopment, and also their development of basic psychosocial skills , by having the likelihood to impair or damage the faculty of Facial Emotional Recognition. Damages or impairments to such faculty are a precursor to mental and/or behavioral disorders. ²⁷⁻³¹
- (i) All of what has been discussed in this issue should be of grave concern to the PBCC, Pinellas Public Health Officials, School Boards, Mayors, City Commissioners, and any other government official due to the impacts on mental health on youth which can have devastating effects on the future of this county. On top of this, the costs of extra mental health care could be much higher than average, particularly due to the need for voluminous diagnoses. Since Dr. Choe is known to have accelerated behavioral health programs in the county, it is shocking that this aspect of FER impairment and damage has not been considered.
- (j) Masks also impair major life activities and and major bodily functions as described in The American Disabilities Act in 42 U.S. Code § 1210 , some of which may include , “eating, walking, lifting, speaking, breathing, learning, reading, concentrating, thinking, communicating, working, functions of the immune system, neurological, brain, respiratory, circulatory . . . functions”

(6)

CONCLUSION

The conditions due to the Sars-CoV-2 infection and COVID-19 disease DO NOT create the disaster or threat which gives the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners , The County Administrator, Director Choe, and others in Pinellas County governments the justificatory conditions to coerce children and businesses with a blanket public health emergency policy which infringes on the medical autonomy of, and impairs the major life activities and major bodily functions of the less vulnerable 75% majority of the Pinellas County population who are under the age of 65, and without pre-existing conditions making them more susceptible.

(a) Pinellas Municipal Code §34-28(c)(8) states that the conditions creating the disaster or threat must be specified in a State of Emergency order.

(i) Reiterating The American Journal of Public Health (AJPH) from (4) , “A situation becomes emergent when its health consequences have the potential to overwhelm routine community capabilities to address them. Thus, the proposed definition focuses on situations “whose scale, timing, or unpredictability threatens to overwhelm routine capabilities.”

- The analysis and conclusion in (4) addresses the fact that routine capabilities are and were never overwhelmed. The sudden need for 287 travel nurses could have been anticipated through June and also subsidized via elective surgeries revenue and CARES act funding, therefore putting to rest any notion of unpredictability warranting a “public health emergency”.

(ii) An often cited paper for public health policy, published in The Journal of Law Medicine & Ethics, states that there should be five “justificatory conditions” that indicate when public health interventions which infringe on individual autonomy are ethically warranted, which are (1) effectiveness, (2) proportionality, (3) necessity, (4) least infringement, and (5) public justification.³²

(A) The current COVID restriction mandates and State of Emergency fail the first justificatory condition of effectiveness as stated in (3)(d). Pinellas County policies have

shown to be ineffective at reducing hospitalizations or case positivity percentages when compared against neighboring Manatee County with no mask mandate which has tracked closely and identically with Pinellas in case positivity, even having a lower hospitalization rate.

(B) The public health emergency policy and restriction mandates also fail for want of meeting the proportionality criteria. Considering the policy ineffectiveness in (A), and the result of health risks, reductions in quality of life, impairments of major life activities, bodily functions, and the infringement of medical autonomy via a mask mandate, then these harms far outweigh public health benefits when seen in conjunction with the Pinellas County vs. Manatee County conclusion in (3)(d).

(C) These policies also fail in the necessity and least restrictive alternative criteria. The coercive approach for the PBCC policies are not necessary and also not least restrictive considering the inevitable damages and impairments of major life activities and major bodily functions which can result from mandatory mask wearing, and also coupled with the empirical and indisputable data in (3) which demonstrates that Manatee County has no mask policy, with far better case hospitalization rates than Pinellas and with similar case positivity percentage averages. Therefore, it is unnecessary to coerce children and businesses with mask mandates when there are better to similar results in a neighboring county with no such coercion.

(D) As it stands the PBCC policy fails, and in the absence of contradicting these issues, such will be proven to have failed the public justification criteria needed in public health emergency policies which involve coercion. This would be so by the PBCC and The Director not responding in a relevant manner to any of the information herein which address the many presumptions relied upon for their policy to be valid, all by such parties either ignoring the issues, conclusions herein, and also by not showing where the undersigned has misapplied or misconstrued the information. Further, The PBCC at their

public meetings in regards to the public health emergency policy, and conditions surrounding such , have been routinely ignoring information presented by the public, as well as passing to the County Administrator the responsibility for the policy, which then keeps the PBCC from having to address such at the meetings. With this behavior , low levels of accountability and accommodation to public deliberation are shown , thus abandoning any obligation as government leaders and decision-makers to provide honest information and justifications for their decisions. Such actions or inactions do and will therefore undermine the public trust and the transparency of the PBCC and of the FDOH in Pinellas.

(iii) The Primary Care Companion To The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry states that a corollary to the basic foundation established by the Bill of Rights is the common-law principle of self-determination that guarantees the individual's right to privacy and protection against the actions of others that may threaten bodily integrity. ³³

(iv) Considering how there is no cause for the “public health emergency policy” and how the mask mandate is of no effect due to what has been exhausted regarding the Pinellas vs. Manatee analysis, and the hospital capacity issue, and the imminent harms and impairments inflicted by masks; The Pinellas Board of County Commissioners should cease the state of emergency, and the mask mandate should cease because coercing businesses and schools to , in turn , impair the integrity of Pinellas County residents’ major bodily functions and major life activities, is both cruel and unwarranted,.

Respectfully Submitted,



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“Tests with thresholds so high may detect not just live virus but also genetic fragments, leftovers from infection that pose no particular risk — akin to finding a hair in a room long after a person has left, Dr. Mina said.”

“We’ve been using one type of data for everything, and that is just plus or minus — that’s all,” Dr. Mina said. “We’re using that for clinical diagnostics, for public health, for policy decision-making . . . But yes-no isn’t good enough, he added. It’s the amount of virus that should dictate the infected patient’s next steps. “It’s really irresponsible, I think, to forgo the recognition that this is a quantitative issue . . . “

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10 cycles = 1,000X

20 cycles = 1,000,000X

30 cycles = 1,000,000,000X

40 cycles = ~1,000,000,000,00

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Appropriately decoding facial expressions aids in an individual’s ability to understand and appropriately adapt to the social environment and thus is a crucial part of social interactions. Gaining a greater understanding of the normal developmental trajectory of emotional facial recognition may help in the early identification and possible treatment of affective disorders such as autism, depression, and anxiety disorders. . . Emotional face processing involves a network of brain areas, including the fusiform gyrus, prefrontal cortices(PFC), insula, and the amygdala . . .

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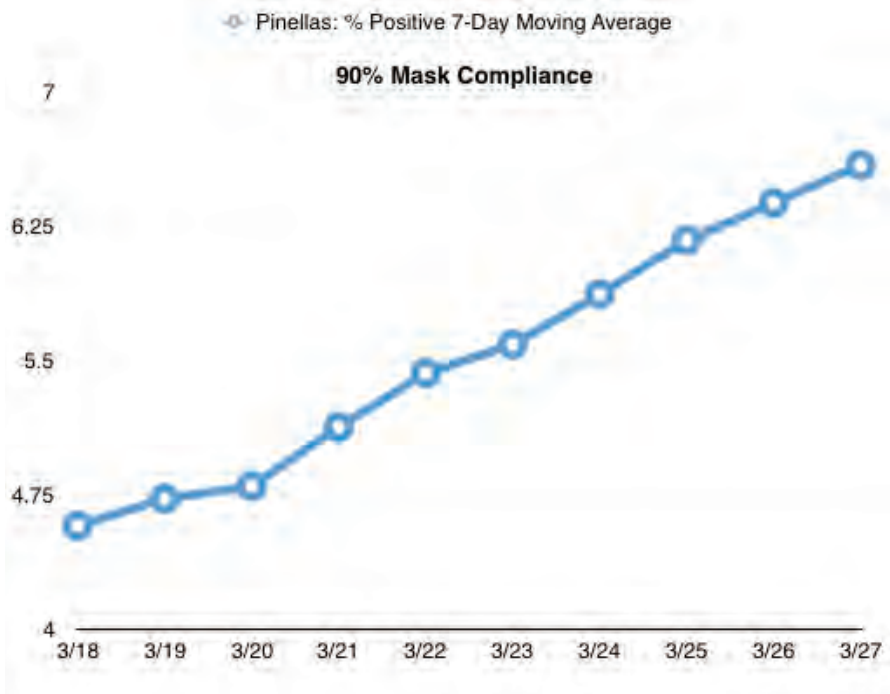
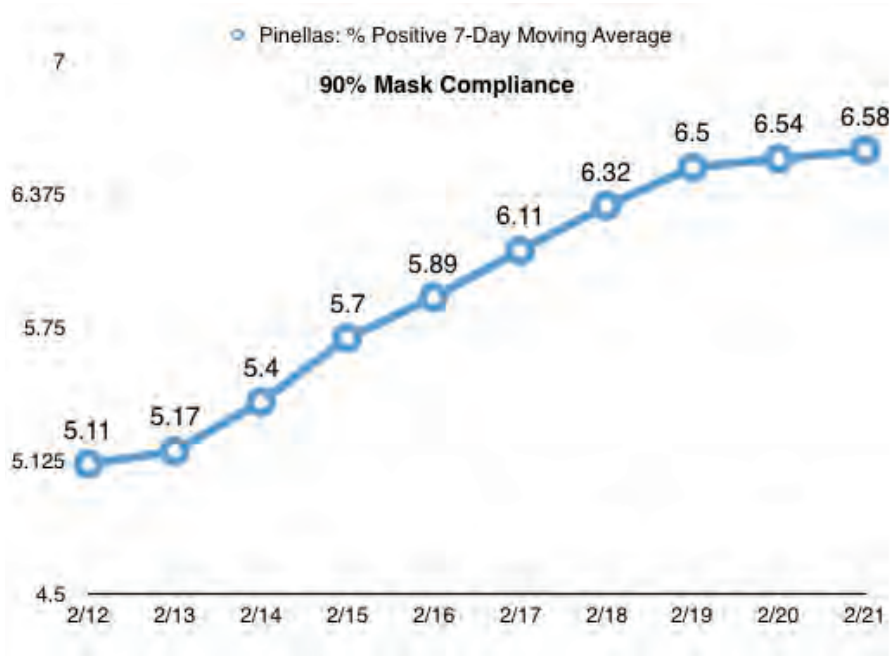
VIII: Addendum: Mask Policy and COVID Metrics: Correlation Is Not Causation

(A) CORRELATION IS NOT CAUSATION

- “Causality is the area of statistics that is commonly misunderstood and misused by people in the mistaken belief that because the data shows a correlation that there is necessarily an underlying causal relationship” <https://datascience.eu/mathematics-statistics/correlation-and-causation/>
- Therefore there is no justification at law or in statistical science for Recipient(s) citing a causal relationship between their public health policy with that of COVID downturns by solely citing the overlapping of the dates between the two events absent any other type of scientific nexus.
- MASK COMPLIANCE U.S. WIDE HAS BEEN RANKED at 93%
“More than nine in 10 U.S. adults (93%) said they sometimes, often or always wear a mask or face covering when they leave their home and are unable to socially distance,”
<https://www.webmd.com/lung/news/20201022/mask-use-by-americans-now-tops-90-poll-finds#1>
- Two steady climbs in case positivity occurred in February and March in the midst of a high ~90% compliance with the mask mandate . The following tool was used by the revered Washington Post for tracking mask compliance, and will be used herein for Pinellas County mask compliance.
- A powerful argument for wearing a mask, in visual form, October 23, 2020
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/10/23/pandemic-data-chart-masks/>
- To use this tool, <https://delphi.cmu.edu/covidcast/indicator/?date=20210401>
 - enter Pinellas County , Florida
 - Next drop menu, under “public’s behavior” > “people wearing masks”
 - Scroll down to the PEOPLE WEARING MASKS CHART, move the cursor along the date line to see that mask compliance was been at 90%.

- The following page has a graph reflecting Pinellas County Case Positivity Percentage and Mask Compliance.

In times of COVID metric downturns, and citing just the mask policy being in existence as the reason for the downturns is the logical fallacy of Correlation is Causation. This can be seen here in that there was high mask compliance, but instead, significant COVID metric upturns occurred. So taking the position that high compliance causes upturns in this case would also be the same “correlation is causation” logical fallacy, just applied the other way.

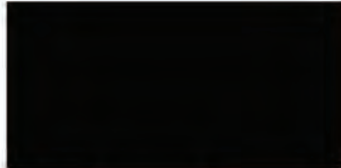




Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333

April 5, 2021

SENT VIA EMAIL



Dear [REDACTED]

This letter is our final response regarding your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of February 23, 2021, assigned #21-00756-FOIA, for

1. Why is the HHS now linked to the Center for Disease Control. When did this happen? In 2009 a report on the CDC was released by the HHS, how can they audit themselves; and
2. The CDC continues to claim that masks stop the spread of virus. Can you please share their science? Do they have a randomized controlled trial proving that cloth face coverings stop the spread of virus? Does the CDC have a randomized controlled trial that 2 masks stop the spread of virus or Covid19?

For item 2 of your request, the subject matter experts provided the following information and links:

CDC is not aware of any randomized control trials that show that masks or double masks or cloth face coverings are effective against COVID-19. There is experimental data as described below showing that masks block particles:

1. Studies about the effectiveness of masks are available on CDC's website here (references to the studies are provided at the bottom of the page, current as of 2/18/2021). <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html#evidence-effectiveness>;
2. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7007e1.htm>;
3. <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2776536>; and
4. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/masking-science-sars-cov2.html>.

For item 1 of your request, we have administratively closed your request for the following reason:

The agency has not received additional information requested from you in our letter dated March 2, 2021.

Johnson, Krista

From: Teresa Riccardi <intl.realty.inc@gmail.com>
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From: Stephanie Gray <stefler44@gmail.com>
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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

Without delving into the studies and the science and facts of the matter (you've heard quite a bit of this already from the public during the commissioners meetings), it's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our freedom of choice to remain intact. Not to mention the fact that it's been over a year now and after such a period of time we know what we're dealing with.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Stephanie Gray

Johnson, Krista

From: Andromeda E <andromeda.edison@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 10:36 PM
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Subject: Mask Mandates

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I live in Pinellas county and wanted to add my voice in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

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I am sure you have heard it all before regarding the studies, science and facts on the effects of masks and how little effect they actually have on the spread of COVID. Mostly, I want to include how important it is to also take a look at what the people are asking for and what freedom of choice means and how to keep it intact.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Best,
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Johnson, Krista

From: SUSAN LEUTHOLD <SLEUTHOLD@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 10:03 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: Mask mandate

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To whom it may concern,

Just a reminder about those of us in Pinellas county who are depending on you to do the right thing and remove the mask mandate.

Until then, I will continue to patronize businesses that allow freedom of choice and allow the exemption you wrote into your mandate. I will continue being hyper vigilant and prepared to defend myself should I be attacked, reprimanded, screamed at or worse by a fellow Pinellas county citizen who thinks they have the right to be a mask enforcer. You know those people. The ones who think that I and others like myself are the reason this will never end and they want me to die of covid because I have an exemption.

Please end the mask mandate.

Thank you,
Susan Leuthold
Sent from my iPhone

Johnson, Krista

From: Carol Storost <carolstorost@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 8:07 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry
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Thank you,
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Kathleen Peters: kpeters@pinellascounty.org

Rene Flowers: rflowers@pinellascounty.org

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR:

Johnson, Krista

From: Oreos Vids <nolanc800@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 7:19 PM
To: Peters, Kathleen
Cc: pgerard@pinellascounty.org; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry
Subject: Need to rescind mask mandate

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Dear Pinellas County Commissioners,

I am a Pinellas county resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

My daughter goes to a Pinellas County middle school. She started back this January as she was desperate to be with friends again. I wanted to make you aware of something very dangerous with the forced mask wearing. After the first week she had told me she got dizzy. I questioned her and it turns out it was from her running up and down the stairs which are outside as are the hallways to try to get to class in just 3 minutes. A second time she texted me because she was dizzy and felt ill so I had to pick her up. I was frantic on the phone with the school office because we all know to be “dizzy” is not normal for a healthy child and is most likely due to lack of proper oxygen when exercising (running up and down stairs is exercise). Up until these instances she has never once complained of being dizzy her entire 12 years of life.

She is desperate to still attend public school but this unhealthy mandate needs to be rescinded immediately. Not to mention that she’s complained it’s hard to communicate and hear others when wearing a mask.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance for public schools in our county.

Thank you,
Christine Vanlandingham
901-254-9592

Johnson, Krista

From: Jeremy Cunningham <jeremyc326@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 6:14 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry
Subject: My body my choice

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Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Jeremy J. Cunningham

Johnson, Krista

From: Taylor Mack <tmackart@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 6:03 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Taylor Mack
727-348-0781

Johnson, Krista

From: Jeremy Cunningham <jeremyc326@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 6:05 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: End mask mandate!

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Commissioner Eggers,

I won't mince words. I'm tired of arguing. We the people of Pinellas County DEMAND that you immediately rescind the county mask ordinance.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Cunningham (Clearwater)

Johnson, Krista

From: nt PN <paulandnadinet@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 5:32 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: Please drop the Mask Mandate in Pinellas County

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Dear Commissioners:

I was so happy to see today that Pasco County has dropped its county-wide mask mandate. The successful vaccination of such a large part of our community, especially the elderly and vulnerable, has made this possible.

At your next meeting, please vote to rescind the mask mandate in Pinellas County as well. The community has come together over the last year in our fight against Covid, and due to mass vaccinations, it is time to drop the mask mandate.

Thank you.
Peter

Johnson, Krista

From: Joy Gendusa <joy.gendusa@postcardmania.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 4:26 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: [BULK] Mask Ordinance

Importance: Low

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

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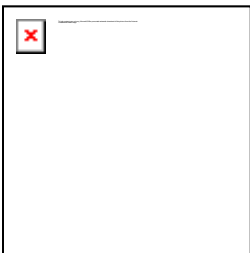
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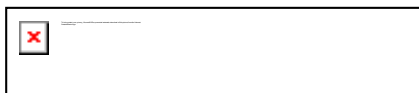
I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Joy



Joy Gendusa

CEO
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PostcardMania.com



[Forbes Feature: How Are Small Businesses Rebounding From The Pandemic?](#)

Johnson, Krista

From: JoAnn Tillman <joannmtillman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 3:36 PM
Subject: Leave Mask Choice to Residents - Quit while you're ahead

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I am a Pinellas resident and this is in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14. Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

I'm sure you are aware our State legislature and Governor are taking steps to limit your "emergency powers" and stop your unconstitutional mask mandate madness.

Why don't you show you are not mini-dictators and lift these mandates before our governor and elected State representatives strip you of this power anyways.

Thank you,
JoAnn Tillman

Johnson, Krista

From: Shawn Wright <shawnjwright@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 3:31 PM
Subject: End the Mask Mandate

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Hello,

We the people have had enough and will vote accordingly.

This pointless exercise of wearing a mask to go sit at table in a restaurant full of people not wearing masks is complete lunacy.

Everybody knows this.

It is ridiculous to mandate health orders to people who are not sick and not at risk. People who wish to wear masks will always have the right to do so.

Respectfully,

The Wright Family

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Johnson, Krista

From: Sherry Fiorenzo <safiorengo74@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 3:15 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: Pasco county removes Mask Mandate

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I just heard! This is great news!

The time is now for Pinellas county to restore our civil liberties.

Remove the mandate!

https://www.wfla.com/news/pasco-county/face-coverings-no-longer-required-in-pasco-county-masks-still-recommended/?fbclid=IwAR0IcnHTApNdwFbXA84AwsKRj43Ja_dfVeh0iRCojgt7NKYVUfRzgG8qFd0

Thank you for your consideration in not dragging this out any longer.

Sherry Fiorenzo
Largo FL 33771

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 5, 2021, at 2:00 PM, Sherry Fiorenzo <safiorengo74@gmail.com> wrote:

Just a reminder that many of us here in Pinellas county are depending on you to do the right thing and remove the mask mandate.

Until then, I will continue to patronize businesses that allow freedom of choice and allow the exemption you wrote into your mandate. I will continue being hyper vigilant and prepared to defend myself should I be attacked, reprimanded, screamed at or worse by a fellow Pinellas county citizen who thinks they have the right to be a mask enforcer. You know those people. The ones who think that I and others like myself are the reason this will never end and they want me to die of covid because I have an exemption.

Please end the mask mandate.

Thank you,
Sherry Fiorenzo
Largo FL 33771

Johnson, Krista

From: Amelia Hogarth <arbrummer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 2:28 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: 4/13 Commissioners Meeting

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

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Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not. Further, those of us who have medical conditions or are concealed carry or have small children (masks scare most children in case that wasn't clear) are discriminated against on a daily basis.

Thank you,
Amelia Hogarth

Johnson, Krista

From: Danielle <danielle@connectintel.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Please Rescind Ordinance 20 – 14

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

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Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Danielle Imburgia
727-953-8169

Johnson, Krista

From: Lisa Anstett <LisaAnstett@msn.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 11:22 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Cc: mganstett@gmail.com
Subject: Mask Ordinance

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I am a Pinellas resident, currently living in Safety Harbor and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

As a nurse, who has spent 25 years educating patients with neutropenia from disease or as a consequence of treatment, the mitigation efforts imposed made no sense. With that, I began researching and seeking out information that contradicted the narrative being pushed by government and media. This should have sparked everyone's curiosity. Instead, many were lead by fear into giving up their basic rights.

It is important to note there are numerous studies that contradict the narrative. There are many professional that have experience in virology, patient care, and public policy that have been suppressed, threatened, and suffered consequences due to questioning and seeking answers (questioning and seeking answers is the essence of "science"). I believe you have all this information as well. The question is why you are clinging to control and denying personal freedoms.

It has been over a year! I personally, frequent businesses that honor my freedom and don't require masks. My children have been schooling and playing sports with groups that honor personal freedom and science. We are without one incident! Data overwhelmingly shows that lock downs and mask mandates have correlated with cases. The mitigation efforts you have forced did not allow nature to work- herd immunity. Your mitigation likely worsened the duration of time before nature could do what it always does- run it's course. Your mitigation efforts definitely harmed small businesses, most public school children's education and mental health. You definitely harmed the general population's immune systems by forcing people to wear masks- creating a petri dish. I believe this data will all be realized down the road. I also, unfortunately, believe you realize this right now.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own. Personally, we follow science and don't expect a bunch of people who are prone to corruption, to protect our family. I keep my children home when illness is even suspected. It protects them as well from getting secondary illnesses due to their immune systems being stressed. We maintain healthy weights and exercise. I supplement and check our vitamin d levels. These two factors alone are important for any illness survival. I wish you put as much effort into promoting individual responsibility staying healthy as you have increasing risk factors- promoting fear, destroying businesses and dreams, and destroying our social fabric.

I ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Lisa Anstett

Johnson, Krista

From: Barbara Elliott <mtmaniac@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 10:02 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: End mask mandate

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Dear Commissioner Eggers:

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regard to Ordinance 20 – 14.

Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

Without delving into the studies and the science and facts of the matter (you've heard quite a bit of this already from the public during the commissioners' meetings), it's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our freedom of choice to remain intact, not to mention the fact that it's been over a year now and after such a period of time we know what we're dealing with. Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Barbara A. Elliott

Largo Resident

Johnson, Krista

From: Julie Efron <julieeffronphoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 9:36 AM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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Dear Commissioners (& Barry Burton) -

I am a Pinellas County resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of the thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20-14.

From ordinance 20-14, per section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency. Without delving into the studies and the science and facts of the matter (you've heard quite a bit of this already from the public during the commissioners meetings), it's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our freedom of choice to remain intact. Not to mention the fact that it's been over a year now and after such a period of time we know what we're dealing with. We deserve the right to make our own medical decisions.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not. Please vote to rescind the Mask Mandate on April 13th.

Thank you,

Julie Efron-McAllister
(914) 548-8008

Johnson, Krista

From: Quintana, Vanessa
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2021 8:29 AM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20566319

From: noreply@fs30.formsite.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>
Sent: Friday, April 2, 2021 3:57 PM
To: Public, AF <publicaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20566319

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Direction of Inquiry General Information

Subject Mask mandate

Message

Rescind the mask ordinance. Make masks a choice.

On behalf of thousands of others in the county, in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14, Section 8, the Pinellas Mask ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

Without delving into the many studies, science and facts, it's important to take a look at what the people of this county want, which is freedom of choice. It's been over 9 months since masks were forced on us under the pretense of being "temporary." Making personal decisions for health is a personal decision that each Pinellas citizen has the inherent right to make on our own.

Rescind the mask ordinance. Make masks a choice.

Thank you,

Your Name Kirsten Thomas

**City/Unincorporated
County** Seminole

Zip Code 33776

Your Email Address kirsten2417@gmail.com

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Johnson, Krista

From: Loretta Mcgrath <lorettalmcgrath@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 03, 2021 2:21 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: [BULK]

Importance: Low

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Dear Commissioner Dave Eggers,

My name is Loretta McGrath and I live on Bayway Boulevard in Pinellas County. I'm writing regarding Ordinance 20 - 14 and your upcoming meeting on April 14th.

I am respectfully asking that you rescind this ordinance to restore the freedom of choice to your residents and business owners.

With a large percentage of the country having been vaccinated or soon to be vaccinated and many more carrying the antibodies, it seems the masks are considerably less of a necessity than they were a year ago when the ordinance was put into effect.

By rescinding this ordinance, you restore the freedoms of your residents and the many business owners that have suffered due to the mask mandate.

This freedom of choice would allow businesses to continue their mandatory mask policy if they choose and give shoppers the option to patronize where they feel safe and most comfortable.

As a taxpayer of Pinellas County, I would like my request to be taken into consideration on this matter.

Thank you for your time and your service.

Respectfully,

Loretta McGrath

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Thank you,

Loretta McGrath

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Johnson, Krista

From: Kathy H <kathyndan1@aol.com>
Sent: Friday, April 02, 2021 11:21 AM
To: Kathy H
Subject: Ordinance 20 - 14.

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Dear Commissioner,

As a resident of Pinellas County, I'm writing regarding Ordinance 20 - 14.

We are asking that you rescind this ordinance. The current State of Emergency does not prevent you from doing so.

We have passed the one-year mark of the mask mandate! With many residents vaccinated ...or soon will be. Many others are now carrying antibodies making the need for mandatory masks no longer imminent.

As a taxpayer of Pinellas County, I would like you to seriously consider my request during your meeting on April 14th.

Kathy Haddon
10561 127th PI
Largo, FL 33773

Johnson, Krista

From: melodypond324@yahoo.com
Sent: Thursday, April 01, 2021 2:12 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask mandates hurt people with disabilities

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Good afternoon,

As a resident of Pinellas County, I am writing to ask the county to rescind the mask mandate because it encourages discrimination against those with certain medical conditions. Not everyone can wear a mask and keeping the mandate in place implies everyone is able to comply. It emboldens citizens to harass, attack, bully, and discriminate against those unable to wear masks. It only serves to create civil unrest and divisions. Those who are unable to wear masks are not "bad" or "selfish" and those who can wear masks are not "good". This narrative is unfair to those with medical conditions they have no control over. Wearing a mask does not make you a good person, if anything it has become sanctimonious.

Individuals with medical conditions such as PTSD, autism, claustrophobia, anxiety, COPD and more are suffering as these conditions make it impossible to wear face coverings. I hate hearing the phrase "just wear your mask, it's so easy", if it WAS so easy, I WOULD wear it no questions asked. It would save myself plenty of grief.

<https://wheelchairtravel.org/disabilities-that-could-make-wearing-face-masks-impossible/>

I personally have suffered from claustrophobia my entire life. On top of that, I am a domestic violence survivor (it's not something I enjoy discussing but involves strangulation). The combination of claustrophobia and PTSD makes it impossible to for me wear necklaces, turtlenecks, scarves, face masks, face shields and more. Anything that impedes my breathing, makes me feel confined, or touches my neck immediately gives me debilitating panic attacks. If you think my case is isolated, think again. It is estimated that 7%-10% of the population suffers from claustrophobia and 7%-8% suffer from PTSD. The county mandate is torturing more people than you realize. No one is speaking up for us because we have been bullied and dismissed into submission.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/aug/01/mask-face-coverings-i-cant-wear-one-health-reasons>

[It's easy to judge. But some people really can't wear a mask](#)

https://www.ptsd.va.gov/understand/common/common_adults.asp

<https://www.psycom.net/claustrophobia-claustrophobic-fear-of-small-spaces>

People with these conditions are being treated as sub-human or second-class citizens. We are labeled as "selfish jerks" and horribly discriminated against. We are denied participation in nearly all facets of life (i.e. shopping, doctor visits, haircuts just to name a few), subjected to dirty looks, bullying, and violent confrontations from other citizens. I personally was chased from an OUTDOOR market like Frankenstein's monster because of my inability to wear face coverings. **NO ONE DESERVES TO BE TREATED LIKE THIS.** Those of us with disabilities that make wearing face coverings impossible are tired of the stigma and just want to live our lives without hassle.

There is no reason why people like me should be subjected to this treatment, we also deserve respect. I recently spent some time in the panhandle (Destin to be specific) where they have never imposed mask mandates. It was

like stepping into a whole other world. While some businesses did require masks, others did not, and I was able to choose. For the first time in months I was able to live my life without fear; fear of harassment, fear of bullies, or fear of confrontation. I finally felt like a person again. If I could move to Destin, I would have moved yesterday. I am heartbroken to be back in Pinellas county, as I must return to living like a prisoner in my home or dare venture out and face brutal discrimination. It's incredibly frustrating because it does not need to be this way.

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I kindly ask for the mask mandate to be rescinded, please put an end to the suffering of those unable to wear masks.

Kind regards,

Melissa King

Johnson, Krista

From: Quintana, Vanessa
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 3:04 PM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20541139

From: noreply@fs30.formsite.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 10:24 AM
To: Public, AF <publicaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20541139

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Direction of Inquiry	Report a Problem
Subject	Mask Mandate
Message	I am asking you to vote to end this mask mandate. At some point this needs to end and it is now beyond ridiculous. Running a business with this in place is not helpful.
Your Name	Lee Harris
Your Street Address	9717 49th Ave North
City/Unincorporated County	St. Petersburg
Zip Code	33708
Your Email Address	LHarris@westcoastfinancial.com

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Johnson, Krista

From: Joy Gendusa <joy.gendusa@postcardmania.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 31, 2021 12:42 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: [BULK] Mask Ordinance

Importance: Low

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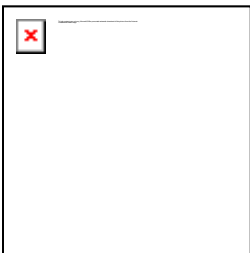
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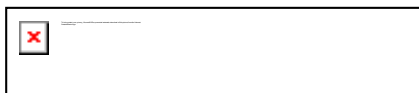
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Thank you,
Joy



Joy Gendusa

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Johnson, Krista

From: Julie Effron <julieeffronphoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 7:56 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: End the mask mandate

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Dear Commissioners,

I've heard it thru the grapevine that It is going to take a minimum of 6 weeks to end the mask mandate?

Step one: notify the public, then a 3 week rebuttal and then 3 week to take effect. What kind of nonsense is that? Other cities, counties and states just end it. You too can end mask mandates.

Here's an idea. Just END it. And let people get back to normal. People can decide what they want to do without you forcing this nonsense on them. There is no state of emergency happening that lasts an entire year.

Your legal team lied to a Pinellas County Judge in July 2020 that the mask ordinance and the state of emergency were temporary. This is gone on long enough. I have a great idea... END THE MASK MANDATE. Let it expire in April and write yourself a new SOE without the mask involved in it. Make it a choice.

Thank you for your consideration in not dragging this out any longer.

Julie Effron-McAllister
2909 St John Dr, Clearwater
Pinellas County Resident

Johnson, Krista

From: Francine Ruddock <calebnoahmom@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 2:30 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Burton, Barry
Subject: All Pinellas citizens have natural rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The purpose of government is to protect the rights of the people including health freedoms, not to try to force masks against their will for months at a time.

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Gentlemen,

The virus itself does not scare me because I choose not to live my life in fear.

If people choose to live their lives in fear, then that is their choice. But do not force Pinellas citizens to wear masks, lie and say it's "temporary" and then keep it a full year because other people are fearful. That is not freedom. That is coercion. That is tyranny.

One thing that I have learned from the past year is that county government needs to have checks and balances from the people who elected them so that this can NEVER happen again. A tyrannical government is one that does not represent the people or their best interest. A tyrannical government represents their own interests and makes decisions for political gain instead of representing what their constituents. That is you.

You are violating our rights and establishing a tyrannical reign. All Pinellas citizens have natural rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. The purpose of government is to protect the rights of the people including health freedoms, not to try to force masks against their will for months at a time. It's a control issue. Individual rights are more important than individuals' obligations to local mandates that are not law, including your mask mandate. End this mask mandate.

Pinellas County Resident

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Johnson, Krista

From: Quintana, Vanessa
Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2021 8:22 AM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20524273

From: noreply@fs30.formsite.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 7:33 PM
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Direction of Inquiry Report a Problem

Subject Mask Mandate

Message Dear Commissioners,

It's time to join the majority of Florida cities, counties and states and end this mask mandate. Just END it. People cannot wear masks indefinitely. At this point, a year in, that seems to be your true goal. It's time to get back to normal and for the citizens of this county to have their voice back. You took that when you imposed this against the will of the people. We need to have responsibility and autonomy over our own health. We don't need an unelected county administrator making decisions for public health a single day longer.

A state of emergency does NOT need to last an entire year. This was not the intent of the framers of the Florida constitution. The emergency powers in your hands by those who came before you was not meant to be used for power. You took advantage of this situation for political reasons. Your legal team lied to a Pinellas County Judge in July of 2020 that the mask ordinance and the state of emergency were "temporary". This is gone on long enough.

End this mask mandate. Let it expire in April and write yourself a new SOE if you feel you need to have a state of emergency last for years until that power is stripped from you by legislation.

Make masks choice like it should have been from the beginning. The day you implemented this mask mandate, more in this county were against it than for it and you forced it in anyway. You are the reason the school board followed suit, forcing masks on children as young as 4 years old for 7 long hours a day without mask breaks. This is sick and it disgusts me. Never forget the forced masking of children was your doing. If you had not implemented a mask mandate, these children would not have been forced into masks by the School Board. It's time to do the right thing and end this so that PCSB can finally stop forcing masks on children.

Thank you for your consideration in not dragging this out any longer than you already have.

Your Name	Christa Schrader
Your Street Address	2681 Roosevelt Boulevard
City/Unincorporated County	Clearwater
Zip Code	33760
Your Email Address	christaschrader@gmail.com

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Your Name	Joseph M Konyndyk
Your Street Address	2681 ROOSEVELT BLVD, APT 9306
City/Unincorporated County	CLEARWATER
Zip Code	33760
Your Email Address	joekonyndyk@gmail.com

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From: Dave Happe <happearchive@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 6:51 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: End the Mask Mandate

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Dave

I left a quick message with Kim today, but I wanted to provide you with more color.

Option A. You allow the SOE and related mask mandate to expire at your upcoming meeting. You then put in a new SOE so Barry can keep the money rolling in that PCB is addicted to, as long as it is available.

Option B. You follow the advice that Jewel White MADE UP last time this was discussed in the Fall (the "Jewel Hail Mary to Gerard" is what it is called in the community), and you implement a three week advertisement followed by three weeks of community discussion, inviting an even bigger shit show than you have now. During this window, we will be protesting the COMMISSIONERS, not the issue, at every possible opportunity. If you haven't heard, we showed at the PCSB meeting what we are now capable of, and we'll have bigger numbers next time.

Option B will be the preference of the lying, liberal commission members, of the county attorney that nobody trusts any more, of the county administrator that never should have been hired if you know his background, and of the conflict of interest Dr. Cho.

I am telling you right now, if you choose option B, here's what is **going to happen** :

The 1,500 members of the Pinellas Watch Group and the Several hundred members of the Pinellas Community Patriots Group (there is a little crossover, but not much) and several other, smaller community action groups are going to go OLD SCHOOL. We're going to announce on day 1 with a press conference and media release that the MASK MANDATE is OVER based on popular support and civil disobedience, and we will have the now thousands of members create awareness in every single business in Pinellas County that doesn't honor the expiration. There's nothing you can do to us or our businesses. Heck, we'll probably even post our own signs with the businesses announcing masks are optional (even under your current ordinance, masks ARE optional). We will have demonstration sign wavers out in the community on day 1 that will announce the end (as we are ending it) and we will ADD to the confusion that your weird, unlawful, time phased shenanigans will create. We're not only NOT supporting Jewel's fabricated OPTION B, but we will destroy it's implementation. This has been discussed amongst various leadership groups in the community, and we're united to make this happen. We'll WIN the court of public opinion, and you'll lose control.

The numbers don't justify the continuance, and the several week BS phase out is only going to confuse people, continue to cause dissention, continue to cause business interruption, continue to cause people to get harassed, and continue the charade.

You didn't take 6 weeks+ to implement this, nor did you advertise it for public debate. You implemented it within 72 hours of it's passage. You can simply reverse course, and if Jewel tries to tell the commission otherwise as if it is the only option I will sue her personally (you can let her know), with several hundred individuals behind me. She works for US. She cant simply MAKE UP law that doesn't exist to suit people's ideological agenda. She can present it as an OPTION, but you are not required to follow it. It wasn't a law when you implemented it, and reversing it is not a law

either. That's WHY the SOE is required under STATE LAW to be renewed. In fact, the law supports the opposite of what Jewel recommended last time.

End the mask mandate. Rip the bandaid off. Your commission (not you personally, but the commission as an entity) does not have the trust of the public, and we can gin up enough support to embarrass every single one of you. We're ending this. There's an EASY way for you to do this, and a hard way for you to do this. If you choose the hard path, I can tell you clearly what we're going to do and we're well within our rights to do so. If anything, if you choose Option B and we're forced to take action, it will accelerate DeSantis to intercede. Either way, we're bringing this to an end.

You're always welcome to call me with any questions to may have. I would encourage you to help us end this in a reasonable and timely basis.

Make masks OPTIONAL and strongly recommended, and let people move on.

David A. Happe cell 813-777-1557 / office 321-754-4837 / skype:davidhappe

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From: Eric Groom <groo4004@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 6:23 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas County Mask Ordinance

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

My name is Eric Groom and I am a full time resident of Pinellas County. I'm writing in regards to Ordinance 20 - 14.

I respectfully ask that you rescind this ordinance as the current State of Emergency does not prevent you from doing so per Section 8.

We have passed the one-year mark of the mask mandate and many residents have been vaccinated or soon will be. Many others are now carrying antibodies making the need for mandatory masks no longer imminent.

As a taxpayer of Pinellas County, I would like you to seriously consider my request during your meeting on April 14th.

Thank you,

Eric Groom

Johnson, Krista

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller <noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
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Topic Mask mandate

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If indeed the mask mandate is tied to the local state of emergency, then you need to end the current SOE immediately and then vote for an new SOE without the mask mandate. More municipalities and states are ridding their constituents of these ridiculous mandates. Remember that the CDC released a report showing that masks are shown to reduce spread by less than 2%. If the SOE is truly needed for funding of vaccines and vaccination sites, fine, vote for one that does not impede the right to personal choice in the process.

Citizen Name Angela Niquette

Address St. Petersburg, Florida 33714
United States

Phone

Email anginiq@gmail.com

Johnson, Krista

From: Christina Garcia de los Rios <christinagdlr@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 3:54 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: On the current SOE & updates

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Dear Commissioners,

A fellow Pinellas county resident who is also a business owner shared that It is going to take a minimum of 6 weeks to end the mask mandate?
That the process would look like - Step one: notify the public, then a 3 week rebuttal and then 3 week to take effect.

I'd like to know what logic there is behind this decision if it's true.

Other cities, counties and states just ended it effective immediately. I'm not sure why You wouldn't just end mask mandates.

Do you seriously intend to drag it out?

Let people get back to normal. People can decide what they want to do without you forcing this nonsense on them.

There is no state of emergency happening that lasts an entire year.

Your legal team lied to a Pinellas County Judge in July 2020 that the mask ordinance and the state of emergency were temporary. Nearly a year and a half is not temporary.

END THE MASK MANDATE.

Let it expire in April and write yourself a new SOE without the mask involved in it.

Make it a choice.

Thank you for your consideration in not dragging this out any longer.

Chris Rios
Pinellas County Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Johnson, Krista

From: Sherry Fiorenzo <safiozenzo74@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 3:44 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: Re: Jacksonville drops the mask

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Here's an idea. Just END it. And let people get back to normal. People can decide what they want to do without you forcing this nonsense on them.

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Make it a choice.

Thank you for your consideration in not dragging this out any longer.

Sherry Fiorenzo
Largo FL 33771
Pinellas County Resident

On Sat, Mar 27, 2021 at 8:11 AM Sherry Fiorenzo <safiozenzo74@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Commissioners,

Jacksonville Florida has removed their mask mandate.

Businesses and individuals in Pinellas county also should have the right to choose.

Please remove the mask mandate.

https://www.news4jax.com/news/local/2021/03/26/mayor-curry-lifts-jacksonvilles-mask-mandate/?fbclid=IwAR3sxxwCSHj83VplfPSGbT6Q8gp0TRDTFik7w_WH1OW4dv3uLytRpOqqHR-E

Thank you,
Sherry Fiorenzo
Largo FL
Pinellas County resident

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Johnson, Krista

From: Tina V <tinav68@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 1:09 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: rescind the mask ordinance

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14. Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

Without quoting into the studies, science, and facts of the matter because I am sure you've heard quite a bit of this already. It's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our freedom of choice to remain intact. I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

There is no such thing as a year-long emergency. Your legal team lied to the Pinellas County Judge in July 2020 when the mask ordinance and the state of emergency were referred to as temporary.

Thank you,
Tina Ambrose

Johnson, Krista

From: Quintana, Vanessa
Sent: Monday, March 29, 2021 12:33 PM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20516987

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Direction of Inquiry	Report a Problem
Subject	Masks
Message	It's time to make masks optional. I know a lot of people that have illnesses caused by wearing masks. I personally think they should get together and sue the County Commission.
Your Name	Melinda S Juliano
Your Street Address	701 SNUG IS
City/Unincorporated County	Clearwater Beach
Zip Code	33767
Your Phone Number	17276877667
Your Email Address	juliano.melinda@gmail.com

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To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20502107

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Direction of Inquiry	General Information
Subject	Masks
Message	Let's get them off!
Your Name	Jeffrey Macpeek
Your Street Address	200 Glennes Ln, Apt 109
City/Unincorporated County	Dunedin
Zip Code	34698
Your Phone Number	7278518042
Your Email Address	Peekjeff07@gmail.com

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From: Stacey Buckley <stacey@streetsideretail.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 27, 2021 10:53 AM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: Remove the Mask Mandate

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Please remove the mask mandate.

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Thank you,
Stacey Buckley
19734 Gulf Blvd, Indian Shores FL
Pinellas County resident

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From: Julie Effron <julieeffronphoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 3:19 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
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Please do not continue kicking the can down the road or suggest that we should continue this because Spring break could be a super spreader. Or Easter could be a super spreader, or Memorial day, or 4th of July, or the kids going back to school, or Labor day. etc. etc. etc. Stop going on "what ifs". They have simply not come to fruition. And it's not because everyone was masked. You know as well as I do that people are gathering and doing things against your "mandate" and nothing that you thought would be has been a super spreader.

Over a 99% chance of recovery.

I see Arizona is the latest state to roll back the mask mandate. I hope it won't be too long before our governor steps in and puts a stop to this madness also.

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Let's give the right to choose back to the people.

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Thank you,
Julie Effron-McAllister
2909 St John Dr

Johnson, Krista

From: Ellen Garrison <elleng@delphifl.org>
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I believe that each of us can make our own personal choice on whether or not to wear a mask based on the latest information, our own intelligence and keeping in mind our personal physical condition. With the most vulnerable populations being immunized now and with immunizations becoming available for all Floridians, I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let individual citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

It would be nice for us all to get back to some normalcy, to see the smiles on peoples faces and to be able to breath.

Thank you,

Ellen Garrison
818 554-7382

Johnson, Krista

From: Francine Ruddock <calebnoahmom@yahoo.com>
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Let's give the right to choose back to the people.

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Thank you,
Francine Ruddock
Pinellas County resident.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

Johnson, Krista

From: Sherry Fiorenzo <safiozenzo74@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 1:58 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: Masking Pinellas County

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Dear Commissionees

I am looking forward to seeing the comparisons that Mr. Burton brings to the table at your next meeting of other counties who didn't have mask mandates. I know for a fact that Lee County did NOT have a mandate. Lee county is home to Ft. Myers and Cape Coral. An extremely busy and populated area and I traveled down there several times over the last year. It is NOT death and destruction from COVID down there.

Pinellas county residents should have the right to choose. Businesses should have the right to choose. It is not right for you to keep forcing this upon the citizens.

You have created a hostile environment of vigilantes who think that a mandate is a law and they can enforce it, scream at us, not honor exemptions, tell us they wish we would die from COVID.

Disabled people, people with PTSD, rape victims to name a few are the people who suffer the most because of this mandate and the bully's who do not respect or know about the exemptions.

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Thank you,
Sherry Fiorenzo
Largo FL
Pinellas County resident.

Johnson, Krista

From: Jessica Carroll <j_carroll555@hotmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 12:11 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Rescind Mandates

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I am contacting the County Commissioners requesting the mask and social distancing mandates be rescinded.

The requirements of "no more than 30" cases a day is unrealistic along with the 3% test positivity rate.

Over the past year data has proven that masks and distancing among healthy populations has no correlation on the spread of Covid.

What has been shown over the past year is the detrimental effects of masking our children and distancing ourselves from other human beings.

PLEASE RESCIND THE MANDATES

-Jessica L. Carroll

Johnson, Krista

From: Pinellas County Clerk of the Circuit Court and Comptroller <noreply@mypinellasclerk.org> on behalf of noreply@mypinellasclerk.org
Sent: Friday, March 26, 2021 11:34 AM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda

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BCC Agenda Date 4-13-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

The W.H.O. released guidance regarding pcr test cycle counts, with the CDC admitting that a second pcr test is needed to ascertain an actual positive test due to false positives if antibodies from the family of viruses that cause the common cold are present, as well as the inability of the pcr test to differentiate an active case from inactive antibodies. This accounts for many of the "asymptomatic" cases. They also admitted that many of the covid deaths were not truly covid deaths, but a combination of comorbidities that were de-emphasized per initial guidance that ran counter to previous mortality indicators. These are only 2 of the factors that indicate it is time for this farce to end. There is a distinct lack of empirical evidence that wearing a mask stops viral spread. The CDC released a study that determined mask wearing did not stop spread of influenza, whose particles are similar in size to coronavirus particles. The lack of empirical evidence may also violate federal law as the FTC states that it is illegal to treat a medical disease with technology that is without medical empirical proof. There is also the fact that the current goal is most likely unreachable. Between unrealistic goals and the fact that the state of emergency determination has been handed off to a unelected and unaccountable administrator, the look for the commission is not a good one. The appearance is one of over reach while not accepting the responsibilities of the positions you were elected to. While public health is certainly a priority, health is not at all limited to physical. There has been obvious decline in mental health, and the repercussions of this decline may be longer lasting than the physical. The masks have been on too long. If people choose to wear a mask, by all means, wear one in good health. The decision should be the individual's. Where there is risk, there should be choice. You are not my doctor or my parent. The right to determine whether or not to wear a mask is a right and freedom that is guaranteed. Fear can no longer outweigh logic and reason. It's unsustainable.

Citizen Name Angela Niquette

Address	St. Petersburg, Florida 33714 United States
Phone	
Email	anginiq@gmail.com

Johnson, Krista

From: Karen Dileo <karendileo10@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 6:17 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas County Mask Mandate

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Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Sincerely,
Karen DiLeo

Johnson, Krista

From: Patricia Nemeth <pattinemeth@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 2:59 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

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Thank you,
Patricia Nemeth
Clearwater, FL

Johnson, Krista

From: Sara Bishop <sara.bishop1@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 11:51 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Emergency Order & Face Masks

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Commissioner Eggers,

I wrote last week with the online format to ask on what basis the emergency order continues to be renewed and face masks required. In re-looking at what was available on the county page today I see a posting entitled **“Advice to Tampa Bay Counties about When to Relax Face Covering Requirements”**.

After reading through it I see nothing that addresses the fact that the test themselves have issues (PCR test is too sensitive and picks up more than SARS-COVID19 virus as well as remnants of virus after you're no longer sick/contagious), and the rapid tests are often wrong in both directions. So if you're basing emergency order/face mask requirements based on Positivity rate, using tests that are often wrong, what kind of error rate percentage is being applied to account for that?

As for Incidence rate, I do not see how an incidence rate, based on flawed testing, relates to a reason for an emergency order if it doesn't translate to hospitalizations. In addition, since the Flu seems to have miraculously disappeared since the advent of COVID, and the fact that testing isn't great, and herd immunity is now going to play some role, and nothing in the emergency order takes into account what mitigating treatment of indoor air has taken place since COVID showed up – it seems a very poor indicator without some additional quantification, and again, an error rate applied for the unreliable testing. I have heard nothing from the 'medical experts' about why the Flu seems to have disappeared this past flu season.....nor do we hear about how the almost 70k confirmed cases, along with some percentage of the population who have had it and didn't know they had it or didn't get a 'test' for it, plays into numbers being used for consideration.

It makes everything suspect when the experts don't think the general public is intelligent enough to understand multiple considerations in risk base decision making, and we have no confidence in reported numbers because they don't quantify more clearly, i.e. deaths tied to COVID because of them being reported as COVID if they died of anything and had COVID. The fact that there is no Flu being discussed certainly makes all the testing/incidences/hospitalization numbers suspect. The fact that we have never been told what percentage of those testing positive become ill enough to require hospitalization, versus “other” reasons people are in the hospital. People go to the hospital for all kinds of things all the time but no discernment in numbers has ever been presented in all the stats published. Reasoning that makes sense to many of the general public, especially after a year of hearing about or experiencing the ineffective testing, poor reporting of decent numbers, etc., involves taking into account all that we do know and have learned, and factoring in errors in testing, and most importantly – hospitalizations and hospital availability tied directly to specific causes (COVID19 vs Flu). At this point the only thing that should trigger emergency orders is hospitalizations/hospital availability, because this virus isn't going away but just like the flu, current and new solutions will continue to impact downward the equation of positive test = hospitalization.

For a pandemic that 99+% people of all ages have survived (in Pinellas the #'s show .02 percent of confirmed cases = death), with new treatments and mitigators (gene therapies and J&J vaccine) available, hindsight should

be showing you all as decision makers that some of the response reactions to this pandemic, that have never been done before, were overkill and not helpful. Were I in your position I would certainly be asking the 'medical experts' for better quantification, and if they're providing it, then I would ask the BCC to provide that information to the public.

Respectfully,

Sara

Sara Bishop

Now more than ever before, the people are responsible for the character of their Congress. If that body be ignorant, reckless and corrupt, it is because the people tolerate ignorance, recklessness and corruption. If it be intelligent, brave and pure, it is because the people demand these high qualities to represent them in the national legislature ... If the next centennial does not find us a great nation...it will be because those who represent the enterprise, the culture, and the morality of the nation do not aid in controlling the political forces. *James Garfield, 1877*

Johnson, Krista

From: drtheresa@hartleychiropracticcenter.com
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 10:49 AM
To: Long, Janet C
Cc: Burton, Barry
Subject: April 13th Meeting Agenda

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Dear Commissioner,

I am a Pinellas resident, a local business owner, and a Doctor of Chiropractic, and I wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

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VOTE FOR FREEDOM of CHOICE!

Yours in Health,

Dr. Theresa Hartley

www.HartleyChiropracticCenter.com

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2653 Ulmerton Rd

Clearwater FL, 33762

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11206 Park Blvd.

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Johnson, Krista

From: Whitney Cordovez <whitney.cordovez@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 10:12 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask mandate

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Whitney Cordovez

Johnson, Krista

From: Caroline Spages <carolinespages@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 9:41 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Concerned Pinellas Resident

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Caroline Spages

Johnson, Krista

From: Indrani Troconis <indranix@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Masks

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Indrani

Johnson, Krista

From: Katy Jenne <mkjenne2@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 9:21 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Rescind the Mask Ordinance Please

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Katy Jenne
727-212-3020

Johnson, Krista

From: Zoltán Törteli <tortexy@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 12:13 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: maks mandate

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us residents make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,

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Törteli Zoltán
tortexy@gmail.com

Johnson, Krista

From: Julie Lahm <julie.lahm@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 11:45 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Re We need your Help Dave

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Meanwhile we have an absolute hypocrisy crisis at the border & illegal immigrants being PAID American tax dollars that our American families need right now. It's unacceptable to witness this crisis in our country and the conflicting craziness!

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and allow citizens to make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,

Julie Lahm
Office: 727.386.9455

"If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail"
Benjamin Franklin

Johnson, Krista

From: Margaret Chalmers <margaret6622@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 8:47 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a

mask or not.

Thank you,

Margaret Chalmers

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

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Johnson, Krista

From: Billy Chalmers <billy.s.chalmers@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 8:43 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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Thank you,

Billy Chalmers

Johnson, Krista

From: melissa bradshaw <mellyb251@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 8:13 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: We need your help!!

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I know that you are in a tough spot and want to do the best for the residents in Pinellas County but its time to stop the mask mandate. I've been a resident here for the last 23 years and I wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

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Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own. If someone feels they need to wear a mask, this should be a personal decision not one that is mandated by our county.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Best Regards,
Melissa Bradshaw



Johnson, Krista

From: Jeff Lee <imjefflee@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 2:38 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Masks

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Thank you,
Jeff Lee

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Jeff F. Lee

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Johnson, Krista

From: Nicole Poulin <nicole.88008@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 12:46 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas County Mask Mandate

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I am a long time Pinellas county resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard again on behalf of hundreds of others in our county who I personally know feel the same way as I do in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14. Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

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Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a PERSONAL decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own. We live in the United States of America where we are allowed the FREEDOM to choose how we take care of our own bodies. Those who want to wear masks absolutely can. But those who do not should NOT be forced to do so! There is NO THREAT that requires masks!

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Nicole

Johnson, Krista

From: Ferdinand Haag <ferdihaag1000@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20 – 14.

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Thank you,
Ferdinand Haag

Johnson, Krista

From: drerichuntington@aol.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 10:37 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: rescind ordinance 20-14

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Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Eric Huntington, DC

Johnson, Krista

From: Joshua Fair <joshuafair0415@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 8:33 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask Mandate

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Dear Commission Eggers,

I am a Largo resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

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Thank you,
Joshua Fair

Johnson, Krista

From: Marnie Trainor <marniescn@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 8:15 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14 stop pushing your personal opinions on the masses

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Thank you,

Marnie Trainor

Johnson, Krista

From: Joe Duncanson <joeduncanson@verizon.net>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 8:11 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Rescind the Mask Ordinance, 20-14

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I am a Pinellas county resident.

I urge that you stand in defense of Freedom and rescind Ordinance 20 - 14.

Thank you,
Joe Duncanson
1770 Kenesaw Lane
Clearwater, FL 33765

Johnson, Krista

From: Denise Gentile <denise.gentile@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2021 7:44 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask mandates

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Thank you,
Denise Gentile

Johnson, Krista

From: Patty McClancy <pate4cake@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 10:30 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Vote on extending Masks

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Dear Commission Deggers,

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a

mask or not.

Thank you,

Patty McClancy



Patricia W. McClancy

919 802-2065

Johnson, Krista

From: Nate Botelho <nate@bespin.net>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:55 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas Mask Ordinance

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county

in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

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Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a

mask or not.

Thank you,

Nathan Botelho

Dunedin

Johnson, Krista

From: Niki Fiala <fiala.niki@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 8:59 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I live in Clearwater, FL, and I am writing you regarding Ordinance 20 – 14. I would like this ordinance to be rescinded per Section 8.

The effectiveness of the mask mandates to spread the virus is questionable at best, and I think every adult can decide whether they should wear it or not.

I for one have a medical condition that makes it very difficult for me to breath, or think or carry on a conversation while in a mask. I have had clients urge me to remove my mask, when they saw me gasping for air and losing my train of thought, or feeling dizzy while talking to them.

The mask mandates really limit my life and where I can go. I have avoided travel and going to the mall for example, and have done a lot of my shopping online, not because I am concerned about contacting Covid, but because wearing a mask makes me completely miserable. I had a man yell at me on the street “You don’t believe in Science. Put your mask on!”

There is nothing scientific about covering people’s faces that need to live on fresh air and oxygen. Esp elderly people, and especially kids that need to be nourished and grow healthy bodies. That man obviously did not know anything about Science as it applies to my health. Having these mask mandates victimizes people like me that feel our livelihood depends on having the freedom to NOT wear a mask.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let everyone decide for themselves how they feel healthy and safe.

Thank you,

Nikoletta Fiala

Johnson, Krista

From: Fanny <fanny.quirino@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 8:54 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask mandate

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Dear Commission Eggers,

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It's time stop pushing your personal opinions on the masses.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Fanny Quirino

Johnson, Krista

From: Genevieve Botelho <genevieve@bespin.net>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 8:22 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20 - 14

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

Hello. I'm very proud to say that I'm newly a Pinellas resident. I would like to get right into action and make myself known with regards to Ordinance 20 - 14.

As I understand it, Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency. Myself and many others are absolutely done with the extended "stop the spread" mode of operation.

Sarasota removed their masks and has not seen a spike in deaths or cases. We can absolutely follow suit.

Every adult must take responsibility for their own health without government mandates and make their own decisions. We need to be able to prosper as a people economically.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Sincerely,
Genevieve Botelho

Johnson, Krista

From: C Y <crystalyoung1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 8:07 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask ordinance

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> Dear Commissioner Eggers,

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> I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

>

> Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency!!

>

> Our two weeks to slow the spread had turned in to OVER A YEAR!! Where has our personal freedom gone? As grow adults we are responsible for ourselves and should have the right to decide how to take care of ourselves!

>

> I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not. This has gone on for too long. Sarasota has removed their mask mandate and is trusting their own residents to decide for themselves what is best. They haven't seen ANY spike in numbers since doing so. Enough is enough.

>

> Thank you for your time,
Crystal

Sent from my iPhone

Johnson, Krista

From: Kristel Koehler <ktmwork@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 7:37 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: [BULK] Ordinance 20-14

Importance: Low

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Dear Commission Eggers,

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Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

15 days to stop the spread has now turned into 370 days. It's gone on far too long.

Sarasota removed their masks and has not seen a spike in deaths or cases.

How we decide to handle medical issues is a personal decision that each of us should be able to make on our own as we would with any other medical issue.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Kristel Koehler

Sent from myMail for iOS

Johnson, Krista

From: Tyffany Hillman <tyffanyhillman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 7:21 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Please remove the never-ending mask mandate

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

14 days to flatten the curve has turned to over a year of unnecessary control.

I've researched many, many studies where in that masks are NOT helpful to your health in the long run.

My three children are sometimes unable to get a good breath, which is affecting their wellbeing while at school. Not to mention skin irritation/acne behind the mask.

I've researched many, many studies where in that masks are NOT helpful to your health in the long run.

Sarasota removed their masks and has not seen a spike in deaths or cases.

It's time to put an end to this never-ending and now, pointless mandate.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you, it is time.

Tyffany
(727) 645-2515

Johnson, Krista

From: Cheri Hall <cherihall@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 7:19 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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Dear Commissioner Dave Eggers,

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Without delving into the studies and the science and facts of the matter (you've heard quite a bit of this already from the public during the commissioners meetings), it's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our freedom of choice to remain intact. Not to mention the fact that it's been over a year now and after such a period of time we know what we're dealing with.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Cheryl Hall

Johnson, Krista

From: Ahvery Jepsen <ahveryj@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 6:33 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Pinellas County Mask Ordinance

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14. Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

Fifteen days to stop the spread has now turned into 370 days of medical overreach. Sarasota removed their masks and has not seen a spike in deaths or cases.

It's time to stop the overreach. Whether we are safe or healthy or not, is a personal decision that each of us adults are able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,

A. Jepsen

Johnson, Krista

From: Mandy Groom <mandygroom@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 6:26 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20 - 14

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

My name is Mandy Groom and I live on Bayway Boulevard in Pinellas County. I'm writing regarding Ordinance 20 - 14 and your upcoming meeting on April 14th.

I am respectfully asking that you rescind this ordinance to restore the freedom of choice to your residents and business owners.

With a large percentage of the country having been vaccinated or soon to be vaccinated and many more carrying the antibodies, it seems the masks are considerably less of a necessity than they were a year ago when the ordinance was put into effect.

By rescinding this ordinance, you restore the freedoms of your residents and the many business owners that have suffered due to the mask mandate.

This freedom of choice would allow businesses to continue their mandatory mask policy if they choose and give shoppers the option to patronize where they feel safe and most comfortable.

As a taxpayer of Pinellas County, I would like my request to be taken into consideration on this matter.

Thank you for your time and your service.

Respectfully,

Mandy Groom
727.510.5454

Johnson, Krista

From: Dane Fiori <dane.fiori@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 5:25 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask Mandate

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

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It's time stop pushing your personal opinions on the masses.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,

Thomas Dane Fiori

Johnson, Krista

From: Kendra Copelan <kendra.copelan@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:49 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20 – 14

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Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Kendra Copelan
Clearwater, FL

Johnson, Krista

From: Joey Besio <joeypesio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:34 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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15 days to stop the spread has now turned into over 365 days of Tyranny and the public is DONE!

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It's time stop pushing your personal opinions on the masses.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own. In fact if we followed suit in other areas of our lives we should also close all fast food chains, make smoking illegal and ban driving.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Joey Besio

Johnson, Krista

From: danielle yogev <danielle.yogev@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 4:08 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20 – 14

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15 days to stop the spread has now turned into 370 days of unheard of tyranny and the public is DONE!

Sarasota removed their masks and has not seen a spike in deaths or cases.

And with more and more of the most vulnerable in our population are getting vaccinated and no longer in danger, it's time stop pushing personal opinions on the masses and return Pinellas to the what it should be - a model county of the USA where the government does not overstep and its citizens are allowed to live un-harassed.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to responsibly make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Danielle Yogev

Johnson, Krista

From: Julie Lee <juliemannlee@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:59 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask Mandate

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Julie Lee

Johnson, Krista

From: Rebecca Tucci <rgtucci@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 3:01 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Rebecca Tucci
Clearwater Resident

Sent from my iPhone

Johnson, Krista

From: Kelly Brummer <kellymcbummer@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 2:59 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Remove Mask Mandate

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I am a Pinellas County resident and I am writing to you in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14. The "2 weeks to stop the spread" has continued over a year now and we are sick of it! I have more concerns over my children's health and happiness because of the masks, than Covid-19. Sarasota has removed their mask mandate and have not seen a spike in Covid case or deaths. We should have the right to make our own decisions regarding our health and safety.

Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

I respectfully ask that you remove the mask ordinance and let citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Kelly Brummer
kellymcbummer@yahoo.com

Johnson, Krista

From: Mandy Robbins <mandyschargers@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask Mandate - Enough is Enough

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,

Mandy Robbins

Johnson, Krista

From: meghan panek <meghpanek@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 2:20 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20-14

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Thank you,

Meghan Panek



Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta GA 30333

April 5, 2021

SENT VIA EMAIL



Dear 

This letter is our final response regarding your Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (CDC/ATSDR) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request of February 23, 2021, assigned #21-00756-FOIA, for

1. Why is the HHS now linked to the Center for Disease Control. When did this happen? In 2009 a report on the CDC was released by the HHS, how can they audit themselves; and
2. The CDC continues to claim that masks stop the spread of virus. Can you please share their science? Do they have a randomized controlled trial proving that cloth face coverings stop the spread of virus? Does the CDC have a randomized controlled trial that 2 masks stop the spread of virus or Covid19?

For item 2 of your request, the subject matter experts provided the following information and links:

CDC is not aware of any randomized control trials that show that masks or double masks or cloth face coverings are effective against COVID-19. There is experimental data as described below showing that masks block particles:

1. Studies about the effectiveness of masks are available on CDC's website here (references to the studies are provided at the bottom of the page, current as of 2/18/2021). <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html#evidence-effectiveness>;
2. <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7007e1.htm>;
3. <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/fullarticle/2776536>; and
4. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/masking-science-sars-cov2.html>.

For item 1 of your request, we have administratively closed your request for the following reason:

The agency has not received additional information requested from you in our letter dated March 2, 2021.

Johnson, Krista

From: Cindy carrera <cindysisland1999@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Masks and Pinellas County

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

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Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Cynthia Brooks
[727-422-3380](tel:727-422-3380)

Sent from my iPhone

Johnson, Krista

From: Elizabeth Del Carpio <bethdelcarpio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Burton, Barry; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene
Subject: LET US CHOOSE about Masks

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Dear Commissioners,

I decided to email you all together to let you know as a resident of Pinellas County, I am asking you to end the Mask Mandate now. I believe you have overstepped your authority to mandate masks and it has affected my health and the health of my children. I am far more concerned about the lasting effects of long term mask wearing for 9 hours a day, 5 days a week or more, for a YEAR than I am of a virus. Also data consistently shows that Mask Mandate Counties are faring no better than Non Mask Mandate counties here in Florida. It's a virus, the survival rate is over 99% and we should be focused on targeted protection for the elderly. Seriously, I am not going to give it to the lady that I walk by in Publix for 5 seconds. IF that were the case, we ALL would be sick.

Also, whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own and NOT your decision.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not. This virus will never completely go away. The criteria of 30 cases or less for a period of time to rescind the mandate is completely unreasonable, doesn't account for false positives and is absurd in a county of about one million. Stop making medical decisions for people and focus on what we elected you to do, manage the county's resources and plan for a better future.

If people want to wear a mask go for it, but don't force me or my children.

Thank you,
Beth Del Carpio
Pinellas Park, FL

Johnson, Krista

From: Elizabeth Del Carpio <bethdelcarpio@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:39 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: END the Mask Mandate NOW

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Dear Commissioner Justice,

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Thank you,
Beth Del Carpio
Pinellas Park, FL

Johnson, Krista

From: Jessie Komoniewski <jkomhomes@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:25 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask mandate

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Jessie Komoniewski
St Petersburg

Sent from my iPhone

Johnson, Krista

From: Lucy Smith <trixpoe@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 9:20 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask Ordinance

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Dear Commissioner (insert last name),

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Lucy Smith
Dunedin, FL

Sent from my iPad

Johnson, Krista

From: Samantha Stefano <sammistefano@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 12:12 AM
To: Seel, Karen
Subject: Rescind Ordinance 20-14

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Dear Commissioner Seel,

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a

mask or not.

Thank you,

Samantha Stefano

8502872322

Johnson, Krista

From: Samantha Stefano <sammistefano@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, March 22, 2021 12:11 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Rescind Ordinance 20-14

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Thank you,
Samantha Stefano
8502872322

Johnson, Krista

From: Maria Di Fiore <mariadifiore@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 8:40 PM
To: Seel, Karen
Subject: Mask

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I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

You are not taking into consideration all the children who have special needs and cannot wear masks. Nor the children Who are hearing impair that need to read lips. The psychological damage done to our kids is astronomical. As a special needs person since childhood, I'm constantly yelled at for not wearing a mask though I have medical paperwork I carry to avoid issues. I can go on but the pain is so deep to tell you how much suffering I've had because of these mask mandates.

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Maria Solanki

Johnson, Krista

From: Maria Di Fiore <mariadifiore@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 8:39 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Maria Solanki

Johnson, Krista

From: Rose Sims <rosesims26@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 21, 2021 4:11 PM
To: Seel, Karen
Subject: rescind the mask ordinance

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Dear Commissioner Karen Williams Seel,

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Rose Sims
Clearwater FL 33765

Johnson, Krista

From: Stacy Geier <stacy.geier@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Seel, Karen
Subject: [BULK]

Importance: Low

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you.

Warmest Regards,

Stacy Geier

727-641-1244

Johnson, Krista

From: Stacy Geier <stacy.geier@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: [BULK]

Importance: Low

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Thank you.

Warmest Regards,
Stacy Geier
727-641-1244

Johnson, Krista

From: Tina V <tinav68@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 3:42 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: rescind the mask ordinance

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

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Without quoting into the studies, science, and facts of the matter because I am sure you've heard quite a bit of this already. It's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our freedom of choice to remain intact. I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Tina Ambrose

Johnson, Krista

From: Quintana, Vanessa
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 3:36 PM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20426747

From: noreply@fs30.formsite.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Public, AF <publicaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20426747

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Direction of Inquiry Report a Problem

Subject Mask mandate hindering oxygen intake

Message I am strongly urging you people to terminate all mask wearing mandates. As an asthma sufferer, covering my nose and mouth limits critically needed oxygen. On March 7th, 2021, One America News published an article "CDC: Face masks don't prevent Covid-19, Study finds masks have negligible impact on Coronavirus numbers." We all know a virus is so small it will not and can not be blocked by a regular surgical mask or a piece of cloth any more than a mosquito will be blocked by a chain link fence. It's time for everyone to breath freely and not be forced to rebreath their own CO2 and bacteria expelled onto their masks back into their lungs. In 2008 Dr. Fauci co-authored a paper about the 1918 Spanish flu. They discovered that most of the victims didn't die from the Spanish Flu, they died of bacterial pneumonia related to wearing masks! If some uninformed citizens feel safer wearing a mask let them go ahead but the majority of us, we have had enough!

Your Name Patricia G Duran

Your Street Address 16018 5th St E

City/Unincorporated County Redington Beach

Zip Code 33708

Your Phone Number 12079912065

Your Email Address pgduranduran@aol.com

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Johnson, Krista

From: Reinhardt, Scott <ScottReinhardt@iheartmedia.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 12:34 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Masks

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I hope you are well. I am a resident of Seminole and a registered voter. For months Sarasota and Manatee counties have not had a mask mandate. Neither of these counties have had adverse effects or jumps in infections rates. It is time for Pinellas to also get rid of the mask mandate. As adults, in America, we can be responsible and make our own choices when to wear a mask and when not to. I encourage you to remove the mask mandate in Pinellas.

Scott Reinhardt

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From: Quintana, Vanessa
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 8:55 AM
To: Comments, BCC Agenda
Subject: FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20414810

From: noreply@fs30.formsite.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 1:52 PM
To: Public, AF <publicaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>
Subject: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20414810

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Direction of Inquiry Report a Problem

Subject (Continued) mask mandates

Message Please read and discuss the information contained in the link below and explain why your commission continues to perpetuate this unnecessary mandate? Hint: because we say so or “we’re following the science “ is not acceptable any longer.

Thank you.

https://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2021/03/mask_mandates_do_not_save_lives.html

Your Name Michael McCarthy

Your Street Address Ridgemoor circle

City/Unincorporated County Palm Harbor

Zip Code 34685

Your Phone Number 7276922859

Your Email Address mmccarthy1@protonmail.com

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Johnson, Krista

From: Natalee Campagnola <nataleecamp@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2021 7:37 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Request

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To top this all off my children have had to spend a year of school missing out on childhood and sitting in class with masks on. My sons have ended up with breathing issues, with one with bronchitis for the first time because of allergies and wearing his masks. Multiple strep throat because of the mask! So please save me that masks help when children are the LOWEST to be affected or to spread it!

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not and let OUR CHILDREN have a life that WE were privileged to have when we were children.

I give my faith in God and I would like to assume you have the same faith in him and would want us all to live our lives with our children first so remove these masks if for no other reason for them!

Thank you,
Natalee Campagnola

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Johnson, Krista

From: noreply@fs30.formsite.com on behalf of akatiemcguire at gmail.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 1:19 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20414433

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Direction of Inquiry

- Commissioner Janet C. Long - District 1
- Commissioner Pat Gerard - District 2
- Commissioner Charlie Justice - District 3 (2021 Vice Chair)
- Commissioner Dave Eggers - District 4 (2021 Chair)
- Commissioner Karen Williams Seel - District 5
- Commissioner Kathleen Peters - District 6
- Commissioner René Flowers - District 7
- County Administrator

Subject Please end Mask Mandate

Message

In regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.
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Thank you!

Your Name Katie

City/Unincorporated County Saint Petersburg

Zip Code 33704

Your Email Address akatiemcguire@gmail.com

Johnson, Krista

From: Adele Davis <sweetmodel@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 9:26 AM
To: Seel, Karen
Subject: Your mask mandate...

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Adele'

Johnson, Krista

From: Adele Davis <sweetmodel@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 9:24 AM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Your mask Mandate...

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Thank you,
Adele'

Johnson, Krista

From: Melanie Hawkins <mhawkins182@protonmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 17, 2021 8:43 AM
To: Seel, Karen
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Thank you,

Melanie Hawkins

Johnson, Krista

From: Geoffrey Jacob <floridarepublic@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:47 PM
To: Florida Republic
Subject: OPPOSED TO MASK MANDATES ON SCHOOLCHILDREN

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The potential harms masks can cause to schoolchildren outweigh the risks to themselves and of the public if maskless. If the following is considered to be "voluminous" or "onerous" to read, please consider that this issue is very serious, and there are many presumptions of correctness to overcome. Anyone in a leadership position should take the time to consider points made from legitimately sourced references for an issue as serious as the mandatory masking of schoolchildren.

1. The school systems in Sweden and Denmark do not require masks, and it has shown that school children are not likely to become severely affected by the virus, nor are they likely to transmit.

a. In a February 18, 2021 entry by the New England Medical Journal, Open Schools, Covid-19, and Child and Teacher Morbidity in Sweden, "Social distancing was encouraged in Sweden, but wearing face masks was not . . . Despite Sweden's having kept schools and preschools open, we found a low incidence of severe Covid-19 among schoolchildren and children of preschool age during the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic"
<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc2026670>

b. Regarding Denmark schools, The article entitled, No masks, no distancing: Schools in Denmark defy COVID-19 — with success so far features Allan Randrup Thomsen, a virologist at the University of Copenhagen who stated, "Most of the evidence points to the fact that even if children become infected, they are not

getting severely diseased and they also don't transmit the disease," Randrup Thomsen said, although he admitted much remains unknown."

<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/denmark-schools-covid-19-pandemic-1.5720508>

c. So that these findings are not construed as cherry picked or remote, there is a preponderance of other sources confirming the above. 1,2,3,4,5,6

2. At issue is that mandatory masking of school students poses a significant detriment to their neurodevelopment, and also to their development of basic psychosocial skills.⁷

Considering that children are not likely transmitters or likely to suffer severe symptoms from COVID-19, the lifelong psychosocial and neurological damages they can suffer as a result of mask wearing is astounding, and should be unconscionable for anyone considering themselves to be health professionals or even as authority figures purported to actually care for the well being of children.

Official sources, and/or science journals and studies demonstrate that Facial Emotional Recognition (FER) and reading faces in general;

a. is primary in developing interpersonal skills ⁸,

b. is refined across childhood and adolescence, IBID

c. if the faculty is disrupted, it is linked to psychopathology, as both a precursor and byproduct of disorders, ⁹

d. that it involves the activation of brain areas important for Neurodevelopment, ¹⁰

e. that it is developed structurally throughout childhood and adolescence, IBID

f. if understood to a higher degree, then can aid in the early identification and treatment of

affective disorders such as autism, depression, and anxiety disorders, IBID,

g. All of what has been discussed in this issue should be of grave concern to the PBCC, Pinellas Public Health Officials, School Boards, Mayors, City Commissioners, and any other government official due to the impacts on mental health on youth which can have devastating effects on the future of this county. On top of this, the costs of extra mental health care could be much higher than average, particularly due to the need for a massive volume of potential diagnoses.

h. Children and adolescents are having FER, the primary and crucial faculty of developing interpersonal skills , taken away from them by mandatory masking when they could be developing these skills on school properties.

i. Since the average school day is on average 6 and a half hours, and because the average days in school is 180 days, masked students are being deprived of 1170 hours, or ~49 days worth of this very important psychosocial skill of FER each school year.

CONCLUSION

Therefore, the mandatory masking of school students poses a significant detriment to their psychosocial skills and neurodevelopment, and since children are not likely transmitters nor likely to contract severe disease, such risks of mandatory mask mandates on schoolchildren far outweigh any perceived health benefits, so such mandates should cease.

ENDNOTES

1. Children's mortality from COVID-19 compared with all-deaths and other relevant causes of death:

epidemiological information for decision-making by parents, teachers, clinicians and policymakers,

"COVID rarely kills children, even compared with influenza, against which many children are already

vaccinated. Our data show that for mortality COVID-19 is similar to flu, or less severe, in children

whilst being the opposite in adults."

2. Transmission dynamics of SARS-CoV-2 within families with children in Greece: A study of 23

clusters, "While children become infected by SARS-CoV-2, they do not appear to transmit infection

to others. Furthermore, children more frequently have an asymptomatic or mild course compared to adults.”

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/jmv.26394>

3. Household transmission of Sars-CoV-2: a systematic review and meta-analysis of secondary attack rate, “Age was the most examined covariate, with most studies reporting significantly lower secondary transmission of Sars-CoV-2 to children contacts than adult contacts.”

<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.07.29.20164590v1.full.pdf>

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0033350620302092>

4. Sweden's health agency says open schools did not spur pandemic spread among children

<https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-sweden-schools-idUSKCN24G2IS>

5. School openings across globe suggest ways to keep coronavirus at bay, despite outbreak

<https://www.sciencemag.org/news/2020/07/school-openings-across-globe-suggest-ways-keepcoronavirus-bay-despite-outbreaks>

6. Annals of Epidemiology, Leveraging Epidemiological Principles to Evaluate Sweden’s COVID-19

Response

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1047279720304130#bib27>

7. There have been two recent news articles in both The Irish Examiner and New York Times

regarding how masks can be a possible threat for the deleterious developmental and psychological impacts on children.

- Advice on mask-wearing did not consider impact on pupils' development and mental health -

Irish Examiner , <https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-40086536.html>

- Do Masks Impede Children’s Development? - New York Times,

<https://www.nytimes.com/>

[2020/09/14/well/family/Masks-child-development.html](https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/14/well/family/Masks-child-development.html)

In addition to the news articles above, the following peer reviewed scientific journal entries

should be convincing enough to see the high likelihood of such damages to children as the result of mandatory mask policies

8. In January, 2020 International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health stated ,
"Face perception is of critical importance in social interactions. In addition to providing information regarding age, gender, race, and identity, facial expressions provide important cues about thoughts and emotions [1]. Correct processing and interpretation of emotions conveyed by facial expressions is crucial as it ensures successful interpersonal communication. Decades of facial recognition research has shown that discriminating facial expressions is an innate ability evident in infancy [2], and it is refined across childhood [3,4] and adolescence [1]."
Associations between Facial Emotion Recognition and Mental Health in Early Adolescence ,
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6981578/>

9. The Journal Developmental of Neuropsychology reinforces the importance such;
"correct processing" as above, and goes further in that "perturbations in this ability have been linked to psychopathology, as both a precursor and epiphenomenon of disorders"
Individual Differences in Children's Facial Expression Recognition Ability: The Role of Nature and Nurture ,
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2797312/>

10. A Developmental Science Journal report stated , "Faces convey an abundance of information about the internal state of an individual. Appropriately decoding facial expressions aids in an individual's ability to understand and appropriately adapt to the social environment and thus is a crucial part of social interactions. Gaining a greater understanding of the normal developmental trajectory of emotional facial recognition may help in the early identification and possible treatment of affective disorders such as autism, depression, and anxiety disorders."

The report went further to state, "Emotional face processing involves a network of brain areas, including the fusiform gyrus, prefrontal cortices(PFC), insula, and the amygdala..."

Neurodevelopmental studies suggest that the brain areas important for facial expression processing continue to develop structurally throughout late childhood and adolescence ...”

Development of emotional facial recognition in late childhood and adolescence,
<https://www.academia.edu/2908762/>

[Development_of_emotional_facial_recognition_in_late_childhood_and_adolescence](#)

Johnson, Krista

From: melodypond324@yahoo.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:01 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry
Subject: Mask mandates hurt people with disabilities

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Good evening,

As a resident of Pinellas County, I am writing to ask the county to rescind the mask mandate because it encourages discrimination against those with certain medical conditions. Not everyone can wear a mask and keeping the mandate in place implies everyone is able to comply. It emboldens citizens to harass, attack, bully, and discriminate against those unable to wear masks. It only serves to create civil distress and divisions. Those who are unable to wear masks are not "bad" or "selfish" and those who can wear masks are not "good". This narrative is unfair to those with medical conditions they have no control over. Wearing a mask does not make you a good person, if anything it has become sanctimonious.

Individuals with medical conditions such as PTSD, autism, claustrophobia, anxiety, COPD and more are suffering as these conditions make it impossible to wear face coverings. I hate hearing the phrase "just wear your mask, it's so easy", if it WAS so easy, I WOULD wear it no questions asked. It would save myself plenty of grief.

<https://wheelchairtravel.org/disabilities-that-could-make-wearing-face-masks-impossible/>

I personally have suffered from claustrophobia my entire life. On top of that, I am a domestic violence survivor (it's not something I enjoy discussing but involves strangulation). The combination of claustrophobia and PTSD makes it impossible to for me wear necklaces, turtlenecks, scarves, face masks, face shields and more. Anything that impedes my breathing, makes me feel confined, or touches my neck immediately gives me debilitating panic attacks. If you think my case is isolated, think again. It is estimated that 7%-10% of the population suffers from claustrophobia and 7%-8% suffer from PTSD. The county mandate is torturing more people than you realize. No one is speaking up for us because we have been bullied and dismissed into submission.

<https://www.theguardian.com/world/2020/aug/01/mask-face-coverings-i-cant-wear-one-health-reasons>
[It's easy to judge. But some people really can't wear a mask](#)

https://www.ptsd.va.gov/understand/common/common_adults.asp

<https://www.psycom.net/claustrophobia-claustrophobic-fear-of-small-spaces>

People with these conditions are being treated as sub-human or second-class citizens. We are labeled as "selfish jerks" and horribly discriminated against. We are denied participation in nearly all facets of life (i.e. shopping, doctor visits, haircuts just to name a few), subjected to dirty looks, bullying, and violent confrontations from other citizens. I personally was chased from an OUTDOOR market like Frankenstein's monster because of my inability to wear face coverings. **NO ONE DESERVES TO BE TREATED LIKE THIS**. Those of us with disabilities that make wearing face coverings impossible are tired of the stigma and just want to live our lives without hassle.

There is no reason why people like me should be subjected to this treatment, we also deserve respect. I recently spent some time in the panhandle (Destin to be specific) where they have never imposed mask mandates. It was like stepping into a whole other world. While some businesses did require masks, others did not, and I was able to choose. For the first time in months I was able to live my life without fear; fear of harassment, fear of bullies, or fear of confrontation. I finally felt like a person again. If I could move to Destin, I would have moved yesterday. I am heartbroken to be back in Pinellas county, as I must return to living like a prisoner in my home or dare venture out and face brutal discrimination. It's incredibly frustrating because it does not need to be this way.

I kindly ask for the mask mandate to be rescinded, please put an end to the suffering of those unable to wear masks.

<https://justtheinserts.com/masks?fbclid=IwAR1T9qzmFNqzCn4IeJl7VPK95tgZIJuVAF7Tz9cT7MoawEKu0o7sXGP6V-I>

Kind regards,

Melissa King

Johnson, Krista

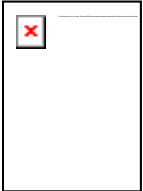
From: Marykay Carr <marykaycarr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:17 PM
To: Seel, Karen
Subject: Ordinance 20 - 14

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Dear Commissioner Williams-Seel, I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14. Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency. Without delving into the studies and the science and facts of the matter (you've heard quite a bit of this already from the public during the commissioners meetings), it's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our freedom of choice to remain intact. Not to mention the fact that it's been over a year now and after such a period of time we know what we're dealing with. Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own. I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not. Thank you, **MaryKay Carr**

MaryKay Carr
Never Give Up On Your Dreams - MKC



Johnson, Krista

From: Marykay Carr <marykaycarr@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 10:16 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Ordinance 20 - 14

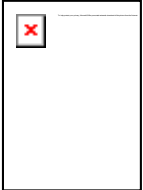
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MaryKay Carr
Never Give Up On Your Dreams - MKC



Johnson, Krista

From: kelli snow <kelli_snow@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 9:33 PM
To: Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Eggers, Dave; Justice, Charlie; Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C
Subject: Mask ordinance

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Dear Commissioners:

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Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Kelli Snow
Palm Harbor
7276878550

PINELLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:

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Bob Burton: bburton@pinellascounty.org Sent from my iPhone

Johnson, Krista

From: Gina Isenor <ginalovesmolly@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 7:20 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Mask Mandate

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Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Gina Dineen

Johnson, Krista

From: Francine Ruddock <calebnoahmom@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 4:44 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Burton, Barry
Subject: End mask mandate

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

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Without delving into the studies and the science and facts of the matter (you've heard quite a bit of this already from the public during the commissioners meetings), it's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our freedom of choice to remain intact. Not to mention the fact that it's been over a year now and after such a period of time we know what we're dealing with.

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

Businesses do not want the mask mandates as well but feel trapped and threatened of losing their license if they do not comply.

My husband was physically assaulted in store by a customer for not wearing a mask because he felt his rights were more important than my husband's. This needs to stop! The fear mongering for the last year has made people crazy.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Francine Ruddock

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Johnson, Krista

From: Lindsey Munson - ienjoy Home <lindsey@ienjoyhome.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 3:57 PM
To: Seel, Karen
Subject: Pinellas Resident- Pinellas Business owner

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Dear Commissioner Seel,

I am a Pinellas resident and also a business owner in Pinellas and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

Over the last year, everyone has learned a lot about keeping their fellow man safe. We sanitize our homes. Stay home if we are ill. Take care of our elderly. The world will never be the same. I do feel as though being forced to wear a mask or having the choice are two very different things. Majority of the time I wear a mask. But if i'm getting harassed at a store because my 4 year old will not keep a mask on, I don't feel as though that is right. I don't feel safe going into certain public situations. There is a divide that is occurring between our locals, the same sort of divide we saw in our nations with our last Trump/Biden wars. I would like to have the choice to choose, not being forced to do something.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Lindsey Munson
Pinellas County Business Owner
Mother of three small children
Pinellas Resident for the past 10 years.
818-400-3232

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Thanks,

Lindsey Munson

Chief Operations Officer, ienjoy ®

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Johnson, Krista

From: Sherry Fiorenzo <safiorengo74@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 3:14 PM
To: Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry
Subject: [BULK]
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Dear Commissionees

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14.

We would like to thank Kathleen Peters for requesting the information from Barry that was asked for weeks ago. I am thankful she is willing to take a step forward in the right direction.

I would like to say, I have traveled to Ft. Meyer many times during this last year and they are doing just fine without forcing a mask mandate on the public. Pretty densely populated and busy place. Why not give Pinellas County residents our right to choose?

Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

Please do not continue kicking the can down the road or suggest that we should continue this because Spring break could be a super spreader. Or Easter could be a super spreader, or Memorial day, or 4th of July, or the kids going back to school, or Labor day. etc. etc. etc. Stop going on "what ifs". They have not come to fruition. And it's not because everyone was masked.

You know as well as I do that people are gathering and doing things against your "mandate" and nothing has been a super spreader.

Over a 99% chance of recovery.

You have created a hostile environment of vigilantes who think an unenforceable mandate is a law. Disabled people, people with PTSD, rape victims to name a few are the people who suffer the most because of this mandate and the bullies who do not respect or know about the exemptions.

Let's give the right to choose back to the people.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Sherry Fiorenzo
Largo FL 33771

Johnson, Krista

From: lynda bablin <lynda.bablin@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 3:06 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Rescind Ordinance 20-14

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>> Dear Commissioner,

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>> I am a Pinellas County resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14. Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

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>> As has clearly been reported by numerous well respected epidemiologists, masks provide no protection. If you can smell through a mask, it is doing nothing to prevent the covid virus from you as it is far smaller than the pores of any mask. This is in addition to the clear violation of my constitutional rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I have my own health problems that are being exacerbated by having to wear a mask. Is my health not a concern of yours as well?

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>> The time is well past that people should be treated as adults capable of making their own health decisions.

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>> I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance at your next meeting on the topic and let me go back to living my life. If the vaccines are enough to protect people from this virus, then the need for masks is no longer a reasonable request.

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>> Thank you,

>> Lynda Bablin

>> 1514 70th Street N

>> St. Petersburg

>> 518-796-4377

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Johnson, Krista

From: Julie Efron <julieeffronphoto@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 3:02 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry
Subject: April 13th - REMOVE THE MASK MANDATE

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Pinellas County Commissioners --

I am a full time resident in Pinellas County. I would like to see the mask mandate rescinded at your next meeting on April 13th.

From ordinance 20-14, per section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency. Without delving into the studies and the science and facts of the matter (you've heard quite a bit of this already from the public during the commissioners meetings), it's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our freedom of choice to remain intact. Not to mention the fact that it's been over a year now and after such a period of time we know what we're dealing with. We deserve the right to make our own medical decisions.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,

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Julie Efron-McAllister
(914) 548-8008

Johnson, Krista

From: Julia Dunn <xojules@mac.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:40 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Rescind Ordinance 20-14

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Julia Granger

Sent from my iPhone

Johnson, Krista

From: suzuki902 <suzuki902@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 11:55 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene

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I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you. Cherie Griffiths

Sent from my Metro By T-Mobile 4G LTE Android Device

Johnson, Krista

From: Dawn Graham <dawnmgraham@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry; governorrn.desantis@eog.myflorida.com
Subject: Pinellas County Mask Mandate

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Dear Commissioners and Governor,

I am a Pinellas resident and wanted to take the time to make my voice heard on behalf of thousands of others in the county in regards to Ordinance 20 – 14. Per Section 8, this ordinance **can be** rescinded **regardless** of the State of Emergency. Without delving into the studies and the science and facts of the matter (you've heard quite a bit of this already from the public during the commissioners meetings), it's very important to take a look at what the people are asking for and the fact that we need our **freedom of choice** to remain intact. Not to mention the fact that it's been over a year now and after such a period of time we know what we're dealing with. So much for 2 weeks to stop the spread. Whether we are safe or healthy or not is a personal decision that each of us adults should be able to make on our own.

My daughter is being schooled virtually and if this mandate continues, I will be pulling her out of PCVS and placing her into flex or a private school, severing the funding the schools are receiving for her. She will not attend B&M until the mandate is over. She has the right to refuse to wear a mask because she is a child and yet the schools are still requiring them, even outdoors!

Being as I have been in the medical field for upwards of 28 yrs, I can say truthfully that I am appalled at the fear mongering that our government, including you, have enforced on the citizens of this great nation. Less than 1% of our population are severely affected by this virus and it does not warrant the devastation that is occurring financially and mentally to our citizens and businesses. I have not worn a mask in any facility since April, after doing my due diligence and educating myself with the likes of this virus. I have come in contact with it 5 times now and I am fine. My family is fine. My mother in law caught it in Ohio while wearing a mask! It is time to put an end to this and show the rest of the nation and the state that we are unified and not afraid of a virus that is no more deadly than the flu.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,
Dawn Graham

Johnson, Krista

From: Becky Evans <becky@gracechristian.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:57 PM
To: Seel, Karen
Subject: Please rescind mask ordinance at your next meeting

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Dear Karen Williams Seel:

I am writing because I believe it is my right to choose whether I wear a mask or not. I believe that those who have concerns about their health can choose to wear a mask but I should not be forced to against my will as it is a violation of my personal rights. Ordinance 20 – 14. Per Section 8, this ordinance can be rescinded regardless of the State of Emergency.

The purpose of this email is to ask that you rescind the ordinance to wear masks when you have your meeting on April 13th.

Thank you! Becky Evans, Clearwater, FL 727-709-3219.

Johnson, Krista

From: Becky Evans <becky@gracechristian.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:56 PM
To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Please rescind mask ordinance at your next meeting

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Thank you! Becky Evans, Clearwater, FL 727-709-3219. (PS. Are you the same Dave Eggers who had a son playing soccer on the Dunedin Sterling Team back around 1999? Our son Zach Evans played on the team back then 😊)

Johnson, Krista

From: Athena Owen <athenamantle@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:25 PM
To: Seel, Karen
Subject: [BULK] Ordinance 20 – 14

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It has now been over a year since the pandemic began and after such a long period of time we know what we're dealing with and we are not in imminent danger of mass death as was feared in the beginning when we didn't know much about it. The last year has proven that survival rate is very good at over 97%. This does not warrant the need for the government to be "stepping in" with mandates and taking away individual rights and freedoms to "save people".

I do not believe the current situation with Covid requires a County wide mask mandate. Individuals can take precautions if they chose to do so. We need to get back to living life, enjoying the company of others and seeing people's beautiful smiles. That alone will help make us all healthier and better able to fight the virus, should we be exposed to it.

I respectfully ask that you rescind the mask ordinance and let us citizens make up our own minds as to whether we wear a mask or not.

Thank you,

Athena Mantle Owen
Dunedin, FL 34698

Johnson, Krista

From: Athena Owen <athenamantle@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 16, 2021 1:24 PM
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Johnson, Krista

From: rosieishere@icloud.com
Sent: Monday, March 15, 2021 10:50 AM
To: Seel, Karen
Subject: Mask ordinance

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Thank you,
Rosie Purden (Clearwater resident)
407-536-0251

Johnson, Krista

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