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Please END THE MASK MANDATE	<p>I am unclear why the MASK ORDINANCE IS STILL IN PLACE. Hospitals are not overrun, nor have they ever been. Deaths, well, we had no more deaths in 2020 than in 2019. IT HAS BEEN A YEAR!!!! This is not normal and is creating division, fear, anger and will bring many health implications in the months to come. See below the studies that have been done over the last 20 years. MASKS ARE INEFFECTIVE AND ACTUALLY CAUSE HARM! Stop making this political.</p> <p>Why don't you actually open the studies and see for yourself? They are from Real doctors.</p> <p>https://meehanmd.com/blog/post/173679/an-evidence-based-scientific-analysis-of-why-masks-are-ineffective-unnecessary-and-harmful</p> <p>https://AFinalWarning.com/489359.html</p> <p>https://docs.google.com/document/d/104Y9aZJKmXQMCEmb6bR2vP_-ZwQrabONT0C-3NkQ/mobilebasic</p> <p>We the Citizens of Pinellas County have had enough. We do not need all of you dictating health to us. IT IS NOT YOUR JOB!! Socialism does not belong in Pinellas County. I really do pray for you guys. I really don't get it. It is a different kind of evil. The impact this is doing to families and our CHILDREN will be irreversible. How do you guys sleep at night. ITS NOT JUST A MASK.</p> <p>God Speed, Yvette Gaugh</p>	YVETTE GAUGH	9371 Blind Pass Rd	Saint Pete Beach	33706	7274153170	commonsensetruthfreedom@gmail.com	2021-04-11 21:27:46
End the Mask Mandate - the masks do not work and they are causing great harm	<p>Please tell me who, on this board, voted for the people to have to wear a face mask/covering and who voted against it? I would like to know each name and how they voted.</p> <p>I am asking that you remove all requirements in regards to wearing a face mask/face covering:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. before entering a facility or facilities. 2. to conduct any kind of in person transaction. <p>Many people have one or more physical and/or mental disabilities which prohibit them from wearing a face covering. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, this would be a violation of federal law. https://adata.org/learn-about-ada</p> <p>In addition, the wearing of a face mask/covering has been proven over and over to not be effective at protecting against COVID 19 or any virus.</p> <p>The following January 2021 PUBMED SCIENTIFIC STUDY shows that not only are face coverings ineffective at protecting against COVID 19, but they also have the potential to be very harmful.</p> <p>https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33303303/</p> <p>https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0306987720333028?via%3Dihub</p> <p>Conclusion The existing scientific evidence 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,</p>	Marty Wilson	13195 86th ave no	SEMINOLE	33776-2729	7272420685	patrickwilson555@gmail.com	2021-04-11 13:13:15
Mask Ordinance	<p>Please maintain mask ordinance for as long as you can. This Covid virus is a bad one and we will never get it under control if the variants become more powerful and invalidate the vaccine formula. Unfortunately people have been very misled and are continuing to be misled by some media outlets. As a result we have gross vaccine hesitancy and reckless behavior. I believe you have saved lives with the ordinance even though you are receiving resistance. Workers are being saved and lives are being saved with this ordinance. It does help to decrease the viral load. I have been vaccinated but I continue to double mask. Also I was able to go to church with this ordinance even before I was vaccinated. I would not be out and about and spending money without the vaccine and the ordinance. Thank you so much for your courage. There are many people who support you but don't always speak up or cannot speak up due to lack of internet. Stay strong and save lives. You have my vote.</p>	Janice K. Wittman	8021 Cranbrook Ct	Largo	33777	17276443539	wittman.jan@tampabay.rr.com	2021-04-11 12:14:11
New Mask Study!	<p>Hello and thank you for your consideration. I was born right here in Pinellas county and have resided here my entire life. I have had 4 children born in this county and my husband and I are small business owners here in this county.</p> <p>My personal thoughts on the mask mandate are that the people who believe in masks, will likely still continue to wear them. Lifting the mandate will really not change most people's minds, but will help lessen the tensions and fear of the people of this county. The counties to the North & South of us, lifted their mandates. Texas has seen a precipitous drop in cases/deaths after lifting their mandate. You have no legal authority to enforce the mandate. The only reason to keep it, is very obvious.</p> <p>This is a new study just released. Please take the time to read it, your constituents deserve at least that. "Trusting" the science means that we grow and change with the science. We know a LOT more about this virus than we did a year ago. We have a large subset of the population that has received the vaccine and it's time we change with the everchanging data.</p> <p>https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7680614/?fbclid=IwAR29v8kCYbdHVDWFFaiQnWP-DiOF1PAKHnS2-P6UbgkWFq9Bwz3Zi0DQlpo=0.943396</p> <p>I appreciate your time and consideration in this important matter.</p> <p>Thank you, Kristen Strecker (727) 288-8354</p>	Kristen Strecker	317 Old East Lake Rd	Tarpon Springs	34688	7272888354	kjstreck@gmail.com	2021-04-11 12:00:40
End the Mask Mandate	Masks are not effective against the Chinese Virus and cause bacterial infections when worn too long.	Harold Birkins	1910 Elaine Dr	Clearwater	33760	7276391234	harryandthehendersons@protonmail.com	2021-04-11 11:36:27
Covid Mask Mandate-Support	I want to thank the County Commissioners for taking the wise approach to continuing the mask mandate.	Gloria Petrey	8681 Bardmoor Blvd #404	Seminole	33777	727-492-4997	justmegap@gmail.com	2021-04-11 10:20:08

End The Mask 🚫 Mandate NOW!	Dear Liberty haters and the Honorable Commissioner Peters, I am demaning, because after all you work for me and the free people of Pinellas County, that the Pinellas BCC and their complicitous County Administration end the farce that is the mask mandate. Personally, I will continue to fail to comply and ask businesses to trespass me if the issue is pushed. Moreover, these instances will be documented to illustratively demonstrate the board's tyranny & to publicize those businesses that follow along like little sheep. Then, we free thinking consumers no longer have to use their services or products. This is already happening, by the way, as you all may have heard by now. I suggest that the BCC members illuminate themselves of the actual science which is exceptionally well laid out in the book, 'Faucian Bargain'. (link below) https://www.amazon.com/Faucian-Bargain-Powerful-Dangerous-Bureaucrat/dp/1637581114 I am happy to send any one of you a copy of that book gratis. God Bless you all and do the right thing...or there will be consequences for your election & for the businesses that continue to Karen at the BCC's behest. Sincerely, Daniel G. Amend, III	Daniel Amend III	12541 82nd Avenue	Seminole	33776-3234	727-408-1699	letusalone@yahoo.com	2021-04-11 09:55:54		
End the mask mandate	It's well beyond time for an end to the Pinellas County mask mandate! It's been over a year! Covid 19 is a virus! It is "a flu." You will never eliminate viruses. Masks do nothing other than perpetuate fear. End the fear mongering and remove the mandate in our communities!	Mary Shaw	50 Coe Rd #335	Belleair	33756	563-419-4553	mtshaw52@gmail.com	2021-04-11 07:37:23		
MASK Mandate	I believe it is past time to end the Mask Mandate. The numbers are down, Texas has had 5 months of	David Shaw	50 Coe Rd #335	Belleair	33756	5634194558	daveshaw98@gmail.com	2021-04-11 07:23:23		
End the mask Mandate	With the statistically low chance of contracting COVID-19 and many having received the vaccine, please consider ending the mask mandate, social distancing and lockdowns. This is America not USSR. As an American citizen I want my freedom to make my own health care decisions. Thank you! Karen Harvey	Karen Harvey	4037 36th Ave N	Saint Petersburg	33713-1220		karenharvey123@yahoo.com	2021-04-11 05:52:02		
mask mandate	I'm just wondering why this commission keeps renewing a mask mandate, that is unenforceable due to the governor's executive order? I have kept up with the number of cases in each county, noticing the counties that have no mask mandates have a lower number of cases than ones that do have the mandates. For example, Lee county which has approximately the same population and is a tourist area like ours, has less cases and deaths, even over the last few weeks. And they ended their mandate a month ago. I understand I am just a female resident in my 50's that has no influence over this commission, but I really wonder what reason there could possibly be to support this, especially with all the older residents that have already had their vaccines, not to mention many others that have also had them. Back in November of 2020 Dr. Ulyee Choe reminded residents to follow safety measures because a vaccine wasn't yet available, that's clearly not the case anymore. This has been going on far too long and I know many other residents of this county feel the same. I honestly wish you would all give this some thought.			North Redington Beach			jk07@optonline.net	2021-04-10 23:26:23		
Mandates	I currently go to a school in Largo Florida, I pay to go there. I spend money in your city at local businesses. I see the economic impact these mandates impose on this city. Take the mandates off the throat of the city. People are responsible for their own. Do not continue to impose these mandates any longer. Respectfully America.	Russell Thomas Thibodeau	5400 Swaying Palm Dr	Punta Gorda	33982	9417637136	stub_bi_nater@hotmail.com	2021-04-10 20:41:34		

EMERGENCY MASK MANDATE	Enough already! It's time to let it go. If citizens want to wear a mask, let it be their decision. Time for county government to take a step back and stop controlling our lives. I'm an active voter who will use my vote to exact change on you. Less government now!	Despina Garos	1240 Forest Grove Blvd	Palm Harbor	34683	7272878453	garos1@msn.com	2021-04-10 20:40:56		
State of Emergency	Thank you for your concern for our citizens of Pinellas County and willingness to serve us. I would like to express my hope that you will lift the state of emergency order for our county, which will finally eliminate the mask mandates. Per DOH health reports, as of April 4- 891 out of 1,605 covid-related deaths were in long term care facilities. 99% of people who develop covid illness recover due to successful therapeutics, such as ivermectin and HCQ. Due to the number of vaccines being received, herd immunity is certainly within reach. The other factor is the masks will not prohibit viruses from being passed, due to the extremely small size of the particle. If people believe they are helped by the mask, they can wear them. But to continue to enforce the wearing of a mask by healthy individuals is a breach of medical choice. Please reconsider your policy in this matter, especially considering the length of time this has been in place. So, therefore masks do not work. Thank you.	Jamie S Yager	1421 Monte Carlo Drive	Clearwater	33764-2803	17708421921	yagorski@aol.com	2021-04-10 19:46:39		
Covid mask mandate	Unless there is a problem with hospital capacity or death rate there is no real emergency to mandate wearing masks. Number of infections is not an emergency by itself. You were elected to protect my rights not my health. It should be up to me whether I want to wear a mask or not.	Stephen C. Zakrzewski	230 Lisa Lane	Oldsmar, Fl Unincorporated	34677	727 784 0393	ez70mary@aol.com	2021-04-10 16:00:44		
Covid mask mandate	Unless there is a problem with hospital capacity or death rate there is no real emergency to mandate wearing masks. Number of infections is not an emergency by itself. You were elected to protect my rights not my health. It should be up to me whether I want to wear a mask or not.	Stephen C. Zakrzewski	230 Lisa Lane	Oldsmar, Fl Unincorporated	34677	727 784 0393	ez70mary@aol.com	2021-04-10 16:00:08		
Mask Mandate - Criteria for Implementation and Discontinuation	Mr. Eggers, I'm an engineer living in Ozona; born and raised in Pinellas. There are currently mask rules in place that appear: 1. Arbitrarily Enforced, and 2. Of unknown effectiveness. This raises two questions. 1. What is the justification that Pinellas County is using for the burden placed on its residents by this mask mandate? 2. What are the criteria for lifting the mask mandate? Best Regards, Daniel Miller	Daniel Miller		Ozona			dsmler@mail.usf.edu	2021-04-10 15:21:49		

Suggested Modification to Local Mask Ordinance	Dear Commissioner Eggers. I hope I am directing this to the correct commissioner. I looked at a county map and it appears I live in District 4 (I live in Safety Harbor) so I was hoping to simply make my views on an issue known to you as one of your constituents. If I should have sent this to a different commissioner I would respectfully ask it be forwarded where appropriate. I truly appreciate the difficult task you and the other commissioners have when it comes to deciding on policies relating to the Covid pandemic. In this time of unprecedented upheaval caused by the virus, I don't envy the difficult (and thankless) choices you are called upon to make. While I may have decided issues differently, I realize nonetheless that you are doing what you were elected to do. I am not contacting you today to attempt to suggest a course of action for all activities in Pinellas County. Rather, I want to address a small subset of activity, namely church attendance. After almost a year of dealing with the implications and ramifications of the pandemic, I truly believe most churches are conducting themselves in a responsible manner, and have not shown themselves to be a source of major problem. So I would simply ask you to consider the following. Would the County Commission please consider modifying the current mask ordinance to exempt churches from its requirements? The county could still make recommendations for what they would like to see churches do of course, but it would be a blessing to the local Christian community if the final decisions were allowed to be made by each individual congregation, based on their own situations and circumstances. This would not require the commission to decide immediately the ultimate issue of removing the ordinance altogether. But it would allow churches to make their own independent choices of how best to conduct their worship services, which I believe they are best equipped to do. Thank you for your consideration of this request.	Joe Trofemuk	115 Harbor Woods Circle	Safety Harbor	34695		jetrofemuk@gmail.com	2021-04-10 12:43:51	
mask mandate	As long time residents of Pinellas County, we would like to thank the commissioners for everything you have done to protect the people of Pinellas County during the covid 19 pandemic. We are imploring you not to vacate the current mask mandate. Wearing masks is a simple and cost effective measure to decrease infections, subsequent hospitalizations and unneeded deaths. Do not be influenced by those who do not listen to science, and especially do not allow your past successes in this area to be lost.	Burrell and Norma Wood	1817 Bayou Grande Blvd NE	St Petersburg	33703		burrellandnorma@verizon.net	2021-04-10 12:21:29	
Mask mandates	The mask mandate is unconstitutional and is harming our health. It doesn't seem like representatives in Pinellas care. The science does not support the mandate. I am now shopping in Pasco because they listened to the citizens. I am sure many others will do the same. What happened to my body, my choice! I also work at a school and the abuse of our children is appalling. Anyone who continues to vote this violation against our health, should be recalled.	Franja Eastling	424 country club drive	Oldsmar	34677	7279453181	franjeastling@yahoo.com	2021-04-10 11:42:23	
Time to revoke the mask mandate	It is past time for Pinellas County to return to normal. Wearing a mask should be a personal decision.	Mitchell J McConnell	200 46th Ave	St Pete Beach	33706		mitchmcconnell2@outlook.com	2021-04-09 17:35:23	
Real Data v. Barry Burton's 3%	Please review this data driven scientific analysis. There's no magic to the 3% folly that Mr. Burton is proposing : https://patch.com/florida/stpete/ep/1945712?utm_source=twitter&utm_medium=web&utm_campaign=s_hare	David Happe		Tarpon Springs			happearchive@gmail.com	2021-04-09 12:51:01	
Corona Virus	This is NOT the time to decrease the public health safety guidelines you have established for Pinellas County. Of course, everyone is tired of the virus/restrictions. However, it has been proven they work saving lives and hospitalizations. The infection rate in Florida continues to increase. April is still Spring Break for some increasing out of state population in our County. Also, now that we have MLB regular games being played in Dunedin, this will only increase the possibilities of virus spread. Canadian residents have already been quoted saying they have come to Pinellas County for the next two months to watch MLB. You requested or received a letter dated 2-18-21 from medical experts providing you with recommendations as to when restrictions can be reduced/changed. Why not follow these professional scientific recommendations, which can be reviewed and updated as conditions change? Pinellas County has done an excellent job in spite of the poor performance at the State and Federal levels. Keep up the good work.	Jack Travis		Dunedin			travisjc@verizon.net	2021-04-09 12:47:48	
In support of the mask mandate	I wanted to thank you for standing strong on the mask mandate in the face of pressure from a vocal group of anti maskers. We are not out of this pandemic yet and while I have recently received my second vaccine, masks are still needed to help keep the community safe.	Jamie Be nett		Unincorporated Pinellas	34685		minafair@hotmail.com	2021-04-09 12:03:07	

Which Doctor Are You Listening To?	<p>So which doctor are you listening to?</p> <p>Dr. Choe, who has a demonstrable financial conflict of interest, and should be recused from your discussions, or higher credentialed doctors that are advising higher officials than yourselves? When science is against you, you know you are on the wrong side of history. Choe and Ms. Flowers are personal friends. I don't want her voting on anything based on advice from her friend. I would like you all to vote based on the science based evidence that is provided to you, and I am not talking about from a doctor with a financial gain in keeping you voting on ideological, and not scientific basis.</p> <p>On March 18th, the State of Florida held a medical round table. Your local conflict of interest advisor was not invited. He's not the expert on this. A panel of scientists, doctors and research analysts ---healthcare professionals from Harvard, Stanford and Oxford were invited, from some of the most prestigious institutions in America leading the national discussion on Covid.</p> <p>So please, Pinellas County Commissioners, stop quoting from lesser credentialed, conflicted advisors. You are making your proclamations less credible. Your Emperor has no clothes.</p> <p>You want to be up to date on science? You are basing your decisions on emotion. Listen to what panelists Dr. Sunetra Gupta, epidemiologist and professor of theoretical epidemiology, Oxford University; Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, professor of medicine at Stanford University and research associate at the National Bureau of Economic Research; and, Dr. Martin Kulldorff, PhD, biostatistician, epidemiologist, and professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School. Their opinions tend to be a more credible than a local doctor whose department the recipient of millions of dollars of CARES money for his participation.</p> <p>A big theme of the roundtable was fear -- which that particular panel said was induced by both media and public health officials. The scientists largely rejected the steps taken by the U.S. to try to control the virus and expressed that more harm than necessary was caused by the public fear that developed around COVID-19. No better reflection of that than our Pinellas County Commission.</p>	David Happe		Tarpon Springs			happearchive@gmail.com	2021-04-09 11:04:51	
face mask mandate	I am imploring you to vote to keep the mask mandate in Pinellas county until we have transmission rate well below 5% for several weeks. I have only recently felt comfortable going to outdoor restaurants and non-essential shopping. I would not want to see us take a step back at this critical time. I will certainly not feel comfortable going to places where people are not wearing masks and will NOT spend my money there.	Janice Moody	317 Morningside Dr	Palm Harbor	34683	17275994834	jallredmoody@gmail.com	2021-04-09 09:46:04	
Mask Mandate - Please Continue!!!	Hello, I just wanted to go on record to tell you that I fully support continuing the mask mandate. Please continue to listen to the experts and scientists to help keep us safe and get through this thing!	Patricia Dysart	5722 Newton Ave S	Gulfport	33707		pat_dysart@yahoo.com	2021-04-09 08:20:06	
Pinellas County Ordinance 20-14	Please don't lift the mask ordinance. Yes, everyone is sick of wearing masks but the science shows that it helps reduce the spread of COVID.	Joan High	9700 Starkey Rd, Apt 318	Largo	33777	7273193276	jhigh37@tampabay.rr.com	2021-04-09 08:18:19	
useless masks	<p>The reason we are willing to go to such effort to get through to you is because this county mask mandate needs to end before the Pinellas County School Board will end their mandate. You and the school have no medical right to tell anyone to wear a mask. Besides, they are useless. You are as well.</p> <p>Members of this Board of Commissioners expressed anger and agitation at receiving nearly 150 emails a day. Your constituents are equally frustrated at dealing with nearly a year of your "temporary" mask mandate. Yes, we know we can go without masks even with the mandate. I never wear one anyway. But my heart breaks for the children! The reason we are willing to go to such effort to get through to you is because this county mask mandate needs to end before the Pinellas County School Board will end their mandate.</p> <p>We are able to go without masks but children as young as 5 years old in our county have been forced to mask 7 hours a day with only a quick break for lunch and PE all school year long. What a disgrace! High schoolers don't even have mask breaks as their lunch is now at the end of their school day. How criminal!</p> <p>You may think that this has nothing to do with you but it does. In Pasco, their BCC ended the mask mandate and the Pasco Schools immediately followed suit. We are not going to quit until you end this mandate. We are not only doing this just for ourselves but for Pinellas county school children. How do you sleep at night knowing you have something to do with the torture of children wearing masks?</p> <p>Instead of directing anger at us, listen to us. Represent us. The only one you seem to represent is Dr. Cho and the "medical community." Who the heck is Dr. Cho? What exactly are his credentials? If he is from China, remember, they are a communist country. Obviously he is too. You have been letting Dr. Cho dictate public policy for nearly a year. We need you to represent our interests. We are petitioning you to end this mask mandate.</p>	Belinda Blease	10698 106TH STREET NORTH	Largo	33773		luyrpets@gmail.com	2021-04-09 08:07:29	
MASK MANDATE IN PINELLAS COUNTY	<p>I am a Pinellas County, FL resident of 35 years and up until now have never contacted any County Commissioner. I just read an article stating that you have no intention of voting to lift the County mask mandate.</p> <p>Our State GOVERNOR has issued a NO MASK MANDATE for our State yet you continue to try to enforce it here in Pinellas County. With the vaccine now being offered to everyone that wants it. I don't understand why you wouldn't vote to lift the mask mandate here.</p> <p>There is more peer reviewed studies showing that wearing masks cause MORE harm than there is showing that cloth and cheap medical masks stop a virus particle.</p> <p>This is simply political and I will make sure my vote does NOT go to you in the next election and I will do everything I can to get the word out there to make sure they don't vote for you either.</p> <p>It is my GOD given right to BREATHE fresh air!!</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Ruth P.</p>	Ruth Polski	7600 Ridge Road, 206C	Seminole	33772	7279065368	riogood2013@gmail.com	2021-04-09 08:00:51	

Thank you	I would like to say thank you for taking care not to reverse the mask mandate for Pinellas County. I personally do not understand the resistance of some people, we were told seatbelts save lives (our own life) and had to mandate a law in order to save people from themselves and their decisions of life and death. I guess that's what we have to continue to do with the population of people who are careless and reckless otherwise society as a whole suffers. Again, thank you for understanding science and watching out for the people of Pinellas County.	Joanne Cichocki	820 Virginia Street #111	Dunedin	34698	860-796-6985	joanecichocki@gmail.com	2021-04-09 04:13:53		
You are a fool	The fact that you ran as a Republican or were appointed as a Republican is a joke. You are a fool. You're a liberal. You said and praised Ken Welch. That told me everything that I need to know about you. I was very sad to hear that you weren't running for reelection because I would take great delight in being part of the team that would ensure you never serve public office in Florida again. As we mull over recall options there's only one thing that is certain. You have no idea what you're doing and the fact that you've been on the Pinellas County commission for 20 years is disgraceful. People were asleep but now we understand. You hate freedom, and it is of no wonder that I've never met a single person that respects you. There's no downside in calling you out because you vote with your liberal comrades 100% of the time anyway. You're just fortunate Pinellas watch didn't exist with ample time to get a candidate to displace you in the last election. Thanks for nothing. You are what's wrong with Pinellas County.	David Happe		Tarpon Springs			happearchive@gmail.com	2021-04-08 20:44:20		
Keep Face Coverings	Hello, I am writing today in support of maintaining face coverings in Pinellas for the time being. Covid cases are surging yet again and we need to be cautious. Additionally, if the board changes course, the Pinellas School Board will be under more pressure to lift their mandate. Having Covid increase in schools due to a lack of mask wearing will be a detriment to our entire county. Thank you for your consideration.	Stephanie Cox	1400 46th Ave NE	Saint Petersburg	33703	7276925038	stephanie.doyle.cox@gmail.com	2021-04-08 18:27:03		
Masks	We need to lift the mask mandate asap.	All Choiniere	3134 Harvest Moon Drive	Palm Harbor	34683	7276980127	achoiniere@freightcenter.com	2021-04-08 15:28:41		
The reason we are willing to go to such effort to get through to you is because this county mask mandate needs to end before the Pinellas County School Board will end their mandate.	https://www.voterfocus.com Justice- 145 emails full of vitriol, Members of this Board of Commissioners expressed anger and agitation at receiving nearly 150 emails a day. Your constituents are equally frustrated at dealing with nearly a year of your "temporary" mask mandate. Yes, we know we can go without masks even with the mandate. The reason we are willing to go to such effort to get through to you is because this county mask mandate needs to end before the Pinellas County School Board will end their mandate. We are able to go without masks but our children as young as 5 years olds have been forced to mask 7 hours a day with only a quick break for lunch and PE all school year long. High schoolers don't even have mask breaks as their lunch is now at the end of their school day. You may think that this has nothing to do with you but it does. In Pasco, their BCC ended the mask mandate and the Pasco Schools immediately followed suit. We are not going to quit until you end this mandate. We are not only doing this Pinellas residents but for Pinellas county school children. Instead of directing anger at us, listen to us. Represent us. The only one you seem to represent is Dr. Cho and the "medical community." You have been letting Dr. Cho dictate public policy for nearly a year. We need you to represent our interests. We are petitioning you to end this mask mandate. Petition with nearly 1700 signatures- https://chna.us/w8QdPhY	Aden Barnes	10240 127 Ave	Largo	33773		adenlynnbarnes@gmail.com	2021-04-08 15:04:26		
Campaign Contributions	YES, we have looked at your campaign contributions. Next time you want to talk down to people, you might want to stop, count to 10, and realize that what you are about to comment on is discoverable. Your remarks en total were reprehensible, and you owe the people of Pinellas County an apology.	David Happe		Tarpon Springs			happearchive@gmail.com	2021-04-08 14:47:37		
The Covid "Percent Positivity" statistic has changed!	I just watched a video where the commissioners were comparing previous percent positivity numbers like 4% or 5% with today's numbers. THEY ARE APPLES AND ORANGES. The guidance for who gets tested has CHANGED. You used to test asymptomatic people who came into contact with anyone who may have had Covid, so there was a huge portion of people getting tested that were not sick. Now you ONLY test people who are PHYSICALLY SICK. That is the new guidance based on vaccinations. The percent positivity will and should skyrocket, as we shift into a new methodology where we're only testing sick people. It is absolutely preposterous to base public policy, mask mandates, etc or the % positivity when the entire methodology has changed to testing only people who are sick.	Peter	East Lake Rd.	Oldsmar	34677		floridaford150@gmail.com	2021-04-08 13:05:13		
Disgusting	Ms. Long, Ms. Gerard, and Mr. Justice. Your comments at your work session were despicable. It's one thing to have a difference of opinion. It's another thing all together to convey the disdain and hate you have for the people of Pinellas County. You just give us the best gift you could ever give us, because now we have the commercials that will cause you to lose your election when we show people what you REALLY think. Your character is UGLY as were your words. You love the masks. We get it. But now we know you hate the people also, and that's the basis by which we will move forward. Positivity will increase when you only test sick people. Deaths are plummeting, as are your political futures in Pinellas County. I look forward to respectfully continuing the discussion. But you owe the people of Pinellas County an apology for your coordinated smear campaign against people who simply disagree with you. You don't represent us. We're sharing your video now, and will continue to share it until everyone in Pinellas County understands who you really are.	David Happe		Tarpon Springs			happearchive@gmail.com	2021-04-08 12:59:08		
masks	As a long time resident of Pinellas County I urge you to follow Pasco County's decision to eliminate the mask mandate.	elaine handoga	2912 HILLCREEK CIR S	Clearwater	33759-1210	7277268965	elainerh@aol.com	2021-04-08 11:37:46		

<p>end the useless mask mandates. YOU are killing children!</p>	<p>I am emailing today to state that this Mandatory Mask Ordinance needs to end. This needs to be a voluntary choice left to the individual. It has been over a year since the State of Emergency started, this should also come to an end. There is no emergency that needs to last over a year!</p> <p>Last week Jacksonville let their Mandatory Mask Ordinance expire. This week Pasco county rescinded their Mandatory Mask Ordinance for the county and the Pasco school system followed suit. It's our turn now to end the mask mandate, especially considering by your own admission Pinellas was working with Pasco as part of "regional" group.</p> <p>Bradenton & Sarasota do not have Mandatory Mask Ordinance. People are taking their business there and will soon make the short drive to Pasco to spend money in counties with businesses that give freedom and a choice.</p> <p>If individuals and businesses want to make it mandatory based on their individual needs that is for them to decide.</p> <p>If people want to wear masks, they have the right wear their masks for the rest of their lives if they wish. Those worried about COVID can also choose to stay home. Their fear does not give them the right to force others to mask.</p> <p>As quickly as you put the mask mandate into effect, you can remove it. Just end the state of emergency to end the mask mandate. This whole thing is completely unconstitutional anyway.</p>	<p>Belinda Blease</p>		<p>Largo</p>	<p>33773</p>		<p>luyrpets@gmail.com</p>	<p>2021-04-08 04:27:27</p>		
<p>Pinellas County citizens are being harmed</p>	<p>Dear Pinellas County Commissioners and County Administrator,</p> <p>I am writing to request that you rescind the Pinellas County mask mandate.</p> <p>There are 3 points I'd like to bring up in today's message to you.</p> <p>1) People who are not doctors are normalizing signs of illness. I know you've said it before to yourself or to a coworker in conversation: "Gosh, it's hard to breathe sometimes with this thing on." People in all sorts of places of business are often told by their co-worker, supervisor, friend, board members, etc that it is normal to feel short of breath sometimes. "Yeah me too, I hate it these things sometimes." As it turns out, my son mentioned he was feeling short of breath a few times before the night of his asthmatic bronchospasms. Adults told him at school this is normal. Thankfully his parents were the ones with him when he could not pass air and required medical attention. As a medical professional, when one of my patients tells me they are feeling short of breath, I usually advise that they go to the emergency room immediately. To advise otherwise would put me at risk of being negligent in providing appropriate medical advice. Please be sure my comments get to your attorney. It is not normal to feel short of breath. Masks are causing this problem, and your mandate is normalizing it. You (and most of your coworkers / friends / board members / teachers / etc) are not qualified to provide medical advice.</p> <p>2) Masks are causing physical and emotional harm. I won't draw out the entire story for you again, as it was emailed to you last year, but my son's newly developed asthmatic bronchospasms were, per his pediatrician, related to something new in his environment. Thankfully his problems completely disappeared once he got medical exemption to wear a face shield at school instead. Cloth face coverings are being used like medical devices, without parental or physician involvement, but yet are not regulated like medical devices (there is no good data to support their efficacy or safety in the community setting). I know many other parents who have had similar issues with newly developed asthma or worsening of existing asthma, headaches, overheating, strep throat,</p>	<p>Amy Mack</p>		<p>Clearwater</p>		<p>727-204-4832</p>	<p>amy.mack@yahoo.com</p>	<p>2021-04-07 22:23:19</p>		
<p>Need help in accessing Oona Preserve</p>	<p>Dear Mr Eggers</p> <p>My name is Edward Alcorne and I own the property at 293 Orange st in Ozona.</p> <p>I have a problem that over multiple calls to different county departments I have yet to be getting any answer.</p> <p>My property is adjacent to the Ozona Preserve to the north.</p> <p>On the property line I have a tall Cherry Laurel tree that has become partially up rooted and is leaning at about a 30 degree angle toward the preserve.</p> <p>I called a tree removal company and have them set up to remove the tree on the 15th of this month.</p> <p>Since the tree leans toward the preserve the tree company needs access into the preserve for about four hours to take down the tree.</p> <p>The gate for access is near where the tree is</p> <p>This area is nothing more than a vacant lot and really was just for access into the preserve.</p> <p>I have since been told to call different county office but no one can give me an answer to who really takes care of the area. The number on the county sign is not longer in service. The parks department, even though it says on their web site they are in charge of it are not able to grant permission to access. They said to call county tree services who passed me along to some else.</p> <p>If the tree falls it will destroy the county fence and be a huge mess. I am concerned that it will also damage my house. It is also a safety hazard as I dont know when it will fall and am concerned to walk near it. I am only asking for the gate to be opened for a few hours so I can take care of the problem.</p> <p>I have a licensed tree service ready to do remove the tree before it comes down.</p> <p>I would your help in the matter if you could.</p> <p>The tree is a Cherry laural which is a nuisance tree and does not even need permitted to remove.</p> <p>Thank you for help in this matter.</p>	<p>Edward Alcorne</p>	<p>293 Orange St</p>	<p>Ozona</p>	<p>34660</p>	<p>7274855899</p>	<p>Alcorne@gmail.com</p>	<p>2021-04-07 18:05:53</p>		

As quickly as you put the mask mandate into effect, you can remove it. Just end the state of emergency to end the mask mandate.	<p>Good afternoon,</p> <p>I am emailing today to state that this Mandatory Mask Ordinance needs to end. This needs to be a voluntary choice left to the individual. It has been over a year since the State of Emergency started, this should also come to an end. There is no emergency that needs to last over a year!</p> <p>Last week Jacksonville let their Mandatory Mask Ordinance expire. This week Pasco county rescinded their Mandatory Mask Ordinance for the county and the Pasco school system followed suit. It's our turn now to end the mask mandate, especially considering by your own admission Pinellas was working with Pasco as part of "regional" group.</p> <p>Bradenton & Sarasota do not have Mandatory Mask Ordinance. People are taking their business there and will soon make the short drive to Pasco to spend money in counties with businesses that give freedom and a choice.</p> <p>If individuals and businesses want to make it mandatory based on their individual needs that is for them to decide.</p> <p>If people want to wear masks, they have the right wear their masks for the rest of their lives if they wish. Those worried about COVID can also choose to stay home. Their fear does not give them the right to force others to mask.</p> <p>I cannot wear a mask due to health issues but I believe in the right to choose. This year I've had to educate many businesses in Pinellas county that refused to allow an exemption. As our government representatives, it was your role to educate businesses on exemptions, not leave the task to citizens. It definitely made me a stronger individual, for that I am thankful and will use this to my advantage in the future.</p>	Aden Barnes	10240 127 Ave	Largo	33773		adenhynbarnes@gmail.com	2021-04-07 15:41:18		
Keep Mask Mandate	Please don't drop the mask mandates as Pasco did. Our essential workers depend on your following the science. Our medical workers don't need to be inundated and our grocery store workers still need protection. I think it is bad economics to not mandate masks. People rely on safety of masks when shopping etc. It is still too early due to new variants and lack of herd immunity.	Elizabeth Buell	2772 Long View Dr Long View Dr	Clearwater	33761	7277449404	tbuell77@gmail.com	2021-04-07 13:02:54		
Fall events	<p>Dear Ms. Seel</p> <p>I understand the commission will be discussing the potential lifting of some Covid restrictions for Fall events. Our nonprofit organization, Indian Rocks Beach Action 2000, holds our annual fundraiser - Oktoberfest on the Beach - drawing about 4000 attendees. We will need to start our planning very soon if we are going to hold the festival. Would it be possible for your staff to notify us after your meeting with the decision on Fall events?</p> <p>Thank you so much for your support.</p> <p>Daryl Frahn VP, IRB Action 2000, Inc. 727-512-7292</p>	Daryl Frahn	317 10th Avenue	Indian Rocks Beach	33785	727-512-7292	dfrahn@tampabay.rr.com	2021-04-07 11:46:38		
End Mandatory Mask ordinance	<p>My email today to PCC:</p> <p>Good morning commissioners.</p> <p>I am emailing today to state that this Mandatory Mask Ordinance needs to end. This needs to be voluntary by the individual. It has been over a year since the State of Emergency started which should also come to an end. There is no emergency that should last over a year!</p> <p>Last week Jacksonville let their Mandatory Mask Ordinance expire. This week Pasco county Rescinded their Mandatory Mask Ordinance in the county and their school system. We need to follow suit, Especially since Pinellas co was working with Pasco co as part of a regional work group (or whatever you people were calling it).</p> <p>I have been taking my business to Bradenton & Sarasota (Manatee & Sarasota counties) as they do not have Mandatory Mask Ordinance and I know others who are doing the same because we want to spend our money in counties that give us a choice and our freedom.</p> <p>I do also frequent local Pinellas co businesses that do not enforce the Mask Mandate.</p> <p>If individuals and businesses want to make it mandatory based on their individual needs that is for them to decide.</p> <p>If people want to wear masks fine, if people are afraid they should stay home and not infringe on my freedoms.</p> <p>To this day I still have not worn a mask at all! Not because I am exempt but because I am a healthy, Free American who chooses not to wear it. We are all making these choices on our own and you should be supporting this as our government officials who we voted for.</p> <p>As quickly as you put the mask mandate into effect you can remove it.</p>	Dawn Peters	16049 Redington Drive	Redington Beach	33708	17274100646	dawnmp01@hotmail.com	2021-04-07 11:23:22		

Mask Mandate	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I know that you are meeting next week and will be discussing this ongoing mask mandate situation. Last month I sent you several references and am now sending you additional resources. I request that you do your research before making your decisions.</p> <p>This is regarding COVID and the vaccine: https://www.bitchute.com/video/fmH89amCpy75/.</p> <p>This reference includes several articles on the mask mandate hazards: https://docs.google.com/document/d/104Y9aZJKmXQMce6BR2P_r2wQrab4QNT0Q-3NkQ/mobilebasic</p> <p>In the case you choose not to do your job than I am making it known that I have HAD ENOUGH of your tyrannical toying with our constitutional and God given rights.</p> <p>As Commissioner's you are all currently in Violation of Federal Law regarding the mandating of Emergency Use Authorization devices. See the below information regarding EUA devices and the mandating of such.</p> <p>YOU are the elected officials, and you have abdicated your duties to the UNELECTED public health officials, who you are allowing to UNLAWFULLY dictate mandates that violate the citizens LAWFUL rights. The ILLEGAL and UNCONSTITUTIONAL mask mandates that you have allowed to continue in Pinellas county must cease and desist IMMEDIATELY! Consider this Notice of Intent if you do not abolish and outlaw any further mandates in Pinellas County, including Organizations that may require such unconstitutional and discriminatory "requirements". We the People have had enough!</p> <p>Further references: The EUA Statute authorizes the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to declare a health emergency and authorize the use of drugs, treatments, or other products that may be beneficial but have not yet been demonstrated to be safe or effective and are thus only available for use</p>	Ginger Rodeghero	10 Eagle Ln	Palm Harbor	34683	7276873552	gingerrrod@yahoo.com	2021-04-07 10:28:51		
No public notice required to resend mask ordinance	<p>Since you have had the attention of the public this past year, we have been watching your meetings and taking notes. Here is an interesting quote we found from the June 23, 2020 meeting when this Board enacted the unconstitutional mandate to force residents of Pinellas County to wear masks.</p> <p>When the mask ordinance was originally made, Commissioner Eggers asked during the meeting how the ordinance could be rescinded. Attorney White stated "Yes, you could waiver notice and do some of the things you are doing here tonight..." This is from the June Vote Recorded Video, time stamp 5:26:27. Here is the link to the video for your convenience: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pa40uTThizc. So Attorney White was either misinformed at that time or she is misinformed now.</p> <p>The members of Pinellas Watch are making arrangements to play this portion of the video during the public comment at your next meeting on April 13th to remind you of what was said.</p> <p>You have the power to end the mask ordinance this week. According to Attorney White, the Board does not have to advertise the mask ordinance.</p> <p>Where there is a will, there is always a way. The question for this Board at this time, is there a will? The will of the people of Pinellas County is for this Board to end this "temporary" mask mandate immediately.</p>	Kimberly Joly		Largo	33774		kimberlyjoly2@gmail.com	2021-04-07 08:22:56		
Dear Commissioners, PLEASE END MASK ORDINANCE!!	<p>Dear County Commissioners Pat Gerard & Karen Williams Seal,</p> <p>I live in your districts (from what the map showed me I am within both of your districts).</p> <p>I am writing you to express much grief and exhaustion and urge you to PLEASE end these tyrannical mask ordinances that have persisted for OVER A YEAR.</p> <p>There are many who stay silent because we do not want to be publicly shamed, but who are at our wits end and are ready to speak up because this has gone on long enough!</p> <p>I urge you to think about the psychological effects this is having on children who have grown up not seeing a single person smiling at them!!! This is madness and has got to stop.</p> <p>I was for it in the beginning, but this is absolute compulsory madness now. You think you are acting in what's best for the health of the community, yet you fail to see other metrics - metrics that we do not yet know the repercussions of! I.e children and babies who have not seen a single adult other than there family members smiling at them!!</p> <p>There is severe psychological harm and damage being done right now because of your actions! You aren't saving lives, you are not a "super hero" you're a public servant with an ego. I'm the public and I'm telling you I do NOT want this any longer!!</p> <p>I come from Sarasota and if I could would move back in a heartbeat because of how the city leaders there are handling this with common sense!!</p> <p>Please use your common sense people, open your eyes and SEE, there are members of this community, families, parents and children who want this mask ordinance to stop!!</p>	Not saying.		Clearwater	33755		shadesoftourmaline@gmail.com	2021-04-06 22:56:49		
Eliminate Mask Requirement Ordinance	<p>Eliminate mask requirements in Pinellas County! Pasco County has eliminated their mask ordinance...do the same for Pinellas County.</p> <p>---</p>	John Stanford	3010 Countryside Blvd	Clearwater	33761		jstanford76@gmail.com	2021-04-06 20:18:38		

end the useless mask mandates. YOU are killing children!	<p>Pasco's county administrator ended their mask mandate immediately. This BCC can do the same by ending the state of emergency tied to the mask mandate and immediately reinstating the SOE. Is the real reason for stalling because of Biden's "100 days" ending the last day of April?</p> <p>https://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2021/04/on_may_1_lets_all_tear_off_our_masks.html</p> <p>The Democrat Commissioners on this board receive tens of thousands in campaign money from the DNC. Why else would this "temporary" mask mandate be prolonged for nearly a year? End this now. We can clearly see just why you are forcing masks on the public. Citizens across Pinellas are angry and upset. Is it really worth losing your positions as Commissioners to prolong this any further? The last election was a presidential election and it was a close race, but in 2022, the people who vote are going to be the ones who are upset at everything the BCC has imposed this past year: closing our beaches and playgrounds, lockdowns, forcing small businesses to close for 7 weeks, imposing forced masking against the will of the people, the lie that it was temporary.. and here we are a year later. The group of angry constituents is growing and organizing each day you keep this mask mandate going, especially now that we see neighboring Pasco ended their mandate quickly, not prolonging it for weeks. End the masks immediatel</p>			Largo	33773		luyrjets@gmail.com	2021-04-06 18:16:08		
It's past time to end the mask madness	<p>I've repeatedly engaged with facts through news and medical articles that show mask wearing does not work (and often makes things worse). Instead of going that route, I'll add my voice to the thousands I know you are hearing from this week that it's past time to end the mandate. Almost everyone around us has used common sense and facts and is starting to end theirs. Even after you do end it, there will still be many who make the personal choice to continue wearing them, which is great because that's what freedom is all about. It's time for a Pinellas County To step up and lead, ending the mask mandate at your next meeting. And don't give me your BS about needing to vote multiple times and advertise it to end the mandate, you can end it by taking it out of the state of emergency just like you put it in there to begin with</p>	Justin Lisenby	7024 124th Ter	Largo	33773	3342245872	jlisenby@gmail.com	2021-04-06 17:24:44		
Mask mandate	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I see that our Commission is extending the county mask mandate 7 days at a time. I am writing to suggest this is not supported by our data and needs to be ended.</p> <p>The deaths from Covid-19 in the county has fallen to 0 – 1 deaths per day. This is great news. The use of hospital/ICU beds in the county by Covid infected patients is incredibly low with the vast majority of beds available. The alleged purpose of many of our health rules was to keep from overloading our health care system and data certainly seems to show we are there. Other counties have lifted mask mandates with no negative impact. There is no rational reason to believe Pinellas would not follow this path.</p> <p>I am of course not asking for some sort of rule to prohibit mask wearing, just to allow individuals or businesses to make the decision based on their circumstances. As we are going now, we are losing the confidence of our residents who are ignoring the mask mandate more and more each week. Those now ignoring the mandate are criminalized and the divisiveness of this policy is becoming destructive to our communities. I would recommend reducing this to guidance to wear a mask but allowing for individual choice, unless of course there is some other goal than avoiding overload of our health care capabilities. Is the goal now 0 deaths? Is the goal 0 cases? Either of these would be indefensible. Please change this divisive policy. End it now. If you disagree that this mask mandate should be ended now, please respond with your rationale. I am willing to listen and possibly learn. But at this time, with all the data available, I don't see a mask mandate as justifiable at this time.</p> <p>Thank you for your time. Dan Stanhope, Palm Harbor, FL dan_stanhope@yahoo.com</p>	Dan Stanhope	4149 Kirkaldy Dr	PALM HARBOR	34685	7279426990	dan_stanhope@yahoo.com	2021-04-06 16:07:36		
April 13th	<p>We've started the communication and information campaign. As of April 13th, the mask mandate is over in Pinellas County. You can either formalize it, or not. We don't care. April 13th is when we have decided the mask ordinance no longer applies in Pinellas.</p> <p>See here : https://imgflip.com/i/54ljin</p>			Tarpon Springs			happearchive@gmail.com	2021-04-06 14:04:19		
Masks	<p>Why is Pinellas one of the few counties relaxing the mask mandate? Can I send you photos of my son who has SPD and ADHD and braces masks everyday when I pick him up? Or my 11 year olds face shield he has to wear because he cannot wear a mask due to over heating and yes that is happening? Can you take my place at the store to the lady filming me and screaming at me on the day I was having bad asthma and and anxiety and chose not to wear it though I usually comply. It's time to end the mandate! You are turning us against each other and makes no sense when counties next to us relax it and those people come here but we don't change anything https://www.tampabay.com/news/education/2021/04/06/pasco-schools-to-make-masks-voluntary-in-late-april/?hpid=WAR2TdsrWIBDeWylvJkhQ6XxYdHKPDMit45D9NvSi68mzyg953ukLPU58</p>	Andrea Tipton	2065 Indian Ave N	Belleair Bluffs	33770		chansgirl@gmail.com	2021-04-06 13:55:32		
Mask mandate	<p>Could you please check in with the corner pocket in largo. They seem to think that the mask mandate has been lifted and when I asked them about it, they looked at me like i was nuts.</p>	Barbara J Seggelink	6131 42nd Ave N	St Petersburg	33709	6096726347	bjkuyper@gmail.com	2021-04-06 12:56:01		
End the mask mandate	<p>Pasco County's administrator ended their mask mandate immediately. This BCC can do the same by ending the state of emergency tied to the mask mandate and immediately reinstating the SOE. What is the real reason for stalling?</p> <p>The Democrat Commissioners on this board receive tens of thousands of campaign dollars from the DNC. Why else would this "temporary" mask mandate be prolonged for nearly a year? End this now. We can clearly see just why you are forcing masks on the public. Citizens across Pinellas are angry and upset. Is it really worth losing your positions as Commissioners to prolong this further? The last election was a presidential election and unfortunately, it was a close race, but in 2022, the people who vote are going to be the ones who are upset at everything the BCC has imposed this past year: closing our beaches and playgrounds, lockdowns, forcing small businesses to close for 7 weeks, imposing forced masking against the will of the people, the lie that it was "temporary"....and here we are a year later. The group of angry constituents is growing and organizing each day you keep this mask mandate going, especially now that we see neighboring Pasco ended their mandate quickly, not prolonging it for weeks. They are also making masks mandatory for their schools in late April. Don't think we haven't noticed this and aren't addressing with the Pinellas County School Board, even those of us taxpayers without children.</p> <p>End the masks immediately.</p>	Shannon D Harrison	10425 127th Place	Largo	33773	8122361471	shannon_2@hotmail.com	2021-04-06 12:14:41		

Unmask Our Children	I received an indicator that Panellus County seems to think that they have time to screw around and delay and prolong your mask ordinance. You enacted it with less than 72 hours notice. Let the state of emergency expire automatically which kills the mask mandate and then if you want to put a new state of emergency in place do that. Understand that we are starting a public campaign to tell everybody that we have repealed the mask mandate one hour after your April meeting. There's going to be no 30 day bullshit fabricated artificial Jewel White delay in repealing the mask mandate. You are out of time. We are taking this issue directly to the people. April 13 is the end date for the mask mandate in Pinellas County. There is no requirement to advertise something that you didn't advertise before you enacted it. Stop using fabricated arguments. We see through you. Every single business in Panellus county should be suing you personally for damages. All of my money right now is going to Pasco County. You are harming local businesses. https://www.tampabay.com/news/education/2021/04/06/pasco-schools-to-make-masks-voluntary-in-late-april/	David Happe		Tarpon Springs			happearchive@gmail.com	2021-04-06 11:49:43		
Citizens across Pinellas are angry and upset. Is it really worth prolonging this any further? #EndtheMasks #FreePinellas	Pasco's county administrator ended their mask mandate immediately. This BCC can do the same by ending the state of emergency tied to the mask mandate and immediately reinstating the SOE. Is the real reason for stalling because of Biden's "100 days" ending the last day of April? https://www.americanthinker.com/articles/2021/04/on_may_1_lets_all_tear_off_our_masks.html The Democrat Commissioners on this board receive tens of thousands in campaign money from the DNC. Why else would this "temporary" mask mandate be prolonged for nearly a year? End this now. We can clearly see just why you are forcing masks on the public. Citizens across Pinellas are angry and upset. Is it really worth losing your positions as Commissioners to prolong this any further? The last election was a presidential election and it was a close race, but in 2022, the people who vote are going to be the ones who are upset at everything the BCC has imposed this past year: closing our beaches and playgrounds, lockdowns, forcing small businesses to close for 7 weeks, imposing forced masking against the will of the people, the lie that it was temporary, and here we are a year later. The group of angry constituents is growing and organizing each day you keep this mask mandate going, especially now that we see neighboring Pasco ended their mandate quickly, not prolonging it for weeks. End the masks immediately.	Aden Lynn Barnes		Largo	33773		adenlynnbarnes@gmail.com	2021-04-06 11:33:01		
END THE MASK MANDATE NOW!	Commissioners, It's been a YEAR now! Time to stop the Covid Hysteria.. Things have more then calmed down and our numbers are almost nonexistent. Floridians are wise to covid and the risks of the virus that is hitting the elderly population with 2 or more comorbidities. We are coming up to 100 degree weather very soon and it is very sad to see very old people and young kids wating in the heat alone with their mask on. The psychological damage that has been done to children will be seen for years to come. We had a child hang himself due to the social isolation and hysteria this has caused even we know children are not being adversely effected by covid. We know since children have been in school that we did NOT have a super spreader situation and that teachers and students are ok even know some became exposed.. You ALL have kept this dragging on way too long due to your own Fear, not any statistical medically supported information. Many of us have researched masks and have alot of information to support claims that masks are not only Not Helpful but actually harmful, causing the fibers from the masks to be lodged into the lungs. Also Dr Baylock, Neurosurgeon points out that 80% of patients who were svird mask wearers got covid. We know that the virus penetrates these cloth masks and there is no question about that! The charade of one week to stop the spread, 6 weeks, one or a few months is over! Furthermore and most importantly the people are winning their court cases..The Wisconsin Supreme court found that gov't CANNOT have never ending Emergency Orders! Pasco county rescinded their mandate with a stroke of a pen. Do the RIGHT THING and stop this nonsense!	mary	hampton ln	clearwater	33756	7275188192	marymcarth0514@gmail.com	2021-04-06 11:12:14		
Mask Mandate	Masks for prevention of viral respiratory infections among health care workers and the public PEER umbrella systematic review Nicolas Dugré PharmD MSc Joey Ton PharmD Danielle Perry RN Scott Garrison MD PhD CCFP Jamie Falk PharmD James McCormack PharmD Samantha Moe PharmD Christina S. Korownyk MD CCFP Adrienne J. Lindblad ACPH PharmD Michael R. Kolber MD CCFP MSc Betsy Thomas BScPharm Anthony Train MBChB MSc CCFP G. Michael Allan MD CCFP Vol 66: JULY JUILLET 2020 Canadian Family Physician Le Médecin de famille canadien Editor's key points ▯ There is growing advocacy for the use of masks in the community to prevent transmission of viral respiratory infections. This systematic review found limited evidence that the use of masks might prevent viral respiratory infections. ▯ The use of masks by a group in the community setting appears to reduce influenza-like illness in those wearing masks. The pooled analysis showed a significant risk reduction (number needed to treat [NNT] = 24). Using masks within a family 1 to 3 days after someone has developed symptoms of a viral respiratory	Tracy Cooper	11139 59th Ave	Seminole	33772	7272781063	tracy_cooper1@msn.com	2021-04-06 10:27:04		
Why	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?			Pinellas			ughasif@protonmail.com	2021-04-06 10:06:44		

End the Mask Mandate	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Please remove the mask mandate. All adults are now eligible for the vaccine and we should be able to make our own health choices. I am simply asking that you allow the mask to be a CHOICE. This has gone on for far too long. Please do the right thing.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Katie Harris</p>	Katie Harris		Saint Petersburg	33704		akatiemcguire@gmail.com	2021-04-06 09:47:08		
Masks	<p>Masks make people sick and don't protect against the virus. I didn't get Covid until the mask mandate was implemented. It's time to stop the mask mandate.</p> <p>https://nationalfile.com/texas-covid-cases-drop-to-record-lows-after-scraping-mask-mandate/</p>	Melinda S Juliano	701 SNUG IS	Clearwater Beach	33767	17276877667	juliano.melinda@gmail.com	2021-04-06 07:15:02		
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Pinellas Mask Mandate	<p>In light of the fact that Florida is still seeing 5,000 new COVID cases daily. I'm encouraging you to keep our mask mandate in place.</p>	Dan Perry	475 Woods Landing Trl	Oldsmar	34677	4235036792	dannyp8@gmail.com	2021-04-05 17:21:30		
"Regional Approach"	<p>Pinellas County Board of Commissioners :</p> <p>You have indicated that your mask ordinance was based on a "regional approach" including Pasco and Hillsborough. As you know, you are now following, not leading as Pasco freed their citizens from their Orwellian mask mandate.</p> <p>While I understand for a few of you that this marks the end of your 15 minutes of fame (as we will NEVER ALLOW YOU TO DO THIS AGAIN) you need to follow suit to your leaders in Pasco and set the people free.</p> <p>This is not the END. This is the beginning of the accountability for your abdication, your questionable spending and lack of transparency on CARES funding, and disregarding of your constituents that you supposedly represent.</p> <p>We're not going away. On behalf of the 1500+ members of Pinellas Watch, the thousands of community patriots and other awakened groups of accidental activists, I request and DEMAND that you immediately rescind your mask mandate. There's not going to be some BS 6 week delay. We will begin to tell people the hour after your April 13th meeting is over that the Pinellas mask mandate has been overturned by us, the people. You can either formalize it properly, or you can get out of the way because freedom is coming to Pinellas with you or without you.</p>	David Happe		Tarpon Springs			happarchive@gmail.com	2021-04-05 17:03:26		
Mask Mandate	<p>When will our county follow suit and stop these ridiculous mandates. Is it not enough that you have been stymied by your own Governor who's taken your ability to fine ANYONE away from you? Is it not enough that just about EVERY other county has removed their mask mandate? Is it not enough that there is no one on the board who, during the current board meeting can produce metrics that warrant a continued mandate, but instead EVERY TIME make your constituents wait till the NEXT meeting to receive ANY metrics at all. Is it not enough that you all have exceeded any logical reasoning for a continued mask mandate for one more day, never mind a few more weeks? I've included a link for you all to look at that one county involved in your "regional approach" has abandoned your ship. Thank you.</p> <p>https://www.wfla.com/news/pasco-county/face-coverings-no-longer-required-in-pasco-county-masks-still-recommended/?fbclid=IwAR2Kn7jz2VM7KARmfXMt9RQZDxM2ydkCA_ar94YxVjpwjDh8Bgzf-K7Ds</p>	Dawn Lechner		Clearwater/Pinellas			lechner.james@yahoo.com	2021-04-05 16:39:16		

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<p>Lift the mask mandate</p>	<p>"Pasco County Administrator Dan Biles signed an executive order that face coverings are no longer required in Pasco due to lower COVID-19 hospital rates and climbing vaccine rates."</p> <p>https://www.wfla.com/news/pasco-county/face-coverings-no-longer-required-in-pasco-county-masks-still-recommended/?fbclid=IwAR2SDVvWxP-qzqxqHR8iw60nMQWUC7mt541YNhsgcbpI5zwwYFCOAta4</p> <p>Since our elected officials gave our unelected County Administrator the responsibility to extend the SOE and mask mandate each week, why can't Barry Burton do something similar to what Pasco County Administrator did? Make masks a choice for residents in Pinellas County!</p>	<p>Kimberly Joly</p>		<p>Largo</p>	<p>33774</p>		<p>kimberlyjoly2@gmail.com</p>	<p>2021-04-05 15:45:40</p>		
<p>State of Emergency - mask mandate</p>	<p>It is beyond time that the mask mandate be removed. We have spoken up and feel like our voices are being ignored by those who are supposed to represent us.</p>	<p>Shannon D Harrison</p>	<p>10425 127th Place</p>	<p>Largo</p>	<p>33773</p>	<p>8122361471</p>	<p>shannon_2@hotmail.com</p>	<p>2021-04-05 15:35:16</p>		
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Goal Has Never Been to Rid Ourselves of the Virus. The Hospitals are Not Overwhelmed. Lift the Mask Mandate Now.	<p>Pinellas Commissioners,</p> <p>Aden Barnes</p> <p>The Governor of Mississippi says it well. "The fact is that in our state, throughout this pandemic, our approach has been to not only protect lives but also protect livelihoods," Reeves said. "We have to get our economy rolling so that individuals can get back to work and I think that is critically important."</p> <p>In Reeves' opinion, Mississippians can be trusted to make their own "good decisions" when it comes to the pandemic. And later, Reeves conceded that the state's goal has never been about ridding themselves of the virus.</p> <p>"Our objective has never been to rid ourselves of the virus or make sure that no Mississippian actually gets the virus because we don't think that's a realistic goal," he said. "Our goal is to ensure that we protect the integrity of our healthcare system such that every single Mississippian that gets the virus that can get better with quality care receives that quality care."</p> <p>https://mobile.twitter.com/CNNPolitics/status/1368575400461410306?ref_src=twsrc%5Etfw%7Ctwcamp%5Etweetembed%7Ctwtterm%5E1368575400461410306%7Ctwtgr%5E%7Ctwcon%5E1_%ref_url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.complex.com%2Flife%2Fmississippi-governor-defends-ending-mask-mandate</p> <p>You imposed this mandate against our will, lying that it was "temporary". The hospitals are not and were never overwhelmed. Stop this mask mandate. It's been nearly a year now. The goal was never to eliminate the virus. The vulnerable in this county now have been vaccinated. Pinellas citizens can make decisions for our own health. Enough of this county government forcing health decisions on the public. Free Pinellas. Make masks a choice.</p>	Aden Barnes		Largo	33773		adenlynbarnes@gmail.com	2021-04-02 17:03:24		
State of Emergency - mask mandate	<p>Keeping it simple. It is past time to end the State of Emergency and the mask mandate in Pinellas County. You've driven the fear narrative and have pitted citizens and businesses against each other for long enough.</p>	Shannon D Harrison	10425 127th Place	Largo	33773	8122361471	shannon_2@hotmail.com	2021-04-02 14:31:23		
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Masks	<p>End the mask mandate now! Follow DeSantis's lead!</p>	Cindy Sanner	624 Charlotte Ave	Tarpon Springs	34689	7274230420	csanner614@verizon.net	2021-04-02 08:41:31		
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Masks /medical devices should be a choice	<p>Please rescind the mask ordinance. The non-permanent, "temporary" ordinance needs to end. A "temporary" year has gone by. This group tends to treat masks as a medical device (you think they provide some type of efficacy) but yet you refuse to believe they cause any adverse events. You've heard my son's story, and there are many others. Cloth masks have no good data to support their use in the community setting, and also are causing harm. If they were studied like actual medical devices they would never be allowed.</p> <p>Please make this a choice. We the people would like to make our own decisions about our personal health without being ridiculed.</p> <p>Please rescind the Pinellas County mask ordinance (20 – 14, Section 8).</p> <p>Thank you, Amy Mack</p>	Amy Mack		Clearwater	33759	7272044832	amy.mack@yahoo.com	2021-04-01 22:37:10		
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Mask mandate	<p>To all commissioners for months the people have been fighting this ridiculous unproven mask mandate, the cdc own study found that masks only reduced the spread by 1.8% ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! For those of you who want to live in fear and wear a mask that is your decision! It is not your place to place unhealthy mask mandates on all of us healthy people who see and know the truth! I work in pinillias county and I am sick and tired of having to wear a mask that does nothing but make communicating difficult. End the mandate NOW! It's never going to go away if you keep continuing to listen to the media or cdc there is a greater agenda here which is to force these experimental vaccines on the population, to control us and take away our rights open your eyes and do your own research! Others have done it for you start listening. The people are fed up!</p>	Tammy deloey	6027 Illinois ave	New port richy	34653	7208774004	th904life@hotmail.com	2021-04-01 21:50:15		
Health	<p>Copy and paste this email and send in the link form right here: https://www.pinellascounty.org/forms/commission.htm</p> <p>Rescind the mask ordinance. Make masks a choice.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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 a year now 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.</p> <p>Rescind the mask ordinance. Make masks a choice.</p> <p>Thank you, Mona Kelly</p>	Mona		Largo	33779		creolady2@aol.com	2021-04-01 21:46:40		
COVID-19 Pandemic	<p>Good Afternoon,</p> <p>You have proven your point - you win. You made us wear masks, you scared small business into being closed for not following your "law", and your influence has caused our children to be masked for 8 hours a day. At this juncture, the end of the pandemic, masking Pinellas County is purely a power play and symbolic.</p> <p>If Pinellas County is in such dire straights, why would you, as ELECTED officials, hand off your duties to an UNELECTED County Administrator? This seems to be a clear dereliction of duty on your part.</p> <p>I truly don't know how: 1. Some of you lay your head down and sleep at night, knowing this farce has gone on for far too long 2. NONE of you speak up for half of the people in Pinellas County. You continuously vote with, and cover to, the majority on the BCC.</p> <p>Just a reminder, a genuinely deadly pandemic doesn't require 24/7 pandering and advertising to remind one it exists. Real pandemics don't need marketing campaigns and endless propaganda; but, psychological operations do.</p>	Susan Mack	17117 Gulf Blvd. #141	North Redington Beach	33708	5132901246	mack.sp72@gmail.com	2021-04-01 16:44:44		

OMGI POSITIVITY IS UP IN FLORIDA	<p>Commissioners. Before Barry Burton (the unelected controller of the CARES ACT money since you abdicated your responsibility) and Dr. Choe (who at this point you know has a direct conflict of interest that should cause him to recuse himself from further discussions) weigh in with the SKY IS FALLING in advance of your upcoming meeting.</p> <p>POSITIVITY TESTS ARE UP IN FLORIDA. It's true. From week to week, the number fluctuated on the PCR test that has a 40% false positivity.</p> <p>In Florida, the news reports are that Florida positivity is up TWELVE PERCENT. Sounds terrifying.</p> <p>Let's look.</p> <p>Last week was 4584 cases per day. This week 5132 cases per day. The delta is 552 people.</p> <p>That's .00002% of the population of Florida.</p> <p>Not 1%. Not 1/10th of 1%. Not 1/100th of 1%. Not 1/1000th of 1%.</p> <p>That's one person out of every 38,913.</p> <p>The positivity increase... is ONE out of every 38,913 people. And that's just a positive on the PCR test. That's not sick, hospitalized, or dead. That's JUST a PCR test positivity.</p> <p>Make sure you keep it in perspective. Barry and the good Doctor like to talk in percentages. Before you read this, we were fully prepared for them to walk in to your meeting and tell you that POSITIVITY IS UP 12% IN FLORIDA week over week.</p> <p>We know what they're doing. We know what you are doing. And it is time for you to give the power back</p>	David Happe	850 E Lime St #2322	Tarpon Springs	34688		happearchive@gmail.com	2021-04-01 15:13:04		
Concerned citizen	<p>This mandate was put in place as a "temporary" measure. We are now a year into this pandemic and over 270 days of a "temporary" mandate which until recently had no criteria to be lifted. We've now learned that we are expected to have a case count of 30 or less for 4 continuous weeks before this mandate will be lifted. We live in a county of almost 1 million people and that would require 0.003% or less of our county's population test positive. We're also hearing through the grapevine that you may be considering lifting the mandate but it will take approximately 6 weeks to do so. It sure didn't take you that long to put a "temporary" order into effect.</p> <p>Over the course of the past year we have also learned that the PCR test is not capable of specifically detecting the COVID-19 virus and that the higher the cycle threshold used, the test is more sensitive resulting in a number of false positives. A positive test result is also not indicative of the severity of the case. We have observed that the majority of cases are minor in nature with a small number of cases requiring hospitalization yet the media and our government, from local to federal level would have citizens believe that a positive PCR test automatically means that the person will have severe symptoms, e.g. worst case. Yet, the county and local mayors continue to encourage people to get tested regardless of being asymptomatic.</p> <p>At the beginning of this pandemic we also had concerns on hospital capacity to treat COVID-19 patients. Based on the data published, we have not overwhelmed our local hospitals with COVID-19 patients and are continuing to see an overall reduction in cases on a local as well as national level. Over the past month, the COVID-19 occupied beds have averaged about 4.6% or approximately 247 patients, 0.0223% of our county population. Yet the way you, other politicians and the media portray it, it's no wonder the general public is still running around masked up and scared of their fellow humans. that they're going to get fined or die if they go without a mask or that every single human being is contagious 100% of the time.</p> <p>At the recent Pinellas County School Board meeting, one of the parents spoke about the School Board members not being leaders but representatives. This fits the BoCC as well. You are not leaders, you are representatives and that means that you represent each and every single citizen of Pinellas County</p>	Shannon D Harrison	10425 127th Place	Largo	33773	8122361471	shannon_2@hotmail.com	2021-04-01 14:17:54		
Mask Mandate	<p>Good Morning County Commissioners</p> <p>Next week ALL adult Florida residents will be eligible for vaccination. I ask that at that time you please remove the mask mandate. We don't need to wait for kids to be vaccinated since all of the numbers show that children are more likely to die from the flu and are less likely to transmit the virus to adults.</p> <p>This is what we have been waiting for, the vaccine. It's been accomplished. It's time to move back to normal as has been promised. Not a new normal wearing masks. The normal prior to the pandemic with no masks and 100 capacity in businesses and schools.</p> <p>There will always be variants as there are variants with the flu and every other virus. You can't make that an excuse.</p> <p>Please lead well and remove the mask mandate.</p> <p>Thank you, Michelle Cullum</p>	Michelle Cullum	12149 102nd Ave N	Seminole	33778	7276384882	chellecullum@gmail.com	2021-04-01 08:44:17		

MASKS	<p>The case count in Texas actually dropped to record lows for their state since lifting the statewide mask mandate.</p> <p>When Texas Governor Greg Abbott announced he was lifting the state wide mask mandate, he was quoted saying:</p> <p>"Today's announcement does not abandon the safe practices that Texans have mastered over the past year," Abbott said. "Instead, it's a reminder that each person has their own role to play in their own personal safety as well as in the safety of others. It's a reminder that individual safety is managed every day as a matter of personal responsibility rather than by government mandate. Individual responsibility is a corollary to individual freedom, we can have both."</p> <p>https://www.dailywire.com/news/breaking-texas-governor-greg-abbott-ends-mandatory-mask-mandate-time-to-open-texas-100</p> <p>As you may have heard, the case count in Texas has actually dropped to record lows for their state since lifting the statewide mask mandate.</p> <p>https://www.newsweek.com/texas-covid-cases-drop-record-low-nearly-three-weeks-after-mask-mandate-lifted-1579484</p> <p>I request this Board lifts the mask mandate in Pinellas County immediately. Every person has a right and a responsibility to their own personal health and safety. It is not the job of this Board to make these decisions for me or my family.</p>	Kathy Eby	370 Boca Ciega Point Blvd	St Petersburg	33708	7278277217	kdmre@aol.com	2021-03-31 16:27:56		
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Mask Mandate	When are we going to end the mask mandate in Pinellas County?	Pat Piro	2524 Jennifer Terrace	Palm Harbor	34685		pattiann959@msn.com	2021-03-31 13:48:44		
No masks!	It has been a year. Covid did not overwhelm and destroy our state. Citizens are not dropping dead in the streets. Stop this mask mania. Leave it up to the individuals to make their own decision on what form of protection they do or do not want to take. Our great Governor has made the right call. It is time for Pinellas to catch up. No More Masks!!	Cliff Bennett	208 Driftwood Dr S	Palm Harbor	34683	7274824655	cliff7751@msn.com	2021-03-31 13:23:28		
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<p>LIFT THE MASK MANDATE IN PINELLAS COUNTY</p>	<p>To the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners,</p> <p>Thank you for your service to our county and state. You face many challenges!</p> <p>I urge you to lift the mask mandate. It does not align with the state no mask mandate. It ignores OSHA guidelines for proper mask usage. The science behind masking for covid-19 is dubious and unsure. Discarded masks are everywhere as litter.</p> <p>It's time to turn the corner on the mask mandate. Don't get left behind. Our amazing governor Ron DeSantis is on target and I would like to see Pinellas County in alignment with state guidelines.</p> <p>Sincerely, Marna McCort-Sheehan, District 1</p>	<p>Marna McCort-Sheehan</p>	<p>37 Turnstone Dr.</p>	<p>Safety Harbor</p>	<p>34695</p>	<p>2314200463</p>	<p>marna.mccort@gmail.com</p>	<p>2021-03-31 09:47:52</p>		
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Tarpon Springs not getting Covid-19 vaccines	<p>I urge the Commission to provide Covid-19 vaccines to Tarpon Springs health centers.</p> <p>The Tarpon Springs Publix and CVS do not have any vaccine appointments as of today 3.30.2021.</p> <p>Publix and CVS vaccine distribution has not been transparent or well managed.</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this urgent health matter.</p>	Joseph Weinzettle	63381 Polly Drive	Tarpon Springs	34689		weinzettle@hotmail.com	2021-03-31 07:18:10		
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.	<p>The virus itself does not scare me because I choose not to live my life in fear.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	Aden Barnes	10240 127 Ave	Largo	33773	7274325180	adenlynnbarnes@gmail.com	2021-03-30 14:09:32		
Pinellas Mask Mandate	<p>Dear Chairman Eggers,</p> <p>I feel it is long past time for Pinellas to join other counties in getting rid of the mandatory mask mandate. The governor of Florida left it up to the counties and I am very displeased that Pinellas has not followed suit with other counties.</p> <p>At a recent dental appointment it was discovered that I am starting to get a gum infection. My Dentist told me she has seen a sharp increase in gum infections since the beginning of mask mandates.</p> <p>Please do what you can to eliminate the mask mandate in Pinellas.</p>	Carol Kicinski	235 Edgewater Drive	Dunedin	34698		carol.kicinski@icloud.com	2021-03-30 13:14:45		
Masks	Remove the mask mandate! Governor DeSantis doesn't require masks, neither should the county! End it NOW!	Cindy Sanner	614 Charlotte Ave	Tarpon Springs	34689	7274230420	csanner614@verizon.net	2021-03-30 09:24:40		
Mask mandate	<p>Is Pinellas County going to be one of the last local government entity in Florida to lift the mask mandate?</p> <p>https://www.news4jax.com/news/local/2021/03/26/mayor-curry-lifts-jacksonvilles-mask-mandate/</p> <p>Please give me back my freedom to make my own medical decisions. You are not responsible for my health nor do I except you to be. You are hired to represent me and our community. Please listen to your constituents and lift this mandate immediately.</p>	Kimberly Joly		Largo	33774		kimberlyjoly2@gmail.com	2021-03-29 20:31:57		
Now what Barry?	<p>Now what Barry? Now what are you going to do since you're fake narrative of population density is falling apart? Jacksonville has more people than Pinellas County with regard to population density, and roughly the same overall population. Based on the way this has been handled it would be our preference that you resign.</p> <p>https://www.actionnewsjax.com/news/local/duval-county/jacksonville-mask-mandate-lifted-medical-experts-urge-caution-due-known-covid-19-variants/BVF3CKJ758A5A0M69PZCH57H//</p>	David Happe		Tarpon Springs			happearchive@gmail.com	2021-03-29 19:49:44		
Concerned citizen	<p>I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Pinellas County regarding the mask mandate. This mandate was put in place as a "temporary" measure. We are now a year into this pandemic and over 270 days of a "temporary" mandate which until recently had no criteria to be lifted. We've now learned that we are expected to have a case count of 30 or less for 4 continuous weeks before this mandate will be lifted. We live in a county of almost 1 million people and that would require 0.003% or less of our county's population test positive. We're also hearing through the grapevine that you may be considering lifting the mandate but it will take approximately 6 weeks to do so. I sure didn't take you that long to put a "temporary" order into effect.</p> <p>Over the course of the past year we have also learned that the PCR test is not capable of specifically detecting the COVID-19 virus and that the higher the cycle threshold used, the test is more sensitive resulting in a number of false positives. A positive test result is also not indicative of the severity of the case. We have observed that the majority of cases are minor in nature with a small number of cases requiring hospitalization yet the media and our government, from local to federal level would have citizens believe that a positive PCR test automatically means that the person will have severe symptoms, e.g. worst case. Yet, the county and local mayors continue to encourage people to get tested regardless of being symptomatic.</p> <p>At the beginning of this pandemic we also had concerns on hospital capacity to treat COVID-19 patients. Based on the data published, we have not overwhelmed our local hospitals with COVID-19 patients and are continuing to see an overall reduction in cases on a local as well as national level. Over the past month, the COVID-19 occupied beds have averaged about 4.6% or approximately 247 patients, 0.0223% of our county population. Yet the way you, other politicians and the media portray it, it's no wonder the general public is still running around masked up and scared of their fellow humans. You've driven the fear into these people that they're going to get fined or die if they go without a mask or that every single human being is contagious 100% of the time.</p> <p>At the recent Pinellas County School Board meeting, one of the parents spoke about the School Board</p>	Shannon D Harrison	10425 127th Place	Largo	33773	8122361471	shannon_2@hotmail.com	2021-03-29 19:39:10		

Mask mandate	<p>There is a nasty rumor that your board has tied The mask mandate to the state of emergency order, enabling your commission to extend the mask mandate by at least 6 weeks no matter what the citizens have to say. If this is indeed true then it is time to end the current state of emergency immediately and vote for a new state of emergency that does not include a mask mandate.</p> <p>I am hoping that this rumor is false seeing that at the last meeting it was stated that the mask mandate is completely separate from the local state of emergency.</p> <p>The CDC has released reporting that the wearing of a mask stops the spread of a virus by less than 2%. it seems to me that there really is not much of a return on investment for this. It is time to end this. Let the citizens decide for themselves. This is gone on way too long. We cannot continue to allow fear to dictate over and above logic and rational thinking. Other municipalities such as Jacksonville and states like Texas have rescinded those mandates, given their citizens the choice and are managing to get along just fine.</p>	Angela Niquette		St. Petersburg	33714		anginiq@gmail.com	2021-03-29 18:32:15		
End mask mandate immediately	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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</p>	Ruth Ann Kaschak Troutman	16450 Gulf Boulevard	North Redington Beach, Florida	33708		bagit@verizon.net	2021-03-29 18:31:22		
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Response to question at last board meeting on March 9th	I called into the last meeting with a question about your oath of office. I asked for one of you to show us where in either the Constitution of the United States or the State of Florida Constitution where it says that you are responsible for my health or safety? I am a constituent of Pinellas County and do believe that entitles me to a response to my question. I await your response. Thank you.	Dawn Lechner	1511 Lemon St	Clearwater/Pinellas	33756		lechner.james@yahoo.com	2021-03-29 15:35:07		
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Unmask our children.	1. PLEASE unmask our kids! My boys never had lung issues until having to wear a mask all day five days a week. Now, they're more prone to chest colds - NOT COVID. This is our third go-round with chest congestion and upper respiratory colds. They were NEVER sick or stayed home from school before this year. NONE of it has been Covid-19. 2. Stop being despot. Those voters assembling to speak to you about this issue deserve your courtesy and serious consideration. Treating them to police oversight and hiding behind your laptops working instead of granting full attention is RIDICULOUS. You will lose your seats of influence the next election.	Diane Rinaldi	826 Wood Street	Dunedin	34698	727-488-6059	kyshaybubba@gmail.com	2021-03-29 12:00:06		
FRAUD	There is no such thing as a "YEAR LONG EMERGENCY." Your legal team Lied to a Pinellas County Judge July 2020 when you referred your Face Covering Ordinance and State of Emergency as "Temporary." And what is the legal definition of "Temporary"? Well when it is unsubstantiated and fraud it means it is "NULL and VOID" Look that up! As well as it is against Florida Law to Practice Medicine without a License. Maybe Barry A. Burton should go get a Medical License to prescribe no Mask worn outside and threaten closer of businesses.	Virginia Frizzle	14956 CROWN DR	LARGO	33774	7273513192	vdassler@gmail.com	2021-03-29 11:43:34		
Facts	Since we know you have abdicated your responsibility to an unelected bureaucrat, and thus you would have no idea what I am talking about, here's the quotation from your attorney Yvette Acosta MacMillan that lied to the judge. I will be contacting the judge this week to ask for redress.	David Happe		Tarpon Springs			happearchive@gmail.com	2021-03-29 10:25:38		
Fraud	There is no such thing as a year long "Emergency." Your legal team lied to a Pinellas County Judge in July 2020 when you referred to your mask ordinance and State of Emergency as "temporary."	David Happe		Tarpon Springs			happearchive@gmail.com	2021-03-29 10:11:14		
No More Mask Mandate	I just returned from a relaxing four day trip to the Crystal River area. I was pleasantly surprised to see that there was no mask mandate in the stores or restaurants. It leads me to wonder why we in Pinellas County cannot enjoy the same freedom. It's time to stop the mask mandate in Pinellas County. People who feel more comfortable wearing a mask may continue to do so if they wish but those of us who don't want to should not be forced to wear masks any longer. I look forward to your response regarding your position on this matter.	William Berman	5498 Greyston Street	Palm Harbor, Fl	34685	16093354005	billb102us@yahoo.com	2021-03-28 14:34:48		
Mask mandate	Please please vote or encourage to stop the mandate of mask wearing. It's not making a difference and I think it hurts more then helps. My daughter is getting bad headaches as do I. It needs to be a choice for people please. I feel it's abusive to the kids in school K-12! It's one thing to wear it for a 30 min trip to the store but not all day at school! Please have it be a choice!	Ronda O'Brien	2153 Majestic Oaks Blvd	Clearwater	33759	727-799-4267	obrienronda@gmail.com	2021-03-26 14:35:58		
Mask Mandate/Governor's round table	DeSantis' panel said mask are unnecessary and there was "no evidence that a mask mandate was effective in stopping cases from spreading." The governor is laying the groundwork to overturn local mandates and set precedence for emergency powers to be temporary so that local government "temporary" mask mandates cannot be kept for a year or more against the will of the people. We will no longer be held hostage by elected representatives hiding behind public figures in the medical community. Instead of Dr. Choe and Mr. Burton dictating public policy, we will get our voices back. If it takes legislation to stop the local government that is supposed to represent us, the citizens will not forget it. https://www.westpalmbeachpost.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/03/18/coronavirus-desantis-lays-groundwork-overturn-local-mask-mandates/4748407001/ Dr. Atlas stated that not only was there no evidence that masks were effective, he said that "it's become folklore, one of the many obsessions and, you know, it's become harmful". He also said that Dr. Redfield telling a congressional committee that masks may offer more protection than a vaccine was "extraordinarily reckless, inappropriate and it endangered people." Now that the vaccine will be fully available to the public, there is no longer any excuse for this board to implement this ineffective, harmful mask mandate against the will of the people of Pinellas County.	Angela Niquette		St. Petersburg			anginiq@gmail.com	2021-03-26 13:59:17		

Gov DeSantis press conference today	Hi Commissioners, Please listen to our great governors press conference today regarding lock downs and masks. Very important to get the masks off especially the kids at school. Clear evidence, our governor agrees. When will this be discussed? Perhaps a special meeting is in order. Thank you for all you do Sharon Toner	Sharon E Toner	242 Lotus Drive	Safety Harbor	34695	7272549349	outatime59@yahoo.com	2021-03-26 13:45:49		
Every County member needs to resign	Your handling of the Coronavirus pandemic has proven that each one of you is unfit for office. Requiring mandatory masking when the best science and data shows that masking is at best useless and at worst detrimental to both individuals and the spread of disease is idiotic and irresponsible. Infringing on individual's rights to choose their own actions and care is bad enough, but frightening businesses to the extent that they do not acknowledge exemptions (buried in your illegitimate, illegal, and irresponsible decree) of SERIOUS medical conditions where masks can create SIGNIFICANT health issues is a real problem.	EF YUI	1776 Nunya ST.	Largo	33771		dhanvindhvs@gmail.com	2021-03-26 11:13:00		
End the Mask Mandate	Those on DeSantis' panel said masks are unnecessary. "There was no evidence that a mask mandate was effective in stopping cases from spreading," said Dr. Scott Atlas. According to this article, Governor DeSantis is laying the groundwork to overturn local mandates and set precedence for emergency powers to be temporary so that local government "temporary" mask mandates cannot be kept for a year or more against the will of the people. We the people of Pinellas will no longer be held hostage by elected representatives hiding behind public figures in the medical community. Instead of Dr. Cho and Barry Burton dictating public policy, the people of this county will finally get their voice back. If it takes legislation to stop this local government that is supposed to represent us, Pinellas citizens will not forget it. https://www.palmbeachpost.com/story/news/coronavirus/2021/03/18/coronavirus-desantis-lays-groundwork-overturn-local-mask-mandates/4748407001/ "Those on DeSantis' panel said masks are unnecessary." "There was no evidence that a mask mandate was effective in stopping cases from spreading," said Dr. Scott Atlas, a radiologist whose unconventional views caught the attention of President Donald Trump. "It's become folklore, one of the many obsessions and, you know, it's become harmful." The former member of the White House Coronavirus Task Force blasted then CDC director Dr. Robert Redfield for telling a Congressional committee in September that masks may offer more protection against COVID-19 than a vaccine. "It was extraordinarily reckless, inappropriate and it endangered people," Atlas said." Now that vaccines will be fully available to the public, there is no longer any excuse for this board of commissioners to implement a mask mandate on the people of Pinellas against their will.	Francine Ruddock		Dunedin			calebnoahmom@yahoo.com	2021-03-26 07:44:31		
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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 a year now 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, Aden Barnes	Aden	10240 127 Ave	Largo	33773		adenlynnbarnes@gmail.com	2021-03-25 22:05:40		

Study- Masks Cause Cancer	<p>Good evening,</p> <p>This is a link to a study that points to masks causing cancer: https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/9610792/</p> <p>More people die worldwide of lung cancer than any other cancer, and the incidence of lung cancer among both smokers and nonsmoker is increasing (3, 4). The high mortality of lung cancer that is not associated with smoking has fostered renewed interest in the risk assessment of occupational and environmental settings. Moreover, the morbidity and mortality worldwide of idiopathic nonmalignant lung diseases is increasing.</p> <p>In this appraisal, we believe that it will be useful to investigate airborne cellulosic and plastic fibers because these fibers are ubiquitous, numerous, biopersistent, and often contain mordants, dyes, and toxic chemicals; thus, different types of nonmineral fibers could be assessed as candidate agents and confounders that may contribute to the pathogenesis of different pulmonary diseases, including lung cancer.</p> <p>It is Long Past Time to End the Pinellas Mask Mandate.</p>	Aden Barnes	10240 127	Largo	33773		adenlynnbarnes@gmail.com	2021-03-23 23:21:29		
Masks	<p>Time to end the mask mandate. Free people can make the choice. By maintaining this policy you are encouraging private "mask police" to harass the people who do not agree with this action. No one is prevented from wearing a mask even if they have received the vaccine. The idea of wearing one even after getting the shot calls into question the value of the shot in the first place.</p> <p>Many other areas of this state are free from this tyrannical rule, it's time for Pinellas County to join them.</p>	Larry Miller	1715 Woodridge Dr	Clearwater	33756	7276577678	larry@lmiller.info	2021-03-21 09:34:02		
Stop the mask mandate	<p>We're all adults here. People are getting a vaccine. Why are you not rescinding your mandate when surrounding counties have already done it? This is stupid. Masks don't work. Look it up.</p>			St. Pete			birdlamps@yahoo.com	2021-03-20 21:04:17		
The longer you keep this mask mandate in place, the more Pinellas residents will wake up and mobilize to take back our community. We the people of Pinellas are ready to end the forced mask mandate you have imposed on us and to take back our freedom.	<p>One year ago the COVID insanity began in Pinellas. On March 20, 2020 the BCC voted against the will of the people to close our beaches. I'll never forget that day. I was born and raised here in Pinellas and always took the beaches granted. This action, along with the mask mandate is elected leaders going against the voice of their constituents.</p> <p>The city of Indian Rocks boarded up the entrances to the boardwalks to get on the beach. Only those rich enough to afford beachfront properties were allowed on the beach. The vast majority of the public had to stand on the sidewalks and watch tourists use our beaches at the resorts while we were forced out. Then you, the BCC forced a mask mandate against the will of the people "temporarily." There were 100 phone calls that day and 60 out of 40 were against this.</p> <p>Like many others in Pinellas, I blame myself for not getting involved in local politics before June of 2020, because by then it was too late to fix this in one election cycle. This once great county continues to be run by far left progressives and Pinellas has suffered the consequences for a full year as a result.</p> <p>The longer you keep this mask mandate in place, the more Pinellas residents will wake up and mobilize to take back our community. We the people of Pinellas are ready to end the forced mask mandate you have imposed on us and to take back our freedom. At this point, the longer you prolong this mask mandate, the more people we can gather to get involved for the upcoming 2022 elections.</p>	Aden Barnes	10240 127 Ave	Largo	33773		adenlynnbarnes@gmail.com	2021-03-19 17:03:13		
Mask Mandate	<p>I understand that you are revisiting the mask mandate issue in April. I wonder if you have ever really looked at the science or have you put this mandate in place on someone's word? "Judgement is the result of differentiation and the evaluation of importance" LRH</p> <p>I'm providing three reports from DOCTORS in the field who have worked with patients and COVID. Please do your research and make an educated decision:</p> <p>americas-frontline-doctors-scotus-press-conference-transcript</p> <p>mask-facts</p> <p>https://conservativesteam.com/video-dr-sherri-tenpenny-explains-why-you-must-refuse-the-vaccine/</p>	Ginger Rodeghero	10 Eagle Ln	Palm Harbor	34683	7276873552	gingerrd@yahoo.com	2021-03-19 10:38:26		
Mask Mandate	<p>As a concerned citizen of Pinellas County, and for the health and safety of our fellow citizens, I am strongly urging that the current Mask Ordinance be kept in place until which time that we have a majority of residents and out-of-town visitors vaccinated.</p> <p>As it is the 'Spring Break' season - with a huge number of out of town visitors - we must continue to protect all people in the county (as most visitors have probably not been vaccinated).</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	Jody Sherman	1349 Briargrove Way	Oldsmar	34677	7277862327	jds5754@aol.com	2021-03-18 18:47:02		
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Mask Mandate	I am urging you to end the mask mandate and allow individuals to choose whether or not to wear a mask. You have mandated it and basically those of us who have health problems comply even as it negatively impacts our health. Further, there is less benefit to get a covid vaccination since either way you will still have to wear a mask. so it's better to just continue to stay at home. Your mask mandate is also training us to shop online. During this whole pandemic I have only gone out for necessities or open air non-mask events, the rest of the time I sit at my computer and order what I need online. I just purchased over \$50 yesterday from Amazon Smile with zero tax and free shipping. I had purchased one of the same items online last year at Home Depot with pick-up at their store where I had to stand in line wearing a mask and pay tax. It doesn't take a genius to figure that one out. and even if the State Legislature collects their tax, you will still not get your penny. So basically, with this mask mandate you are encouraging people to avoid buying locally and instead buy online with zero tax. I urge you to reconsider this decision.	Dorine McKinnon	6294 60th Ave North	St. Petersburg	33709	7275440470	dorinemckinnon@yahoo.com	2021-03-18 12:05:20	
Emergency Order	I'm writing to inquire on what basis the County continues to extend it's emergency order - and on what criteria/basis will the order be lifted?	Sara Bishop	345 4th Ave N	Safety Harbor	34695	7277254107	sara.bishop18@gmail.com	2021-03-18 10:28:31	
Time to end the mask mandates	It's past time to end the mask mandate in Pinellas county. The intimidation of business owners and customers to force them to make health decisions has been going on long enough. As you have continually heard from everyone except your chosen doctor, masks don't work and the mandate is doing nothing but causing division in the county, as well as driving away many tourists who are choosing to go to other beaches where they are not stripped of their medical freedoms. Please consider removing the requirement so that we won't have to continually deal with people fighting and yelling at us when we go out without a mask. I know you have "exceptions" in the wording but businesses and most citizens are unaware and service is frequently denied.	Justin Lisenby	7024 124th Ter	Largo	33773	3342245872	jclisenby@gmail.com	2021-03-18 07:12:41	
Please end Mask Mandate	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!	Katie		Saint Petersburg	33704		akatiemcquire@gmail.com	2021-03-17 13:18:51	
(Continued) Covid lies	Hello, As a citizen and business owner in Pinellas county, I am once again asking that you reconsider the continued mask mandate that has been imposed on us for the better part of a year. It is simply not supported by real science as noted in the article link I am forwarding. Thank you. https://www.theblaze.com/op-ed/horowitz-the-biggest-covid-lie-right-now-no-immunity-from-prior-infection?utm_source=theblaze-breaking&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=20210315Trending-HorowitzCovid&utm_term=ACTIVE%20LIST%20-%20TheBlaze%20Breaking%20News	Michael McCarthy	Ridgemoor circle	Palm Harbor		7276922859	mmccarthy1@protonmail.com	2021-03-15 16:06:13	
Mask Mandate	So, I see that you have all decided to continue to be mask Nazis and violate our constitutional rights. Your illegal mandate is not even based on true science. Do any of you have the intelligence to read REAL science other than listen to the WHO and Fauci who ping pong on his opinion routinely. Do you know that Fauci went to Wuhan and paid the money for the research into the COVID virus. Do your research. You are illegally requiring people to wear an article of clothing which totally violates our 1st amendment rights. And...Don't even get me started on the child abuse you are promoting! I really wonder why none of you have the courage to answer my communication!?	Ginger Rodeghero	10 Eagle Ln	Palm Harbor	34683	7276873552	gingerrod@yahoo.com	2021-03-15 14:52:04	
CDR MacQuire COVID Vaccination	I just wanted to contact you & let you know that after a disastrous initial rollout by CDR Macquire to vaccinate seniors the system now in place is VERY impressive. I was one of those seniors trying several times to try to place an appointment on the website to obtain a covid vaccine. I was pleased when they shut it down & announced they were going to contact seniors who had signed up an account with them & to get notified of alerts. I had done this right from the beginning even when they said you didn't need to. I had an inkling it might come in handy down the road. I am now fully vaccinated. I received my alerts, went on their website & chose my appointment time. I showed up when scheduled, traffic and parking were no problem at all. Waiting in line was minimal, everyone was helpful and friendly and constantly going up and down the line making sure you were in your right line for the right time. My QR Code was scanned, my personal info checked before I entered, again when I received my wrist band & Vaccine Card & once again before my shot & finally when I was released after my mandatory 15/30 minute wait. First visit, 30 minutes total, second visit 45 minutes! You hear all the complaints but whoever was in charge to set this up did it with a military like precision & should be publicly recognized. I received my vaccine at the East Bay Drive location.	Valerie Slemkewicz	1436 Seagull Dr, APT 111	Palm Harbor	34685	7273306196	vinezslem@gmail.com	2021-03-14 12:26:47	
Mask requirement	When and where will the next vote on the mask mandate be held? We currently have Vaccine's (Plural), Therapeutics (to treat). This does not make sense and most assuredly does not follow the science or data.	Richard C Hudson	5200 28th St N	SAINT PETERSBURG	33714	7272523546	rich.hudson61@gmail.com	2021-03-12 15:56:36	
Masks	Are you responsible for the mask mandate. We want the masks gone.	Carol		Palm Harbor	34685	7274187493	ccranton5@gmail.com	2021-03-12 13:47:54	
Mandatory mask wear	I am writing you to encourage you to repeal the current mandatory order to wear masks. It is high time to restore our freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States.	Fred Robbins	9511 120th St	Seminole	33772	7277421129	frobbs@tampabay.rr.com	2021-03-10 14:50:45	

<p>Pinellas County Ignores Conclusions on Population Density from Johns Hopkins</p>	<p>When Pat Gerard made the ludicrous assertion in your Pinellas County commission meeting on March 9th that Coronavirus could discern between population centers, I take it at face value that she wasn't researched enough to know that her premise had been debunked definitively by Johns Hopkins months before. It's understandable why she is not a subject matter expert here, since she and a majority of the Pinellas County Commission voted around the same time as the study came out last summer to abandon your responsibility to stay current on scientific developments in the pandemic. When you voted to turn your responsibilities over to an unelected employee, it came with the presumption by the citizens that you didn't have enough intellectual curiosity or capacity to track every detail of the pandemic. That's why you put it in the hands of an employee, tasked with monitoring this.</p> <p>Which is why it is curious as to why Gerard's faulty assertions were not immediately corrected real time by the employee who should know better. So the question remains... which is a worse fate for the Pinellas County Commissioners who have put their political aspirations and fate of the Pinellas County health response in this advisor? Is it better for you that he knew the truth and said nothing, or that he didn't know the truth? You're faced with a real world Sophie's Choice as you evaluate the depth of the hole you find yourselves in.</p> <p>In a now not newsworthy research conclusion from July 2020, Johns Hopkins researchers concluded that "Urban Density is Not Linked to Higher Coronavirus Rates." (See JHU EDU summary, attached). Gerard's inane assertions that "the Dakotas" are faring better than Pinellas because they have less population in aggregate than Pinellas could be the subject of it's own mocumentary. First, this is opposite of science. Second, the population centers of the Dakotas are actually faring WORSE than Pinellas, so if we used the Gerard litmus test, we'd come to the opposite conclusion. North and South Dakota are the two HIGHEST infection rates per capita in the United States, much higher than Pinellas and much higher than Florida overall. When we're smug, we at least should be smug and accurate. Pinellas and Florida et. all are in the mid 50 percentile for Covid infections overall, while Gerard's North Dakota is the highest in the country. So we pay Barry Burton \$300,000 per year to manage this for us. When asked, why didn't he LEAP to his feet to talk about the Johns Hopkins conclusion, and immediately put to rest the debunked assertion that population density was a metric we should use? Or Dr. Cho, our resident pandemic "expert" whose department has received tens of millions of dollars in special funding from Burton's pandemic checkbook</p>	<p>David Happe</p> <p>850 E Lime St #2322</p>	<p>Tarpon Springs</p>	<p>34688</p>		<p>dave@happes.com</p>	<p>2021-03-10 06:14:44</p>		
<p>End MASK Mandates END ALL MANDATES / OPEN UP 100%/ STOP the LIES Pinellas BCC!!</p>	<p>Pinellas County Commissioners,</p> <p>As a lifelong Pinellas resident, I'm disappointed in the actions of the BCC. It's unfortunate we are at this point in Pinellas. It's nearly a year now since COVID hit and the Pinellas BCC is still forcing masks and threatening businesses with fines. The majority of residents called in against forced mask mandates since day one. The majority were against our beaches being closed and against businesses being threatened with fines. The Pinellas BCC decided they know better than the people they represent and went against the will of the people. It was supposed to be "temporary." Now we know many months later that was a lie. Pinellas county citizens have implored the BCC repeatedly since the start for their metrics on ending the restrictions. Now we know that the metrics to end restrictions is 30 cases a week for at least a month straight, an unattainable goal which means a semi- permanent forced mask mandate that stretches much farther into the future.</p> <p>"30 days" to stop the spread had potentially turned into years of this local government forcing their restrictions on the people of Pinellas against their will. Enough is enough. In this the article, Governor DeSantis says he will be limiting local government power through legislation. It's long overdue.</p> <p>https://www.fox4now.com/news/coronavirus/gov-ron-desantis-wants-florida-legislature-to-limit-local-government-pandemic-power/</p>	<p>Ruth Ann Kaschak Kaschak Troutman</p> <p>16450 Gulf Blvd, Unit 565</p>	<p>North Redington Beach</p>	<p>33708</p>	<p>4127598644</p>	<p>rakt@verizon.net</p>	<p>2021-03-10 01:09:24</p>		
<p>Mask Mandates</p>	<p>Commissioners:</p> <p>The CDC just released a study (attached) on the effectiveness of mass mask-wearing in reducing COVID spread.</p> <p>After 100 days:</p> <p>Cases were only reduced by 1.8% Deaths were only reduced by 1.9%</p> <p>Masks do not offer statistically significant prevention or protection against viral spread. It is long past time to lift your ridiculous countywide mask mandates. They are unnecessary and ineffective. We hear a lot about, "following the science." Well, here it is - and it is undeniable.</p> <p>Frankly, your beach ban in April was embarrassingly moronic, but forcing young and healthy people to wear masks for nine months with almost zero effect makes the beach ban look like a stroke of genius. Your insanely moronic beach ban should have forever exiled you all from all levels of government, and forced you all to live the rest of your lives in shame.</p> <p>Keep in mind, you all were barely reelected (still impossible to believe) 50-49 - not exactly a vote of confidence in your leadership. If you have any thoughts of ever winning again, you had better shift from talking about following the science to actually following science.</p> <p>For the first time during this outbreak, make the right decision. Lift all absurd and unnecessary mask mandates, immediately. Let the citizens of Pinellas be adults again. The science is clear. And, it is not on your side.</p> <p>https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7010e3.htm</p>	<p>V. Ziebarth</p>	<p>Madeira Beach</p>	<p>33708</p>		<p>dudeisnotin@protonmail.com</p>	<p>2021-03-09 23:16:42</p>		
<p>Meeting 3/9/21</p>	<p>Regarding the mask mandate, Commissioner Peters is correct. Fatigue is rampant. Commissioner Seel is correct. I too, am happy to be alive, however it is not Ms. Seel's job to see to my health. Ms. Seel may like the 30 new cases a day goal, but it is likely to not ever be met. You don't know me well enough to determine what I need to do. That determination is mine, and mine alone. You do not have the right to determine what I need to do.</p> <p>You all were voted into office to make decisions. You were not voted in to hand the decision making to an unelected and unaccountable "administrator". You only have authority via the consent of the people. The administrator does not and should not have that authority. We expect you to deal the hands that are dealt. That you are not is not only a disappointment, it is wrong on a number of levels.</p> <p>End the mandate. It has been too long. End it. The people you work for are tired. We can and will take care of our own.</p>	<p>Angela Niquette</p> <p>3770 58th Ave N</p>	<p>Saint Petersburg</p>	<p>33714</p>	<p>7276479314</p>	<p>anginiq@gmail.com</p>	<p>2021-03-09 16:00:40</p>		

Pinellas Mask Mandates	Dear Comissioners, Now is the time to end these ridiculous restricrions and mask mandates in Pinellas! This has been dragged out for far too long and the governor has already made it hard for you to enforce these rules. More states are dropping the mask mandates. Clearly, this is a game of political Theater and the masks are not working! The Cdc even has a study that showed masks are only 2% effective! Could you imagine if they said that about the vaccines?? With 3 vaccines available, now is the time to drop these crazy mandates! This cant be prolonged indefinitely! Lets get Pinellas County back to normal. The people that want vaccines can get them, but it is beyond time to go back to normal! If this keeps getting dragged out, more ppl will just stop complying! Thank you for dropping these mandates. I urge you to follow Sarasota in dropping them! Sincerely, Alyssa Edds	Alyssa edds	568 Shoreham Ct Ne	Saint Petersburg	33716	3163237371	aedds00@gmail.com	2021-03-09 14:29:05		
Masks	I would like for you to consider making masks not mandatory. Several states have discarded the mask mandate. Our Governor left it up to the countries. I have Asthma and wearing masks is very hard on me. I have purchased shields and a dozen masks. There are others like me. The people that want or need to wear them could of course. Your help would be very appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.	LaDonna Nichols	1 Key Capri 712 East	Treasure Island	33706	7276986835	ladonnanichols@aol.com	2021-03-09 11:15:25		
COVID 19 VACCINE - NO AVAILABILITY FOR NORTH PINELLAS CITIZENS	Good Morning, County Commissioners and County Administrator, as well as Dr. Chou and the Pinellas County Dept of Health: Please explain to the Citizens of NORTH Pinellas County who follow the BCC Meeting this morning, Tuesday, 9 March 2021: There is NO Availability for scheduling of Appointments for receiving any of the now THREE (3) Vaccines at any location in the area of Pinellas County above Gull-to-Bay Boulevard. All known Registration sites were checked this morning and each and every one had NO AVAILABILITY for accepting appointments for North County neighborhoods. However, there are available spots in the St. Petersburg area and the Largo area. Why not in Tarpon Springs, Dunedin, Oldsmar, Palm Harbor, Safety Harbor, Crystal Beach, and the East Lake Road Corridor. Publix has now divided its scheduling to the type of Vaccine and changed its registration to make it even more difficult to get an appointment in these areas. Why are more groups being added (teachers, etc.) when it is known that there is just not a sufficient supply of Vaccine to administer across the northern arc of Pinellas County. Thank You for all that you have done over the past year in dealing with this Pandemic situation. We support all your efforts and continue to search for an appointment to get our shot at combating the COVID-19 spread.	James John Bachteler	Highland Lakes Community	Palm Harbor / East Lake Road Co	34684		ajcsubscriber@yahoo.com	2021-03-09 08:12:15		
END MASKS!!!!	The state of FL is a non-mask mandated state. Please honor the rights and freedoms of people and get our county in-line with the governor/State and rid us of masks. There is no data or scientific proof that masks prevent covid or any virus for that matter. Rather many sources have shown that virus particles are so small they can pass through every type of mask material on the market. I'm so sick of political and communistic mandates being forced on us. All of which violate the constitution of the United States. I have personally chosen to combat your ideology which is why I'm addressing this email to you. Pinellas County needs to stop infringing on the rights of humanity by forcing us to suffocate ourselves with masks. Let people be free to choose for themselves what is right.	Amanda Hull	2430 13th Ave SW	Largo	33770	727742804	amjohu@hotmail.com	2021-03-08 15:50:28		
Mask Mandate	I'm sure you are aware that more states are opening and eliminating the mask mandates. Our Governor took measures to end this first amendment violation last September. When are you going to realize that your "mandate" is not valid? Please make a public statement to address this and end this violation of our rights! I expect to hear from you!	Ginger Rodeghero	10 Eagle Ln	Palm Harbor	34683	7276873552	gingerrd@yahoo.com	2021-03-08 15:20:20		
CDC: Face Masks Don't Prevent COVID-19, Study Finds Masks Have Negligible Impact On Coronavirus Numbers	The CDC has admitted face masks do little to prevent the spread of COVID-19 amid mounting pressure to lift mask mandates across the U.S. In a new study, the CDC found face masks had a negligible impact on coronavirus numbers that didn't exceed statistical margins of error. The study found that between March and December 2020, face mask orders reduced infection rates by 1.5 percent over the rolling periods of two months each. The masks were 0.5 percent effective in the first 20 days of the mandates and less than 2 percent effective after 100 days. https://www.oann.com/cdc-face-masks-dont-prevent-covid-19-study-finds-masks-have-negligible-impact-on-coronavirus-numbers/	Aden Barnes	10240 127 Ave	Largo	33773	7274325180	adenlynnbarnes@gmail.com	2021-03-08 12:15:33		
Pinellas County Mask ordinance	Hello. When will Pinellas county lift the mask requirement for indoors? What evidence are you basing your mask policy on? Also, do you believe that the Covid 19 vaccines are truly safe without any long term side effects and do we know what is in them?	James Hoskins	2333 Feathersound Dr	Clearwater	33762	8138414958	jnshoskins@gmail.com	2021-03-08 12:13:03		

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4/8/2021	727-488-2018	Commend on mask mandate	She would like to commend the Commissioners on the mask mandate and keeping it in place. It is so wise especially with the UK variant being so prevelant in the US and us having so many visitors. Thank you for staying strong under pressure	Barbara	Broadman	
4/6/2021	727-871-0251	Homebound Vaccine	She was trying to speak to someone about how long it would be until her homebound mother gets her vaccine. They signed up back on March 17.	Lisa	Shellenberger	I told her we had a liasion so I would see if I could get someone to look into it. They called her and now her mother it set for a vaccine.
4/6/2021	727-871-4582	Mask Ord	She was wondering how she can address the Commissioners.	Debbie	Wilson	sjo - spoke to her and emailed her the link for the meeting and how to participate
4/5/2021	727-751-2157	Mask Mandate	It is wonderful that today Pasco County dropped it mask mandate	Virginia	Frizzle	
3/29/2021	727-366-2311	Mask Mandate	She wanted to know who is in charge of the mask mandate signs and the specific penalties for people not wearing masks and what statistical information are the Commissioners utilizing and reviewing to determine when we are finally removing the use of masks from all public places	Mora	Sweeney	sjo called and left a voicemail directing her to the upcoming BCC mtg on 4/13 where there will be a discussion and directed her to the agenda webpage.
3/29/2021	727-484-2478	State Reps	He wanted to know his State Reps because he is having issues with his unemployment.	Michael	McComas caller	I looked up his reps and also directed him to our website for possible rent assistance.
3/23/2021	727-895-5441	Mask Signs	Travis from Panera called about needing new signs. I called him back and directed them through the website to get to the downloadable files	Travis		sjo called them back

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Clearwater - So Betty Lane	

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Safety Harbor	

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