

**From:** [Me](#)  
**To:** [Creech, Whitney](#)  
**Subject:** [BULK] Re[2]: Covid 19/ face coverings commissioners meeting June 23  
**Date:** Sunday, June 21, 2020 3:47:56 PM  
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Dear Whitney,

I sent an email to my commissioners on 6/19/20. You responded.

I would like this to be presented to them as "evidence" as to the unnecessary -possible - requirements to have the public wear face masks when in public areas. (that is my understanding of the subject for the meeting on June 23 - for which I, unfortunately, can't attend).

With the stats below I see no necessity for mandatory wearing of masks.

Personally - I WILL NOT WEAR A MASK. I would like to see the legal & constitutional authority that the commission has to mandate anything to an individual in this regard.

## Current Situation in Florida

Updated as of **Sun 6/21/2020 11:05:02 AM EST**

### Testing Results

Positive	97,291
Negative	1,502,005
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,599,296</b>

The above stats are from <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

Sincerely, Jill Reichel

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**From:** [rcotton88@gmail.com](mailto:rcotton88@gmail.com)  
**To:** [Gerard, Pat](#)  
**Subject:** COVID-19  
**Date:** Wednesday, June 17, 2020 2:23:02 PM

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Good afternoon,

I wanted to write to you and express my feelings on COVID-19 and the stipulations government is putting on its citizens. I know this pandemic is a real threat and do not take it lightly. However, I believe individuals should take responsibility for their actions and how they conduct their lives. I do not believe the commission should "shut businesses down" or mandate citizens to wear personal protective equipment. I feel making such decisions is not constitutional and infringes on the rights of Americans particularly Pinellas county residents.

If there are residents who feel unsafe it is their right to stay home and self-isolate. There have been other nations who have had positive outcomes with taking no action and getting through the pandemic well. I know I am one person and you have probably been inundated by people who are in fear they may catch the virus. Please take those concerns in stride when comparing their concerns with the overall population. There may be a silent majority who are not as concerned yet take this virus seriously and conducts their lives appropriately following social distancing guidelines.

Again, I caution you in making the decision to mandate the shutting down of businesses and mandating citizens wear protective equipment. I know that my wife and I as well as other family members who are Pinellas County residents will remember the actions and decisions you make when elections come around. I know this is a tough time in everyone's life and decisions are not made lightly, but decision have consequences at the ballot box. I am praying for you and thank you for your service during these interesting times. Thank you again.

*Ryan Cotton*

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**From:** [Kimberly Joly](#)  
**To:** [Seel, Karen](#); [Gerard, Pat](#)  
**Cc:** [Long, Janet C](#); [Justice, Charlie](#); [Eggers, Dave](#); [Peters, Kathleen](#); [Welch, Kenneth](#); [Judy Warrick](#); [Burton, Barry](#)  
**Subject:** Face Mask Requirement  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 12:04:53 PM

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Hello Commissioners,

My name is Kimberly Joly. My family and I have resided at 14470 Larboard Lane in Largo for the past 9 years. I am also writing on behalf of my mother, Judy Warrick, who resides at 2291 East Bay Drive Lot #112 in Largo. As with so many other Pinellas County residents, my husband and I have been busy working and raising our children over these years that we have not paid much attention to the Commission or the Councils that govern us as a family or community. I exercise my right to vote as often as possible, however, I do not make an effort to get to know my officials in charge of us. For that, I am sorry. I can not expect you, as my Commissioners, to represent the needs of my family if I do not make it an effort to voice those needs to you. That is, until now. During these unprecedented times we are living, we are all doing things we never expected to do.

My husband and I both work in the healthcare field. I am a nurse with the school district and he is a nursing assistant at a long term nursing care facility in St. Petersburg. My mother is retired from the State of Florida after working in the Department of Environmental Protection Agency for 15 years. We are closely monitoring the events unfold with respect to the Covid-19. We do what we can as a family to remain healthy during this time. We limit our exposure to the public by limiting our trips to the grocery store or other local businesses. When I do venture out to shop for my family, I remain 6 ft or more (whenever possible) from others in the store. We wash our hands frequently and remind our children to do so as well. However, we have chosen not to wear a mask while in public. It is a choice we have made as a family and I value the right to make that choice. Not to mention the added burden of acquiring a mask for each member of the family and deciding what type of mask is effective. Some experts say disposable masks are not effective. Others say home made cloth masks are not effective either. If I am going to make the effort to wear a mask, I want to be confident in knowing it will protect me and my family. There are many experts and articles that can be found in favor of wearing masks and just as many that dispute the use of masks. With so many disputing claims for and against mask usage, the entire population of Pinellas should not have to comply with an unnecessary regulation that is not proven to be as effective as we would hope for in preventing the spread of this virus.

Additionally, it is my understanding that the purpose of the shutdown was to "flatten the curve" allowing the healthcare system to not become overwhelmed with patients. We have done that. Even with the latest influx of cases, the impact on the healthcare system remains minor. The questions then become, how is the latest influcuation of positive cases affecting the healthcare system? Are these new cases finding their way into the hospitals, causing an added burden to the system, or are the majority of cases remaining mild where the patient is self-quarantining at home? No one wants to go backward nor do we want to ignore the latest numbers on the rise. However, imposing a county-wide ordinance requiring all citizens to wear a mask in public, in my opinion, is going too far. If the Health Department is monitoring

and tracking the positive cases, the most likely source of these positive cases can be estimated and the Commission is able to target any necessary changes to those areas. For example, if many people are in fact getting the virus from close contact in a bar, then look at what can be done differently to enforce bar owners to comply with the already established regulations of no more than 50% occupancy.

I would ask that you vote **NO** to any proposed requirement for country-wide face mask use while in public.

I have been satisfied and impressed by the way the Commission has handled this time of crisis these past several months. You have taken a common sense approach in the multitude of decisions you have made. I reviewed each of the Commissioners' record of public service as explained on the Pinellas County Commissioner website. I believe there is balance on the Board collectively as the Commissioners represent a wide range of community-based agencies and constituents. You have a huge responsibility to manage this great county of Pinellas during the most difficult time in most of our lifetimes. Please know I have been and will continue to pray for each of you as you lead our county through this season we are currently facing.

"Give me an understanding heart so that I can govern your people well and know the difference between right and wrong. For who by himself is able to govern this great people of yours?" 1 Kings 3:9 NLT

Sincerely,

Kimberly Joly - (727) 637-8094

Judy Warrick - (727) 688-0434

**From:** [Julie Longen](#)  
**To:** [Gerard, Pat](#)  
**Subject:** Face masks  
**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2020 8:43:00 AM

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Commissioner Gerard,

As an at large commissioner, I would appreciate you representing me tomorrow by NOT voting to require face masks in Pinellas County.

I watch every meeting and you seem to be incredibly level headed. I appreciate the tone that you bring to the meetings.

Thank you,  
Julie Longen

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Matt Stevenson - Dunedin Lanes](#)  
**To:** [Creech, Whitney](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: COVID-19 Alert: OSHA FAQs Generally Add to the Confusion but Clarify a Few Key Issues – For Now  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 9:54:42 AM

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I wanted to share this email with you and the commissioners regarding OSHA's position on cloth face masks from June 10th.

Thanks,  
Matt Stevenson  
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**Subject:** **COVID-19 Alert: OSHA FAQs Generally Add to the Confusion but Clarify a Few Key Issues – For Now**

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June 18, 2020

## **COVID-19 Task Force Alert**

### **OSHA FAQs Generally Add to the Confusion but Clarify a Few Key Issues – For Now**

Following its recent issuance of COVID-19 guidance for the construction industry, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has issued a series of frequently asked questions and answers (FAQs) about wearing masks in the workplace.

**Katelin J. Eastman**  
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OSHA purportedly issued this guidance to help employers navigate return-to-work issues amidst the continued pandemic. However, instead of offering clarity, the guidance generally adds to the confusion about worker safety in our current environment. More frustrating is OSHA's characterization of the FAQs as advisory guidance while simultaneously reminding employers of their general duty to provide a hazard-free work environment pursuant to Section 5 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

The June 10, 2020 FAQs discuss cloth face coverings, surgical masks, respirators, and worker respiratory protections in the construction industry. Although much of the guidance muddies the return-to-work landscape, employers should note a few key takeaways:

- **Cloth Face Coverings:** Cloth face coverings (1) are not considered personal protective equipment (PPE) and should not be used as a substitute for PPE; (2) are not a substitute for social distancing measures; and (3) should be washed in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).
- **Face Shields:** According to OSHA, “[w]here cloth face coverings are not appropriate in the work environment or during certain job tasks (e.g., because they could become contaminated or exacerbate heat illness), employers can provide PPE, such as face shields and/or surgical masks, instead of encouraging workers to wear cloth face coverings . . . surgical masks and face shields can help contain the wearer’s potentially infectious respiratory droplets and can help limit spread of COVID-19 to others.”

When read in conjunction with the CDC’s recent [Agricultural Employer Checklist for Creating a COVID-19 Assessment and Control Plan](#), OSHA’s June 10, 2020 FAQs suggest that employers may provide workers with face shields under certain circumstances such as when face coverings may be creating breathing, claustrophobia, or heat stress problems.

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#### **Michael Best Return to Work Handbook and Guidance**

To aid our clients who are or will soon be reopening, our labor & employment attorneys have created a comprehensive Return to Work (RTW) Handbook for offices. Our RTW Handbook outlines a five-stage process for preparing to reopen an office, implementing the plan, and ongoing considerations, with sample forms and templates. We also have a new guide to Reductions in Force During Economic Crisis (RIF Guide), with guidance on different types of RIF actions and recalling furloughed employees to work.

**We are offering our RTW Handbook and RIF Guide in conjunction with a 30-minute legal consultation, for a flat fee of only \$950.** We can also work with you to create a Return to Work Handbook and template policies custom-tailored for your organization, and we can provide ongoing day-to-day legal counsel for a monthly flat fee.

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**From:** [Brenna Gibbons](#)  
**To:** [Gerard, Pat](#)  
**Subject:** Mandatory Masks  
**Date:** Saturday, June 20, 2020 9:40:57 AM

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Hello,

I am writing in regards to the mandatory mask policy that is trying to be enforced on Pinellas County residents. I do not support the vote for it. It is against our rights to control us in such a manner. In a communist, dictatorial, tyrannical kind of country mandatory masks are acceptable but this is AMERICA! The land of free and free choice. Our governor even recommends masks stay voluntary. Many people are not scared of the virus and it should be their personal choice to wear a mask everywhere. There will be a plethora of lawsuits and legal action taken if this goes into place. People will avoid going to businesses just too avoid wearing a mask, which ultimately will bring down the businesses in Pinnellas county even more after they are trying to recover right now. Please consider not making this mandatory.

Thank you,  
Brenna Gibbons

**From:** [Amanda Capes](#)  
**To:** [Peters, Kathleen](#); [Long, Janet C](#); [Eggers, Dave](#); [Gerard, Pat](#); [Seel, Karen](#); [Justice, Charlie](#); [Welch, Kenneth](#)  
**Subject:** Mask issue  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 10:56:39 PM

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Dear Commissioner,

I pray this email finds you well. Thank you for all you do to support the freedoms of the residents of Pinellas County. I think you guys have this far been measured and handled the covid stuff pretty well. I am writing in regards to possible mandates on masks. There is nothing wrong with recommending, but mandating is an unnecessary show of force by the Pinellas County government. The medical field is highly conflicted about the efficacy and safety of wearing masks. Dr. Shane Neilson, a physician recognized by our federal government as an expert in his field published a peer review article through the CDC's medical source, the US National Institute of Health, stating that mandating masks is a poor fit for risk reduction. In this article he agrees with physicians around the globe that masks do not reduce risk of infection and can even create greater risk by encouraging irresponsible behavior through a false sense of security and endanger the health of those with preexisting conditions. I have asthma and have been told by a local doctor that wearing a mask can lower my oxygen levels and flare up my asthma. One of he. Ugh eat things with keeping my immune system strong is getting plenty of oxygen into my cells.....

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

Also..... Dr. Neilson's opinion is not rare among informed physicians and is supported by medical

science. Additionally, mandating masks is a violation of the Americans with Disability Act for those with preexisting health conditions. A mandate for masks will cause confusion and could even lead to medical discrimination or increased health risk for those who feel they must comply even though it is contrary to their health. (Me) This also effects a lot of kids who have asthma. As I imagine kids going back to school on the dead heat of august with masks on.... there will be overheating from not breathing enough air and constantly touching their face to adjust the annoying mask. This will cause additional problems. A county-wide mandate could even open up the county to lawsuits for negligent contribution to these mask related health injuries. It is not wise for the county to mandate masks. Leave the responsibility to the citizens and the individual businesses can make their own rulings. Please vote NO to mandating masks.

Thank you.

Amanda

Pinellas County Resident, teacher of my kids , part time mental healthcare worker.

**From:** [Summer Walden](#)  
**To:** [Long, Janet C](#); [Gerard, Pat](#); [Justice, Charlie](#); [Eggers, Dave](#); [Seel, Karen](#); [Welch, Kenneth](#); [Peters, Kathleen](#); [rgualtieri@pcsonet.com](mailto:rgualtieri@pcsonet.com)  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate Concerns  
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Dear County Commissioners and Sheriff Gualtieri:

I know the commission is set to vote on a public mask mandate this upcoming Tuesday. I realize that this decision stems from an uptick in reported COVID cases across Pinellas County. I would urge you to consider the long-term implications and precedent you will set if you vote in favor of requiring the residents of Pinellas County to wear face coverings in public.

First off, it is disingenuous and irresponsible of the media, medical professionals, and politicians to incite fear over an uptick in positive tests. Positive tests do not equate to automatic death sentences. And the numbers in Pinellas County are demonstrating that: deaths from COVID remain extremely low even as the number of positive tests increase. That is telling us that people are getting sick, and they are *recovering*. We should be encouraged by this trend. As that gap widens, what we're learning is that this virus is nowhere near as lethal as we thought months earlier.

If you vote to approve a mask mandate in public places, I wonder how you plan to enforce it. Sheriff Gualtieri has already informed you that he is "not putting anyone in jail for not wearing a mask" (Pinellas County weighs face mask requirement, News Channel 8 posted Jun 18, 2020). Will we be fined? And who will issue those citations? Do you really want officers bogged down with enforcing a public health mandate instead of focusing on protecting our liberties? Here are additional questions and comments for you to consider:

1. What about those individuals with medical conditions who cannot wear masks? Will they be denied access to the grocery store to buy food? Will they be required to show proof of their medical condition? That is a HIPAA violation.
2. What about those who claim mask wearing violates their religious beliefs? Will they be challenged, even though religious freedom is protected by the First Amendment?
3. What about the potential lawsuits from individuals who pass out and injure themselves from wearing masks?
4. How do we know masks are effective in practical use? The majority of people I see do not even wear them correctly. Most of the time I see the masks down around people's chins. They have to take them off so that they can communicate clearly. And breathe. They constantly adjust their masks, spreading potential COVID germs all over their face.

5. How will this mandate affect small businesses that are already struggling to come back to life after the lockdowns that you imposed? Are they to turn away customers and profit because that is the noble, moral thing to do? Their life with a failing business is not as important as the one they *might* save?
6. What about bars and restaurants? How do we eat and drink with masks? Do we pull them up over our nose between bites?
7. What kind of community do you want to foster with forced mask wearing? The inevitable is a distrustful society where neighbors snitch on neighbors. Businesses desperate for patronage will be reported for not complying and subsequently punished. You will breed resentment and hostility among the very members of the community you claim to respect and want to protect. It will be no different from 1930s Germany where officials encouraged community members to rat out the Jews. In fact, the mayor of St. Pete, Rick Kriseman, is doing exactly that: encouraging community members to report violations of businesses not complying with mask wearing. Utterly Gestapo-ish.
8. Where in the US Constitution or state constitution does it say that elected officials are charged with safeguarding citizens from themselves? Your sole role is to safeguard our liberties. Nothing else.

I worry about the long-term implications of a mandate that strips me of my personal liberties. If you vote to require us to wear masks now, what happens in the future when another "health crisis" is upon us? Will you require that we get a vaccine? And is that so farfetched? If we allow you to mandate what goes on our bodies now, why wouldn't you believe you could mandate what goes *in* our bodies in the future? It is a slippery slope. We've already complied with your lockdown--a terrible precedent we set because now you are emboldened to act again should you deem our community at risk of any disease. Your lockdown devastated our local economy and destroyed people's lives. And now you want to vote to muzzle us.

I urge you to do the right thing as elected officials and vote against this mandate.

Sincerely,

Summer Walden

**From:** [Joanna Tripp](#)  
**To:** [Gerard, Pat](#)  
**Subject:** MASK vote \*NO  
**Date:** Friday, June 19, 2020 5:17:33 PM

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Dear Pat,  
We respectfully request that you protect our freedoms and vote NO to masks in your upcoming vote.  
Thank you for all you do.

Kind regards,  
The Tripp Family  
Dave, Joanna,  
Corban, Atalia, Elora, B, and A.

**From:** [Steve Heady](#)  
**To:** [Gerard, Pat](#)  
**Subject:** Masking our rights  
**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 7:15:39 PM

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Dearest Pat,

I've never felt the need to write to a county commissioner before over such a basic infringement of my rights and have otherwise been so grateful to live in a state like Florida. I beg you please don't impose a submissive and degrading facial bacteria cover on the people of this beautiful beach county. Please don't traumatize children with this fear-based masking on the people you represent. I know how to protect and provide for myself and my family and imposing a draconian binary-rule measures on the people you represent is deeply insulting to those of us healthy and free from illness. I sincerely hope this board finds the sense in what the people in this county need from them.

Respectfully,  
Steve in Sand Key

**From:** [PAUL BILLITTO](#)  
**To:** [Long, Janet C](#); [Gerard, Pat](#); [Justice, Charlie](#); [Eggers, Dave](#); [Seel, Karen](#); [Peters, Kathleen](#); [Welch, Kenneth](#)  
**Cc:** [Paul Billitto](#)  
**Subject:** Masks  
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Please do not require masks to be worn in public. CDC statistics show that 93% of the fatalities associated with COVID 19 are ages 55 plus and 83% of the fatalities are 65 plus. 93% of the fatalities have an average of 2.5 co-morbidities. This is a virus that is dangerous to a specific part of our society and we should be spending our time finding ways to protect them while allowing the rest of us to go back to living our lives. The CDC only suggests wearing a mask and the WHO state we should only wear a mask when caring for a person who is infected with the virus. Wearing a mask is not healthy for people with no underlying conditions and can be detrimental for ones own health. Younger people are now testing positive for the virus, which is good since they have little chance of becoming seriously ill.

Wouldn't it be great for you to come up with a progressive program to take care of our Seniors and others that may be risk as opposed to burdening the public with a gratuitous policy such as wearing masks.

Thank you for your time.

Paul Billitto

**From:** [Jerry K](#)  
**To:** [Seel, Karen](#)  
**Cc:** [Long, Janet C](#); [Justice, Charlie](#); [Eggers, Dave](#); [Peters, Kathleen](#); [Welch, Kenneth](#); [Gerard, Pat](#)  
**Subject:** No Masks  
**Date:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 8:44:40 PM

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Dear Commissioner Seel,

Please don't over react and make masks a requirement. Don't overstep your authority.

As we have learned from the past. The so-called experts have been wrong on all numbers. The main number to watch is deaths.

We need to be free to make our own choices. People have the option of never leaving their homes if they are that concerned. My brother and his wife have done that since the beginning. They have everything delivered.

Thank you.

Gerald Krantz  
1937 Rebecca Dr.  
Clearwater, FL 33764



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**From:** [Sandra Beebe](#)  
**To:** [Gerard, Pat](#)  
**Subject:** No vote for mandatory face mask  
**Date:** Monday, June 22, 2020 8:52:57 AM

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Hello, Just touching base Tom let you know that I am not in favor of mandatory face wear in our county. We have enough to deal without the county's politicians dictating what we wear. Sandra Beebe , 206 shore dr. Palm Harbor FL

Sent from my iPad

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  - County Administrator

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**Subject** Face Masks

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**Message** STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!

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**Your Name** Tracy Sanders

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<b>Subject</b>	No on Mandatory Masks
<b>Message</b>	Vote no on mandatory masks!!! Masks are not effective and a health risk to the wearer. Please read OSHA guidelines concerning masks. OSHA says that masks do not work and violate OSHA oxygen levels. Lawsuits will be forthcoming if workers experience any degree of health risk from this ill conceived mandatory edict.
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**Subject** Please vote NO on Mandatory Masks

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**Message** Dear Pinellas County Commissioners,

VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS!

The total death rates for the entire COUNTRY do not warrant this kind infringement on our liberties. Let the "at risk" population adjust their lifestyles to protect themselves. Let the rest of us do as we see best.

Per OSHA guidelines, masks do not work, and pose health risks to the wearer by violating oxygen levels.

Those of us who practice functional medicine (like me & my family) believe in keeping our immune systems strong with a healthy lifestyle. We prioritize nutrition, exercise, supplements, rest, and chiropractic care. None of us has had so much as a cold in 5 years.

Please do not make us wear masks that will weaken our immune systems & make us more susceptible to getting sick. We are AGAINST them.

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**Your Name** Sarah Faulkner

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**Your Street Address** 2212 Windsong Ct.

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**City/Unincorporated  
County** Safety Harbor

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**Zip Code** 34695

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**Your Phone Number** 8134333596

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**Your Email Address** [svfaulkner@icloud.com](mailto:svfaulkner@icloud.com)

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**Subject** Covid-19 Mask Mandates

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**Message** STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!

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**Your Name** Diana Palmer

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**Your Street Address** 10265 Gandy Blvd, #1716

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**City/Unincorporated County** St.Petersburg

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**Zip Code** 33702

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**Your Phone Number** 7276870331

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**Your Email Address** [dianafit@knology.net](mailto:dianafit@knology.net)

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**Subject** Covid 19 and masks

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**Your Name** Scott Anderson

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**Your Street Address** PO Box 8241

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**City/Unincorporated County** Saint Petersburg

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**Zip Code** 33738

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**Your Phone Number** 7274305944

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**Your Email Address** [jitaracookie@aol.com](mailto:jitaracookie@aol.com)

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**Subject** Mask 'wearing

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**Message** Please do not make mask wearing mandatory, If touching ones face is a primary way to contract Covid 19, mask wearing seems completely contraindicated. Unless people carry multiple masks (like facial tissues) that they can dispose after each wearing you're increasing infection risk--it's un-hygienic to reuse a mask after you've touched it when grocery shopping etc. The cloth handkerchief to blow ones nose, etc. is no longer used because it's unhygienic and cloth masks are basically the same thing. I've see more and more people with rashes near their masks. Social Distancing is the way to go, not disgustingly requiring masks.

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**Your Name** Therese Sroka

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**Your Street Address** 6975 Grande Vista Way S

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**City/Unincorporated County** St. Petersburg

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**Zip Code** 33707

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**Your Email Address** [terrasroka@aol.com](mailto:terrasroka@aol.com)

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<b>Subject</b>	Masks
<b>Message</b>	I will not wear a mask in public. You have no authority to mandate this. I will vote against the entire board in the next election if you try to Implement this. You are adding to the media hype and hysteria. If people are afraid, they should stay home but you should not infringe on everyone else's rights.
<b>Your Name</b>	Maria Hourdas
<b>Your Street Address</b>	2241 Andover Circle
<b>City/Unincorporated County</b>	Palm Harbor
<b>Zip Code</b>	34683
<b>Your Phone Number</b>	7276390706
<b>Your Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:mariahourdas@gmail.com">mariahourdas@gmail.com</a>

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<b>Subject</b>	Face mask
<b>Message</b>	No to mandatory face mask....
<b>Your Name</b>	Debbie
<b>Your Street Address</b>	100 1st Avenue N
<b>City/Unincorporated County</b>	St. Petersburg
<b>Zip Code</b>	33701
<b>Your Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:the3Simons@gmail.com">the3Simons@gmail.com</a>

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<b>Subject</b>	Face masks
<b>Message</b>	Please allow me to make my own decisions on wearing a face mask. It's my choice. I love being an American and having choices. I kindly plead that you do not enforce anyone on this subject. Thank you.
<b>Your Name</b>	Lisa Barry
<b>City/Unincorporated County</b>	Clearwater
<b>Zip Code</b>	33759
<b>Your Email Address</b>	<a href="mailto:gargoyleslair@gmail.com">gargoyleslair@gmail.com</a>

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**Subject** Masks

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**Message** Hello! Thank you for all you do serve our community!  
I would like to let you know that myself, and many of my friends, are dismayed at the idea that masks will be enforced in public places. Masks have never been proven to do anything for this virus, and is not the solution. They are also a health hazard for many people. While I understand found cases are rising, keep in mind that the amount of testing has increased. Enforcing masks is not the handling and will only cause increased upset in people. Please rethink this! Thank you!!

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**Your Name** Kendra C Copelan

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**Your Street Address** 1218 Sheridan Rd

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**City/Unincorporated County** Clearwater

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**Zip Code** 33755

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**Your Phone Number** 7272888610

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**Your Email Address** [kendra\\_lister@yahoo.com](mailto:kendra_lister@yahoo.com)

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**Subject** Mask Mandate

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**Message** Hello,

I was just informed by a friend that there is a possible law in consideration for mandated face masks in Pinellas County. I would like to let you know that I am strongly against this as I believe it violates my medical rights as well as the Constitution of the United States. Please do not allow such a law to be put into place. Moreover, per the CDC masks are not effective against Covid-19. Thank you

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**Your Name** Sylwia Herbst

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**Your Street Address** 1537 Kurt Ln

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**City/Unincorporated County** Clearwater

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**Zip Code** 33764

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**Your Phone Number** 4074218038

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**Your Email Address** [syl32828@live.com](mailto:syl32828@live.com)

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**Subject** masks

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**Message** STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!

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**Your Name** Maren kritz

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**City/Unincorporated County** pinellas

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**Your Email Address** [kritzmaren@gmail.com](mailto:kritzmaren@gmail.com)

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**Subject** Vote No on Mandating Masks for Pinellas County

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**Message** Hi,  
I am asking you to vote no on mandating masks for Pinellas County. We should continue to social distance and limit indoor group activities, but the masks (unless custom fit for each person) do not work, can cause health problems due to prolonged use and should not be forced on us.  
Thank you for considering my request.

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**Your Name** Diane N Hart

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**Your Street Address** 1788 Overbrook Avenue

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**City/Unincorporated County** Clearwater

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**Zip Code** 33755

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**Your Email Address** [horkhork@yahoo.com](mailto:horkhork@yahoo.com)

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**Subject** Coronavirus

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**Message**

I oppose forcing the general public to wear masks. People with chronic illness or other health issues should be very careful and they must be protected, but for the general population, those of us that are healthy should be able to continue life as normal. There is no consensus of whether masks really help or not. I have noticed people wearing masks all day long and not change the masks until the end of the day. I find that to be more detrimental than not wearing a mask at all. I have not used a mask at any time and so far am perfectly normal. I believe fresh clean air, plenty of sunshine and exercise will be more beneficial than all this other fashion stuff.

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**Your Name** Manuel Farinas

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**Your Street Address** 2382 Middlecoff Dr

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**City/Unincorporated County** Dunedin

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**Zip Code** 34698

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**Your Email Address** [IEMAYA2003@GMAIL.com](mailto:IEMAYA2003@GMAIL.com)

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**Subject** NO MANDATORY MASK WEARING

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**Message** Hello,

I have health issues and the CDC actually does not recommend a mask unless you are ill.

Please do not make a mandatory face mask in public rule.

Thank you

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**Your Name** Wil Seabrook

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**Your Street Address** 1021 Ewing Place

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**City/Unincorporated County** Clearwater

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**Zip Code** 33756

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**Your Email Address** [wil@earthlink.net](mailto:wil@earthlink.net)

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**Subject** COVID Restrictions

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**Message** I am adamantly opposed to any requirement to wear face masks, except in VERY limited circumstances. I believe wearing them all the time when I'm out in public or anytime I go into a store would actually increase my chance of catching the virus and as a result increase the chance of one of my loved ones getting it. I feel STRONGLY about this and if this does happen I will remember it as an attack on my individual liberty during upcoming elections.

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**Your Name** Don Mitchell

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**Your Street Address** 1303 Sunset Wind Lp

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**City/Unincorporated County** Oldsmar

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**Zip Code** 34677

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**Your Email Address** [dnzmitch@yahoo.com](mailto:dnzmitch@yahoo.com)

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<b>Subject</b>	COVID
<b>Message</b>	Please do not require this county to wear masks. Too many asthmatics, allergy sufferers, etc. And we would have to breathe back in what nature wants us to get rid of.
<b>Your Name</b>	Jennifer
<b>Your Street Address</b>	1714 Dunbar Ln
<b>City/Unincorporated County</b>	Clearwater
<b>Zip Code</b>	33756
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**Subject** Mask enforcement in Pinellas County

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**Message** I saw that there is talks of enforcing masks to be worn in Pinellas county. I do not agree with this and urge the board members to reconsider this decision. I have not worn a mask and neither has anyone I know during this whole “pandemic”. I know of no people personally who have gotten sick. There are many doctors who have stated masks are not a handling for this situation. This is an overstep of government on out personal rights and is not a proven method to protect people. Please look at actual science and research on this subject.

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**Your Name** Kali Alonso

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**Your Street Address** 1806 Sunset Point Road

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<b>Subject</b>	Masks
<b>Message</b>	You want to require masks when you stats sow only 70,000 in pinellas have been tested where where the test when on lockdown? Protesters got their right to protest now it's time to screw all law abiding citizens. So tired of having my freedom taken away it is my choose and dame on you for taking calls that will benefit your motive
<b>Your Name</b>	Pamela Rihs
<b>Your Street Address</b>	1001 Starkey Rd #514
<b>City/Unincorporated County</b>	Largo Fl
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  - Commissioner Kenneth T. Welch - District 7
  - County Administrator
  - Webmaster

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**Subject** No Mandatory Masks

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**Message** PLEASE STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of party. People are afraid, we cannot stop living because of fear. This is a political mess even the CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses? It's unwarranted. Please don't be part of this absurdity! We are NOT AFRAID. We are full of faith and living in FREEDOM!

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**Your Name** Matt Winter

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**Your Street Address** 1916 Anclote Vista

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**City/Unincorporated County** Tarpon Springs

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<b>Subject</b>	Face musks
<b>Message</b>	This should a choice, not an imposition. I object to making face musks obligatory when in public. I say no!!
<b>Your Name</b>	Giovanna pucci
<b>Your Street Address</b>	903 plaza st
<b>City/Unincorporated County</b>	Clearwater
<b>Zip Code</b>	33755
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  - Commissioner Kenneth T. Welch - District 7
  - County Administrator

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**Subject** Masks

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**Message** Please please don't mandate masks!

They have been proven ineffective. FL is too hot for this. It will ruin local businesses. People won't come.

The death rate of this disease is less than the flu. We need to reach herd immunity and every transmission of the disease weakens it. Just let it ride out.

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**Your Name** Meghan Panek

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**Your Street Address** 1388 Palmetto St

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**City/Unincorporated County** Clearwater

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**Zip Code** 33755

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**Subject** No Mandated Masks

**Message**

Dear Commissioners,

I strongly oppose mandatory mask wearing for several reasons:

- Experts have gone back and forth on the effectiveness of masks in stopping the spread of COVID. The CDC's website even says they should only be required where you are caring for an elderly, compromised individual. For healthy people, who are not caring for such a person, we should not be required to wear a mask.
- Looking at *\*how\** many people wear masks makes the mandatory aspect impossible to enforce, as I have seen loads of people wear just over their mouths and nose, or on their chin as they light a cigarette or sip a drink. Who will be the army of mask enforcers?
- Everyone keeps citing the increase in positive cases in Florida and a slight uptick in hospitalizations, but NOBODY (except Gov. DeSantis) cites the plunging death rate. Gov DeSantis also pointed out that much of the hospitalization increase is NOT COVID-related, but the backlog of delayed surgeries and ER visits, previously put off because of fear of overwhelming Florida hospitals (which never happened in Pinellas County).
- Finally, if implemented, when would this mask mandate terminate? When the virus is eradicated (never, as H1N1 is still present since 2009, still killing people, but no masks are/were required for that)? When it is "safe" (never- see above comment)? When "numbers are down" or the "curve is flattened" - what are those specific numbers?

Please do the sane thing and let this be a personal choice of mask-wearing, staying home, etc.!

Sincerely, Kathleen Kelly

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<b>Your Name</b>	Kathleen Kelly
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<b>City/Unincorporated County</b>	Tarpon Springs
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**Subject** COVID-19 Issue

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**Message** Dear Commissioners:

COVID-19 is NOT/NOT a death sentence for 98% of the people who contract it. If you are worried about contracting it practice PERSONAL responsibility and wear a mask. If you are sick stay home. Draconian measures have NO place during this pandemic whereas common sense should prevail.

Enacting lock downs and inflaming panic by insisting all should wear masks will have a negative knee jerk reaction. The lock down seriously impacted our economy and the health and welfare of the populace writ large especially children. The goal posts have continuously moved from "flattening the curve" so as not to overwhelm our hospitals to "we need a vaccine" to "when it is safe". The first has been achieved however the 2nd and 3rd are nebulous and undefined at best.

The "state" can attempt to institute draconian measures with the end result that the economy will be decimated, people will still die, but certain folks will have the luxury of saying "we did something" . This is tantamount to saying "the operation was a success, but the patient died". Lunacy at its best.

Please let this be a personal choice not a mandate.

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**Your Name** Richard Perfidio

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**Your Street Address** 1643 Seabreeze Drive

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**City/Unincorporated  
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  - County Administrator

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**Subject** Covid 19

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**Message**

I am viewing the meeting today-June 18. I am disappointed that all are choosing which path or decision to make On the enforcement of masks in public vs businesses. It's not one or another.

It seems like law enforcement does not wish to enforce guidelines set but someone has to make decisions with regard to this pandemic. I agree with Commissioner Welch. Please mandate masks in public and enforce masks wearing in businesses. We vote and rely on our local and state government to protect. I wear a mask whenever I must go anywhere. There are many who choose to not wear masks or social distance. This irresponsible decisions are throughout our community and not just late night bars, as the Sheriff stated. Please make the responsible and safe decisions for citizens in Pinellas County.

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**Your Name** Melissa Jones

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**City/Unincorporated County** Pam harbor

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**Subject** Masks

**Message**

Just wanted to weigh in on masks that the county commissioners are discussing. There are many side effects from wearing masks including upper respiratory infections and headaches from breathing the breath you exhaled. Plus several other side affects.

In addition I believe it is unconstitutional, like telling someone they need to wear a specific peace of clothing. If social distancing is maintained they are not necessary. Plus you can't enforce them.

The real question is how many people are being admitted to the emergency rooms with the virus not how many are testing positive? We are doing a lot more testing now so more people are going to test positive. So trampling citizens rights if hospitals aren't filling up is wrong. And besides you shut down the economy to avoid overrunning emergency rooms. They haven't been overrun. Most of the so called experts have been wrong about this consistently.

Elections are coming up.

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Ms. Gerard,

I want to voice my opposition to mandatory wearing of facemasks at Pinellas County businesses. I feel that small business has been hurt enough by over-reaction to this pandemic. Additionally, I will lose employees who can not wear masks because of medical conditions. I'm concerned with the possible violations of ADA laws with these folks. Thank you for considering.

L.D. Woodward  
7712 Cardiff Ct. N  
St. Petersburg, FL 33709

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Dear Commissioners,

As a twenty-year homeowner/resident of Pinellas County I write opposing any mandatory mask-wearing policy for our county. From a lay perspective (myself included) it might seem completely reasonable that wearing masks will increase protection against airborne pathogens, but this perception is statistically inaccurate, based on the available science.

#### ITEM 1 - META ANALYSIS OF MASK EFFICACY STUDIES

An abundance of scientific peer-reviewed literature has demonstrated that masks are ineffective for wearing by the general public for the prevention of disease.

Please review the attached .pdf. It is an analysis of relevant peer-reviewed literature on the subject by Professor Denis Rancort. His conclusion excerpt states,

"No RCT study with verified outcome shows a benefit for HCW or community members in households to wearing a mask or respirator. There is no such study. There are no exceptions. Likewise, no study exists that shows a benefit from a broad policy to wear masks in public (more on this below).

Furthermore, if there were any benefit to wearing a mask, because of the blocking power against droplets and aerosol particles, then there should be more benefit from wearing a respirator (N95) compared to a surgical mask, yet several large meta-analyses, and all the RCT, prove that there is no such relative benefit.

Masks and respirators do not work."

#### ITEM 2 - WHO MASK ASSESSMENT

The World Health Organization assesses the benefits of mask wearing in healthy populations. It states, "The wide use of masks by healthy people in the community setting is not supported by current evidence and carries uncertainties and critical risks." Please reference [https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/331693/WHO-2019-nCov-IPC\\_Masks-2020.3-eng.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y](https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/331693/WHO-2019-nCov-IPC_Masks-2020.3-eng.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y).

#### ITEM 3 - HEALTH CONCERNS

As alluded to by the WHO, evidence suggests that wearing masks by healthy people actually be harmful to their health. Numerous MDs such as Dr. Scott Jensen and Dr. Daniel Erickson recently have cited concerns such as decrease of body oxygen saturation and concentration of pathogens on the mask (thus actually *increasing* susceptibility to infection due to frequent face touching to adjust the mask) as well as and increase in frequency/duration of headaches <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32232837/>.

#### ITEM 4 - RESTRICTING THE HEALTHY



As with any other coronavirus, herd immunity will effectively neutralize the virus, as has been done for millennia. COVID-19 is no different. Studies are now showing many times more people have been infected than was thought, most all symptomatic, ref. such as <https://news.usc.edu/170565/covid-19-antibody-study-coronavirus-infections-los-angeles-county/> and media reference <https://www.cnn.com/2020/04/17/health/santa-clara-coronavirus-infections-study/index.html>. The virus is moving through the population, and humans cannot stop that progress. It is absolutely reasonable to protect the elderly and the immuno-compromised until herd immunity is achieved, and thus drastically reduce infectious individuals in the population. It also is absolutely reasonable for those who are ill to self-quarantine. The healthy population, however, should be able to conduct their business and personal affairs as normal, without restriction.

Please vote AGAINST any proposed ordinance requiring the population at large to wear masks in public.

Respectfully yours,

Mr. Tracy Lynn  
Clearwater, FL

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**To:** [Creech, Whitney](#)  
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Thank you, Whitney.  
Please attach the following to my email:

**"Mass casualty incident": 600 doctors sign letter to Trump ...**

<https://www.freerepublic.com/focus/f-news/3847055/posts>



Jill Reichel, Clearwater, FL

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Subject: Covid 19/ face coverings

Ms. Reichel,

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

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

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

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

### *Whitney Creech*

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- District 5

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**Subject** Facial Masks required in consideration

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**Message** Dear Commissioners, PLEASE DO NOT make masks mandatory for people. And not in stores, public places. There are many reasons I am against masks. We , the country, even the world, must let this virus run it's course. If we "protect " ourselves with masks, "social distancing" (I hate that label) it will never end the virus. It is also unhealthy - weakens peoples' immune systems. Mandatory wearing of masks is depriving me and others that feel the same of our liberties. Those who are concerned about getting the virus - or any virus - can continue to protect themselves. That is THEIR choice. Will we be required to wear them forever?! There will always be a virus (how about the "flu" each year)? We were never "locked down" during flu season???

I SAY NO TO MANDATORY MASKING - for anyone.

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**Your Name** Jill Reichel

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**Your Street Address** 1957 Freedom Drive

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Thank you Ms. Creech,

In order to avoid violating FL law that I not cover my face hiding my ID AND to exercise my constitutional rights I will not comply with such a County mandate.

I will complain to the US Dept of Justice of the county's attempt to violate my rights to life, liberty, pursuit of happiness, right to congregate should I learn of such a mandate.

*Dave Schram*

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<b>Subject</b>	Face masks
<b>Message</b>	Hello, I am a new Florida resident living in Clearwater. I just learned that there is a Florida law prohibiting hiding one's face with a mask. Please do not issue an order to become the violator of that Florida code. Thank you
<b>Your Name</b>	David Schram
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<b>City/Unincorporated County</b>	Clearwater
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Thank you Whitney.

My question is if hospitalations are not increasing but actually decreasing why try to put rules out that will not be enforced. To me it's a power grab, politicians like their power.

Vice President Pence just said yesterday how cases are declining. Personally I have not known anyone that had to go to the hospital or even got sick. I understand elderly and people with underlying conditions need to take extra precautions but you can't force masks on everyone.

In an election year the commissioners who are up for election need to be careful to not get people upset. Which they already did.

I don't wear a mask but social distance and I'm a nose breather. If people aren't coughing or sneezing and social distance a mask is not necessary.

Thanks again for your reply. Just my thoughts and observations.

Jim Wareheim

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**From:** Creech, Whitney <[wcreech@co.pinellas.fl.us](mailto:wcreech@co.pinellas.fl.us)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, June 18, 2020 3:28 PM  
**To:** [wareheim@hotmail.com](mailto:wareheim@hotmail.com) <[wareheim@hotmail.com](mailto:wareheim@hotmail.com)>  
**Subject:** Covid-19 / face coverings

Mr. Wareheim,

On behalf of the Pinellas County Commission, thank you for your email. The Commissioners appreciate hearing from citizens and other elected officials on matters. Thank you for viewing the meeting today.

The county commission called a meeting last Thursday to discuss the rising case numbers. You can view the meeting from the ARCHIVE section of the BCC Meetings.

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The extension of the Local State of Emergency was discussed at today's BCC meeting, and the public

addressed the County Commission. You can get meeting details and the public participation at the above link.

Additionally, they discussed the topic of face coverings at length at today's meeting. They recognize folks aren't wearing face coverings as much as the county commissioners would like them to. The County Attorney's guidance to the Commission is that a provision requiring face coverings is probably not enforceable. You may not be aware that there are lawsuits pending about this particular subject matter (not here in Pinellas that I am aware of). Additionally, the Sheriff has stated his concerns about the enforceability.

The Commission asked the County Administrator and County Attorney to bring a draft ordinance to the Commission at Tuesday's (June 23) BCC meeting. This is a public meeting, and there will an opportunity for the public to address the commission before they vote on this agenda item.

The County's Marketing & Communications Dept is working with other public information offices in the area to create a campaign for face coverings.

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

### *Whitney Creech*

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<b>Subject</b>	Masks
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<b>Message</b>	<p>Just wanted to weigh in on masks that the county commissioners are discussing. There are many side effects from wearing masks including upper respiratory infections and headaches from breathing the breath you exhaled. Plus several other side affects.</p> <p>In addition I believe it is unconstitutional, like telling someone they need to wear a specific peace of clothing. If social distancing is maintained they are not necessary. Plus you can't enforce them.</p> <p>The real question is how many people are being admitted to the emergency rooms with the virus not how many are testing positive? We are doing a lot more testing now so more people are going to test positive. So tramplng citizens rights if hospitals aren't filling up is wrong. And besides you shut down the economy to avoid overrunning emergency rooms. They haven't been overrun. Most of the so called experts have been wrong about this consistently.</p> <p>Elections are coming up.</p>
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<b>Your Name</b>	James Wareheim
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I am telling you as a citizen of Pinellas County to stay out of my life and the lives of the citizens of Pinellas County. We'll protect our own safety. You can recommend whatever you want to recommend, but forcing it on the citizens is a violation of the 14<sup>th</sup> amendment as well as clearly the 1<sup>st</sup> amendment and the 6<sup>th</sup> amendment. We are not your servants and we have the right to assemble and you are taking away people's liberty without due process of law. We will run our businesses the way we see fit and you are depriving us of our property as well. Obey the oath each and every one of you took.

Healthy and Young People Wearing Masks and Social distancing depresses their immune systems. If you want to recommend this to older and immune compromised people, fine. What you and the ignoramuses of St Pete and Tampa are doing with your Far Left agenda is killing people! People who would otherwise suffer little ill effects will end hospitalized or even dying because of your foolishness. Nature is far smarter than you are! If you leave well enough alone, in a few weeks we'll have a sufficient herd immunity built up that older people won't be at risk anymore.

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You are addressing the commissioners with your emails. Additionally, you can address the commission directly at their commission meetings, or participate with the public comment card. To clarify the efforts of the Governor and the pandemic, the Governor has told the counties and municipalities that he is not going to preempt the local jurisdictions from enacting what they want to approve.

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Thank you.

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