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**From:** Juli Halifax <julihalifax@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 11:19 AM  
**To:** Eggers, Dave  
**Subject:** My 9 year old Gavin who reads lips (mask mandate)

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Mask ordinance

My 9 year old Child Gavin Halifax is hard of hearing with moderate to severe hearing loss. (Roughly 55%-60% loss)

Reading lips accounts for 50% of communication along with hearing aids.

School - severe difficulty hearing teachers - readings lips. Again this is hugely important not only for my son but thousands of Tampa Bay residents - from children learning language to the elderly.

Peers - social & peripheral learning is compromised.

Field trips cannot hear lessons - I have to attend all outing for his safety and to ensure he is learning the topics in which they attended the field trip for.

Face shields are helpful, but still muffle sounds. and he's piecing together words.

Socially- theme parks 6 ft in each direction with masks are mandatory making it impossible for him to hear. For example- our nature centers, Disney and Busch Gardens staff are required to wear masks. I have to interpret for him. This further sets him apart from other children.

With the vaccines being available, I and other families like ours urge you to do what you can to remove the mask mandate.

Respectfully,  
Juli Halifax  
727-269-7272

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**From:** noreply@fs30.formsite.com on behalf of cbruce9181 at gmail.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>  
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- Commissioner Janet C. Long - District 1
- Commissioner Pat Gerard - District 2
- Commissioner Charlie Justice - District 3 (2021 Vice Chair)
- Commissioner Dave Eggers - District 4 (2021 Chair)
- Commissioner Karen Williams Seel - District 5
- Commissioner Kathleen Peters - District 6
- Commissioner René Flowers - District 7

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**Subject** Tyrone area sports complex

**Message**

I would like to comment on the sports tourism project for the Tyrone area that Forward Pinellas has rejected. Please stand firm with their rejection. We do not need more part-time, low wage jobs. As far as workforce housing goes, we have too many high cost rentals and not enough housing stock for sale. Cheaply built wood frame apartments are springing up all over Pinellas but there is not enough affordable housing for sale. I would propose affordable multifamily condos or townhouses for part of the site as well as an industrial use such as warehousing/distribution and logistics or light manufacturing to provide jobs to people in the area.

Affordable multifamily housing for purchase needs to be a priority as many millennials are attempting to buy their first homes. Housing stock is on the market on average of only 20 days and often is sold well above asking price and value which pricing out people looking for FHA or VA financing. Please do not let more apartments be built there or anything that only provides low wage, part-time, no benefit employment options. Thank you!

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**Your Name** Connie Bruce

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**City/Unincorporated County** Pinellas Park

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**From:** luvyrpets@gmail.com  
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**Subject:** [BULK] cruelty in our county  
**Importance:** Low

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Good morning black hearts! This is for those of you that support masking children and making them social distance. I heard numerous heart breaking stories yesterday from parents on what this is doing to their children's mental health. And what do you black hearts do? You extend the cruelty. I would think by now you know this is a TOTAL SCAM! This virus is NOTHING more than the flu. I am a RN at a local hospital and I know this for a fact! God is watching you and your actions. God would NEVER approve what you are doing. To hell with all of you.

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SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PETS. THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH HOMES FOR THEM ALL.

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**From:** Mary Meens <meenzylife@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:39 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Gerard, Pat; Eggers, Dave; Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie  
**Subject:** Today's meeting

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Surely, there must be more important business for you all to discuss for FIVE HOURS than whether or not a mask mandate is necessary for adults living in a free country, isn't there?

I can only hope you were listening to the many sensible citizens who came forward, and that you will soon look back on all this time wasted and regret it.

Mary Meens

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**From:** Shannon Harrison <shannon\_2@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:06 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry  
**Subject:** Day 293- Pinellas County Mask Ordinance

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Good evening!

It was encouraging to see so many citizens show up or call in today and speak up. I had to log off at 1 pm because of work commitments so I wasn't able to hear the discussion following public comment.

I've heard that this will be dragged out for yet another month before a vote can take place to decide what to do. Meanwhile, Collier is another county joining those around the state to drop their mandate.

If you were frustrated by the number of citizens that spoke up today, be prepared to hear from more of us on 11MAY.

Thank you,  
Shannon Harrison  
Largo

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**From:** The Florida Populist <floridarepublic@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 4:55 PM  
**To:** Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry; uchoe@usf.edu; White, Jewel  
**Subject:** Choe citing the two schools example is "Correlation w/o Causation", thus not valid.

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Greetings Pinellas County Commissioners, Dr. Choe, Administrator Burton, and Counselor White;

Thanks for opening the floor today

This is in regards to the example Choe used regarding the two schools in which the school with the mask policy had lower cases than the one that did not

That type of presentation is considered to be a "questionable-cause" logical fallacy according to the well settled concept of "Correlation is Not Causation", and whenever these types of reasons are offered, such should not be used as a basis for policy decisions.

"Causality is the area of statistics that is commonly misunderstood and misused by people in the mistaken belief that because the data shows a correlation that there is necessarily an underlying causal relationship"  
Correlation and Causation <https://datascience.eu/mathematics-statistics/correlation-and-causation/>

"Instead, [n]early all of the research is based on correlation, not evidence of causation, and most of the studies suffer from significant, admitted flaws in methodology", Scalia, 564 U.S. 78

Applying to the mask policy/lower cases premise;

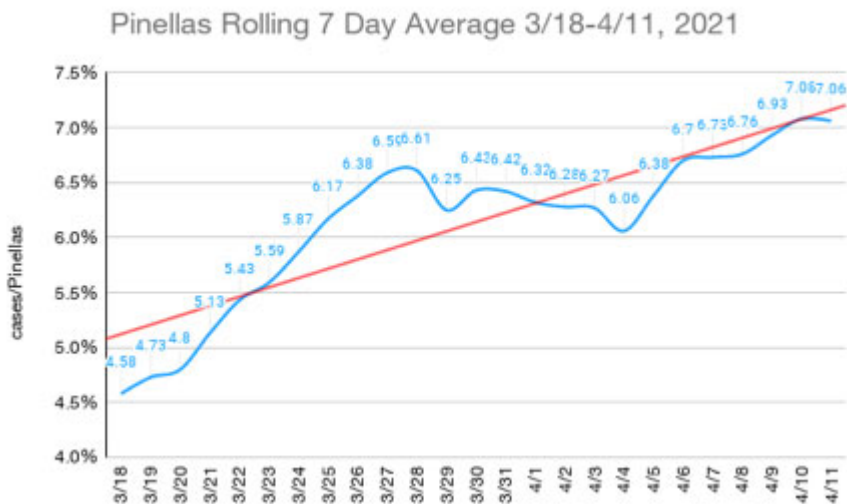
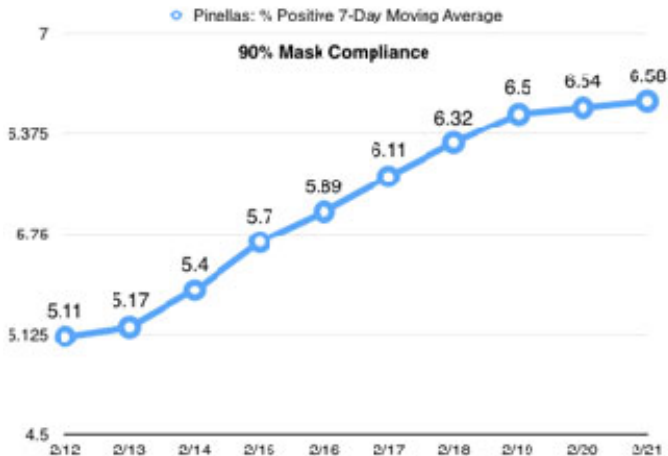
There is no justification at law or in statistical science for Recipient(s) citing a causal relationship between their public health policy with that of COVID downturns by solely citing the overlapping of the dates between the two events absent any other type of scientific nexus, because that is exactly the logical fallacy of Equating Correlation with that of causation.

This logical fallacy can also be applied in reverse in order to show how fallacious a logic it really is:

- Washington Post for tracking mask compliance, and will be used herein for Pinellas County mask compliance.
- A powerful argument for wearing a mask, in visual form, October 23, 2020  
<https://www.washingtonpost.com/business/2020/10/23/pandemic-data-chart-masks/>
- To use this tool, <https://delphi.cmu.edu/covidcast/indicator/?date=20210401>
  - enter Pinellas County , Florida
  - Next drop menu, under "public's behavior" > "people wearing masks"

- Scroll down to the PEOPLE WEARING MASKS CHART, move the cursor along the date line to see that mask compliance has been at pretty much 90% for the recent upturns in february and march.
- The following page has a graph reflecting Pinellas County Case Positivity Percentage and Mask Compliance.

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



So stating that high mask compliance CAUSES COVID upturns, absent a scientific nexus, is just as much a logical fallacy as stating that a mask policy causes downturns, just because of the overlapping dates between the two data sets.

The people who write these types of papers know this and slickly insert the words, "associated with" to cover themselves, so they will write something along the lines of, "The school mask policy was 'associated with' lower case numbers'.

Again, nothing herein is stated that there is a causal relationship between NPI compliance and enforcement with the COVID upturns. To do so would be the logical fallacy of equating correlation with causation in the



same way a government could take credit by citing a causal relationship between their mask/NPI policy, with that of COVID downturns and calling their policy successful just due to the overlapping of dates between the two events, as already exhausted.

It is unfair and intellectually dishonest to,

A. on one hand, state that the mask policy is successful because covid downturns happened during the same time, BUT

B. IGNORE that significant UPTICKS also happened in the midst of HIGH 90% mask compliance

A common reason used for the high compliance with upticks is that it's because it's either people not wearing masks, or those within the 90% compliant group "aren't doing it right".

If that is going to be used for extreme policies which infringe on people's bodily integrity, then there needs to be a higher standard of proof to back up such claims.

The one making this argument, in order to hurdle the correlation/causation fallacy, would be to demonstrate the claim how the "maskless 10%", or those "improperly masked" in the 90%" could be responsible for the upticks in order to have some basis for such a claim by providing many empirical examples or case studies which could validate such a premise. Otherwise such a claim then would be a without foundation.

Therefore, this example of the two schools should be stricken from any policy decisions due to such being a bonafide logical fallacy

This high compliance with the mask mandate is verified across the US ranging from 83% on the low end to 93% on the high end, and looking at these time frames of the articles , cases, hospitalizations, and deaths still spiked nationwide in the midst of high mask compliance

- Wear a mask in public? Sure. Majority of Democrats, Republicans say they have, survey shows  
<https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/politics/2020/05/21/coronavirus-wearing-mask-public-common-nationscape-survey-finds/5215365002/>
- More Mask Use, Worry About Lack of Social Distancing in U.S.  
<https://news.gallup.com/poll/313463/mask-worry-lack-social-distancing.aspx>
- 89% of Americans wear masks in public as the coronavirus pandemic persists:  
<https://abcnews.go.com/Politics/89-americans-wear-masks-public-coronavirus-pandemic-persists/story?id=71455062>
- U.S. Face Mask Usage Relatively Uncommon in Outdoor Settings  
<https://news.gallup.com/poll/316928/face-mask-usage-relatively-uncommon-outdoor-settings.aspx>
- "As the coronavirus pandemic continues, a growing share of Americans say they are regularly wearing a mask or face covering in stores and other businesses. More than eight-in-ten U.S. adults (85%) say they have done so all or most of the time over the past month, according to a Pew Research Center survey conducted Aug. 3 to 16"  
<https://www.pewresearch.org/fact-tank/2020/08/27/more-americans-say-they-are-regularly-wearing-masks-in-stores-and-other-businesses/>

- Gallup Polls on Coronavirus Pandemic : <https://news.gallup.com/poll/308222/coronavirus-pandemic.aspx>
- Mask use by Americans now tops 90%, poll finds <https://medicalxpress.com/news/2020-10-mask-americans-tops-poll.html>
- Poll finds more Americans than ever think we should wear masks  
<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/history/2020/10/poll-increasing-bipartisan-majority-americans-support-mask-wearing/#close>
- Most Americans have been wearing masks since spring, the C.D.C. says.  
<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/10/27/world/most-americans-have-been-wearing-masks-since-spring-the-cdc-says.html>

Best Regards,  
Geoff J Caputo

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**From:** concerned202012-vet8@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 11:11 AM  
**To:** Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C; Eggers, Dave; Burton, Barry  
**Subject:** Reality Check

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### *Commentary*

When I see people walking outside, often alone with no one anywhere near them, wearing a mask, my primary reactions are disappointment and sadness.

I am disappointed because I expected better from my fellow Americans. I never thought most Americans would be governed by irrational fears and unquestioning obedience to authority. I have come to realize that I had a somewhat romanticized view of my countrymen.

Had you told me a year ago that nearly every American in nearly every metropolitan area would cover their faces for over a year because one man, one political party and the media told them to, I would have responded that you underestimate the strength of the American character.

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**From:** Sally Meyer <salimyter@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 9:00 AM  
**To:** Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry  
**Subject:** Disgraceful Behavior During Meetings

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I was going to submit a web ticket simply opposing the mask mandate, but recent events warrant an e-mail.

I've tried to be as considerate and fact based as possible in previous correspondence despite knowing I was dealing with an agenda that has nothing to do with the care or safety of the county and its citizens. The more places that lift their mandate and see no ill effects from it the more blatantly political the mandate looks.

The two "at large" seats barely held onto them despite having the incumbent advantage and superior funding. I would've become a moderate *quicker* after results like that but, instead, you've taken the opportunity to become as petty and vindictive as possible. I suppose I shouldn't be surprised after the sheer amount of whining I've witnessed over the past year at having to deal with not only the public, but anyone who disagrees with you. It's obvious that despite running for public office most of you *loathe* dealing with the public. Apparently voting to not have to hear public comment every week wasn't enough, now you've chosen to use your platform to disparage your constituents during meetings. It's grossly unprofessional and, frankly, classless. You can't possibly expect anyone to address you respectfully when you so openly address them with contempt.

Based on voting records the board may as well be 6-1 democrat to republican. I look forward to future elections where you'll no longer have the benefit of running unopposed. Even if those seats remain in the hands of democrats I can still hope better people are voted in during the primaries. The easiest way to ensure people pay attention to politics is to keep infringing on their liberty, especially without adequate justification.

Lastly, many of the people contacting you about the mask mandate, like myself, already haven't been wearing them for months (if ever). I object on principle and because, unfortunately, there is still a *lot* of confusion about the mandate with many not knowing that it isn't a law and that action can't be taken against them. I frequently encounter people questioning me about not wearing a mask because they didn't realize they had a choice and I'm happy to add more to the list of those no longer wearing them as they're educated about this paper tiger of a mandate.

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**From:** Quintana, Vanessa  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 13, 2021 8:09 AM  
**To:** Comments, BCC Agenda  
**Subject:** FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #20663281

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**From:** noreply@fs30.formsite.com <noreply@fs30.formsite.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 5:45 PM  
**To:** Public, AF <publicaf@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
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**Direction of Inquiry**      General Information  
                                         Report a Problem

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**Subject**                      Mask Mandate

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**Message**                      I'm going to get right to the point, the mask mandate needs to end in Pinellas County. I have provided links to data that supports this fact. There are charts comparing Florida counties with and without mandates from RationalGround.com, Ian Miller contributor, and links to sites with numerous citations from scientists around the world stating that masks do not work.

I'll even work within numbers presented on the Pinellas County website looking for 30 new cases per 100,000 in order to end the mandate. Based on the new cases, week ending 4/11/21, the number of cases 25.7 or 26.

Governor DeSantis has done yet another roundtable with scientists from the most prestigious universities in our country stating that masks don't work.

Mask mandates need to be removed. One of the most troubling effects of these mandates is the psychological damage they have done to children. Some children are now afraid of seeing someone without a mask for fear of becoming harmed. The longer this goes on the deeper it will get into the psyche. This is truly unconscionable. People that are hard of hearing, or with illnesses such as autism are being harmed every day. Masks have done nothing to slow the spread, that the virus ran its course regardless of mask mandates. It has become a talisman. Additionally, in Florida with counties that didn't have mandates the numbers are actually lower.

This has become completely illogical and needs to stop. If some people want to wear a mask and face shield, for that matter, for the rest of their life, that's just fine, it's their choice but to mandate that the entire population of Pinellas county wear masks until we reach some magical number, to enter into any establishment is lunacy. That is not the primary way it

spreads, if so, places like NY and Michigan that have had mask mandates longer than most are seeing a new surge. Again, in a free country, if a business owner wants to continue to request patrons wear a mask to enter they can do so and I can choose to enter that establishment with a mask or not and go to one that doesn't require it. The fines have been removed for months now and people continued to comply with the local requirements knowing there is no monetary consequence. When the county removes the mandate, people will continue to comply if requested by a business, it's evident most people are very willing to follow the rules regardless of the lack of consequences.

Additionally, the Florida legislature has taken action to prevent frivolous lawsuits against small businesses relating to Covid.

Then there's the fact that vaccine distribution is moving along at a rapid pace. Many people at this point are either naturally immune or immune through the vaccine and we're still having everyone walk in any store and have to wear a mask. When does this end.

To keep this mandate in place, only continues to create this dystopian world where fear is perpetuated. It's unacceptable that the county would be fine with continuing the mandate.

I'm hoping all this information will help you make the decision to end the mandate. Until that time, myself and many others I've spoken with, will bring our money outside the county. Pasco County just chose not to extend the mandate so I will be shopping there until we do so as well.

We need to bring back sanity and a normal life. It will be a blessing for all. There will clearly be some people that are so damaged by fear that they may never be able to resume a normal life and I'm sorry for them but we cannot make decisions based on those people who have become completely irrational and look towards a rational end to this moment in time.

Regards,  
Lisa Gregory  
Dunedin Florida

<https://twitter.com/ianmSC/status/1375140416140419074/photo/1>

<https://twitter.com/TheDataCage/status/1372873766796148736/photo/1>

[https://twitter.com/birb\\_k/status/1376383741782716418/photo/1](https://twitter.com/birb_k/status/1376383741782716418/photo/1)

“At the present time, the widespread use of masks by healthy people in the community setting is not yet supported by high quality or direct scientific evidence and there are potential benefits and harms to consider.”

Above quote taken from World Health Organization link below:

World Health Organization, Advice on the use of masks in the context of COVID-19, Interim guidance, 5 June 2020 (still the current guidance as of Feb 6, 2021)

<https://stopthetaskhoax.com/>

Ian miller provides information to RationalGround.com

RationalGround.com shows where information is derived from by scrolling down to bottom of mask chart page

<https://thefloridachannel.org/videos/4-12-21-roundtable-discussion-on-coronavirus-covid-19/>

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

Topic Mask mandate

BCC Agenda Date 4-13-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

### Comments

Commissioners, Once again, it's past time to remove the mandate immediately. Citizens are exhausted. Civility has gone. The goal you want will not be reached, and more citizens are coming to the belief that the point of that goal is the failure to reach it. More and more they tell me they believe the mandate is, and has been, about control more than health. As more people realize that so few are making decisions regarding how individuals manage their health, I see more anger and disappointment towards our "leaders". There are so many of us that believe you have forgotten that you require our consent. Fewer people everyday are willing to continue giving you their consent. I speak with so many everyday, and they see the hospital system NOT overwhelmed, even when cases tick up. People who have been vaccinated are some of the most impatient to have the mandate gone. We are tired. We want and deserve to have our lives back. We require the ability to make choices about our health restored. We are guaranteed these rights. Please remember, you work for us. You need to listen to those you work for, not just a chosen few. More municipalities and states are listening to the people. It's beyond time that Pinellas county does the same.

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**From:** Leigh Breckinridge <mrsbreck7@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 7:16 PM  
**To:** Eggers, Dave  
**Subject:** Please Vote to End the Mask Mandate!

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Commissioner Eggers,

In advance of tomorrow's meeting, I am writing to you once again to request that you please advocate to end the mask mandate immediately. Everyone who wants a vaccine can now get one, so there is no excuse for the board to continue exercising these powers that you never should have had in the first place.

Leigh Breckinridge  
Palm Harbor, FL

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**From:** Mary Meens <meenzyllife@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 7:14 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene  
**Subject:** Florida Reports Single-Digit CCP Virus Deaths for First Time Since September

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**From:** Regan Pappas <regan.pappas@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 6:37 PM  
**To:** Eggers, Dave  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I respectfully request that you vote against extending the mask mandate that is currently in effect in Pinellas County. This has really gone on way too long. Despite wearing a mask and staying at home, I still had covid. I just learned that I STILL have the antibodies 10 months later, so a mask is really pointless at this point.

Furthermore, it is not the government's job to make health decisions for me. I don't believe the masks are necessary. As a legal and competent adult, I can make an informed decision for my own wellbeing. I would like to keep my antibodies and immune system working as they were designed to do.

You should not have the power to make health decisions for me or my family. We should have the choice to wear a mask or not. We choose not to and I especially do not want my children to wear them. If you want to wear one, that's fine, I respect your choice and I wish for you to treat me the same.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely

Regan Pappas

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

Topic End State of Emergency and Mask Mandate

BCC Agenda Date 4-13-2021

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

Please officially end the mask mandate. It is unofficially ending as more people have decided they are comfortable ditching wearing one. Those who want to continue wearing a mask can do so but it is time to end mandating people wear a mask. It is very disturbing if this commission continues to feel compelled to make such dictates and do not trust their own constituents to make decisions for themselves. Why haven't your "experts" addressed ways to stay healthy with a strong immune system, especially sufficient Vitamin D levels? Start trusting your constituents. End the Mask Mandate.

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**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 5:16 PM  
**To:** Comments, BCC Agenda  
**Subject:** 4/13 BCC meeting - LSOE and Mask Ordinance (phone calls received today - opposed to Mask Ordinance)

Jill Gibbs (619-865-6747) – called to voice her concerns with the Mask Ordinance and would like to see the ordinance rescinded. She feels that the Commissioners are not using the correct information to make informed decisions about the Mask Ordinance.

Sharon Calvert (813-760-1777) – shared that the information the Commissioners are using for considering the Mask Ordinance is misleading. There is a FAU tracking website that shows more accurate information. The County should be tracking hospitalizations, case death rates and vaccination rates, not case positive rates. She would like to see the Mask Ordinance rescinded.

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**From:** Mary Meens <meenzylife@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 3:26 PM  
**To:** Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen;  
rflowers@pineallascounty.org  
**Subject:** Fwd: The mask mandate

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Date: Mon, Apr 12, 2021 at 3:16 PM  
Subject: The mask mandate  
To: <[kseel@pinellascounty.org](mailto:kseel@pinellascounty.org)>

Greetings Commissioner Seel,

My name is Mary Meens and my husband, Gregg and I own a home in Largo. We are passionately opposed to the mask mandate.

Please vote to rescind it tomorrow. Masks don't save anyone's life from a virus with a 99.6% recovery rate - and these mask mandates have robbed every citizen of their free will to choose to wear one or not. This is still America, and we are adults - not children. If we are concerned about our health, it is our own job to monitor it - not the government's. This entire thing was a hoax from the beginning.

Our doctor in St. Pete's does not require anyone on his staff to wear masks. He put us on preventatives to build our immune systems. You never hear about your immune system in the media, though. It seems that we don't have those anymore!! He also said that the shot everyone is rushing to get would've been better last March when the virus first was detected, because now, this virus has weakened. So, he's not recommending it either.

A friend of mine in Kansas, where we are from, researched the seasonal flu stats compared to coronavirus. She learned that four times as many people died in Shawnee County, Kansas - the Topeka area - than died from this virus. Plus, the average age at the time of these deaths was exactly the current life expectancy of 78 years. We've never worn masks for the seasonal flu, and healthy people should not wear them.

Most people stay home when they are sick, so what's the point? Just control and submission, that's all, and we are tired of it.

We had a forgettable experience at the Motown Concert at the Central Park Performing Arts Center last weekend that I reported to Mayor Brown, and we won't go back until this mask mandate is resolved. What good is it for us to wear masks at a concert, when thousands are coming over our border without masks, and with who knows what contagious diseases?? Please let every citizen of the county think for themselves. I don't think the hospitals overflowing with Covid infections in Pinellas County. I was in the ER at Morton Plant recently and only one other person came in the large waiting room while I was there.

Again, please rescind the mask mandate, with respect for American liberty and our Veterans who have fought and died for it.

Most sincerely,

Gregg & Mary Meens

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**From:** Shannon Harrison <shannon\_2@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, April 12, 2021 4:10 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry  
**Subject:** Day 292 - Pinellas County Mask Ordinance

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Good afternoon.

We are now at Day 292 of the Pinellas County Mask Ordinance. As of today, the Covid hospitalization is at 4%, roughly 193 patients or 0.0193% of Pinellas County citizens.

Governor DeSantis held another roundtable today and discussed some of the impacts of censorship, lockdowns and other restrictions, including masks mandates that we have experienced throughout this past year in dealing with Covid-19. Hopefully some of you were able to watch it and give some thought to what others are saying.

I respectfully ask you to find time to work towards the lifting of this mask ordinance sooner than later and provide a date in tomorrow's mtg.

As you know, the Pinellas County School Board is meeting at the same time. It is past time to unmask the children and provide choice for individuals and parents to decide what is best for them and their families.

Thank you,  
Shannon Harrison  
Largo



**From:** [Greenleaf, Kim](#)  
**To:** [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)  
**Subject:** 4/27 BCC meeting - LSOE and Mask Ordinance (phone calls regarding Mask Ordinance)  
**Date:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 4:23:08 PM

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Kathy Smith (850-830-3369 / [krmh1@yahoo.com](mailto:krmh1@yahoo.com)) called to ask that the Commissioner vote to **keep** the mask mandate. She has a small dance company and her clients would feel more likely to attend classes with the mandate in place.

Jerry Gabardi (727-688-4601) called to ask for the mask ordinance to be **rescinded** as it is in violation of federal law.

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**From:** The Florida Populist <floridarepublic@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 3:27 PM  
**To:** Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Burton, Barry; uchoe@usf.edu; White, Jewel  
**Subject:** More reasons why Choe's Two School Comparison is not Comprehensive

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As we are all admonished not to "cherry pick" data, then other studies by legitimate sources should be considered in the interests of fairness and intellectual honesty.

Commissioner Flowers, as one who is the representative of my district, you said that you favor facts over emotions, so I will hold you to that standard and see if you really do exercise such a sentiment.

Dr. Choe, as someone who has been reported to have advanced behavioral health in the county, it's confounding how you could overlook the following citations regarding the mental health damages masks can cause to children. The masking of children could wind up costing Pinellas much in terms of funding the mental health diagnoses in the area.

Commissioner Seel, as one who favored Dr. Choe's school example, hopefully you will exercise consistency in your decisions by considering these school examples as well without bias.

1. The school systems in Sweden and Denmark do not require masks, and it has shown that youth are not likely to become severely affected by the virus, nor are they as likely to transmit.

A. There was no higher rate of infection among school children in Sweden, who had no schoolwide mask mandate, and whose schools were never closed for children under 16 years old, rather than in Finland, whose schools remained closed during the pandemic.

Sweden's health agency says open schools did not spur pandemic spread among children

 <https://www.reuters.com/article/us-health-coronavirus-sweden-schools-idUSKCN24G2IS>

C. Regarding Denmark schools, The article entitled, No masks, no distancing: Schools in Denmark defy COVID-19 — with success so far features Allan Randrup Thomsen, a virologist at the University of Copenhagen who stated, "Most of the evidence points to the fact that even if children become infected, they are not getting severely diseased and they also don't transmit the disease," Randrup Thomsen said, although he admitted much remains unknown."  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/world/denmark-schools-covid-19-pandemic-1.5720508>

2. The totality of damages that can be done to masked children outweigh any perceived benefits to them or others than if they are NOT coerced into being masked.

A. The risks of transmission to teachers and the elderly and contracting severe illness are low in children

- The Annals of Epidemiology stated that there was no additional household risk for those over 70 in Stockholm associated with co-residing with children still in school during the pandemic.

Annals of Epidemiology, Leveraging Epidemiological Principles to Evaluate Sweden's COVID-19 Response  
<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S1047279720304130#bib27>

- In Sweden, during the pandemic and overlapping school sessions of 4 months, there were fifteen total ICU covid cases out of nearly 2 million youth aged 1-16, thus amounting to 1 child in 130,000. 10 preschool teachers and 20 schoolteachers were ICU COVID patients, amounting to relative risks of 1.10 among preschool teachers and 0.43 among schoolteachers

Open Schools, Covid-19, and Child and Teacher Morbidity in Sweden<sup>[L]<sub>SEP</sub></sup>  
<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc2026670>

- Transmission dynamics of SARS-CoV-2 within families with children in Greece: A study of 23 clusters,

"While children become infected by SARS-CoV-2, they do not appear to transmit infection to others. Furthermore, children more frequently have an asymptomatic or mild course compared to adults."  
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1002/jmv.26394>

- Household transmission of Sars-CoV-2: a systematic review and meta-analysis of secondary attack rate,

“Age was the most examined covariate, with most studies reporting significantly lower secondary transmission of Sars-CoV-2 to children contacts than adult contacts.”

<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.07.29.20164590v1.full.pdf>

B. Since there is competent scientific proof from legitimate , peer reviewed sources demonstrating that unmasked children are less likely to transmit Sars-Cov-2 to the elderly residing with them, or to school teachers, or to develop severe COVID-19, the neurological damages masking can cause to children far outweigh any benefits to coercing them into masking:

- There have been two recent news articles in both The Irish Examiner and New York Times regarding how masks can be a possible threat for the deleterious developmental and psychological impacts on children.

Advice on mask-wearing did not consider impact on pupils' development and mental health , Irish Examiner

<https://www.irishexaminer.com/news/arid-40086536.html>

Do Masks Impede Children’s Development? New York Times

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/09/14/well/family/Masks-child-development.html>

- In January, 2020 International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health stated , “Face perception is of critical importance in social interactions. In addition to providing information regarding age, gender, race, and identity, facial expressions provide important cues about thoughts and emotions [1]. Correct processing and interpretation of emotions conveyed by facial expressions is crucial as it ensures successful interpersonal communication. Decades of facial recognition research has shown that discriminating facial expressions is an innate ability evident in infancy [2], and it is refined across childhood [3,4] and adolescence [1].”

Associations between Facial Emotion Recognition and Mental Health in Early Adolescence ,

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6981578/>

- The Journal Developmental of Neuropsychology reinforces the importance such; “correct processing” as above, and goes further in that “perturbations in this ability have been linked to psychopathology, as both a precursor and epiphenomenon of disorders”

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

- A Developmental Science Journal report stated ,

“Faces convey an abundance of information about the internal state of an individual. Appropriately decoding facial expressions aids in an individual’s ability to understand and appropriately adapt to the social environment and thus is a crucial part of social interactions. Gaining a greater understanding of the normal developmental trajectory of emotional facial recognition may help in the early identification and possible treatment of affective disorders such as autism, depression, and anxiety disorders.”

- The report went further to state, “Emotional face processing involves a network of brain areas, including the fusiform gyrus, prefrontal cortices(PFC), insula, and the amygdala... Neurodevelopmental studies suggest that the brain areas important for facial expression processing continue to develop structurally throughout late childhood and adolescence ...”

Development of emotional facial recognition in late childhood and adolescence,  
[https://www.academia.edu/2908762/Development\\_of\\_emotional\\_facial\\_recognition\\_in\\_late\\_childhood\\_and\\_adolescence](https://www.academia.edu/2908762/Development_of_emotional_facial_recognition_in_late_childhood_and_adolescence)

3. As leaders, one of the challenges is weighing whether or not the rewards of masking children outweigh the risks, and it appears to be the opposite when children are coerced into being masked at schools

Regards,  
Geoffrey J. Caputo  
Registered Voter & Homeowner

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**From:** luvyrpets@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 15, 2021 6:06 AM  
**To:** Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Long, Janet C; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Gerard, Pat; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; board@pcsb.org; governorrn.desantis@eog.myflorida.com  
**Subject:** torturing the children

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Here are some true stories on what mask wearing is doing to children! I seriously do not understand how those responsible sleep at night knowing they are part of the mental health torture of these children.



[Debbie S](#)

My granddaughter suffered not only a rash around her mouth and nose, but has had more asthma attacks since having to wear mandatory masks.

[Elizabeth B](#)

I have two in two different Polk county school. My Elementary student is in a very small school in a very small class. His teacher lets them remove sometimes if seated. But not every teacher is same. I also have a middle schooler - with terrible asthma and pectus excavatum (sunken chest syndrome). We have been seeing a cardiologist in general surgery and we are awaiting surgery we just have to wait till his numbers are just right however he has taken a rapid decline this year wearing a mask. We tried Florida virtual school and it was hard for my seventh grader he just he couldn't grasp it he's a smart kid he's always so scored perfect fives on his FSA and the online school just wasn't for him so I had to put him back and he begged to go back. He already was short of breath with his health issues this masking makes it 100% worse he gets headaches at night and he is tired he's physically tired because his body his overworked breathing through this mask. When we were out on spring break he was a whole different child because he didn't have to wear a mask all day he played he swam and I felt like we had a week of normalcy. This mask is ridiculous those who know me know I have no problem voicing my opinion tell me when and where and I will be at a meeting to do just that

[Karen B](#)

My problem with it is my grands are little and very country and hug and play. They forget about it and get in trouble. One pure hates his bus driver now cause she's so mean about it. She can give him one because she has access to all she needs but writing the kids up when they don't have one. He's never been in trouble nor had to go to the office for being bad. He's mad about it. He's to little to be mad about it... he shouldn't have to be. Our state is open now we have every tourist from the world here leave my kids alone.... 10 year old boy should not have been written up for a mask that's never been in trouble and a straight A student at that... do have to say that when he got to the principal she just reminded him that it was a rule to wear it on the bus to please do so... but it stressed him out just having to go talk to her.

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- [Joe Lisa](#) Our youngest son (sophomore in high school) has to wear one all day. Has had 4 sinus infections this year. He's never had them prior. His face is so broken out with "maskne" he was developing scarring. Took him to the dermatologist. Break out is **in mask** area only. He's presently on an oral and topical antibiotic for it.

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[Donna A](#)

- My 6 year old grandson gets in trouble **on regular** basis for taking his mask off, one teacher told him he was going to infect the whole school. (bad teacher in my opinion)

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SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PETS. THERE ARE NOT ENOUGH HOMES FOR THEM ALL.

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**Sent:** Wednesday, April 14, 2021 5:52 PM  
**To:** GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Robinson-Flowers, Rene; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Burton, Barry  
**Subject:** [BULK] Day 294- Pinellas County Mask Ordinance  
**Importance:** Low

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Good evening!

End the ordinance.

Thank you,  
Shannon Harrison  
Largo