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State Surgeon General issues public health advisory for Masks	<p>This will be my last message regarding my deep concern for the well being of myself, my loved ones, friends and co workers as the COVID cases continue to rise to more than 4,000 per day. I am sure you are aware of this, but here is the information from an article about the State Surgeon General's public health advisory. I certainly hope you will be listening to his wisdom. I will be watching at 2pm tomorrow. Thank you.</p> <p>TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (WTXL) — Florida's State Surgeon General has issued a public health advisory calling for everyone to wear masks in public, with a few exceptions.</p> <p>The public health advisory issued by Scott Rivkees was filed Monday morning.</p> <p>Within it, Rivkees wrote that "all individuals in Florida should wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible, unless any of the following is applicable:"</p> <p>A child is under two years of age An individual has one or more medical conditions or disabilities that prevent wearing a face covering An individual is obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service An individual works in a profession where the use of a face covering will not be compatible with the duties of the profession or, An individual is engaged in outdoor work or recreation with appropriate social distancing in place</p>	Heather Rippert	24862 US HWY 19 North, #1801	Clearwater	33763	6107333429	Rubyslippers919@aol.com	2020-06-23 00:24:05
Requiring masks inside businesses	<p>Please vote to require masks to be worn inside businesses and in areas where social distancing is hard. I wear a mask when I am shopping in Pinellas County, and I see so many people not wearing them. It may be inconvenient and uncomfortable, but I believe wearing masks is a crucial step in combating Covid19.</p>	Tammy Ely	1846 Melanie Way	Palm Harbor	34683	5126590158	tsc.ely@gmail.com	2020-06-23 00:22:21
Covid 19 Mandatory Mask	<p>My name is Amelia Douglas and I am a resident of Indian Rocks Beach. I have only left my home 3 times in the last 3 months to purchase my medication. Due to trauma I have minimal lung capacity and I am on oxygen. The few times I have ventured out and the times I sit on my porch watching the foot traffic on Gulf Blvd, I have noticed in the past 3 weeks that no one is wearing mask or exercising the social distancing suggestions and request that have been issued by the Board of County Commissioners of Pinellas County, all because it is not required.</p> <p>IF we drive we must obey speed limits and wear Seat Belts. IF we have children they must be in car seats. You set standards on contractors, building materials used in construction and set occupancy limits in buildings. All in the name of Public Safety. I don't understand why the Governor has not required mask to be worn in public places to any degree.</p> <p>While you can not do anything about the whole state of Florida, you are the Governing body of Pinellas County. Its time for you to take the lives of Pinellas County Residents into consideration one more time. In the name of Public Safety.</p> <p>So I am asking to make Social Distancing and Face Mask facial coverings, which cover the nose and mouth MANDATORY in Public Places in Pinellas County. All Public Places are to include All Businesses ,Grocery Stores, Restaurants except when eating, and especially in bars and all personal services salons, Hotel Lobbies, Pools and Elevators, Schools and other Government Buildings. These requirements should provide penalties for those who refuse to obey.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Amelia Douglas</p>	Amelia Douglas	1011 Gulf Blvd Apt 2	INDIAN ROCKS BEACH	33785	7275152299	amelia.a.douglas@outlook.com	2020-06-23 00:05:02
Meeting - New Mask Wearing Rule	<p>Pinellas County needs the strictest Mask Wearing Rule. With Florida cases rising every day and the death toll rising every day - it is your duty to protect the citizens of Pinellas County.</p> <p>My son has asthma. Per CDC guidelines he is at high risk for getting very sick. With this new continuous rise in cases in Florida I am more scared every day to leave the house. When I go to Publix - there are only a few people wearing masks. I wear my mask, but I do not feel safe.</p> <p>You MUST protect me or possibly have my illness or my son's hospitalization hanging over your heads. It will be your fault for not saving us. It is your fault already that so many in my community are ill with COVID-19.</p> <p>Again it is imperative that you approve the strictest measures possible to save all citizens of Pinellas County. Since the state refuses to act - you MUST!</p>	Lydia Glazer		South Pasadena	33707		lglazer98@gmail.com	2020-06-22 23:36:34

Face Masks	<p>County Commissioners:</p> <p>Please do NOT mandate that the general public must wear face masks.</p> <p>The number of cases are going up only because the amount of testing is going up, Hospitalizations and deaths are actually going down. Please look at the facts, not the cherry picked data shown on TV.</p> <p>Wearing a home made mask does not provide much benefit if any, and can actually increase the ability to catch the virus for several reasons. For one, when people wear masks they touch their face infinitely more because they are always fidgeting with the mask, Just go out and watch people who are wearing masks. Many doctors agree that wearing a mask is VERY bad for the average person's health. Do your research!</p> <p>If someone wants to wear a mask, that is fine. Requiring masks is a violation of my civil rights.</p>	Stephen Lockwood	4486 Rutledge Drive	Palm Harbor	34685	7275128408	steve@lochnetsystems.com	2020-06-22 23:22:30
COVID-19 facts from the frontline	<p>Dear Commissioner Gerard,</p> <p>I trust you are an intuitive person who has dedicated her life to true service to fellow community members and human beings. Clearly and understandably, many leaders and community members are living in fear. Decisions on all levels appear to be driven by fear. I urge you to please in some way review this long podcast. Much true science-based information is available but it is being censored or people are living in old narratives. too fearful to pay attention to facts and science. This particular podcast seems crystal clear. Perhaps you can please delegate or share reviewing it with colleagues and any assistants. I know you have a deep responsibility to serve our community and I believe you take this heavy privilege to heart. This responsibility includes the vital discovery of science from expert sources with no special interests such as this podcast: https://www.tonyrobbins.com/podcasts/covid-19-facts-from-the-frontline/</p> <p>We all need to be a part of the solution and stop the bleeding. Our community and country need courageous and compassionate leadership more than ever. The collateral damage from lockdown and other mandates, including loss of life and livelihood, will forever outweigh any false safety.</p> <p>Can we please share education on real science to bring healing and connection to our community? I have already sent a comment for tomorrow afternoon's meeting and felt called to share this additional information with you. I received a gracious response from Ms. Greenleaf. I then shared the below 36 minute video with her and suggested that she please share it with colleagues. I imagine you are all very busy and overwhelmed. I send prayers for light, clarity and unity.</p> <p>"We experience ourselves as separated from the rest which is the delusion which imprisons us." ~Albert Einstein</p> <p>Much Light and Gratitude. In support of true science-based research, health and freedom, Mei Tschang</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9ti6isM-NY&feature=youtu.be Prof. Dolores J. Cahill on Del Bigtree - YouTube Prof. Dolores J. Cahill, Professor of Translational Science at UCD School of Medicine, University College Dublin Prof. Dr Dolores Cahill has over 25 years expertise in high-throughput protein ...</p>	Mei Tschang	1350 Glendale Drive	Dunedin	34698	7276385898	yogagrace@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 23:18:12
Pinellas County Commission, Mask requirement COVID19 restrictions	<p>I am writing to you as a resident of District 6 on my opinion of requiring mandatory wearing of face masks. I am against this mandate for several reasons. First of all the mortality rate of this virus is continuing to decline even as cases rise. Second, I see the requirement for a face covering as a handy way for nefarious elements to hide their identity while they riot, loot and deface our businesses. Thirdly, our local beach tourism business, which is already in shambles, will be horribly impacted at a time when they are barely hanging on. I believe that people should make their own choice on whether they chose to wear a face mask.</p>	Julie Vayne	12950 Estates Ter. S.	Seminole	33776		jrvayne@gmail.com	2020-06-22 23:04:48
Pinellas County Commission, Mask requirement COVID19 restrictions	<p>I am writing to you as a resident of District I, At Large in Seminole on my opinion of requiring mandatory face masks. I am against this mandate for several reasons. First of all the mortality rate of this virus is continuing to decline even as cases rise. Second, I see the requirement for a face covering as a handy way for nefarious elements to hide their identity while they riot, loot and deface our businesses. Thirdly, our local beach tourism business, which is already in shambles, will be horribly impacted at a time when they are barely hanging on. I believe that people should make their own choice on whether they chose to wear a face mask.</p> <p>Thank you, Julie Vayne</p>	Julie Vayne	12950 Estates Ter. S.	Seminole	33776		jrvayne@gmail.com	2020-06-22 23:02:34

Vote "NO" to requiring facial masks	<p>Dear County Commissioners,</p> <p>Please vote "NO" on requiring face masks. First of all, I WILL NOT COMPLY since it is unnecessary, ineffective and unhealthy.</p> <p>Do not take my word for it, please watch the video below (start at 1 min to avoid the ad), that summarizes the latest data on the Corona/Covid-19 virus as of last Friday, June, 19, 2002. This is from the Swiss Research Institute. Basically, it states that the virus' death rate is no worse than a bad flu season. It is NOT highly contagious as originally thought and that we are hurting the population (herd) from being exposed to this, especially since the majority do NOT show any symptoms, meaning it has no, or very little, effect on the majority of the population. Obviously, you have to protect the folks in the nursing homes, and elderly, or people with co-morbidity issues need to protect themselves.</p> <p>Making people wear masks is a political ploy and has nothing to do with safety. Just the opposite, the wearing of masks will make Covid-19 last longer and will have a more extreme effect when Covid-20 comes out. Please watch the video of the Swiss Institutes findings.</p> <p>If you all want to do our society a real favor, why don't you pass an ordinance requiring all of us to get our Body Mass Index (lose weight) instead. I would gladly embrace some real health care safety, whereby you all force me to lose weight and be happier once I do. But to just wear any mask, that is not sealed, can be made out of any material is just stupid. No one seems to realize that a virus can go through paper but regardless, the virus could easily go into your eye and down your tear ducts, right into your throat, lol, but yet the local village idiots here in St. Pete, Tampa and Hillsborough County are jumping on the mask bandwagon so it looks like they care.</p> <p>If you require us to wear masks, that has NO real good effects, just bad ones, then I will go to another smarter county to buy my goods. I am that stubborn because I know the Swiss Study, and many more like it are right. Masks are more harmful.</p> <p>Again, if you truly want to help out society, enforce a body mass index (weight control) ordinance and comorbidities will decrease, health care costs would decrease, depression would decrease and overall, we would all look better.</p>	Paul Dickens	2270 7th Ave. N.	Saint Petersburg	33713	7274525816	pad2270@aol.com	2020-06-22 22:50:58
Face Covering requirements	I support the possible Pinealls county rule to make everyone wear face coverings and masks. I wish we had a national response but since we don't, please make it the law that everyone must wear one in order to slow this virus from spreading more. Thank you for all you are doing and consider to help keep the population safe. If we don't make people wear them now and get into the habit, I'm not sure what will happen when public schools open, the spread will be completely out of control. Hopefully by requiring it now, everyone can get used to it and get prepared this summer so we can be as successful as we can as a community to try and get our younger students back in the classrooms, healthy and safely.	James Jackson	862 Harbor Hill Drive	Safety Harbor	34695		nealjackson31@gmail.com	2020-06-22 22:45:08
masks	I believe that people should be wearing masks in all public places. I hope you will consider the safety of all citizens when you cast your vote tomorrow. Thank you			Seminole	33772		devanialpert@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 22:38:03
Mask requirements	I support the possible Pinealls county rule to make everyone wear face coverings and masks. I wish we had a national response but since we don't, please make it the law that everyone must wear one in order to slow this virus from spreading more. Thank you for all you are doing and consider to help keep the population safe. If we don't make people wear them now and get into the habit, I'm not sure what will happen when public schools open, the spread will be completely out of control. Hopefully by requiring it now, everyone can get used to it and get prepared this summer so we can be as successful as we can as a community to try and get our younger students back in the classrooms, healthy and safely.	Christina Jackson	862 Harbor Hill Drive	Safety Harbor	34695		christina.szott@gmail.com	2020-06-22 22:30:24
June 23rd Meeting	<p>I hope you will decide to require the use of facial coverings inside any public space or place of business (retail, service, production, professional...etc). While masks may not be 100% effective they are better than nothing at all, and certainly better than another economic shutdown.</p> <p>Steps need to be taken now to keep cases from going up and you cannot put the responsibility into the hands of citizens as it has been proven a majority don't think it is important and too much of an inconvenience.</p> <p>I work at Honeywell Aerospace in a production area with maybe 60-70 technicians and can count on one hand how many people wear a mask, and we are provided one every day at our screening stations, so no excuse other than they don't care. On top of that if 'G' can't be maintained you are required by company policy to wear a mask but management doesn't seem interested in enforcing it. If you think businesses are being responsible, you are mistaken!</p> <p>I am more worried about having to go to work every day and dodge people not wearing masks and being rude to them if my personal space is violated than I am about going into a retail establishment.</p> <p>Please pass an ordinance requiring masks and please have it include ALL business, allowing no loop holes for production facilities or businesses that don't directly deal with the public to be excluded.</p> <p>Thanks</p>	Hugh P Hobbs	2636 W Grand Reserve Circle, Apt.	Clearwater	33759	7087126836	hhobbs4@comcast.net	2020-06-22 22:21:27
Everyone should wear a mask	I believe everyone in Pinellas county should be wearing a mask in an inside building. Both staff and customers ! Let's keep people safe.	Barry Sadler	125 Carlyle circke	Palm harbor	34683		barrysadlermd@gmail.com	2020-06-22 22:19:28

Pinellas needs strong mask requirements	Masks are an important part of stopping the spread of COVID 19. Voluntary wearing of masks is so very poor in and around Florida. A strong mask wearing requirement is desperately needed to stop the spread. Other areas have mandatory mask requirements. My experience visiting such an area I saw people accepts the requirement and it is just part of the new normal. Every business had a prominent sign with the mask notice with the simple title, "No mask - No service". It's a simple thing everyone needs to do to slow the spread of COVID and you need to help the citizens of Pinellas county to get on board.	Jeff Otto	14747 Seminole Trail	Unincorporated	33776	7278042404	jeffotto55@gmail.com	2020-06-22 22:18:00
Please pass mandatory masks for all	Please pass mandatory masks for all. I live in Dunedin and I see so many people at bars and restaurants not social distancing or wearing masks almost every day.	Jean Lari	789 Terrace	Dunedin	34698	845 9267880	jmla06@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 22:16:29
Mandatory Masks	Dear Pinellas County Commissioners I have been watching Governor DeSantis' full live press conferences throughout the COVID 19 Stay At Home Order and ReOpening. It saddens and irritates me that the media in their press conference summations continue to misrepresent what I hear from him and his panel of experts. Most recently on Friday June 19 Governor DeSantis and others from Florida hospitals spent a large portion of time reviewing the hospital bed and equipment availability. They all continued to reassure that we are smarter than in March 2020 with the novel virus, the number of people that have tested has increased, and the largest population of those testing positive are in the 30-40 year old age bracket who are most likely to experience mild to moderate symptoms. In March the rally cry was "flatten the curve". There doesn't seem to be a need to "flatten the curve" given the data that was shared at the press conference. The hospitals are ready and prepared for an increase of infected people and most infected will likely not even need medical attention. Why then do city and county officials find it in their authority to mandate mask wearing with fines imposed for not following these new city and county executive orders? Our employees, who travel throughout the Tampabay area, are being required to wear masks while inside non A/C buildings and outside in the heat performing physically draining tasks as electricians. Please listen to the full coverage of DeSantis' June 19 press conference before voting tomorrow. There is absolutely no need for mandatory mask ordinances. Please protect the freedom of the people to choose what is best for themselves.	Michelle Cullum	12149 102nd Ave N	Seminole	33778	7276384882	chellecullum@gmail.com	2020-06-22 22:14:42
Covid19	As a senior concerned citizen who has lived in Pinellas County since 1978 I am surprised you haven't implemented more stringent rules to follow in regard to this horrible virus that has taken many of the people that you should be more concerned about. Just because we have Trumps puppet as our governor doesn't mean you people need to follow. You all need to take a stand and make it mandatory that when you are in public you MUST where a mask. Bars, restaurants all need to set their places up at the very least 6 feet apart. If these places and the people that frequent them aren't following the restrictions then fine them. This isn't going away and as long as this governor and commissioners are opening this state to what it was before the virus came we will surpass all the states in deaths and infectious people. I'm so ashamed of this state right now!	Donna Klenovich	317 Fairwood Ct	Oldsmar	34677	7275605334	shymystiq22@verizon.net	2020-06-22 22:05:59
Mandate Masks County Wide	The early reopening of Florida has sadly made Florida a new epicenter for Covid19. Sadly, Pinellas County, has increased its Covid19 cases significantly in the past week with no sign of slowing. Studies have shown that if everyone wears a mask it can mitigate the virus, yet many residents aren't wearing them or social distancing. They say it's their right not to wear one but by not wearing one it directly effects the lives of others. The time has come to mandate the wearing of masks when in public inside any business and in group settings outside when social distancing isn't possible, and it needs to be seriously enforced monetarily. Peer pressure is also effective. We need to stop this surge before it's out of control. Once that happens the ramifications will be extreme and it will be exponentially harder to put the genie back in the bottle. Worth mentioning is the recent red designation of cases in zip code 33705 and the high rate of increase on the south side of St. Petersburg effecting the black population disproportionately. In 1918 the first wave of the Spanish Flu killed 3-5 million people; the second wave killed 50 million people. This is serious and we need leadership to do something now to represent our residents. Sadly, it's become politicized to the point of absurdity. Science and math matter here. Let's not let the few dictate the safety of the many. I respectfully urge the council to do the right thing and act swiftly to protect our community now before it's too late. Thank you, Lisa Fink	Lisa Fink	2601 Roy Hanna Dr. S.	St. Petersburg	33712	727-452-3373	jade000@msn.com	2020-06-22 21:51:35
Masks	https://www.instagram.com/tv/CBliv2YJDLy/?igshid=qw061text3l1	Tammie King	210 Cleveland Ave	Largo	33770	7272-424-3838	kingdomsrp@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-22 21:48:53

Masks	If people are too stupid to follow science then maybe it has to be legislated. It's not an opinion. It's not fake news. It's science. Just wear a mask and protect everyone s granny!	LynnKenchel	4317 Burlington Ave	St Petersburg	33713	813-956-5925	lynniekok@aol.com	2020-06-22 21:47:02
Wearing Face Masks	I feel that that wear a face mask should be a voluntary thing for everyone in the county and all businesses, not mandatory. If a person feels safer wearing a mask then, they should do so. If they are comfortable without a mask then, they should not be required to wear one.	Bob Gallagher	411 Cleveland St., #157	Clearwater	33755	7275601398	gallagherbob@earthlink.net	2020-06-22 21:25:15
Masks	We are favor of everyone wearing masks always in public for the time being until the number of cases starts going down and/or a vaccine is discovered.			Seminole	33772		jasonalpert@aol.com	2020-06-22 21:21:23
Mask Ordinance- Public Safety Requirement	Listen: This is about safety and science. These are the recommended guidelines from the CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html Wearing a mask is critical to keeping the community safe. There is a law that requires you to wear a seatbelt while driving a car. It also requires everyone else in the car to wear a seatbelt. Is that a physical restraint on your freedom? Yes. But it is a critical law to protect your life. And by everyone following that law, we protect the lives of our community. Show leadership and model good behavior by implementing this ordinance for public safety. Science and Safety.	Dan Helm	8851 US HWY 19 #2322	PINELLAS PARK	33782	7274596545	danhelmlaw@gmail.com	2020-06-22 21:21:05
Mask Requirement	Commissioner, I write you to ask that you support the broadest proposal that requires masks in any indoor establishment outside of the home. This proposal is the simplest, protects the most people and is the most easily enforceable. The more caveats that are added, the more likely people are to not follow the rules. Why risk enacting an ordinance that doesn't go far enough to protect the residents of Pinellas County? For the safety of everyone, please vote to require masks in any indoor establishment outside of the home. Thank you, Aileen Carey	Aileen Carey	5320 10th Street N	St. Petersburg	33703	8283151153	aileenhcarey@gmail.com	2020-06-22 21:20:38
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Support Masks Mandate for businesses and employees	I, along with thousands of other Pinellas County residents, would be more apt to spend money locally at grocers, restaurants and small businesses if there were assurances that these stores and the patrons were taking precautions such as wearing masks in public. As our county continues to see increases in positive cases, it is imperative that we take action to keep our beautiful Pinellas legacy, rather than be a headline as the next epicenter of illness and death. The fear of toxic algae blooms last summer were detrimental to our local tourism economy; can you imagine what a "pandemic epicenter" headline would do? Thank you for your thoughtful consideration on this urgent topic.	Mary Calkins		St. Petersburg	33705		photogg33@gmail.com	2020-06-22 21:17:38
Don't vote to require masks	Heard on the news that Pinellas County is considering mandating wearing masks in public. Don't vote for that. It would further damage our economy and do very little good as most of the masks people are wearing leak air around the mask.	John Erickson	7100 Sunset Way 212	ST PETERSBURG Beach	33706	7034070212	jericksonsce@brighthouse.com	2020-06-22 21:13:45
Masks	Why should Gloridians be afraid of this virus? https://www.thesun.co.uk/news/11468665/coronavirus-dies-sunlight-us-homeland-security-study/	Gina Cassa	5121 Manchester Ct	Palm Harbor	34685	7279460451	Tgcassa526@gmail.com	2020-06-22 21:12:26
Masks not being worn	As a citizen and taxpayer I do not feel safe in the City of Clearwater entering a City Building, ie the Library, where the Employees are required to wear masks but the Patrons are not required and most often do not wear masks. The top City building, Municipal Services Building does not allow people to enter and all things must be done online. Those City workers are protected. The requirement to wear masks in these building, such as other cities have done, should be adopted. Thank you	Vicki Sugar	10197 Majestic Dr	Pinellas	33774-5008	7704021071	vickisugar@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-22 21:02:52
Masks	With the increase in positive Covid cases we need to do something to get this under control. Please put a law in place that requires the public and businesses to wear masks when in public. Thank you	Larry Boyd	6499 99th Way N. 18H	St Petersburg	33708	727-345-8761	larry33710@gmail.com	2020-06-22 21:00:21

Mask Use in Pinellas County	<p>To the Commissioners and County Administrators,</p> <p>First, thank you for your public service. As a retired health educator and school board member, I urge you to mandate the use of masks in all settings and circumstances within Pinellas County in any indoor location other than one's home or residence or any time social distancing is not possible.</p> <p>A mandate county wide, like the one issued by the City of Tampa on June 19th, would be a critical measure to protect the health of all of us and allow our economy to get back to something closer to normal. People need to work, businesses need to operate and we all need to be healthy. At this point, we do not know how people who recover will fare health wise and what complications could be.</p> <p>As you recall, people stopped going to restaurants before the closure was ordered. The public needs to feel safe to conduct business, go to stores, restaurants, etc. My biggest concern is that business are being hurt by its employees becoming ill and unable to work and its customers staying away because of the fear of contagion. Mandating masks is the biggest single action you can take to help us all.</p> <p>The medical data is increasingly clear: You wearing a mask protects me and me wearing a mask protects you. Covid 19 is not only lethal but can cause many problems for those that recover. Infection rates ARE rising, as are hospital admissions. This is NOT simply due to testing. Please do not exempt churches. Churchgoers do not limit their interactions to other churchgoers- they mix with the community and can spread COVID just like anyone else.</p> <p>Also, please apply the mandate to all common areas in condo complexes and apartments.</p> <p>Those who feel like their rights are being limited should look at the facts about how the disease is spread and remember that we limit the right to smoke for health reasons and have outlawed drunk driving for public safety.</p> <p>Thank you for seriously considering this very important public health measure, and please, please require masks for all in Pinellas County.</p> <p>Respectfully submitted,</p>	Joanna (Jody) Baden	6322 Palma Del Mar Blvd S, Unit 5	St. Petersburg	33715	9413487688	jodybaden@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:55:31
Mask ordinance	<p>Please vote in favor of a mask ordinance when social distancing is not possible to protect the public, and especially our vulnerable populations. I work full time from home, but take off time from work to do my grocery shopping early in the day, when shoppers are most likely to be wearing masks, and the stores are lightly populated.</p>	Roni	825 E. Gulf Blvd Apt B	Indian Rocks Beach	33785	805-279-3770	roniflowera@msn.com	2020-06-22 20:44:16
COVID-19	<p>Good evening-</p> <p>First, thank you for serving our county. Especially during this unprecedented time in our history my gratitude is hardly enough given the challenges we are facing, your efforts are very much appreciated. I wanted to express my concern over the lack of precautions being taken by area businesses. While I can appreciate the stance the state and federal officials have taken, at the local level we need to be clear. Business owners have a responsibility to the communities they serve. Sadly, it seems public health has taken a backseat to politics and whether or not one takes precautions or not is often interpreted as their political view point. I am an executive in financial services. My job is to manage risks and support crisis management efforts. I am extremely familiar with the guidelines, recommendations from public health experts and focused intently on trending data from the source rather than media outlets. I have a 6 year old son and am acutely aware of the broader socio-economic impacts of another total shutdown. All this to say, my family and I would appreciate a vote in favor of a mandatory mask requirement, reduction of patrons allowed in ANY business and civil fines/tickets for those not following. Thank you again and if there is ever anything myself or my family can do to supper the commission, we are willing and abled citizens.</p>	Ashlee Miller	2410 Hillcreek Cir E	Clearwater	33759	318-289-2863	ashleefreeman@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:44:08
Mandatory Masks	<p>Yes, yes, and yes! Please mandate masks when social distancing is not possible. Our governor is not doing the right things for our community. The county needs to help our citizens survive and thrive. Masks protect everyone.</p> <p>I am an middle aged adult that feels the many older people in our society deserve a chance to live and not be subjected to asymptomatic carriers.</p> <p>Thank you, Lara McCullough</p>	Lara McCullough	9213 88th St.	Seminole unincorporated	33777	7272513415	lara.teacher@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 20:36:54

Mandatory wearing of masks	<p>Mandatory wearing of masks: I personally lhave experienced dizziness, headache, and short[ness] of breath when required to wear more than 30 mins</p> <p>Mandatory face covering orders puts directly into harm's way the 40% of our county residents who have chronic, underlying health conditions. More than most, this half of the population needs its normal oxygen intake just to survive.</p> <p>"How can a person be forced by any business or government entity to wear a mask (which affects the respiratory system) without having a physical exam by a licensed doctor who approves such an action?" ~</p> <p>Science Says Healthy People Should Not Wear Masks Masks reduce intake of oxygen, leading to carbon dioxide toxicity</p> <p>Germs are trapped near your mouth and nose, increasing risk of infection</p> <p>Wearing a mask causes you to touch your face more frequently</p> <p>There is no scientific evidence that supports healthy people wearing masks</p> <p>Masks obscure your facial features and impede normal social interaction</p> <p>Masks make it hard for hearing-impaired people to understand you</p> <p>Masks symbolize suppression of speech</p> <p>MASKS DO NOT PREVENT SPREAD OF VIRUS KEY FINDINGS: (1) New England Journal of Medicine:</p>	Arden Taylor	800 Dempsey Street	Clearwater, Pinellas	33756	7276871912	ardentaylor88@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:28:54
Mask Ordinance	<p>Dear Commissioner Justice, I implore you to pass a simple Ordinance of requiring masks to be worn in all indoor public places with the exception of eating or drinking. Thank you, Joanne Cichocki</p>	Joanne Cichocki	820 Virginia Street Unit 111	Dunedin	34698	860-796-6985	joannecichocki@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:28:23
Mandatory masks	<p>I oppose mandatory mask. First of all they do not protect anyone from any viruses. Also I am immune compromised and have a lot of breathing issues so wearing a mask physically makes me ill. I am worried about violence toward my family for not wearing a mask should this become mandatory. Breathing in your own CO2 for extended periods of time causes elevated blood pressure, dizziness, disorientation and can cause organ damage and brain issues. My 17 year old right now is forced to wear one at Holister at Countryside mall and comes home with horrible migraines and vomiting. It should be a person's</p>	Gina Cassa	5121 Manchester Ct apt 106	Palm Harbor	34685	7279460451	Tgcassa526@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:26:29
Vote to require masks	<p>Please vote to require masks in all businesses in the county, and all outdoor places where 6 foot minimum distancing cannot be maintained. St. Petersburg 'a ordinance is a good model. Thank you.</p>	Harvey Landress	8178 124th Street	Seminole	33772	727-391-5567	h.landress@verizon.net	2020-06-22 20:26:29
Mask Ordinance	<p>Dear Commissioner Williams Seel, I implore you to pass a simple mask Ordinance of wearing a mask in all indoor public spaces with the exception of eating or drinking. We know this will help slow the transmission of a virus. Thank you, Joanne Cichocki</p>	Joanne Cichocki	820 Virginia Street Unit 111	Dunedin	34698	860-796-6985	joannecichocki@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:25:12
Mandatory Mask	<p>Hello, I am writing in opposition to any mandatory mask mandate. As a health professional, I can tell you that forcing people to wear face masks will only inhibit our natural responses from our immune systems. If people who feel susceptible choose to wear them, that is one thing, but by mandating this you are also infringing on people's personal constitutional liberties. Studies show that prolonged mask wearing decreases atmospheric oxygen which depletes our immune response. I am all for choice, and if people want to adorn a bandana or a surgical mask in public, let them. Just do not mandate this. For many people, this is actually lessening their body's ability to fight infection, and by mandating it, violating their sovereignty.</p>	Alison Otamendi	985 Spinnaker Ct	Tarpon Springs	34689	5164262018	alison.otamendi@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:25:10
Mandatory Masks	<p>Hello, I am writing in opposition to any mandatory mask mandate. As a health professional, I can tell you that forcing people to wear face masks will only inhibit our natural responses from our immune systems. If people who feel susceptible choose to wear them, that is one thing, but by mandating this you are also infringing on people's personal constitutional liberties. Studies show that prolonged mask wearing decreases atmospheric oxygen which depletes our immune response. I am all for choice, and if people want to adorn a bandana or a surgical mask in public, let them. Just do not mandate this. For many people, this is actually lessening their body's ability to fight infection, and by mandating it, violating their sovereignty.</p>	Alison Otamendi	985 Spinnaker Ct	Tarpon Springs	34689	5164262018	alison.otamendi@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:23:57

Mask Ordinance	Commissioner Welch, I write you to ask that you support the broadest proposal that requires masks in any indoor establishment outside of their home. This proposal is the simplest, protects the most people and is the most easily enforceable. The more caveats that are added, the more likely people are to not follow the rules. Why risk enacting an ordinance that doesn't go far enough to protect the residents of Pinellas County? For the safety of everyone, please vote to require masks in any indoor establishments outside of the home. Thank you, Nick Carey	Nicholas Carey	5320 10th Street N	Saint Petersburg	33703	7042580926	nscarey2@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:23:48
Mandatory masks	I oppose mandatory mask. First of all the do not protect anyone from any viruses. Also I am immune compromised The school board now says they will not let any of us speak at the meeting like we were promised 😞 but they reassured us that they will read our statements. Yeah right fucking liars have a lot of breathing issues so wearing a mask physically makes me ill. I am worried about violence toward my family for not wearing a mask should this become mandatory. Breathing in your own CO2 for extended periods of time causes elevated blood pressure, dizziness, disorientation and can cause organ damage and brain issues. My 17 year old right now is forced to wear one at Holister at Countryside mall and comes home with horrible migraines and vomiting. It should be a person's personal choice. If they feel scared of contracting the virus let them wear a mask. If they choose not to live in fear that is their prerogative.	Gina Cassa	5121 Manchester Ct apt 106	Palm Harbor	34685	7279460451	Tgcassa526@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:23:27
MASKS!	Come on guys. It's time to step up. Be heroes. Be human. I follow all the rules. I can't go anywhere because more than 50% of people in this county don't practice any of the guidelines. Please.	Jean Johnson	11256 Kapok Grand Circle	St Petersburg	33708		johnsonjean58@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:23:25
Face masks	Please please please do not vote to require face masks for healthy people. I understand that in lessens transmission for sick people. But those of us with COPD and other respiratory problems will have problems wearing them and this would force people like me who have children with asthma to be confined to our homes. Allow people to use their freedom and choose. Even with the number of cases going up the death toll has lessened. It bad enough I have to deal with having a tyrannical dictator as a mayor a man who's ideas are so good he has to make them mandatory. Someone who only helps the south end of town. Please consider those of us who have voted for you and who do vote in every election. I have faith that you will do what is best for everyone and not just the fearful. Don't force my family indoors. I'll be honest we are considering selling out house and moving. We will surely be leaving st pete due to the poor management and weak leadership. Don't make us consider leaving the county for the same reasons.	D. Bueller		St Petersburg	33713		dominic.bueller@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 20:23:20
Keeping Pinellas Country safe from Covid 19	Dear Commissioners, Wearing a mask in public is not a sign of weakness, nor does it demonstrate that you are afraid of the virus. It is a sign that the wearer cares about his or her fellow citizens and wants to keep them safe in case the wearer might have the corona virus but has no symptoms. Stop the spread, keep Pinellas safe, mandate the wearing of masks at all times and in all places. Thank you.	Faith Andrews Bedford and	1 Beach Drive, No. 2110	St. Petersburg	33701	813 833 7705	faithbedford@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:23:07
Mask Ordinance	Commissioner Eggers, I write you to ask that you support the broadest proposal that requires masks in any indoor establishment outside of their home. This proposal is the simplest, protects the most people and is the most easily enforceable. The more caveats that are added, the more likely people are to not follow the rules. Why risk enacting an ordinance that doesn't go far enough to protect the residents of Pinellas County? For the safety of everyone, please vote to require masks in any indoor establishments outside of the home. Thank you, Nick Carey	Nicholas Carey	5320 10th Street N	Saint Petersburg	33703	7042580926	nscarey2@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:22:47
Mask Ordinance	Commissioner Justice, I write you to ask that you support the broadest proposal that requires masks in any indoor establishment outside of their home. This proposal is the simplest, protects the most people and is the most easily enforceable. The more caveats that are added, the more likely people are to not follow the rules. Why risk enacting an ordinance that doesn't go far enough to protect the residents of Pinellas County? For the safety of everyone, please vote to require masks in any indoor establishments outside of the home. Thank you, Nick Carey	Nicholas Carey	5320 10th Street N	Saint Petersburg	33703	7042580926	nscarey2@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:21:17
Mask Ordinance	Dear Commissioner Welch, I implore you to please pass a simple Ordinance requiring masks in all indoor public places with the exception of eating or drinking. Thank you, Joanne Cichocki	Joanne Cichocki	820 Virginia Street Unit 111	Dunedin	34698	860-796-6985	joannecichocki@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:21:10

Mask Ordinance	Commissioner Gerard, I write you to ask that you support the broadest proposal that requires masks in any indoor establishment outside of their home. This proposal is the simplest, protects the most people and is the most easily enforceable. The more caveats that are added, the more likely people are to not follow the rules. Why risk enacting an ordinance that doesn't go far enough to protect the residents of Pinellas County? For the safety of everyone, please vote to require masks in any indoor establishments outside of the home. Thank you, Nick Carey	Nicholas Carey	5320 10th Street N	Saint Petersburg	33703	7042580926	nscarey2@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:20:18
Mask Ordinance	Commissioner Long, I write you to ask that you support the broadest proposal that requires masks in any indoor establishment outside of their home. This proposal is the simplest, protects the most people and is the most easily enforceable. The more caveats that are added, the more likely people are to not follow the rules. Why risk enacting an ordinance that doesn't go far enough to protect the residents of Pinellas County? For the safety of everyone, please vote to require masks in any indoor establishments outside of the home. Thank you, Nick Carey	Nicholas Carey	5320 10th Street N	Saint Petersburg	33703	7042580926	nscarey2@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:19:15
Mask Proposals	Commissioner Peters, I write you to ask that you support the broadest proposal that requires masks in any indoor establishment outside of their home. This proposal is the simplest, protects the most people and is the most easily enforceable. The more caveats that are added, the more likely people are to not follow the rules. Why risk enacting an ordinance that doesn't go far enough to protect the residents of Pinellas County? For the safety of everyone, please vote to require masks in any indoor establishments outside of the home. Thank you, Nick Carey	Nicholas Carey	5320 10th Street N	Saint Petersburg	33703	7042580926	nscarey2@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:18:35
Mask Ordinance	Dear Commissioner Long, I implore you to pass a mask Ordinance for the country, it would be a simple one masks in all public indoor spaces except while eating or drinking. We know from medical science this helps slow transmission of a virus if everyone wears one. Thank you, Joanne Cichocki	Joanne Cichocki	820 Virginia Street Unit 111	Dunedin	34698	860-796-6985	joannecichocki@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:18:15
Mask Ordinance	Commissioner Williams Seel, I write you to ask that you support the broadest proposal that requires masks in any indoor establishment outside of their home. This proposal is the simplest, protects the most people and is the most easily enforceable. The more caveats that are added, the more likely people are to not follow the rules. Why risk enacting an ordinance that doesn't go far enough to protect the residents of Pinellas County? For the safety of everyone, please vote to require masks in any indoor establishments outside of the home. Thank you, Nick Carey	Nicholas Carey	5320 10th Street N	Saint Petersburg	33703	7042580926	nscarey2@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:17:28
Mask Ordinance	Dear Commissioner Gerard, I implore you to make a very simple Ordinance that masks are required in any indoor public space with the exception of eating or drinking. We know science shows this helps stop transmission. Thank you, Joanne Cichocki	Joanne Cichocki	820 Virginia Street Unit 111	Dunedin	3698	860-796-6985	joannecichocki@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:13:59
Mask Ordinance	Dear Mr. Eggers, I live in Dunedin and am requesting you to take a simple vote of if in an enclosed public space a mask is required unless eating. This makes sense- we all know this. Thank you, Joanne Cichocki	Joanne Cichocki	820 Virginia Street Unit 111	Dunedin	34698	860-796-6985	joannecichocki@gmail.com	2020-06-22 20:10:08

No on mandatory masks	Fwd to edit, see FB share Open Letter to the Pinellas County Commissioners As a US Citizen and Resident of Pinellas County, I respectfully ask that all Pinellas County officials cease all contemplated actions which would interfere with and violate the Rights and Lives of any person in Pinellas County. So, I ask that you DO NOT adopt or cause to be implemented any more of the following: Face Mask requirements, Personal action or inaction requirements, and Business action or inaction requirements. Thank you, Gayla Gum	Gayla Gum	1343 Young Ave	Clearwater	33756	727 831 8387	gaylagum@gmail.com	2020-06-22 19:58:26
Need for Mask Wearing Requirements for Public Indoor	I'm 79 and due to past throat cancer problems am at special risk for COVID-19. I am frankly appalled by the apathetic and/or thoughtless behavior by so many younger Pinellas County residents during this pandemic. To go into a Publix (including those in the "better" neighborhoods) or other major stores and see only 30% of customers at most wearing masks is really disheartening. One's "freedom," to go without a mask should not be at the potential cost of the lives of all those you come into contact with. Our government thus must mandate it. The time to act was weeks ago, but at least start now please! Pinellas County needs to adopt a mandatory public mask wearing proviso right away as apparently Hillsborough County has decided to do.	Anthony Branch	2225 Corinne Ct. S., #C	St Petersburg	33712	(727) 460-7887	tony1branch@aol.com	2020-06-22 19:57:18
Mandatory Masks	I am against mandatory mask wearing. It infringes on my constitutional rights and it is AGAINST the Federal Government guidelines.	Antje E. Victore	100 Waverly Way #405	Clearwater	33756	7276880771	wandoni55@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 19:47:46
Mandatory Masks	I am against mandatory mask wearing. It is an infringement on my constitutional rights. It is also against the Federal Government guidelines.	Antje E. Victore	100 Waverly Way #405	Clearwater	33756	7276880771	wandoni55@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 19:45:38
Face masks	It's against my constitutional rights!! Not cool!! Vote no!			Pinellas	34698		gtomosso@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-22 19:32:40
Face masks	It's against our constitutional rights! Not right! Vote no.			Pinellas county	34698		gtomosso@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-22 19:31:17
Mandatory Mask Wearing	I understand you are considering making masks mandatory for Pinellas County. This is an ill conceived mandate which will ultimately be shown to increase infection. Why, because the CDCs guidance says touching your face is a key way to contract the virus. What are the poor retail, grocery and store clerks doing throughout the day as they struggle with the same dirty make--TOUCHING THEIR FACE. Unless each and every employee has a disposable mask container (like box of tissues) that they change every time they touch their mask, the mask mandate does nothing but spread germs. If you are serious about caring for your constituents, you would end the mask fiasco and encourage sick and at risk people to quarantine themselves. The vast majority of people should be free to go about their business. If this is not allowed, the utter destruction of our economy and all the woes attributed to it, will kill far more people.	Terra Sroka	6975 Grande Vista Way South	South Pasadena	33707	727 345 9487	terrasroka@aol.com	2020-06-22 19:27:41
Yes to ALL wearing masks	Please.....just for a few months! One proposal requires all people to wear a face covering while in any indoor establishment within Pinellas County.	Cheryl McDonald	1317 Lindenwood Dr	Tarpon Springs	FL	7275143527	cm4chakra@gmail.com	2020-06-22 19:17:45
mandatory masks	Dear Ms. peters, Though I believe masks are needed in close quarters, I do not believe they should be mandatory at all times for all people in all places. For now, yes, in stores, and in public gatherings like concerts and church services perhaps, but not in general, certainly not out in the open. We need oxygen, and the virus dissipates in the open air. Thank you for listening, Elizabeth Beard	Elizabeth Beard	1442 Normandy Park Dr., unit #5	Clearwater	33756	2064964960	lisab818@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 19:16:11
Mask requirement	Commissioners, please vote to require people to wear masks in public places in Pinellas County. It's makes a big difference in everyone's health. Thank you.	Laura Berkson	2106 Gull Lane	Safety Harbor	34695	(727) 600-6524	LBerkson58@gmail.com	2020-06-22 19:02:06
Face coverings mandatory in our businesses	Link - Commissioners voting Tuesday to make masks mandatory or not in Pinellas County I marked all commissioners and administrator. Below is my email feel free to use it and punch it up. Please vote to make Face coverings mandatory in our businesses in Pinellas County Florida , (there are always exceptions for medical conditions). This will greatly stop the spread of COVID-19. Personally, I would not feel comfortable entering a business if masks were not required for employees and customers. If we truly wish to help the economy and limit the spread of COVID-19 mandatory masks are a necessary first step. My family and I vote regularly and we are counting on you, our County Commissioners, to protect our health and the economy.			Clearwater			jjjhopkins@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 19:00:30
No on mandatory masks	I'm a physician and research shows it's detrimental to your health And does nothing to stop the spread	Dr Michael Risoldi	3023 Eastland Blvd	Clearwater	33761	727 692-7960	drrisoldi@gmail.com	2020-06-22 18:59:40
Re-opening	Please ask everyone to wear masks. Please don't re-open further without enforcing social distancing and masks. We aren't even out of the first wave of this yet! Please take safety precautions. Thank you for all you've already done.	Pam Bingham	9209 Seminole Blvd	Seminole	33772		pamelabingham17@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 18:57:56

Mandatory masks in Pinellas	Good evening. I just wanted to contact you as a Pinellas County resident for 27 years to let you know how very important it is for you to mandate mandatory masks as they have in other Florida countries. I urge you to make the right decision tomorrow for the safety of everyone. Thank you for your time.			Oldsmar			shramie425@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 18:41:28
Face masks	Please do not make face masks mandatory. Leave it up to each individual's choice.	Tim Mooney	800 Richards Ave	Clearwater	33755		qbmooney@aol.com	2020-06-22 18:41:02
Masks, please.	Hello, I read that you are having a meeting tomorrow where you will discuss whether or not to require masks in public. On this issue, I urge you to vote in favor of such a requirement. My family and I are concerned about the recent uptick in cases. In my zip code (33705), it was reported that we have over 250 positive cases of covid-19. As a community, we need to take this more seriously and requiring everyone to wear a mask is a good first step. It will go a long way in helping to prevent the spread of this disease. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Andrea Andersen	Andrea Andersen		St. Petersburg	33705		andrealandersen@icloud.com	2020-06-22 18:37:50
Where is the mask ordinance for Pinellas Businesses? Seniors are trapped home and we pay taxes	Why is there no mask ordinance for shoppers and staff at Pinellas stores, post offices and other public spaces need so Seniors and those with compromised immune systems can do what is needed for daily life. We all need to protect each other. I have paid property taxes for many years yet you allow the county to be ruled Un-Americans willing to risk our economy so they can play. Why are bars having bands and packed full without fear? Where is the control in this county? Florida's Surgeon General has stated masks are needed to control the spread. Can't you follow his advice for your citizens? Please make grocery stores require masks. Some do for all yet some do not even require staff to wear them. Seniors can not stay in forever. I refuse to shop in stores without masks as well as many of my neighbors. Stores will fail without our business. We are forced to slow the economy because of your inaction. I pay taxes and I am locked in my home because our Chief of Police opened bars, gyms and beaches too fast. He did not follow guidelines and he does not enforce rules being broken. No one cares it seems about your citizens' exposure to Covid19. Do you?	Joanne Wolff	175 Woodcutter Ln	Palm Harbor - Unincor	34683	7277893821	fwolff@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-22 18:35:25
Masks Must Be Mandatory	My husband and I were in Publix today. Half of the customers were not wearing masks, unbelievable. They are endangering me, my family and themselves. Florida is now a "hot spot" because elected official failed to require masks and social distancing. Protect your constituents, mandatory masks must be the law. This is a public health emergency.	Robin Davidov and Christoph	4830 Osprey Drive South	St. Petersburg	33711		rbdavidov@gmail.com	2020-06-22 18:21:53
Health Safety	To our Pinellas County Commissioners I believe the easiest way to get compliance with a mask wearing requirement would be to include fines for endangering public health. Penalties would increase in severity with subsequent infractions to include even jail time. Endangering life is a serious offense and should be treated as such. Thank you.	Pete Rintye	245 22nd St N	St Petersburg	33713	7276087857	printye@gmail.com	2020-06-22 18:21:02
wearing masks	I am totally against this idea for several reasons number one it is hurting your own health by wearing those for long periods of time and I'm not gonna make my health worse just by wearing a mask because that illness is way worse than this so-called virus number two if you read the CDC they have said that wearing masks does not do anything it does not prevent anything the only thing it does is again get the person wearing them for long periods of time even sicker all they are doing is breathing in carbon dioxide I understand everyone's so-called fear but I think it's time people started doing some real research instead of listening to the news it's the media that is engaging all this fearCan you tell me how are rates have gone up so high when it takes 14 days for this so-called virus to incubate but every day it's thousands of people I'm sorry that number is just a little too hard to fathom I think if people were allowed to start building up their immune system people do you need to wash their hands I agree if they want to use sanitizer I agree but not for somebody to wear a mask every time they're out in public if you really read the CDC you'll understand they've wavered back-and-forth and back-and-forth and I'm sorry but those masks do not do any good			clearwater			cwont57@gmail.com	2020-06-22 18:07:22
Masks!	I am a Pinellas county resident. I do not want mask wearing to be mandatory! This is an infringement of my rights and my health! There is a lot of proof from medical & health professionals, OSHA guidelines support that they don't prevent virus spread. Wearing a mask makes it difficult for me to breath and forcing people to wear masks puts my health, and the health of my family at risk. I will be making note of all on Pinellas County commission who vote in favor of making wearing masks mandatory in ANY situation. All who run again in future elections will NOT receive my vote.	C.J. Splain	4555 Great Lakes S.	Clearwater	33762	727-561 7683	neilsplain28@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 17:58:57

emergency ordinance requiring face coverings	Please approve this ordinance. Wearing face masks and maintaining social distancing are the only proven ways of stopping the spread of Covid-19 when people are out in public. Stopping the rise in cases is important to support local businesses and sustain economic recovery. Tourists will not return if Florida continues to be seen as a virus hotspot.	Donna Peltier	4801 Osprey Drive South Apt. 205	St. Petersburg	33711	727-800-9699	tfdmpt@gmail.com	2020-06-22 17:57:07
Masks	I do believe we need the masks mandatory to keep covid-19 at bay	Theresia Cote	11248 120th terrace	Largo	33778	7273331157	property_of_a_god@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 17:55:01
No mandatory masks	needs to be voluntary constitutionally. Also 'of deaths vs. # of residents in Pinellas County do not justify it.	Kelly Yagemann	1989 Freedom Drive	Clearwater	3375y	727 445 9744	kellypomeranz@gmail.com	2020-06-22 17:44:26
No mandatory masks	should be voluntary constitutionally. There are many opinions saying masks do nothing and even are not healthful. The statistics of deaths to number of citizens in Pinellas country fo not justify mandatory masks	Kelly Yagdmann	1989 Freedom Drive	Clearwater	33755	445-9744	kellypomeranz@gmail.com	2020-06-22 17:41:57
Masks for All to Help Keep the Citizens of Pinellas County Safe	To the Commissioners and County Administrators, As a retired pediatric doctor I urge all of you to mandate the use of masks in all settings and circumstances within Pinellas County. The medical data is increasingly clear: You wearing a mask protects me and me wearing a mask protects you. Covid 19 is not only lethal but can cause many problems for those that survive an infection. My biggest concern is that business are being hurt by its employees becoming ill and unable to work and its customers staying away because of the fear of contagion. As the number of cases of Covid 19 increases (more people to infect me), customers like myself, will shy away from going shopping, dining, or to the museums and theaters. Just like I don't drink and drive, I don't want to infect my fellow citizens of Pinellas County. Please require masks for all in Pinellas County.	Jorge Giroud MD		Saint Petersburg			rcflyer1053@gmail.com	2020-06-22 17:28:46
Mask voting mandatory on Tuesday tomorr	Hello to you Pat Gerard, By my knowledge waering masks is unhealthy and do not help with the virus protection CDC even made this announced a while ago. A strong immune system is the best protection I know	Beatus Geraets	1613 Sunset Dr	Clearwater	33755	727 204 2966	gereatsbeat@gmail.com	2020-06-22 17:23:42
forced wearing of masks by well people	Hello Dave. I've never submitted a comment before so I'm not sure I'm using the correct procedure but here goes. I've been told that the issue of forced wearing of masks by the entire public is being considered and I want to express my concern over this. I've done a great deal of research. The wearing of masks by well persons in the general public has never before been suggested in medical historyand if the appropriate officials will look further into it, I think it will be realized that the wearing of such masks is not without risk in iteself, cutting down on the proper mixture of oxygen to the brain, especially if workers in essential businesses have them on for many hours at a time. OSHA has this info on its website. This aspect should not be taken lightly, even aside from the absurdity of requiring an entire well population to do such a thing. If you have any involvement in this issue, would you kindly urge some level headedness and suggest looking further into the negative ramifications. Thank you.	Marie Gallant	65 Woodcutter Lane	Palm Harbor, Pinellas	34683	727 784-6380	marbill@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-22 17:20:07
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Masks mandatory —	We vote no for mandatory masks in Pinellas county — it is more harmful then preventative as proven ... during this heat it can cause breathing trouble ... if it gets wet it doesn't work and cloth ones have proven to be more harmful ! It's genuinely against our constitutional rights . The citizens of this county should NOT be enforced to wear masks!	Nicholas szabo	1160 Jackson rd	Clearwater	33755	7277100962	zstoday88@gmail.com	2020-06-22 17:17:20
Mandatory Face Mask	I don't want Mandatory face mask! They are not good for long term health and they are extremely uncomfortable and they are not proven to be 100% effective.	Natalie Fell	411 Cleveland st #137	Clearwater	33755		icanbenatalie@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 17:16:48
Wearing masks	I do not want to be made to wear a mask while I am out and about in public. The reason is because I am breathing out air and inhaling it back in and it's not good for my health. The CDC has shown that days it blocks germs and limits the oxygen I get into my system. My immune system is in good health and the mask works against my immune system. I will not wear a mask?-	Toni Bray	1603 Bonair St	Clearwater	33755	7274679413	tabytaby@live.com	2020-06-22 17:15:50

Face masks in public	Please vote to make face masks mandatory in public areas. I have done my due diligence since March, and see more and more people being careless. To expect everyone to have common sense is not going to happen. I have limited everywhere I go, I drove through downtown Dunedin on Sunday . No masks, minimal social distancing . I am a healthy 67 yr old who is very concerned , I also caretaker an elderly parent. Thank you	Rae Ellen Rourke	1551 Glen Hollow Ln s	Dunedin	34698		tessrae@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 17:15:00
MANDATORY MASKS-NO!	While I can agree to social distancing for a while longer, I do not agree with mandatory mask EVER! Many of the policies are fear vs science based. The reason there are more cases in FL is that more people are being tested. And the % of those people actually dying are not reported. I personally had a relative who is 91 years old in a nursing home die. She started falling apart after 3 months of not leaving her room...no social interaction with her family. IT WAS HORRIBLE. She stopped eating & didn't answer her phone. We only phoned the nurse to see what was happening. She then tested positive to Covid & died 1 Wk later. SHE DIED LONELY & BROKEN HEARTED! Yeah I'm certain, they listed the cause of death Covid in order to get more \$. Criminal. Young children today are being raised in a fear-based atmosphere even though they are not at risk. What kind of future problems are we creating with these children ? Sun light kills the virus! My family & friends take responsibility for our health on a daily basis. Obesity is the #1 risk factor and yet no one talks about this. For those people who are at risk either through poor health or age, they certainly should take precautions but for those of us who are healthy and especially young adults and children, no mandatory mask. If I were sick, I would stay home, just as I've done in the past. FEAR is not a solution!!! And there needs to be a HERD IMMUNITY created!	Georgette Brasdt	100 Pierce St # 906	Clearwater, PINELLAS	33756		gbraadt@aol.com	2020-06-22 17:13:00
Maks	Please vote to make it mandatory to wear masks in Pinellas county. Think about the citizens not the economy. Thank you	Janice Corcoran	1713 S Betty lane	Clearwater	33756	7276128964	janicecorcoran@msn.com	2020-06-22 17:07:59
Mandatory masks	Please do not mandate that people have to wear masks in public. There is no way to make kids wear masks and it is unhealthy for them to wear them. I am also pregnant and don't feel like this is a healthy way to live life when your breathing in your own carbon dioxide especially while carrying a baby. There should be other solutions. Also this illness is just going to keep reoccurring if we don't build the needed antibodies and hard immunity towards it. It will be a never ending cycle.	Liz Fiori		Clearwater	33765		young.ej@gmail.com	2020-06-22 17:05:50
Require Face Masks Countywide	Good Afternoon, As the percentage of positive tests for COVID-19 increase drastically, it is clear that current recommendations for people to wear face masks in public are not being heeded to the degree necessary to stem further spread of this potentially deadly virus. It has been shown that consistent, appropriate use of face masks can result in an almost 85% reduction in the transmission of COVID-19 via aerosol droplets. Paired with physical distancing and good sanitizing practices, transmission can be further reduced. The percentage of positive tests in Pinellas County have been consistently over 5% since June 15th. These increasing rates do not meet the DOH's recommendations for proceeding to the next stage of reopening businesses , even though many public spaces have now opened as the state has relaxed restrictions. Assuming that these testing rates do not fully reflect the actual number of people infected with COVID-19, Pinellas County, like many other places in Florida, is on track for a continued, accelerated spread of this disease. This will in turn result in a serious strain on our local healthcare services. Many of these newly reported cases are in people in the 25-45 age demographic; people who serve vital jobs in the restaurants, retail stores, healthcare, and other service industries that keep Pinellas thriving. It is the responsibility of county leaders to help mitigate as much as possible the risk these valuable employees face as they provide important services. Requiring the use of face masks in all public spaces in Pinellas County can aid in reducing the spread of COVID-19. This will aid in keeping our workers and our most vulnerable healthy and preventing our hospitals and healthcare centers from becoming dangerously overwhelmed. While decisions to mandate face masks are being made by local mayors, my family and the over 200,000 other residents living in unincorporated Pinellas look to our County Commission to make practical decisions that will positively impact the health of our communities. Certainly, this decision is not without controversy, as the usage of face masks has been needlessly politicized. However, there is no better time than now to look above politics and act as good stewards of our public health. Without a doubt, the decision to require the use of face masks in public places now will set Pinellas on course for a faster recovery, strengthened economy, and thriving community in the near future.	Teal Heeren	10052 82ND LANE N	Pinellas	33777	3213687112	teal.heeren@gmail.com	2020-06-22 17:04:37

NO on Mandatory Masks	<p>The masks hurt us! There is so much scientifically based evidence that the masks are harmful! https://www.citizensforreespeech.org/blaylock_face_masks_pose_serious_risks_to_the_healthy</p> <p>FROM AN OSHA OFFICER:</p> <p>I had to share this, because I have been against the mask from day 1(please read in full), and not because I don't care about others health, but simply because I have done extensive research outside MAINSTREAM media who clearly has an agenda! Below is a post I copied. I am not sharing this to try and convince anyone, but rather to give people more info from qualified individuals that probably won't make mainstream media.</p> <p>So Masks? I am OSHA 10&30 certified. I know some of you are too. I don't really know WHY OSHA hasn't come forward and stopped the nonsense BUT...</p> <p>I wanna cover 3 things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N95 masks and P95 masks with exhale ports • surgical masks • filter or cloth masks <p>Okay so upon further inspection OSHA says some masks are okay and not okay in certain situations.</p> <p>If you're working with fumes and aerosol chemicals and you give your employees the wrong masks and they get sick you can be sued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N95 masks and ported P95: are designed for CONTAMINATED environments. That means when you exhale through N95 the design is that you are exhaling into contamination. The exhale from P95 (ported) masks are vented to breath straight out without filtration. They don't filter the air on the way out. They don't need to. <p>Conclusion: if you're in Stewart's and the guy with Covid has P95 mask his covid breath is unfiltered being exhaled into Stewart's (because it was designed for already contaminated environments, it's not filtering your air on the way out)</p>	Valerie Andrus	811 Pine Street, Apt. A	Clearwater	33756	9164760449	valerie@lancor.me	2020-06-22 17:00:26
Masks	Please, please do not require masks it should be a choice.	Danielle Imburgia	2758 Country Woods Ln	Palm Harbor	34683	7279538169	Danielle@connectintel.com	2020-06-22 16:57:33
Mandatory Face Masks	<p>Hello Kathleen,</p> <p>I absolutely do not want to wear mandatory masks! I have not found the masks to be a contributing aid to the society. There is a big difference between someone wearing a mask because they are constantly sneezing or coughing, and a person who is wearing a mask because they are told to do so despite the fact that they are not coughing, sneezing, or otherwise. From what I understand, Covid-19 doesn't even spread through air, which makes the masks useless anyways. In addition to not having a good use, mandatory masks are unhygienic and uncomfortable.</p>	Cara Aguirre	1343 Young Ave	Clearwater	33756	7276013940	caraaguirre@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 16:53:42
Concerning wearing masks	<p>I sure hope that heads are cool on Tuesday and you decide rightly that no masks are needed, especially mandatory. I have a chart that shows details of what your own carbon dioxide does to your body, and can even end in death.</p> <p>Don't say --- spikes, as most is all about positive results which is false, or the other flu is wrongly called this virus. We know how much the hospitals get paid extra if they say they have another case. This can be checked and you will see why over 80% is lies, as someone makes money off this false positive. Dr.s have even been threatened to say a death, whether it be heart, cancer, etc. to put the virus for government money. The people in this county as with others are aware of all of this scam.</p> <p>People can take Hydroxychloroquine and with 24 hours are absolutely fine. Some show positive and never have any symptoms.</p> <p>But have you checked about the lawsuit that has been filed against Orange county, I think Hillsborough will be added? Do you want a costly lawsuit also? I hope not. I think this could end up a class action lawsuit.</p> <p>Since one of the co-filers; my daughter and I knew well from U.F., we will surely get the info to him if the worse happens. Also another attorney in Pinellas is ready to go into it, as he is a friend of one of the co-filers from U.F.. I can give you the filers names if you care to have them.</p> <p>This insanity is taking away rights of stores and persons of our first amendment rights and it will not be tolerated. So I hope good sense wins in this, as if you feel pushed into this, better think again.</p> <p>Florida is open, America is open...and not closing down. I would think this is being done to destroy the stores economically, , as it can't be for any other reason. I am just horrified at the thought of this and what can be done to the stores that we will not be going in I can drive out of this county easily.</p> <p>Its been 4 months since this all started and I have not worn a mask once, and I have not contacted anyone with the virus.</p> <p>Believe me, I go into stores all over. There is only one reason, its done, as the companies do not want to be sued by the crazies and the managers all tell me.I talk with store managers, store owners, and employees and they are ALL upset. I am glad for the stores where none wear the masks, so I go to them more.</p>	Adelle Blackman	324 Wood Chuch Ave	Tarpon Springs	34689	727-938-5766	xeriscapelady@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 16:49:26

Face Masks	Please vote to make face masks mandatory in public places. We need to slow the spread and save lives. Thank you	E. Jean Kelly	3820 , Gulf Blvd	St Pete Beach	33706		jean.kelly@mindspring.com	2020-06-22 16:44:34
no masks for Pinellas	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 am writing in regards to possible mandates on masks. There is nothing wrong with recommending, but mandating is an unnecessary show of force by the Pinellas County government. The medical field is highly conflicted about the efficacy and safety of wearing masks. Dr. Shane Neilson, a physician recognized by our federal government as an expert in his field published a peer review article through the CDC's medical source, the US National Institute of Health, stating that mandating masks is a poor fit for risk reduction. In this article he agrees with physicians around the globe that masks do not reduce risk of infection and can even create greater risk by encouraging irresponsible behavior through a false sense of security and endanger the health of those with preexisting conditions. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4868614/ Dr. Neilson's opinion is not rare among informed physicians and is supported by medical science. Additionally, mandating masks is a violation of the Americans with Disability Act for those with preexisting health conditions. A mandate for masks will cause confusion and could even lead to medical discrimination or increased health risk for those who feel they must comply even though it is contrary to their health. A county-wide mandate could even open up the county to lawsuits for negligent contribution to these mask related health injuries. It is not wise for the county to mandate masks. Please vote NO to mandating masks. Thank you.	Jennifer Barr		belleair beach	33786		jencbarr@gmail.com	2020-06-22 16:36:40
Masks	Hello, I'm sure you have had to read some very heated comments regarding the vote tomorrow to expand the requirements to wear masks. Without getting political or scientific, I will just tell you that I don't mind wearing a mask when I am food shopping - other people in the store have no choice - they must frequent the same stores to get their essentials, I am perfectly willing to be somewhat inconvenienced in order to help others. However, I feel that it should be up to the stores to create their policy, knowing that if they do not have a mask wearing policy for their customers, their at-risk customers might chose not to shop there. I also personally prefer not to wear a mask when outside exercising, at the gym exercising (where it actually impacts me negatively to be wearing one), while getting personal services such as physical therapy, massage, hair styling etc. Thank you for reading! Mimi Pollack 1862 McCauley Rd Clearwater 33765	Mireille Pollack	1862 McCauley Rd	Clearwater, unincorpo	33765	7276928549	mimi@pollackhome.com	2020-06-22 16:36:30
NO ON MANDATORY MASKS	Please vote no on mandatory masks in Pinellas County as this is not only unconstitutional but it is not healthy.	Kurt Paine	1704 N. Osceola Ave.	Clearwater	33755	7274615595	kurtglock@gmail.com	2020-06-22 16:28:19
Mandatory Mask Vote	PLEASE vote yes for mandatory masks in Pinellas County. You can not ignore the Scientists and Doctors any longer!!!! We need someone in this state to listen to them!!!! Please help the cancer survivors and other residents with health issues stop being afraid to walk out their door. The mask shaming has got to stop!	Lynda Mulligan		St Petersburg	33707		lyndamulligan2004@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 16:25:52
Mandatory Mask Order	As we continue navigating the global pandemic, COVID19, I believe that Pinellas County should institute a mandatory mask order for all areas where social distancing is not achievable.	Johnny Boykins	11426 60th Lane North	Pinellas Park	33782	7274607949	jvboykins@gmail.com	2020-06-22 16:25:30
Mask wearing in Public	I think it's to require masks in Public. More are wearing them everyone should be required. If we ALL do this we can get on the outside of this faster.	Sharon Kale	4937 Turtle Creek Trail	Oldsmar	34677	727-433-0453	sskale5@aol.com	2020-06-22 16:24:39
Please say no to mandatory masks	I have lived in Clearwater almost all of my life and I am a business owner here. Given that we do not have concrete science proving the value or benefit of masks, and there is general concern for the risks involved in wearing masks, I ask that you please vote no on mandatory masks in our beautiful city.	Kelly Morfopoulos	9 s Aurora ave	Clearwater	33765	7276671235	kellynelson1@gmail.com	2020-06-22 16:23:27
No on mandatory mask	It's actually not helping to have the mask to stop the virus . To block the Oxigen also not helping what is the key to heath	Veronika Juhasz	1932 Whitney Way	Clearwater	33760	727-831-0853	freetheta7@gmail.com	2020-06-22 16:22:09
Mask Mandate	I am writing to urge you to NOT make masks mandatory in our county. While I feel we should be following the guidelines of our own accord, I do not agree with the government mandating or enforcing it. It suppresses basic civil and constitutional rights. The cloth masks and the standard blue masks people are wearing have been shown by the CDC to not do anything to block germs and wearing masks have negative effects on health from breathing carbon dioxide, less fresh air and oxygen . This ordinance would make it hard on people with medical/mental issues who have trouble wearing masks to comfortably get essential supplies without risk of getting a fine or having more anxiety. I urge you and the rest of our leaders to please stress the importance of wearing masks, practice social distancing and good hygiene, but do NOT mandate this for your citizens.	Kelly Brummer	1486 Eastfield Dr.	Pinellas	33764		kellymbrummer@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 16:19:50

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No to mandatory face mask	<p>I really have a hard time to breathe through these mask not to mentioned OSHA has come out with a statement that show negative effects when wearing masks. Please consider this and make it a recommendations It not mandatory.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	Stefano Delfrancia	2135 N keene Rd	Clearwater	33763-2215		stefdelfrancia@gmail.com	2020-06-22 16:16:46
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County Wide Mask Mandate	<p>This message is support of a county wide mask mandate. Cloth masks are one of the ways to stop COVID Spread. These Masks protect other people from you but don't protect you from other people. Thus they only work if we all wear masks at once. The county mask mandate ensures that people who only have cloth masks available to them can count on other people to wear masks. A mandate provides a clear signal for the severity of the problem and that the duty of citizens is to help out and wear a mask</p>	Matthew DiFiore	12900 Vonn Rd F201	Largo	33774		mdifiore3@gmail.com	2020-06-22 16:16:08

Mandatory Mask	I am writing to urge you to NOT make masks mandatory in our county. While I feel we should be following the guidelines of our own accord, I do not agree with the government mandating or enforcing it. It suppresses basic civil and constitutional rights. The cloth masks and the standard blue masks people are wearing have been shown by the CDC to not do anything to block germs and wearing masks have negative effects on health from breathing carbon dioxide, less fresh air and oxygen. This ordinance would make it hard on people with medical/mental issues who have trouble wearing masks to comfortably get essential supplies without risk of getting a fine or having more anxiety. I urge you and the rest of our leaders to please stress the importance of wearing masks, practice social distancing and good hygiene, but do NOT mandate this for your citizens.	Kelly Brummer	1486 Eastfield Dr.	Clearwater	33764		kellymbrummer@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 16:15:34
No mandatory mask	I need to show my face to people I can understand when they talk to me I need to see those lips and gesture	Arturo Cortes	971 park st	Pinellas	33755		arturocortes@mac.com	2020-06-22 16:14:37
Masks	Please requires masks in public. We need to stop fighting over the issue and decide on a clear course of action that will help us keep the virus from spreading. People who think this is a "freedom" issue need to be reminded that they do NOT have the freedom to yell "fire" in a crowded theater--or take any other action that clearly puts others' lives at risk.	Rebecca M Hendricks	1177 Starboard Way	Clearwater	33755	7277489878	bekbek.hendricks@gmail.com	2020-06-22 16:13:26
Mandatory Masks	Please do NOT make masks mandatory. They have been shown to create hypoxia (oxygen starvation) and increased acidity of the body. Both contribute to the risk of catching a virus. And yet, masks are stated by officials not to be effective against preventing infection in the user.	Kurt Enget	500 N Osceola Ave 407	Clearwater	33755	7275651340	kurtenget@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 16:12:56
Mandatory Masks	Please do NOT make masks mandatory. They have been shown to create hypoxia (oxygen starvation) and increased acidity of the body. Both contribute to the risk of catching a virus. And yet, masks are stated by officials not to be effective against preventing infection in the user.	Kurt Enget	500 N Osceola Ave 407	Clearwater	33755	7275651340	kurtenget@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 16:12:30
Mandatory Mask Pinellas	The use of masks should not be mandatory as violates constitutional rights, also the cloth masks and the standard blue masks people are wearing has been shown by the CDC to not do anything to block germs and in fact wearing masks has negative effects on health from breathing one zone carbon dioxide, less fresh air and oxygen. Thank you!	Adriana Cifuentes	2162 Timber Ln	Clearwater	33763	7276086122	adrycifu@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 16:11:08
No Mandatory Mask in PINELLAS County	The use of masks should not be mandatory as violates constitutional rights, also the cloth masks and the standard blue masks people are wearing has been shown by the CDC to not do anything to block germs and in fact wearing masks has negative effects on health from breathing one zone carbon dioxide, less fresh air and oxygen. Thank you!	Adriana Cifuentes	2162 Timber Ln	Clearwater	33763	7276086122	adrycifu@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 16:09:16
Peaceful protesters fined and jailed	I am angry beyond appropriate words that the Pinellas sheriff put peaceful protesters in jail overnight while advocating for a judge to level a bond against them. In addition many cases of Covid-19 were just being revealed among inmates in the jail where protesters were irresponsibly and cruelly exposed. This action by our our supposed public servant, put Pinellas citizens at additional and unnecessary risk of exposure to Covid 19. He should be reprimanded severely.	Ginny Nelson	178 11th Street SW	Largo	33770	9704816615	ginny.nelson72@gmail.com	2020-06-22 16:07:10
Face masks	I wanted to express my concerns over the use of face masks. Face masks are intended to offer and reduce transmission over time. By enforcing the use of face masks, the county is likely to recover much quickly from the grasp of the pandemic. Remember that it takes one carrier to spread this disease. In my experience, I've visited stores that have required masks. Ive felt safest in those establishments. Why not apply this rule to allow for those who are vulnerable to have this same level of comfort. Thank you.	Peter Ankoh	1131 31st St N	Saint Petersburg	33713	3528742628	peterankoh@gmail.com	2020-06-22 16:05:58
Re: masks	One of my friends in Facebook is pounding the fb pavement Trying to get people to write you not saying no on mandatory masking. Please don't. So many of us are just trying to be good citizens. Trying to o what it takes to keep others safe. Masks protect OTHERS from YOU. My daughter may have just caught Corona from a woman she has to interact with for work who refused to wear a mask and just tested positive. Please don't let the selfish Stubborn folks cause any more deaths than we cannot avoid.	Dénise Stark		Clearwater	33755		rorimandi@gmail.com	2020-06-22 16:04:05
Mandatory masks	I respectfully urge the Committee to vote NO on wearing mandatory masks. There is too much evidence showing that breathing ones own CO2 is unhealthful. Plus ther is no proof that it prevents the spread of disease. Use should be voluntary thank you.	David pomeranz	1989 Freedom Drive	Cclearwater	33755	323 620 0910	upwardspiral@earthlink.net	2020-06-22 16:02:19
No on mandatory masks	Hello, I would like to voice that I am not in support of mandatory face masks. It has been proven that face masks do not prevent the spread of viruses. It has also come out that it is not healthy to wear masks long term. Reducing oxygen as well as breathing in toxins the body is trying to expell will only serve to decrease the health of an otherwise healthy person. For these reasons I am against mandatory masks and ask that we not be required to wear them. Thank you	Oriana		Dunedin			oriojade@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 15:56:44
No, on mandatory mask	Dear representatives, Please be notified of our opinion. No on mandatory masks for Pinellas. Thank you	Ulrike Gent	1613 Sunset dr	Clearwater	33755	7272042966	ulrikegent@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 15:55:01

No, on mandatory mask	Dear representatives, Please be notified of our opinion. No on mandatory masks for Pinellas. Thank you	Ulrike Gent	1613 Sunset dr	Clearwater	33755	7272042966	ulrikegent@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 15:54:44
Masks - Pinellas County	Thank you to the Pinellas County Commissioners for listening to the residents of Pinellas County with regard to wearing masks. While it is unpopular to require masks - the public have been given a chance to open responsibly and to think of others while out in public. It is clear that the majority of the county has not reacted responsibly. It is very important for the residents of Pinellas County that we ACT NOW and require masks to be worn at all times when out in the public. Overwhelming our medical community is not the answer - masks and social distancing are the answer. This is dangerous virus - I do not want my friends and family to become a statistic of Covid-19. Thank you for your attention to this very important moment in the history of our County.	Chandra Tracy		St. Petersburg	33710	727-642-9000	chandratracy01@gmail.com	2020-06-22 15:54:22
Mask Ordinance	Please vote yes for an ordinance requiring masks while in public establishments. (Other than eating/ drinking in which case you must be social distanced). Servers must be masked.	Eric Adler	2784 Heatherwood Court	Clearwater	33761	7277968657	eadler@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 15:52:39
NO no no on mandatory Mask vote	I am asking you to please not vote for mandatory masks. I have not or ever have worn one and feel that this requirement is a violation of my constitutional human rights. It does not block germs according to the CDC and has a negative effect on breathing and getting enough oxygen. I have a close friend in Dunedin who just finally opened her shop back up and now this will effectively cause her to close the store completely as she does not agree that she should have to wear a mask 7 days a week. This will be bad for Dunedin's economy in general as I know many people who will no longer visit there if they have to wear a mask!	Pam Savelo	586 Walden Ct	Dunedin	34698		pam@axiom10.com	2020-06-22 15:51:00
No mandatory masks	I urge you to not vote for a mandatory masks. I wear as mask if I go to a store. But making this mandatory would be violating my constitutional rights and I would sue against it. I recommend that you strongly advise the use of masks but stay within your legal rights.			Clearwater			eylnet@aol.com	2020-06-22 15:45:18
Please Mandatory Masks	Covid-19 is spreading in our county like a wildfire. Please require masks for people when they are in public. It is the only known way to stop spreading short of a harsh lockdown, which we do not want, so please require people to wear a mask while they are in public!	Jason Buchheim	1107 Carlton Rd	Tarpon Springs	34689	727	jasonbuchheim@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 15:32:49
No to mandatory masks!!	There is no scientific proof that masks prevent the spread of Covid and the build up of CO 2 is harmful to the body.	Sophia Hepburn	1100 Cleveland St	Clearwater	33755	7274120758	hepburn.sophia@gmail.com	2020-06-22 15:25:31
NO ON MANDATORY MASKS	Violates constitutional rights! And the cloth masks and standard blue masks have been shown by the CDC to not do anything to block germs. It's less fresh air and oxygen etc.			Clearwater			hana-li@hana-li.com	2020-06-22 15:25:13
Masks need to be mandatory	With the numbers spiking, measuring the numbers of citizens with CV-19, it is time to ask everyone to wear mask. Lancet (British medical journal and peer reviewed) - if two people are standing next each other, and one has CV-19... no masks 33.7% chance of transmission, if both wear a mask, 3%. Please, please give our medical staff and citizens at risk a break.	Rebecca Stein	2240 Watrous Dr	DUNEDIN	34698	6105066924	bblythestein@gmail.com	2020-06-22 15:23:52
MAKE MASKS MANDATORY	There are more than 4,000 cases of Covid 19 in Pinellas county and are test positivity rates are in double digits. If you have been outside your home even once you know that "voluntary " mask compliance in this county is extremely low. There is no debate about the effectiveness of masks in reducing transmission. You must move to make masks mandatory. We will continue to abstain from supporting Pinellas county businesses until we can safely do so. If we cannot go into a store where all others are wearing masks, we simply will NOT go. Public health affects everyone. Masks are not a political statement. They are a public health tool. Make masks madatory.	Kristi Lowery	1107 Carlton Rd	Tarpon Springs	34689	9123372488	kristillowery@gmail.com	2020-06-22 15:22:38
No Mandatory Masks	No Mandatory Masks Please	Kaleen O'Connor	1814 Sunset Point Rd	Clearwater	33765	703-508-7158	mangotree95@gmail.com	2020-06-22 15:22:10
Potential mandatory face mask usage	I am asking you to please keep in mind those that have a cognitive disability if and when you bring up the issue of making face masks mandatory. It is challenging enough for those with this type of disability to understand and grasp, not to mention some with this type of disability get anxiety and agitated there by increasing the challenge. I am an adult only child who is the caregiver to my mother with a cognitive disability. She had been hospitalized in December and sent to rehab in January and has made tremendous strides to get back to her pre hospital baseline. As a matter of fact, she is better than her pre hospital baseline. In my opinion as a nurse if you require a face mask and she can not comply she will decline quickly due to extreme limited interaction. Thank you for taking the time to address her needs			Clearwater			vbturtle08@gmail.com	2020-06-22 15:17:56
COVID-19 and Masks	I have stayed at home since February 9th because I am elderly and more vulnerable for catching COVID and my immune system is not the best. More and more people are not wearing masks and the age of people catching the virus is younger, who are not wearing masks. Please make it a requirement that they wear a mask. They are also not social distancing. This problem is getting worse and worse. Pinellas County needs to do something.			Largo	33771		Shepweiler1015@aol.com	2020-06-22 15:12:25
Pinellas County mandatory face mask issuance	please issue a mandatory face mask for all people inside and outside of all businesses. Thank you	Nancy Abouhanna	1468 Millstream Ln # 206	Dunedin	34698		Nabouhan@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-22 15:12:06
Face masks	Let's make wearing them outside - mandatory. Otherwise, the virus will get worse, not better	David Wladaver	2105 Pelican Court	Tarpon Springs	34689	7276923344	dwwladaver@aol.com	2020-06-22 15:10:40
Masks	Masks should not be mandatory as they have been found to be inconsistent with preventing the transferral of disease due to the make up/specifications of masks. We cannot control invisible biological particles. They also restrict oxygen intake/blood oxygenation and accumulate toxins exhaled by the body to then ingest again and creates additional immunal stress. Further - they are a restimulating reminder of disease - which can further trigger illness.	Steven Goodman	2621 Cove Cay Dr Unit 804	Clearwater	33760	314-565-4644	sg63146@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 15:04:32
Mandatory Masks?	I would like to register my "vote" — DO NOT require mandatory masks.	Stan Dubin	1931 Cobblestone Way	Clearwater	33760	727-442-0422	standubin@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 14:59:13

Wearing masks in public	Dear Madam, I feel enforcing masks wearing is unconstitutional. If people want to wear masks they should. I also wear a mask when I am in a close public area, however enforcing this is against our rights. We are not China! Thank you	Kathy Freihoff	416 N Lincoln ave	Clearwater	33755	7274606624	kfreihoff@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 14:58:49
Wearing masks in public	Dear Sir, I feel enforcing masks wearing is unconstitutional. If people want to wear masks they should. I also wear a mask when I am in a close public area, however enforcing this is against our rights. We are not China! Thank you	Kathy Freihoff	416 N Lincoln ave	Clearwater	33755	7274606624	kfreihoff@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 14:57:55
Opposed to mandatory wearing of masks	Hello, I am a Pinellas County resident and I am opposed to being required to wear a mask. I am not against the wearing of masks, but am against the requirement that I wear a mask.	Randall Landreneau	507 1/2 North Fort Harrison Ave.	Clearwater	33755	7277443748	rlinventor@gmail.com	2020-06-22 14:52:28
Mandatory masks	Wearing masks inhibits immune function and causes lack of oxygen in yhe body. The consequence is that hethy poeple become less healthy. Lets not apply this to healthy persons but only to sick and at risk people.			Clearwater			sepple@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-22 14:48:20
Corona virus CDC recommendations	Dear Commissioners Please strongly recommend use of face coverings indoors and in crowded public areas. It seems many people are choosing not to utilize the only tool we have available to help keep the spread of this disease to a minimum. We All have read many comments about how mask requirements infringe on individual rights, but quickly forget that these choices inadvertently effect the rights of others to move about in public in a less threatening environment.	Philip Schimkat	1100 Mary Jane Ln	Dunedin	34698		schimkart24@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 14:42:57
Face Masks	I just wanted to voice my opinion on the impending vote on mandatory facemasks. I do not support that initiative. It has already been proven that the masks do not do anything and I just think all it does is create more fear with the public.	Dauri Kowitz	628 Cleveland St., #1302	Clearwater	33755	7278718779	daurik@gmail.com	2020-06-22 14:42:20
Mandatory Mask Vote	With the recent rise in Covid19 cases in Pinellas County and County Commissioners looking at all options to control the spread, one option suggested was mandatory masks. As individual Commissioners, how do you plan to vote. Yes or No and why. Thank You in advance for your response.	Michele Petsche		Clearwater	33755		mpets20@outlook.com	2020-06-22 14:37:51
NO ON MANDATORY MASKS!!	I don't want mandatory mask-wearing to be done. It violates my Constitutional Rights and causes worse conditions, especially with someone like me who has periodic breathing problems. I CANNOT breathe with one of them on and is not a valid solution. I also want to see our Churches opening up. Them not being able to gather violates our 1st Amendment. Huge groups of protesters have been given "permission" to gather yet our Churches are not. Please apply the Constitutional rights for us all urgently. Thank you.	Desiree Lotz	PO Box 464	Clearwater	33757	7276428087	DesiLotz@gmail.com	2020-06-22 14:36:19
NO on mandatory masks please!	Hi, i believe forcing others to wear some material is absolutely a violation of our constitutional rights, and in addition, the masks are VERY uncomfortable to wear for more than 2 minutes (strain on breathing). This could put strain on those with existing breathing and heart conditions.	Wesley Boucher	2390 Roberta Ln	Clearwater	33764	6173479172	wesleyasheboucher@gmail.com	2020-06-22 14:35:23
NO mandatory masks	Wearing a mask for a long period greatly reduces the oxygen levels in the body, while increasing the carbon dioxide levels in the body, further exacerbated by hot Florida summer temperatures	Nancy Rispoli		Clearwater			missnancysings@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 14:22:28
NO mandatory masks	It has been shown that wearing masks for a prolonged period of time profoundly reduces oxygen levels in the body and greatly increases carbon dioxide levels, all of this further exacerbated by the extreme Florida temperatures.	Nancy Rispoli		Clearwater			missnancysings@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 14:14:46
Mask mandate	I am simply making an effort to contact our commissioners to state my strong opposition to any mask mandate. I have seen enough nanny state government from you guys the past few months to last a lifetime. No more. I've lived here for more than 2 decades and this is my first time complaining to county gov. enough! and yes I am an active voter watching Eggers and Long with interest	john maddrell	3004 bonaventure cir #k202	palm harbor	34684	7274704294	jmaddrell@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 14:13:21
Mandatory Mask Wearing	PLEASE make Mask Wearing mandatory in the county. We are seeing more and more restaurants having to re-close due to employees testing positive as well as less people wearing masks. It is my conviction that mask wearing is our best and maybe only hope in containing Covid 19. Thank you.	Marge Culkin	6826 Stones Throw Cir n	Saint Petersburg	33710		margecu@aol.com	2020-06-22 14:09:57
Face masks	You guys can not make face masks mandatory. Against peoples rights plus many of your people such as myself will not be wearing the mask as it is against the law to cover your face if you have a conceal carry. This whole situation has been played out for to long and pushed by the media. Do not feed in to this monster face masks should remain optional.	Quentin	lotus path	clearwater	33756	727 239 8080	Be_free7777@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 14:02:58

Mandatory masks	To the Pinellas County Commissioners As a US Citizen and Resident of Pinellas County, I respectfully ask that all Pinellas County officials cease all contemplated actions which would interfere with and violate the Rights and Lives of any person in Pinellas County. I ask that you DO NOT adopt or cause to be implemented mandatory Face Mask requirements, either personally, as employee or business. Sincerely, Shawn Float	Shawn Float	1322 Young Acw	Clearwater, pinellas cd	33756	7276888845	shawnajames26@gmail.com	2020-06-22 14:02:22
Mandatory Wearing of Face Masks in Public Places	Dear County Commissioner, I am opposed to any & all county regulations that seek to enforce mandatory wearing of face masks for all people. This violates individual freedom of choice & relegates those who cannot wear a face mask to "house arrest". There should not be any county penalties for choosing to go outside in public with no face mask. The focus of county health department officials should be on giving good advice about how to improve individual IMMUNITY. Good Social Distancing should be continued in any case as it does provide effective protection for all people from the threat of viral & bacterial infection.	ELLEN HOLMES	1715 SHERWOOD ST	CLEARWATER	33755	7274200054	eghreal01@gmail.com	2020-06-22 14:01:17
PLEASE Do not vote for mandatory masks. Give us a choice.	Kathleen Peters & Pat Gerard, Please hear me out when I say that wearing a mask is against my constitutional right. These cloth masks as well as the blue mad produced masks people are wearing are have been shown to not even protect people against covid19. We are actually shown to have more issues from the lack of oxygen we are receiving by wearing these masks. We need fresh air and oxygen. Let it be a choice to wear a mask, as America is suppose to follow this land of the free motto... we should have a choice. Please don't vote for mandatory masks.	Emmalee Lavoie	P.O. Box 846	St Pete	33731	7273429096	lemmalee@gmail.com	2020-06-22 13:53:57
Yes to Masks!	Please vote to require masks at this time! Cheryl McDonald, APRN Board Certified Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Board Certified Adult Primary Care Nurse Practitioner	CHERYL L MCDONALD	1317 Lindenwood Dr	Tarpon Springs	34688	7275143527	cm4chakra@gmail.com	2020-06-22 13:50:43
NO ON MANDATORY MASKS!!	I don't want mandatory masks, because it's not healthy to breathe in one's own carbon dioxide. We all have innate immunity. It functions on oxygen & fresh air - not carbon dioxide. Doctors & nurses that work in hospitals surrounded by diseases all day long don't wear masks all day long and are not, as a result, chronically ill all the time. Therefore, the rest of us don't need to wear masks, either.	Jeffrey Milano		Palm Harbor			jeff.milano@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 13:41:49
No mandatory masks	DON'T MANDATE THE MASKS! I am elderly, and have trouble breathing in the mask and lack of oxygen causes hypoxia. This is ridiculous, and don't do it just because other districts are mandating. Think for yourself. This harms us all.	Scott Wisemer	596 Whippoorwill Lane	Largo	33770	6787937790	swthetan@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 13:41:43
No mandatory masks	Please don't mandate masks. I am elderly, as are many Pinellas residents. I can't breathe in the mask and lack of oxygen causes hypoxia. I have been in the legal field for over 34 years. I know that you are opening yourself up to a lawsuit when people can't breathe and this causes hypoxia (which can lead to death). A simple fingertip oxygen meter shows that wearing a mask significantly decreases oxygen levels. Don't do this, for the sake of your citizens and for the sake of bankrupting the county because of lawsuits. Thanks.	Sherri Wisemer	596 Whippoorwill Lane	Largo	33770	6787937790	swthetan@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 13:39:58
NO ON MANDATORY MASKS!!	I don't want mandatory masks, because it's not healthy to breathe in one's own carbon dioxide. We all have innate immunity. It functions on oxygen & fresh air - not carbon dioxide. Doctors & nurses that work in hospitals surrounded by diseases all day long don't wear masks all day long and are not, as a result, chronically ill all the time. Therefore, the rest of us don't need to wear masks, either.	Jeffrey Milano		Palm Harbor			jeff.milano@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 13:38:39
Report restaurants and other businesses when employees sick with virus	The county must report all businesses that have employees sick with the virus. This should be public information. Think sunshine			Dunedin			schuldt.dianne@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 13:36:12
Masks	Everyone should be required to wear a mask when in public. No one is exempt. If a business can not enforce this, then the business must be shut down. Right now, few are wearing masks, no one is distancing.	Dianne Schuldt	2220 Watrous	Dunedin			schuldt.dianne@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 13:32:16
Wearing masks...	Please make the wearing of masks mandatory in all public situations, as much as possible. Several states and even countries have not only flattened their curves but also seem to have nearly beaten COVID-19, yet Florida and the Tampa Bay Area are spiking through the roof. We have to stop the spread of this virus for reasons of health, social, and economical. Thank you.	James Shumilak		St. Petersburg	33704		jshumilak@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 13:29:04

Wearing Masks	<p>Please do not make masks in Pinellas or Clearwater mandatory. Besides being violation of the United States Constitution (no law shall be passed that infringes upon ones life, liberty and pursuit of happiness) - it literally is depressing and upsetting to see children wear these. The well should not be quarantined.</p> <p>I will go out of my way to spend my dollars outside of the Tampa Bay areas that require masks. I already refuse to go to Costco anymore.</p> <p>This CANNOT be the new normal. It is insanity what is being pushed on the American people. Let us resume normalcy. Corona virus is NEVER going away, same as the flu or chickenpox.</p> <p>I refuse to let my son grow up in "brave new world."</p> <p>It is also unfair to anyone who wears glasses - it fogs up continually. I also get heat exhaustion.</p> <p>And now registered sex offenders can come around our children and we would never be able to describe them. Criminal activity will increase because they are now legally able to "hide."</p> <p>Please stand against this!</p>	Christa Mella	1337 Hamlin Dr	Clearwater	33764	3233798896	christa.echo@gmail.com	2020-06-22 13:23:41
Please Support Mandatory masks	I work with the public and support the mandatory wearing of masks. Thank you.	Catherine Bergmann	1530 San Helen Drive	Dunedin	34698	7277353994	catherinebergmann@mac.com	2020-06-22 13:19:53
Masks	<p>I am for masks being worn by everyone. It's not fair to just make workers have to and not customers. So we have to protect them but they don't have to protect us? Everyone should be required because businesses are not following the capacity or distancing guidelines. All of this needs to be enforced. It's not fair to make the businesses do it all. We have suffered enough.</p> <p>Vote yes on masks for everyone</p>	Melissa LaViola	382 Carson lane	Palm Harbor	34684	7273656119	mdepaul76@aol.com	2020-06-22 13:19:08
NO - ON MANDATORY MASKS!	<p>Dear Pat & Kathleen, PLEASE vote no on mandatory masks in Pinellas County. The masks really are NOT stopping any viruses - come on we all should know that. Also we get less fresh air and are instead inhaling our own CO2. We thank you for your consideration.</p>	Celine M	POB 53	Dunedin	34697		saharamaz@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 13:18:31
NO ON MANDATORY MASKS	<p>Why No to mandatory masks:</p> <p>The cloth masks and the standard blue masks people are wearing has been shown by the CDC to not do anything to block germs, wearing masks has negative effects on health from breathing one zone carbon dioxide, less fresh air and oxygen etc.</p>	Carmen Maria Jacaj	3051 Branch dr	Clearwater	33760	7274874302	carmencloses@gmail.com	2020-06-22 13:18:20
Mandate for masks in public	<p>Pinellas county commissioners,</p> <p>I am writing to you to ask that you pass a mandate for the citizens of Pinellas County to be required to wear a mask when out in public places in Pinellas County. We all know that the CDC is recommending some face covering. To help slow the spread. Especially when social distancing is difficult. Please take care of your citizens!</p> <p>Thank you for your time, Kimberly</p>	Kimberly		Pinellas Park	33781		kadteach19@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 13:17:38
Face masks in public	<p>Coronavirus cases are rising in a concerning way in our state. Face masks slow the spread of this deadly, highly contagious disease. Here in Clearwater Beach, it is alarming to see groups of people walking down the streets without masks as though the virus has ended. These people, many of them who may be tourists, will then spread this virus elsewhere; we residents/taxpayers don't feel safe leaving our homes as a result. This is a critical health issue, NOT a political one. This is our new normal for the time being. Please take the responsible step and vote to mandate that face masks be worn in public in Pinellas county in order to slow the spread of this pandemic before it is too late.</p>	Gwen Douse	10 Papaya Street	Clearwater Beach	33767	215-696-2133	gdouse@comcast.net	2020-06-22 13:17:08
Mandatory Masks	Please, NO mandatory masks. You can breath in your own carbon dioxide. Plus, they make it harder to breath. The last thing I want is to have to wear masks that I do NOT need.	Bob Nelson	11101 Irqouois Way	Largo	33774		lordnel9@gmail.com	2020-06-22 13:16:36

Wearing Masks	<p>Please do not make masks in Pinellas or Clearwater mandatory. Besides being violation of the United States Constitution (no law shall be passed that infringes upon ones life, liberty and pursuit of happiness) - it literally is depressing and upsetting to see children wear these. The well should not be quarantined.</p> <p>I will go out of my way to spend my dollars outside of the Tampa Bay areas that require masks. I already refuse to go to Costco anymore.</p> <p>This CANNOT be the new normal. It is insanity what is being pushed on the American people. Let us resume normalcy. Corona virus is NEVER going away, same as the flu or chickenpox.</p> <p>I refuse to let my son grow up in "brave new world."</p> <p>It is also unfair to anyone who wears glasses - it fogs up continually. I also get heat exhaustion.</p> <p>And now registered sex offenders can come around our children and we would never be able to describe them. Criminal activity will increase because they are now legally able to "hide."</p> <p>Please stand against this!</p>	Christa Mella	1337 Hamlin Dr	Clearwater	33764	3233798896	christa.echo@gmail.com	2020-06-22 13:06:09
Yes to Mandatory Masks	<p>This is the only way to avoid further economic downturn by outbreaks at public places. The only way for businesses to open safely is by mandating masks. Please protect our weak and vulnerable, and the many out there that are somehow dying without being in any sort of high risk group. Thank you for taking the time to read this.</p>			Pinellas	34683		binniegirl814@aol.com	2020-06-22 12:58:02
Mandatory Masks	<p>As an American and Voting Citizen of Pinellas County, I am highly concerned of the notion that government would even consider the idea of Mandatory Mask wearing. Besides being unhealthy as it is proven mask wearing restricts breathing and is unhealthy due to Toxic Co2 recirculation into the lungs It is also against my constitutional right and rights to civil liberty to impose a mandatory ordinance restricting my right to breath fresh air! If this action is imposed I will understand the council people and officials of Pinellas Cty are not acting in favor of the rights of the People! But instead are imposing a hostile law/ordinance the will endanger our rights to health and freedom! Make No Mistake, The Citizens of Pinellas Cty and this United States have been burdened enough by this lack luster, media fed Pandemic.</p> <p>... Numers of death toll due to actual Covid have been proven bogus. For the Vast Majority the illness is nothing more then a cold. Lets not forget, The WHO came out with new evidence stating, "Asymptomatic Spred of Covid is Rare!" For some reason, media hasn't relayed these findings to the public and government also seems to want to gloss over. Make No Mistake! ...There is no compromise to our constitutional rights! ... If ordinance is imposed it will be fought against! Elected officials will face the consequences for not properly representing the people and will be fired ... Voted Out! Do the Right thing that reflects our Democracy and not Communism!!!</p> <p>Thank You!</p>	Sandra Carhart	2481 NE Coachman Rd	Clearwater	33765		yato.foo@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:56:17
No on mandatory masks	<p>Wearing masks have had a negative effect on someone's health. Per the CDC it doesn't prevent much. If a business or shop want customers to wear them, they have their right, but no for just being outside my house. I wear when needed but it takes me a while to recover and watch up my breath.</p>	Priscila D'Rion	1872 DEL ROBLES TER	CLEARWATER	33764	08186186082	PRI113@GMAIL.COM	2020-06-22 12:54:11
NO on Mandatory Masks!	<p>This is about MY HEALTH and I should have the RIGHT to choose what is BEST for MY HEALTH and how to manage it MY WAY! That is MY RIGHT as a Citizen of the United States of America!</p> <p>This should NOT be dictated by any governing body!</p> <p>The masks do NOT work! There is no scientific evidence necessitating the wearing of a face mask for prevention of this virus, but yet, The medical science proves that there are dangers to wearing them. The masks are harmful and decrease oxygen levels and increase carbon dioxide levels, which cause harm to the person wearing it. We need fresh air, good clean oxygen to stay healthy and keep our immune system strong!</p> <p>I personally have been having to wear a mask at my work for 8 hours at a time, with the regular breaks every couple of hours, since all this craziness started. I have been getting neck aches, headaches and have started getting dizzy and feeling nausea, at times, since being required to wear the masks. I had none of this before.</p> <p>It is detrimental, on many levels, to people's health and well being to be required to wear face masks. Please take OFF and ELIMINATE the Requirement of Mandatory Masks anywhere, even on employees. Thank you!</p> <p>Valerie Andrus</p>	Valerie Andrus		Clearwater	33756	9164760449	valerie@lancor.me	2020-06-22 12:51:14
NO ON MANDATORY MASKS	<p>I do not agree on mandatory masks as they are against constitutional rights, as well as not good for ones health, and the masks easily available to the public have been proven by the CDC to be ineffective.</p>	Christina	1218 Jackson	Clearwater	33755		chrissyv777@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 12:49:16
No Mandatory Masks for Pinellas, please	<p>Multiple studies show that they are a detriment to physical and mental health and don't stop viruses from spreading. As a mother of 4, the health of myself, my children and those around us concerns me greatly. I feel the masks would do more harm than good.</p>	Carmel Gerholdt	411 Cleveland Street, 300	Clearwater	33755	7276488653	cgerholdt81@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:48:14

Re: discussions you are handling	<p>As a citizen in the US and Resident in Pinellas County, I respectfully ask that all Pinellas County officials refrain from actions which would interfere with and violate the Rights and Lives of any person in Pinellas County.</p> <p>So, I ask that you DO NOT adopt or cause to be put into place any more of the following:</p> <p>Face Mask requirements, Personal action or inaction requirements, and Business action or inaction requirements.</p> <p>Thank you, Ambrosia Coots</p>	ambrosia Coots	907 lotus path	clearwater	33756	7276874111	Brosiaab@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:48:12
NO ON MANDATORY MASKS	I do not agree with mandatory masks as it is against constitutional rights, not good for ones breathing and the ones easily available to the public have been proven to be ineffective.	Christina O'Neil	1218 Jackson Rd	Clearwater	33755		chrisyv777@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 12:46:56
NO ON MANDATORY MASKS!!	<p>This is an extreme violation of constitutional rights and is called PPE for a reason. Never in history has anyone been forced during a cold or flu VIRUS been forced to wear masks. A vast majority of people know this is a global smokescreen. It is not healthy for long periods of time and the New England journal medicine hasphas it is not a fight against germs at all and the department of Health has not put an order out officially on this. distancing is sufficient as masks only contain the droplets and that is proven and medically. If people are healthy and distancing then no problem. Thank you for your consideration and career doing your own research medically and according to the law.</p> <p>Also all survyrs must be rec</p>	Laura		Clearwater	33759	7275576336	laurapoirier524@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:46:06
No mandatory masks!	Please do have require mandatory masks it will be so difficult for me and my family to exercise, work and live.	Adi Halevy	5 N Osceola Ave #403	Clearwater	33755	7274552472	adi@teamblends.com	2020-06-22 12:43:38
NO ON MANDATORY MASKS!!	<p>Please DO NOT make masks mandatory!!!</p> <p>My reasons for urging you to say NO ON MANDATORY MASKS are those:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Making the wearing of masks mandatory violates my constitutional rights, 2) the cloth masks and the standard blue masks people are wearing has been shown by the CDC to not do anything to block germs, 3) wearing masks has negative effects on health from breathing one zone carbon dioxide, less fresh air and oxygen etc. <p>Again, I urge you to say no on mandatory masks.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	Rose Sims	2424 Sharkey Rd	Clearwater	33765	6267207762	rosesims26@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:43:23
Do not consent Mandatory masks	<p>Hello Pat,</p> <p>I respectfully request that you let your citizens choose to wear a mask or no... I'm not going to bore you with why.. you know why.</p> <p>It has to be the person's choice. When you start to mandate everything...its no longer the United States of America.</p> <p>So no on mandatory masks.</p> <p>OK?</p> <p>Best, Tulia Milano</p>	Tulia Milano	1626 Canopy Oaks Blvd	Dunedin	34698	7273127739	Tuliamilano@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:41:49
NO on Mandatory Masks	<p>This is about MY HEALTH and I should have the RIGHT to choose what is BEST for MY HEALTH and how to manage it MY WAY! That is MY RIGHT as a Citizen of the United States of America! This should NOT be dictated by any governing body!</p> <p>The masks do NOT work! There is no scientific evidence necessitating the wearing of a face mask for prevention of this virus, but yet, The medical science proves that there are dangers to wearing them. The masks are harmful and decrease oxygen levels and increase carbon dioxide levels, which cause harm to the person wearing it. We need fresh air, good clean oxygen to stay healthy and keep our immune system strong!</p> <p>I personally have been having to wear a mask at my work for 8 hours at a time, with the regular breaks every couple of hours, since all this craziness started. I have been getting neck aches, headaches and have started getting dizzy and feeling nausea, at times, since being required to wear the masks. I had none of this before.</p> <p>It is detrimental, on many levels, to people's health and well being to be required to wear face masks. Please take OFF and ELIMINATE the Requirement of Mandatory Masks anywhere, even on employees. Thank you!</p>	David LANCOR		Clearwater	33779		dave@lancor.me	2020-06-22 12:40:17

Do not consent Mandatory masks	Hello Kathleen, Do not approve mandatory mask in our county... you know it violates constitutional rights, the cloth masks and the standard blue masks people are wearing has been shown by the CDC to not do anything to block germs, wearing masks has negative effects on health from breathing one zone carbon dioxide, less fresh air and oxygen etc. So why force it on us? Respectfully, Tulia Milano Pinnellas County Resident	Tulia Milano	1626 Canopy Oaks Blvd	Palm Harbor	34683-6161	7273127739	Tuliamilano@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:39:25
No mandatory masks!	Please do not require mandatory masks. This should be advised but not mandatory.	Gary Patrick	22 N Pine	Belleair	33756		happygary@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 12:38:36
Wearing masks	Please make this mandatory for everyone's benefit.	linda medeiros	2368 mangrum dr	Dunedin	34698	7273864644	bchlad08@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:36:01
NO ON MANDATORY MASKS!!!	This is about MY HEALTH and I should have the RIGHT to choose what is BEST for MY HEALTH and how to manage it MY WAY! That is MY RIGHT as a Citizen of the United States of America! This should NOT be dictated by any governing body! The masks do NOT work! There is no scientific evidence necessitating the wearing of a face mask for prevention of this virus, but yet, The medical science proves that there are dangers to wearing them. The masks are harmful and decrease oxygen levels and increase carbon dioxide levels, which cause harm to the person wearing it. We need fresh air, good clean oxygen to stay healthy and keep our immune system strong! I personally have been having to wear a mask at my work for 8 hours at a time, with the regular breaks every couple of hours, since all this craziness started. I have been getting neck aches, headaches and have started getting dizzy and feeling nausea, at times, since being required to wear the masks. I had none of this before. It is detrimental, on many levels, to people's health and well being to be required to wear face masks. Please take OFF and ELIMINATE the Requirement of Mandatory Masks anywhere, even on employees. Thank you! Valerie Andrus	Valerie Andrus		Clearwater	33756	9164760449	valerie@lancor.me	2020-06-22 12:34:57
Masks	NO MANDATORY MASKS. Masks work both ways, protecting the wearer from contamination & protecting the wearer from contaminating. If someone is concerned about contracting the virus, he/she can wear a mask & protect themselves. Others should not be forced to protect the concerned. We are getting further & further from personal responsibility. In the US, we only have a 0.66% chance of contracting the virus.	Gary Richter	2850 Honeysuckle Ct	Palm Harbor	34684		grrichter@verizon.net	2020-06-22 12:28:07
Mandatory masks	I am a Pinellas county resident. I do not want mask wearing to be mandatory! This is an infringement of my rights and my health! There is a lot of proof from medical & health professionals, OSHA guidelines support that they don't prevent virus spread. Wearing a mask makes it difficult for me to breath and forcing people to wear masks puts my health, and the health of my family at risk. I will be making note of all on Pinellas County commission who vote in favor of making wearing masks mandatory in ANY situation. All who run again in future elections will NOT receive my vote. Thank you kindly.	Lisa	5660 80th Street North, D302	St. Petersburg	33709		lisampicard@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:27:24
MAKE FACE MASKS MANDATORY!	We are pretending everything is fine here when it clearly is NOT! Cases are skyrocketing and by opening everything and not requiring face masks is sending the wrong message to science deniers and young people who are spreading the virus. My own daughter got exposed to the virus after having lunch with a friend last weekend. The friend found out she had the virus and now both of my daughters and I have had to get tested and are anxiously awaiting the results. It's also outrageous that healthcare workers and employees in stores and other open businesses as being exposed repeatedly to the virus by people who don't wear masks. Every time I go to Publix I see new faces. My sister works for the corporate office and has to write a letter to the stores when their employees test positive for Covid19. She hasn't had a day off since the pandemic started and has been very busy! Essential workers should not have to die because someone doesn't "feel like" wearing a mask. Please --this disease is killing us and our economy. Do the right thing by making face masks mandatory in public.	Kimberly Diaz	6924 STONESTHROW CIR N, Unit 8	ST PETERSBURG	33710	7277489340	kimdiaz365@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:26:40
Mask mandates	This message is to let pinellas county commissioners know that I oppose the mandate of masks in pinellas county. There is lots of medical professionals and science backed information that shows and states that masks increase risk of infection, especially in children. It is unhealthy to breathe in CO2 for extended periods of time and it also weakens your immune system. I pledge to take my business outside Of pinellas county's jurisdiction if masked are Mandated.	Jessie komoniewski		St. Petersburg			jkomhomes@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:25:52
Please vote to wear a mask in public.	Follow the example of Hillsborough County and vote yes for masks in public.	Steve Heidt	3062 Doxberry Ct	Clearwater	33761	727-789-1951	waycool8386@aol.com	2020-06-22 12:25:52

Required to wear a mask in establishments	I am writing to ask that you please vote for it to be mandatory to wear masks in all places inside due to Covid-19. I feel like we can get this under control if it's passed and everyone has to abide by it, But to get people to do this I think there should be some kind of citation handed out or else a lot of people will not listen. Also the places of business should also have the responsibility to make sure that it's followed by it's employees and that the masks are worn properly. And I wish there was some way that they couldn't just say oh I have a medical problem because that's what most are saying on social media they will do. I think they should care more about their fellow citizens. Thank you Pam Dillon	Pam Dillon	11248 120th Terrace	Largo	33778	7275506889	Pdillon59@msn.com	2020-06-22 12:24:38
Wearing a Mask in Public - yes	Please vote for health and not politics in asking everyone in Pinellas County to wear a mask in public. Hillsborough County has already done this for the good of its citizens and not politicizing Trump vs CDC. We are after all for the good and the health of the community. Thank you.	Carmen Heidt	3062 Doxberry Ct	Clearwater	33761	7277891951	clearlib@aol.com	2020-06-22 12:23:56
No Mandatory Masks please!	As a Pinellas county resident it is in my best interest to not have mandatory masks be worn by all residents. Many of us are required to work outside and many of us are young and in good health. Masks would make my outdoor work and activities extremely dangerous due to the high heats of Florida's summer	David	623 Smallwood circle	Clearwater	33755		davidlizana@rocketmail.com	2020-06-22 12:22:59
Mandatory Masks Vote	To whom it may concern: As a person who is in the position as a caregiver to a cancer patient undergoing immunosuppressive treatment - I implore you to vote in the way of having masks on in public spaces. I do believe in personal autonomy but in this case an individual deciding not to take certain precautions against contamination and spread of this virus - it becomes a problem for the population at large and not just an issue of personal autonomy. In order for me to do what I need to do to care for my father, I need individuals around me and in my community to understand that they also have a part to play. A very small part of that is to wear a mask in public spaces as to flatten this curve and stop the spread. Thank you for your time and consideration.	MaKenna Woods	348 Tavernier Drive	Oldsmar	34677	7277447113	mnwoods@fsu.edu	2020-06-22 12:16:55
Please require face masks for ALL in Pinellas County	Commissioners, I beg you, please, enact a county-wide requirement for all to wear masks in public. I am an essential worker in Dunedin, and every day see the broad range of adherence to recommended public safety measures such as practicing social distancing and wearing masks in public settings. I would say that most do not take it seriously, and a great number will only wear masks if REQUIRED. There is a general sense that unless a requirement is placed, people will not take action to protect themselves and others, and as an essential worker in an area of great vulnerability (high number of elderly in my community) this is extremely worrisome. I have personally begun driving 20 miles to Hillsborough county to do my grocery shopping. It's comforting to go into Publix and see every member of staff and every patron in the store wearing masks. I feel so much safer. Please. Please. Please bring the same level of proactive action to Pinellas County. This virus is a threat to us all. Our community needs your help. We essential workers desperately need your help. Please take this small step to SAVE LIVES. There is no doubt, this action would save hundreds, of not thousands, of LIVES.	Heather Sickler	447 Locklie St	Dunedin	34698		heather.sickler@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:16:02
Please require face masks for ALL in Pinellas County	Commissioners, I bet you, please, enact a county-wide requirement for all to wear masks in public. I am an essential worker in Dunedin, and every day see the broad range of adherence to recommended public safety measures such as practicing social distancing and masks in public settings. I would say that most do not take it seriously, and a great number will only wear masks if REQUIRED. There is a general sense that unless a requirement is placed, people will not take action to protect themselves and others, and as an essential worker in an area of great vulnerability (high number of elderly in my community) this is extremely worrisome. I have personally begun driving 20 miles to Hillsborough county to do my grocery shopping. It's comforting to go into public and see every member of staff and every patron in the store wearing masks. I feel so much safer. Please. Please. Please bring the same level of proactive action to Pinellas County. This virus is a threat to us all. Our community needs your help. We essential workers desperately need your help. Please take this small step to SAVE LIVES. There is no doubt, this action would save hundreds, of not thousands, of LIVES.	Heather Sickler	447 Locklie St	Dunedin	34698		heather.sickler@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:13:38
Wearing a mask	Please stop this project to make mask mandatory. Science and real authorities have proven that masks are useless against the COVID-19 virus and are extremely unhealthy. Thank you.	Patrick Valtin	1988 Freedom Drive	Clearwater	FL 33755	7276879647	patrickvalt@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 12:11:20
No on Mandatory Face Masks	I do not want face masks to be required in Pinelli's County. It violates constitutional rights, the cloth masks and the standard blue masks people are wearing has been shown by the CDC to not do anything to block germs, wearing masks has negative effects on health from breathing one zone carbon dioxide, not to mention less fresh air and oxygen.	Steven Kirk	2333 Wetherington Rd	Clearwater, FL	33765		steviekirk365@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:10:50
COVID-19	I urge you to vote to make it essential that everyone in Pinellas County must wear a face mask when shopping or interacting with others in public. I also think that clerks in businesses who have face to face interaction with shoppers should be commanded to wear masks. Thank you.	Barbara Schnipper	1761 Lake Cypress Drive	Safety Harbor	34695	727-244-3387	schnipsclips@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 12:09:36

Mandatory Masks	<p>Please do not enforce mandatory masks. If people want to wear them in public, they can and for those that do not want it, it is their right to choose.</p> <p>There is no conclusive evidence that masks work. In fact, some medical experts say they actually hinder the person wearing them. And most people don't even know how to properly wear them.</p> <p>So again, please do not enforce mandatory masks.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	Darlene Schneider	1428 Regal Rd	Clearwater	33756	727-442-2123	darschneider8@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:04:26
MASKS	<p>My husband, a hard-working RN, and I are in high-risk categories for Covid 19. As a result, we have adhered to all public health guidelines and have been quarantined at home alone since March 13th. Even though he is eager to return to work and I long to visit with and hug my sons, we diligently and patiently stay put, doing our part to "flatten the curve." Each time we venture out for a no-contact grocery pick up, we are stunned and disheartened to see a community that, for the most part, looks like it did before quarantine. Each time we take a Sunday drive along the beaches, we are sickened to see what look like pre-pandemic Spring Break crowds. We suffer the consequences of the non-compliant as our stay-at-home sentence grows longer and longer. Skyrocketing infection rates seem to make no difference to these folks. We need your leadership now. Please do whatever you can to stop the spread of Covid 19. We beg you to vote for a countywide mask requirement.</p>	Anita Kilpatrick	510 77th Av	St. Pete Beach	33706	727 360-0241	arkilpatrick2@gmail.com	2020-06-22 12:03:57
NO on mandatory masks!	<p>Imposing the wearing of masks as a mandatory order violates our constitutional rights. Further, the masks have been shown by the CDC to be ineffective in blocking germs while having a negative health effect on the wearer.</p>	Janice Letonoff	1537 Main St	Safety Harbor	34695	7274928460	jpirodc@earthlink.net	2020-06-22 12:03:47
Masks	<p>I worked on a farm in New England and cleaned out the stables. I wore a really good mask to deal with the air-borne dust, and mostly the smell. The farmer pointed out that it will cut down the Hay particles - but not the smell. What he said was "If you can smell it - you are actually tasting it -and inhaling it. The mask, even though it was a good industrial one, wasn't working the way I thought. Besides, the heavy physical work that I was doing was intensely more difficult (to breathe) with the mask on. Please -do not make these mandatory - Just ADVISORY - in close quarters. Thank You for your consideration on this issue. P.S. I LOVE this area! _ I was here 20 years ago, and you did a fabulous job of city planning!</p>	John Segota	301 North Madison Ave.	Clearwater Florida	33755	860-491-4376	johnsegota2020@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 12:02:17
NO MANDATORY MASKS	<p>Good day! I object to mandatory masks.</p> <p>Here is one simple argument: If a mask protects someone from a virus or droplets, then that person can wear a mask and protect themselves if they choose to. That way, it does not matter if anyone else wears one or not, because they are protected.</p> <p>This link was posted a few days ago and it states that the WHO and the CDC both differ in their mask recommendations. It states that there are studies both pro AND against mask wearing. Therefore there is NO CONSISTENT information on this. Fauci himself did NOT recommend masks in March. I'm sorry, but if this procedure is used, it needs to be CERTAIN that people will benefit, and it is NOT certain. Why do nurses and doctors do NOT wear masks in hospital settings while visiting patients who are SICK? yes, they wear them during surgical procedures...this is a SPECIAL situation, because there are open wounds. You cannot arrest people who do not wear masks. There is no valid law, and it is unconstitutional to do so. Here is the article on face masks studies/results/conclusions...https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2020/06/19/do-face-masks-help-against-coronavirus.aspx</p>	sharman		clearwater			sharcree@gmail.com	2020-06-22 11:54:00
Masks	<p>I'm writing in behalf of all healthy people. Let us make the choice to wear a mask. 80% of us are already immune to Covid. The unhealthy need to be exposed to healthy immune systems.</p> <p>Here is information from OSHA</p> <p>Copied from an OSHA certified friend:</p> <p>So Masks? I am OSHA 10&30 certified. I know some of you are too. I don't really know WHY OSHA hasn't come forward and stopped the nonsense BUT I wanna cover 3 things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N95 masks and P95 masks with exhale ports • surgical masks • filter or cloth masks <p>Okay so upon further inspection OSHA says some masks are okay and not okay in certain situations.</p> <p>If you're working with fumes and aerosol chemicals and you give your employees the wrong masks and they get sick you can be sued.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N95 masks and ported P95: are designed for CONTAMINATED environments. That means when you exhale through N95 the design is that you are exhaling into contamination. The exhale from P95 (ported) masks are vented to breath straight out without filtration. They don't filter the air on the way out. They don't need to. <p>Conclusion: if you're in Stewart's and the guy with Covid has P95 mask his covid breath is unfiltered being exhaled into Stewart's (because it was designed for already contaminated environments, it's not filtering your air on the way out)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Surgical Mask: these masks were designed and approved for STERILE environments. The amount of particles and contaminants in the outside and indoor environments where people are CLOGG these masks very Very quickly. The moisture from your breath combined with the clogged mask will render it "useless" IF you come in contact with Covid and your mask traps it you become a walking virus dispenser. Everytime you put your mask on you are breathing the germs from EVERYWHERE you went. They should be changed or thrown out every "20-30 minutes in a non-sterile environment" 	Tammie King	210 Cleveland Ave	Largo	33770	727-424-3838	kingdomsrp@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-22 11:51:03

Vote on masks	Please vote against making masks mandatory. Everyone should have the freedom of choice as to whether to wear a mask or not. If someone is concerned about the virus they can wear a mask to protect themselves. Someone else not wearing a mask does not affect their mask protection.	Jerrold Gordon	2210 watrous Dr	Dunedin	34698		thetaace@netscape.net	2020-06-22 11:48:30
No on mandatory mask	I feel in my opinion that it violates constitutional rights, the cloth masks and the standard blue masks people are wearing has been shown by the CDC to not do anything to block germs, wearing masks has negative effects on health from breathing one zone carbon dioxide, less fresh air and oxygen. I'm also hard hearing and it make it so hard to have a conversation with anyone and understanding. I don't think that is needed on anyone who is healthy and mostly on children. This should be done by choice, I do respect those who decide to use mask and that's ok if they choose to do that but so should be for those who don't if they are healthy.	Fanny	1363 Young Ave	Clearwater	33756	7726265445	fanny.quirino@gmail.com	2020-06-22 11:47:25
No on mandatory mask	I feel in my opinion that it violates constitutional rights, the cloth masks and the standard blue masks people are wearing has been shown by the CDC to not do anything to block germs, wearing masks has negative effects on health from breathing one zone carbon dioxide, less fresh air and oxygen. I'm also hard hearing and it make it so hard to have a conversation with anyone and understanding. I don't think that is needed on anyone who is healthy and mostly on children. This should be done by choice, I do respect those who decide to use mask and that's ok if they choose to do that but so should be for those who don't if they are healthy.	Fanny	1363 Young Ave	Clearwater	33756	7726265445	fanny.quirino@gmail.com	2020-06-22 11:46:06
covid	as a business owener i resent you passing the buck to me to be responsible to provide personal protection due to a natural disaster. who do you think you are. why don't you supply all these supplies. i am sure you are using MY TAX DOLLARS for your masks and handsanitizer at work and then taking it home for your families. it is not my job to fix the natural disaster of the world and it is not your job to pass the buck. i will not wear a mask. i have liberty in this nation. if someone else wants to wear a mask great go ahead but i won't. will i wear a mask when the rebgular flu season strikes? will i be responsible for that. if you look at the cdc website the deaths are the same amount. maybe its because we have so many old people here in florida. let them stay home. they have retirement money and come here and there from the north. what about the yuoung people who are trying to live. maybe you are just worried about yourselves because you are old. there are no young people on the board now are there. by the way i am 54. so i am at greater risk. the declaration says that the people can get rid of government when they infringe on liberties. i don't need to be baby sat because a few don't behave well. this is military law. who do you think you are! this is not china. i can tell you another thing. i can just close my business and tell the people to c ollect unemployment because i am not paying people when the government makes up dumb rules. you pay for your rules and stop using my money to do so. it is my money not yours.	janet	109841 navajo drive	saitn petersburg	33708		janey@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-22 11:44:57
Local emergency - masks	Whereas I am a teacher who cares for my elderly, immunocompromised mother on weekends, and as an owner of a restaurant in Pinellas County, my family employees you to declare that all people should properly wear masks in public. Most of our customers think the pandemic is a hoax. We are following CDC guidelines and more, to protect all, and the public must do their part. Please, to whatever extent is legally possible, require people in Pinellas County to properly wear masks.	Georgia Madalvanos	575 Manisha Place	Tarpon Springs	34688		madalvanosga@gmail.com	2020-06-22 11:42:06
NO Mandatory Mask in Pinellas County	Dear Sir/Madam, Mask DO NOT protect anything! CDC even days that mask isn't helping to filter anything. OSHA classifies N95 for Contaminated areas. Doesn't block anything on exhaled air. Only blocks inhale. Also there are numerous doctors and nurses who tells the truth about masks. It's actually harmful. I will. It wear a mask.	Peter Erdei	231 Commerce Dr	Largo	33770		petererdei09@gmail.com	2020-06-22 11:41:06
Mandatory mask usage	Good Day, I understand thst the virus is on the rise in Florida. I work as. Public Safety Telecommunicator at the Sheriff Office and live in St Pete. I work in the Comm Center along with 911 dispatchers and Sunstar. Each of those agencies have been wearing masks for over a month. 911 has about 12 people who have recently tested positive for the virus and have been quarantined. I believe only 2 of those people did not wear masks at work. I do believe mask will slow down the virus, however not eradicate it. I take necessary precautions, washing my hands often and thoroughly, going out in public when traffic times in stores are less and keeping my distance from people. I go out usually when necessary and not too frivolously. I have asthma and due to that am a shallow breather. When I wear a mask, and I do at work and other places that require it, my breathing becomes rapid to where I almost hyperventilate. My heart rate goes up because of this and feels like it is pounding out of my chest I am sure it causes my blood pressure to spike, but I haven't measured it during these times so I can't accurately say. It takes about 10 minutes for my breathing and heart rste to return to normal after this. I have gone from using my rescue inhaler from once or twice a month to almost once a day and some days twice . I am imploring you not to implement a mandatory mask rule in Pinellas County. I think more education on distancing, washing, using common sense for going out would be more useful. Thank you for your consideration.	Cherie Mainenti	208 ARANDA ST NE	ST PETERSBURG	33704-3708	7276426468	Hourglassgirl68@gmail.com	2020-06-22 11:35:21
Mask wearing	Please make it mandatory for everyone including costumers and Workers to wear masks in public places. We want to save as many lives as we can!!! It is very important. st Pete and Tampa are doing it those people will just come here and expose us in a Pinellas Thank you for listening and let's all do our part by wearing masks!	Shari sadler	125 Carlyle circke	Palm Harbor	34683	727 9458485	sharisadler1@gmail.com	2020-06-22 11:32:01

We need masks now	I just wanted to take a moment to write in support of county wide mask enforcement. The science & data is correct. We know that this outbreak is going into a startling direction & quickly. Our economy cannot truly reopen safely without ubiquitous mask use. It is the only way to prevent a second shut down and save our local businesses who are desperately trying to reopen.	Bobbi Lindaman	11325 115th Avenue	Unincorporated Largo	33778	7277935765	b.lindaman@gmail.com	2020-06-22 11:31:27
Please make wearing masks mandatory in Pinellas	Hi, We are year round residents of Redington Beach (Pinellas County) 58 and 66 years old. We are seeing many towns and counties around making it mandatory to wear masks in public, in businesses for workers and patrons. We would like it to be mandatory where we live too. Too many people are not wearing masks anymore. With the rising numbers of cases we are social distancing again. If people would wear masks, it would give us more options to be able to go places/shopping. Thank you for taking our request into consideration. Marie and John Wise	Marie and John Wise	16440 Redington Drive	Redington Beach	33708	727-623-0521	mliessewise@gmail.com	2020-06-22 11:30:55
No on mandatory masks	It is against our constitutional rights and the masks have not been proven to prevent the disease from spreading.	Priscilla Pavluk	3660 East Bay Drive	Largo	33771	7274300225	pmainenti@gmail.com	2020-06-22 11:27:52
Pinellas County mask requirement	Good morning, I am against enforced masks . Here is why : 1. Unless you're wearing a hazmat suit nothing you're putting over your mouth and nose will stop a virus in a public setting. Masks worn by doctors are for sterile environments. 2. Real masks are in short supply . 3. A bandana around your mouth and nose is a very porous item blocking nothing . 4. Cloth around your nose and mouth traps particles and you gain a likelihood of getting infected. 5. A mask should be changed every half hour when you're out because if you don't you increase the likelihood of illness. See point 2.	Tanya W		Clearwater			realityswench@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 11:26:04
Mandatory masks	Hello, I was just informed that you will be voting on Mandatory masks at the next meeting. Please consider the health ramifications this will have on people with the Florida heat. I do believe that masks should be worn inside crowded spaces, however on walks or the beach it doesn't make sense. Viruses do not float around in the air waiting for people. They are transferred person to person. As any medical professional. That is how a virus works. If you are not next to someone then a mask is useless. In addition the police already have enough to do. Are they now going to be giving out citations for people not wearing masks? Are you then going to put them in harms way to distribute masks to those that can't afford them or the homeless? Who is going to take on that financial burden?	Darren Tessitore	2177 Chantilly Lane	Dunedin	34698	6175156619	darren@heyknow.com	2020-06-22 11:22:44
Do not make masks mandatory	I do not believe mask-wearing should be made mandatory. I believe this is an infringement on my personal rights and should be a personal choice based on the individual.	David J Will	16049 Redington Drive	Redington Beach	33708	7274599710	Cavemanconcrete1@gmail.com	2020-06-22 11:20:29
Wearing Masks in Pinellas County	I support a county wide mask requirement for employers and employees who have customer contact. I also support protecting the right of all employees to wear a mask, including those without customer contact, without fear of retaliation.	Alice Anderson	2430 Brazillia Drive, Apt 54	Clearwater/ Pinellas	33763	727-902-5239	aliceinclearwater@gmail.com	2020-06-22 11:14:49
NO on MANDATORY MASKS	The Standard blue masks have been shown by the CDC to not do anything to block germs.	Jamie Lawton	1916 Macomber Ave	Clearwater	33755	7275808376	lawjamlyn@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 11:13:42
NO on MANDATORY MASK	The standard blue mask people are wearing has been shown by the CDC to not do anything to block germs.	Jamie Lawton	1916 Macomber Ave	Clearwater	33857	7275808376	lawjamlyn@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 11:07:47
Mandatory wear of mask in Pinellas County	I'm opposed to this sanction as I dont think that thats promoting my health. Its quite difficult to breath thru a mask for hours while outside. I'm also concerned about the re-inhalation of the carbon dioxide under the mask.	Tibor Baranyai	2269 Willowbrook Dr.	Clearwater	33764	727-800 4600	tiborbaranyai71@gmail.com	2020-06-22 11:03:37

I OPPOSE MASK MANDATING IN PINELLAS COUNTY	I strongly oppose mandating mask wear in Pinellas County. Studies have shown that masks impede the ability to inhale and exhale causing significantly lower oxygen saturation levels when wearing one. Further, as environmental allergens have been more prevalent lately and with the start of summer's higher temperatures and heat indexes we can expect that mandatory mask wear will cause heat related injuries. Additionally, some people suffer from other medical conditions that are exasperated when wearing a mask, and wear is thereby detrimental to their health. For those with these types of pre-existing health conditions mandatory mask wear will prevent them from performing average daily living tasks, e.g. re-fueling their car, getting groceries, etc. People deserve medical autonomy, and this means CHOOSING to wearing masks if they feel it supports their personal medical conditions and risk acceptance level. Mandatory wear of masks may violate the Americans with Disabilities Act by forcibly causing medical discrimination. Furthermore, under HIPPA individuals do not have to disclose their medical conditions to anyone other than medical professionals providing care. YOU CANNOT ASSUME a person's health simply by looking at them. You cannot force administrators, police officers, and "do-gooders" to act as medical professional, judge and jury without significantly violating our rights as American citizens. People need to also be able to CHOOSE not to wear them to continue to strengthen their immune systems if they so see fit. Pinellas also has a big veteran population, many of which have a number of co-occurring medical conditions that will be worsened by mandated mask wear. Many veterans and civilians in the Tampa Bay community suffer from Post-Traumatic Stress. Although each condition is unique any restriction of breath may trigger a post-traumatic stress, severe anxiety, and worsening of other conditions. Again, you cannot assume an individual's health simply by how they look. I encourage you to defend our individual freedoms and medical autonomy. Please do not deliberately cause harm the people of Pinellas County and the residents of Tampa Bay that work in the county by emplacing mandatory mask wear. Instead encourage education on "at-risk" factors and procedures such as washing hands and physical distancing that actually promote improved public health. Recognize that a large number of people in the area are not essential workers nor can than they afford; financially, mentally or socially, to stay at home or to have the convenience of home delivery services.	Leia King-Carr, PhD	10549 Nina St	Largo	33778	9283041845	leiaflorencekingcarr@mac.com	2020-06-22 10:58:53
Mask wearing inside businesses	Please consider voting to require mask wearing by workers and customers inside businesses in Pinellas County. That, hand washing, and social distancing is our only way to fight the spread the covid 19 until there is a vaccine. Please do not wait until the ICU beds are all taken, and we are the hot spot of Florida and the US. This is not too much to ask citizens! Outdoor activities and beaches can be citizens' choice on mask wearing.	Linda Kegley	3046 Eastland Blvd J-105	Clearwater	33761	8632735370	lindakegley1@gmail.com	2020-06-22 10:56:22
Masks	Please do not make wearing mask mandatory for any reason. It a serious violation of the freedom we enjoy as Americans	Timothy Fiorillo	2627 west grand reserve	Clearwater	33759	6175949392	tfiorillo78@gmail.com	2020-06-22 10:52:16
No on mandatory masks	violates constitutional rights, the cloth masks and the standard blue masks people are wearing has been shown by the CDC to not do anything to block germs, wearing masks has negative effects on health from breathing one zone carbon dioxide, less fresh air and oxygen etc.	William Parker	1100 n osceola ave	Clearwater	33755	818 859 0453	true.parker@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 10:52:02
NO ON MANDATORY MASKS	Wearing masks has negative affects on health. I start having heart problems and shortness of breath.	KSENIIA SON	100 PIERCE ST APT 607	CLEARWATER	33756	7736205752	KSENIIASON@GMAIL.COM	2020-06-22 10:49:13
Mandatory Mask Wearing	To whom it may concern, With Tampa now as one of the hotspots for COVID-19 infections it's only a matter of time before Pinellas catches up. Please mandate the wearing of masks in ALL service establishments and having mandatory hand sanitizer stations would also be a good call. Thank you, Rex Hylton	Rex Hylton	1134 Clarissa Ct	Tarpon Springs	34689		rexhylton@gmail.com	2020-06-22 10:41:15
mask mandate	I live in District 1. I will not wear a mask. Do not vote for anyone to be forced to wear a mask. It should always be voluntary. There is Zero evidence that they work. Perception and opinion is not evidence. Joe	Joe Mullarkey	175 12th ave north	safety harbor	34695		joemullarkey@outlook.com	2020-06-22 10:35:17
Required mask protection	Please vote for mandatory masks in public worn by all. I called your office and it was closed due to Covid 19. Unfortunately, the regular people such as myself have been forced to go back to work unprotected, unlike you who can remove yourself from others. Us workers wearing masks are protecting those we serve, even though it's not mandatory, but who is protected us workers when customers come in without masks? Our state is failing us, this can be corrected by requiring masks and putting an end to the continued spread.	Gloria Lindenburg	314 Indiana Ave	Crystal Beach	34681	727-686-6191	gloria787@aol.com	2020-06-22 10:32:13
NO ON MANDATORY MASKS !!	I do not want mandatory masks because most of the masks don't do anything to mitigate the germs getting past anyway and in fact if one carries the Cova virus it has been shown medically that this wearing a mask makes it go up the nasal passages straight to the brain and worse since the condition. In addition, this is a violation of our constitutional rights.	Anita Machado	Erdei	Clearwater	33755	6175385601	anita.machado8@gmail.com	2020-06-22 10:30:42
Require masks	Please require that all employees and customers in businesses in Pinellas County wear a mask, at least until we have a stretch of 3 - 4 weeks with new cases decreasing. Our state is becoming the new epicenter of this pandemic, and failure to make this a requirement is ludicrous and irresponsible.	Amy Boyle	1435 Hunt Lane	Clearwater/Pinellas	33764		amyjayboyle@gmail.com	2020-06-22 10:28:34
Masks required indoors	With the recent spike in COVID-19 cases, wearing masks indoors to stop community spread should be mandatory. I, personally, will not go into a business where the employees & clientele are not wearing masks. Please consider making indoor mask wearing mandatory.	Tracey Yarusso	1720 Santa Anna Dr	Dunedin	34698	7274184766	tytiger60@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 10:26:20

Covid Masks	Dear Commissioners, Wearing masks are a necessary tool to combat Covid 19. It should be mandatory to wear them covering the nose and mouth at all times when inside facilities, stores or places of contact along with social distancing to decrease the transmission of this virus. Please vote to keep the public safe by wearing masks. Thank you.	Polly Kraus	1654 Sheffield drive	CLEARWATER, unincor	33764	7275231990	kraushouse5@gmail.com	2020-06-22 10:22:40
Scientific evidence that masks do not prevent spread of COVID-19	COVID-19 virus is extremely small and new findings, published in the Annals of Internal Medicine, suggest that neither surgical nor cloth masks are at all effective in stopping the spread of SARS-CoV-2. Please reference the article at this link: https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-1342	Joseph Cicmanec	10722 walsingham	seminole	33778	847.767.6161	drcicmanec@gmail.com	2020-06-22 10:18:50
Masks	I support a mask ordinance. It would be nice if businesses were strongly encouraged to not allow customers in without a mask properly worn. I see some worn on chins rather than covering nose and mouth. Most are not wearing a mask nor are they following aisle arrows and distancing guidelines.	Maylene Bird	2058 Orangeside Rd	Palm Harbor	34683		msail@juno.com	2020-06-22 10:13:41
Mandatory Masks	The time is NOW, vote for mandatory masks, Our numbers are growing daily. IF only people would wear a mask we may stand a chance before we become not only a laughing stock but the next epicenter for the pandemic. Opening of business occurred way too early and now we are paying the price. The county needs a mandatory ruling for face mask coverings.	Karen Renaud	518 Tangerine Drive	Oldsmar	34677		karenrenaud1@gmail.com	2020-06-22 10:13:21
NO Mandatory masks	I am a Pinellas county resident. I do not want mask wearing to be mandatory! This is an infringement of my rights and my health! There is a lot of proof from medical & health professionals, OSHA guidelines support that they don't prevent virus spread. Wearing a mask makes it difficult for me to breath and forcing people to wear masks puts my health, and the health of my family at risk. I will be making note of all on Pinellas County commission who vote in favor of making wearing masks mandatory in ANY situation. All who run again in future elections will NOT receive my vote.	Alexis	12800 Vonn road	Largo	33774		lexi.arg@gmail.com	2020-06-22 10:13:03
Masks	I am a 77 year old woman who is deeply concerned about the COVID spread, not just for myself but for everyone else. I enjoy visiting the library, but many people do not wear masks. I commend Jane Castor for trying to stop the spread in Tampa. Unfortunately, mask wearing has become politicized. The medical community has done its best to educate people, but it seems to be OK for a lot of people to basically run the red light.	Elizabeth Dexter	1607 Pinellas Rd	Belleair	33756		belleair43@gmail.com	2020-06-22 10:10:33
Masks and more	Hello, This is my third message regarding masks. I must reiterate how imperative it is to make mask wearing mandatory in Pinellas County. With the latest record of 4,049 new cases of COVID yesterday and now a 12.36% infection rate statewide, we are far past the danger zone. Hospitals are getting full as well. Not only should masks be made mandatory, but accurate scientific information needs to be explained clearly to the public so that there is a clear understanding of why we must all take individual responsibility to help protect our fellow citizens. Appropriate signage for businesses explaining that masks must be worn for service to be provided. Coronavirus does not discriminate and can land on anyone. I for one, am tired of being scared to be at work serving the public food at a restaurant while I have my mask on protecting them, but hardly any of them wear a mask to protect me and my co-workers.	Heather Rippert	24862 US HWY 19 N #1801	Clearwater	33763	6107333429	Rubyslippers919@aol.com	2020-06-22 10:09:34
Mandatory masks	I am a Pinellas county resident. I do not want mask wearing to be mandatory! This is an infringement of my rights and my health! There is a lot of proof from medical & health professionals, OSHA guidelines support that they don't prevent virus spread. Wearing a mask makes it difficult for me to breath and forcing people to wear masks puts my health, and the health of my family at risk. I will be making note of all on Pinellas County commission who vote in favor of making wearing masks mandatory in ANY situation. All who run again in future elections will NOT receive my vote.	Michele Petsche	1541 Carroll St	Clearwater	33755		m.petsche@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 10:09:09

Mandatory Masis	<p>I am a Pinellas county resident. I do not want mask wearing to be mandatory! This is an infringement of my rights and my health! There is a lot of proof from medical & health professionals, OSHA guidelines support that they don't prevent virus spread. Wearing a mask makes it difficult for me to breath and forcing people to wear masks puts my health, and the health of my family at risk. I will be making note of all on Pinellas County commission who vote in favor of making wearing masks mandatory in ANY situation. All who run again in future elections will NOT receive my vote.</p> <p>In addition, the WHO suggests that you should not wear a mask unless you are sick or you are taking care of someone that is sick.</p> <p>"(CNN)World Health Organization officials Monday said they still recommend people not wear face masks unless they are sick with Covid-19 or caring for someone who is sick."</p> <p>"There is no specific evidence to suggest that the wearing of masks by the mass population has any potential benefit. In fact, there's some evidence to suggest the opposite in the misuse of wearing a mask properly or fitting it properly," Dr. Mike Ryan, executive director of the WHO health emergencies program, said at a media briefing in Geneva, Switzerland, on Monday.</p> <p>"There also is the issue that we have a massive global shortage," Ryan said about masks and other medical supplies. "Right now the people most at risk from this virus are frontline health workers who are exposed to the virus every second of every day. The thought of them not having masks is horrific."</p> <p>Please research what the WHO is actually recommendin, before you vote this to be mandatory.</p> <p>Sincerely, Concerned Pinellas County Resident</p>	Karina	12261 Sailwinds Drive	Largo	33773		everybodydeservesmessage@gmail.d	2020-06-22 10:01:57
Masks	<p>Good morning.</p> <p>I am new to Pinellas County and was excited to move here. My family and I saw that residents are trusted to do the right thing and be Americans through and through. Upon moving here, we heard there is consideration for residents to possibly be under a mandatory mask requirement. This is a shame. Please, I urge you to NOT pass this. Trust us as Americans and as educated adults to make this decision for ourselves. This should never be mandatory. Those who feel at risk should have that option, but those of us who are not at high risk should not be made to wear them. As summer is upon us, it will be impossible to breath in them. In fact, studies have shown you have a lower oxygen level when wearing them for prolonged times. Mandating this will (1) take away my rights as an American citizen to make decisions about my health on my own, and (2) will change the way I spend money. I will begin to only order from online companies and not give to local businesses as often since I will not wear a mask.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>	Melinda Skarren	2271 Wilshire Drive	Dunedin	34698	4233712556	mindyskarren@gmail.com	2020-06-22 09:59:57
Masks	Any mask requirement is useless, wrong, and another violation of citizen rights. There was never a healthcare system emergency, and hospitalizations are DOWN.			Clearwater			ninjaal09@gmail.com	2020-06-22 09:59:28
NO On mandatory masks!	Wearing a covering over the part of your body that is required to give you oxygen for the purpose of sustaining life does not make sense and takes away American freedom. When I wear one, I am breathing in my hot CO2,, my nose drips, my energy depletes, and I feel like I am suffocating! Being a teacher for many years I had students who were exempt from vaccines for their beliefs. How is this so different? If one is sick, then of course a mask would be the courteous thing to do if near others.	Holly Talbott	1737 Brentwood Dr.	Clearwater	33756	727 443-5345	htalbott218@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 09:56:19
Mandatory Masks	I am a Pinellas county resident. I do not want mask wearing to be mandatory! This is an infringement of my rights and my health! There is a lot of proof from medical & health professionals, OSHA guidelines support that they don't prevent virus spread. Wearing a mask makes it difficult for me to breath and forcing people to wear masks puts my health, and the health of my family at risk. I will be making note of all on Pinellas County commission who vote in favor of making wearing masks mandatory in ANY situation. All who run again in future elections will NOT receive my vote.	Bev Ende	13042 125th AVE	Largo	FL	727-584-8911	bevende@gmail.com	2020-06-22 09:53:31
Facemasks	Please help save lives by enforcing the mandatory face mask rile. Thank you.	Carol Mlotkowski	7336 79th Ave. N.	Pinellas Park, Fl	33781	7272715016	studioduoe@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 09:50:29

Masks protect big business!	<p>Good morning Commissioner's, There should be no doubt about the protection provided by masks during this pandemic! All businesses large and small should provide and require masks for all employees.</p> <p>Target in Clearwater mall is doing an outstanding job, but not all big box stores are following rules of safety for the protection of workers and customers! Too many workers have masks hanging around their necks, at Lowes and Home Depot to name a few.</p> <p>If we do not pull together to keep each other safe, this virus will hang on taking lives with it, and keeping us a sick nation with no end in sight!</p> <p>Make sure we stay safe, by requiring all big businesses to comply with these well established rules, to keep our communities safe!</p> <p>Sincerely, Theresa Bromm-Boesen Clearwater FL. resident</p>	Theresa Bromm-Boesen	2612 Pearce Dr. #210	Clearwater	33764	5039974957	tbrommboesen@gmail.com	2020-06-22 09:47:59
Mask wearing	<p>Please make mask wearing a requirement. It will save lives. Thank you</p>	Elizabeth Beckers	136 Windward Island	Clearwater Beach	33767		zaed68@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 09:36:25
Face masks	Make masks mandatory. Call on county government to do so as well.	Eli Montague	10901 Brighton Bay Blvd NE #8105	St Petersburg	33716	2392731848	elionlarkwood@icloud.com	2020-06-22 09:30:26
Pinellas County covid19 Facemasks requirement	Please consider ordering all of Pinellas County businesses, especially restaurants employees dealing with customers or handling food. I will not go in a restaurant where they don't wear masks.	Beverly	Binfield	Largo	33771	7276881028	ellerba@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 09:29:58
NO MASKS!	We WILL NOT wear masks in public for multiple reasons! First viruses are so small that they can get through most of these masks. Secondly people are getting lung infections from breathing in too much of their own CO2. We have lived with a life threatening virus and have spent the last 19 years getting care for our child at All Childrens hospital. During the whole time there NO ONE wore a mask! If you require people to wear a mask out in public most will refuse and there will be plenty of lawsuits to go around. Be Smart and Don't do it!	Mary	Croydon ave	clearwater	33756		marymccarth0514@gmail.com	2020-06-22 09:21:45
Masks	If you would like to improve our local economy and the health of your constituents, it behoves you to vote for masks in restaurants and retail. Also public gatherings where social distancing may be compromised. Folks would go back to restaurants and shops if they felt safe.	Martha Margolis	1007 Wyndham Way	Safety Harbor	34695	7277250223	marthamarveloys@gmail.com	2020-06-22 09:19:01
I think we should wear masks when out and about. This will keep most people safe.	The spike in cases is due to people NOT wearing masks and NOT using common sense. I think businesses should be opened up and masks required. We all need to get back to work safely !! I am a nurse, and the building I worked in has had NO cases, We were one of the first places to require masks by all employees. It works	Tina Guerra	Forest Lake Dr	Largo	33771	727 644 3413	tebf1RN@gmail.com	2020-06-22 09:15:22
Mandatory Face Masks in Pinellas County - Vote	<p>I live in Safety Harbor I see that you represent my district. I am urging you to vote against a face mask requirement for the general public. Our community is just starting to get back to normal and the economy is coming back. The majority of the cases now breaking out our for people under the age of 31. Masks for the public will not change that statistic, it will only deter people from going out and spending money which will raise tax revenue. This thing is way too far gone to think that making people wear a mask will reduce the spread, just totally unfounded and foolish.</p> <p>Please consider this and vote no to mandatory masks.</p>	Grant Tyson	2234 Cypress Hollow Ct	SAFETY HARBOR	34695	7277430396	gtyson@metalindustriesinc.com	2020-06-22 09:13:00
Wearing masks in buildings	I completely disagree with this action. I feel it is more harmful to breathe in your own c02. I have rights, I disagree with wearing masks; it is my human right to make that decision for myself. So, NO to wearing masks!	Vickie Kirkland	805 S. Prospect Ave	Clearwater	3375y	818-809-8861	vkdk83@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 09:11:08
Please enact mandatory face masks in public places	<p>Tampa Bay COVID-19 numbers are rising quickly as are Florida COVID-19 numbers in general. This is a simple and effective way to give all Pinellas County residents better protection. It may also enable us to avoid another large shutdown in which more people and businesses will suffer.</p> <p>Thank you, C Robert Shaffer</p>	C Robert Shaffer	2807 41st Ave N Apt 3	Saint Petersburg	33714	727 280 3452	crobertshaffer@gmail.com	2020-06-22 09:08:50
Covid 19	Please implement everyone needs to wear a mask in public places. Our lives depend on it! Thanks!	Malisa Jernigan	70 Joyce St. (mailing address P.O.	Safety Harbor	34695		mjernigan5@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-22 09:06:57
Masks	Please vote to make mask wearing mandatory indoors for all of Pinellas County businesses to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Thanks for your consideration in this important matter.	Mary Jean Brooker	2382 Barkwood Pass	Clearwater	33763	7276985090	mjbro2@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 08:50:13
Masks	Please vote to make masks mandatory in public places. I believe that more people wearing masks makes everyone safer. I, for one, will not patronize any business where employees are not wearing masks. I generally don't believe in legislating common sense, but in this case, I think it is necessary. If this step is not taken, I believe that we will see more complete shutdowns in the future that will cause even greater economic disaster than we are seeing now.	C. Svenson		34688			calliesven@aol.com	2020-06-22 08:46:20

Masks	Please do what is best for this community and require the use of masks in public by EVERYONE. We are about to become the next epicenter and MANY more will die if we don't take every precaution necessary immediately. It is clear the public use of masks helps limit community spread but there are FAR too many people, especially out here on the beaches, who are not wearing masks. We should be shutting down since we closed so late last time and so obviously re-opened before we should have (or the guidelines indicated, but it seems this runaway train is going to be allowed to roll right off the end of the tracks. Please do something. Our communities are in significant danger and we are doing NOTHING to protect people from their fool selves. Please do what needs to be done, even if some people are never going to understand anything about this virus. We can't cater to the covidiot and their insane conspiracy theories.	Jennifer	Pass-a-grille	Pinellas			kapotia@gmail.com	2020-06-22 08:41:47
Masks	I am a Pinellas county resident. I do not want mask wearing to be mandatory! This is an infringement of my rights and my health! There is a lot of proof from medical & health professionals, OSHA guidelines support that they don't prevent virus spread. Wearing a mask makes it difficult for me to breath and forcing people to wear masks puts my health, and the health of my family at risk. I will be making note of all on Pinellas County commission who vote in favor of making wearing masks mandatory in ANY situation. All who run again in future elections will NOT receive my vote. If you do not want mandatory masks share this with anyone else you know who feels the same way	Natalie Scherlis	7821 1st Ave south	St. Petersburg	33707	8138578220	nlclarke23@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 08:34:59
Require masks in public locations	I am strongly in favor of requiring masks inside places that are not residential. Please support this to benefit all of us, even those who do not want to wear them. It will benefit them, too. Please view this as the public health situation this is.	Rita Cathey	110 15 Avenue North	Saint Petersburg	33704	7278982112	rita.cathey@verizon.net	2020-06-22 08:22:33
Please require face masks!	For everyone's safety. Please require face masks!	Amy Denham	20000 US 19 N., #506	Clearwater	33764	7274301551	Amydpersonal@gmail.com	2020-06-22 08:18:05
Requiring face masks	Please consider all the facts concerning wearing face masks in an attempt to decrease transmission of Covid-19. As all health experts point out, improper wearing of the face mask negates its effectiveness. As I am certain that you have been out in public, you too have observed the constant touching, pulling and adjusting of face masks by restaurant personnel and the public in general. Touching the masks immediately contaminates it. Having it under your nose or adjusting it up and down from your chin to your mouth is not the proper or effective way to use a mask. With our present Florida heat, they are uncomfortable and the pulling and tugging folly of protection will be rampant. As the surgeon general points out, the masks do not protect the healthy. More testing leads to more cases. Requiring masks is not the answer, especially if they are improperly used.	Cliff Bennett	208 Driftwood Dr S	Palm Harbor	34683	7274824655	cliff7751@msn.com	2020-06-22 08:16:55
Masks	Distinguished Commissioners, It has come to my attention that the Commissioners will soon be meeting to discuss and vote on wearing masks in public. As the Center for Disease Control and the World Health Organization both recommend the practice to control the spread of COVID-19 Coronavirus, and as I, a college professor end all of my student communications with a reminder to wash your hands, keep social distance, and to wear a mask, I would hope that the Commissioners would support the acknowledged position that wearing masks will help to reduce the spread of the virus. Wearing a mask is a small, individual gesture that says I care about my fellow citizens. Isn't it time that everyone participate? Remember, - wash your hands - keep social distance - wear a mask Thank you. RH	Robert Hudson	1485 Eastfield Drive	Clearwater	33764	7275384965	Hudson.Robert@spcollege.edu	2020-06-22 08:10:35
Masks- we want them required	Please vote for everyone to wear masks in public. We need employees and customers to wear masks to help strhe spread. Thank you	Sharon Herman	2325 Armour Dr	Dunedin	34698	8134166925	sharon.herman26@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 08:08:53
Face masks	Please vote to require face masks.	Donald R Ford	1799 N. Highland Avenue, J130	Clearwater	33755	7274418273	dford528@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 08:04:40
Face masks	Please vote to require face masks.	Deborah L Ford	1799 N. Highland Avenue, J130	Clearwater	33755	7274418273	DFORD15@TAMPABAY.RR.COM	2020-06-22 08:02:42
Please establish rules for wearing face masks	It has been well documented that wearing face masks reduces the spread of Coronavirus. Please establish county-wide rules for wearing them in public situations when social distancing is not possible or practical. A face mask is to coronavirus as a condom is to STD's. Wear protection to avoid infection!	Carl Wagenfohr	98 S Highland Ave, Unit 401	TARPON SPRINGS	34689	7279389991	cwgn4@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 07:59:48
Mandatory masks	Please pass an ordinance requiring the wearing of masks in ublic to slow the spread of Covid-19! I am tired of seeing people in Publix and elsewhere showing no concern for their neighbors.	Janet iou Skinner	1471 Loman Ct	Palm Harbor	34683-6369	7276929428	janetskinner61@gmail.com	2020-06-22 07:49:34
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No mandatory face masks	I am opposed to the county mandating the use of face masks in public	Daniel Haddon	10561 127TH PLACE NORTH	Select or enter	33773	7275813908	kathyndan10@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 07:48:01
Mandatory Masks	I urge you to vote for a mandatory mask ordinance. The COVID 19 infection rate is out of control. This county has a large population of older residents, and the CDC says that using masks can reduce the infection rate. It is very frustrating when my wife and I go to the grocery store (the only place we have been since March) and see the number of people without masks. Help protect us.	Stephen Chittenden	12021 67th Lane	Largo	33773	7275324989	sachittenden@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-22 07:43:18

Supporting Mask Requirement	Commissioners Gerard and Seel, I am writing to support the proposed requirement to wear masks in public areas within Pinellas County. The current surge in numbers of reported cases indicates the need for additional large-scale action to counter-act infections. Simply wearing masks has been offered by numerous health care organizations and professionals as an extremely simple and effective means to reduce transmission rate. I recognize that this may provide a financial hardship for some citizens but believe there are multiple avenues to reduce or remove this hardship, including the financial assistance and volunteer efforts to produce and distribute masks. I appreciate your time and consideration, please contact me with any comments or questions. Gary Raulerson	Gary Raulerson	11774 Harborside Circle	Largo (technically unincorporated)	33773	4076973830	gmangrove@gmail.com	2020-06-22 07:19:05
Discussion of Changes in COVID19 restrictions	I've heard in the news that possible changes in the county restrictions may be discussed. Before that occurs, the commission should make sure that they have reviewed results of contact tracing of where the recent new cases occurred and how the transmission occurred. Looking at Zip Code case data, I have found that new cases started increasing after 6/3/20 in zip codes 33705 and 33712. Zip Code 33711, 33716 and 33701 about 5 days after that. My impression is that it is related to protestors not following guidelines but is currently limited to those areas. To implement restrictions with penalties to county residents over the entire county when the problem is in a few areas is excessive and can lead to ignoring any rules imposed. Not reviewing the cause and reasons of the increase before making such decisions is abdicating your positions and decision making power to media pressure and indicates that you are not basing those decisions on facts and science.	Bill Bard	6908 Circle Creek Dr	Pinellas Park	33781		web@bchome.org	2020-06-22 07:14:18
Masks required	As a Pinellas County resident of many years, I am urging our county leaders to put the health of your constituents at the top of your agenda. Covid-19 is not disappearing. As a community we need to support everyone's health and the majority of doctors agree face masks reduce the risk of infection greatly. Masks need to be required wearing. The lack of a uniform ruling creates the confusion and divisive actions among the community. Regarding businesses, I'm only spending my money at those businesses where the employees wear masks. I wear mine. Please unite with the Tampa Bay area and create a strong voice for best practices - require masks in Clearwater.	Pat Cunningham	603 Baldwin Ave., Apt. A	Safety Harbor	34695	727-430-7953	cunningpat@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 07:13:58
Please require businesses and the general public to wear masks.	Cases in Pinellas are skyrocketing. Social distancing isn't enough. Face masks cut down the likelihood of transmission. Please be responsible leaders and require masks.	Laurel Impett	2862 Saber Drive	Clearwater	33759	7273660945	laurel.impett@gmail.com	2020-06-22 07:09:56
No mandatory masks	People should have a choice those that area sick should wear them and quarantine but to make everyone takes away people's rights to choose what's best for themselves and it leads us into masked riots!!! I don't want to see our cities in Florida to have what is happening in other cities where these we can't tell who is doing whatn	Kimberly schneider	503 Fairview rd	Belleaire	337756	8017120127	kim@fortresscn.com	2020-06-22 06:28:49
Masks	Please enact an ordinance to require masks countywide. Thank you!	Paula Smith	4 Harbor Cove St.	Safety Harbor	34695	813-451-1376	pjsmith813@hotmail.com	2020-06-22 03:28:16
Masks	Mandatory in pinellas county!!!			clearwater			pocogeejo@aol.com	2020-06-22 02:09:47
Mandatory Masks	Please vote Yes to require masks in Pinellas County. Contrary to some beliefs, it is not an infringement on rights, but an effort to keep people safe, just like requiring seatbelts.	Barbara King	5560 67th Ave N	Pinellas Park	33781		b7thking@gmail.com	2020-06-22 02:04:02
Please Make Masks Required	I am a Registered Nurse. I strongly urge the commissioners to please make the wearing of masks mandatory. Prior warnings from health care workers and epidemiologist were ignored by our state's leadership. Now tens of thousands of Floridians are unnecessarily at risk. A surgical or cloth mask prevents us from spreading coronavirus. If everyone wore surgical or cloth masks, we'd stop spreading COVID-19. Thank you.	Johanna Perez-Shovlin RN	970 Gulf View Blvd	Dunedin	34698		johanna_melissa@yahoo.com	2020-06-22 01:38:58