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Topic Local State of Emergency
BCC Agenda Date 7-7-2020
Your Stand on the Issue Undecided

Thank you for your continuing efforts to help Pinellas County residents and businesses navigate this pandemic. As discussions continue regarding reasonable regulations, expectations and enforcement, I'd ask that you please don't forget about the large segment of the population that has not been able to "live their lives" in any way shape or form: those at high risk and the elderly who continue to be locked away and isolated in assisted living and nursing home facilities. And also the healthcare workers and caregivers who care for these people as well as others. All that's being asked are 3 things: wear a mask, wash your hands and socially distance. If people can't do these 3 things, then might I suggest they be the people who stay at home? Isn't that the behavior that puts so many others at risk?

Unfortunately, I find the messaging from and actions of some politicians are undermining the efforts of health and virus experts, which may be causing people to question the validity of the experts. But the numbers speak for themselves: Positive cases are soaring, hospitalizations are up, and (while I hope and pray otherwise), more deaths are imminent. As noted on the CDC website (based on data thru June 27): "Mortality attributed to COVID-19 decreased compared to last week and is currently at the epidemic threshold but will likely increase as additional death certificates are processed."

As a result, there are no plans (or hope) for those who continue to self-isolate as they care for others or for those who need to be cared for. It has been nearly 4 months. If we don't get this under control soon, what then? We just keep these people isolated indefinitely? If they don't die of COVID, then sheer loneliness and depression are real possibilities. I think the current mandate for mask wearing has helped, so thank you for that. What I've noticed is when businesses prominently display signs that masks are REQUIRED, compliance has improved. And those that have a staff member near the entrance monitoring/reminding people who enter, compliance has

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been very good. For all others, compliance is still inconsistent. Are there any requirements for when a staff member tests positive at a business open to the public? Some businesses have posted on social media and closed for a day to deep clean. Others have stayed open and word has spread through the social media grapevine. In the event of a positive staff member, is it reasonable to require all staff be tested, the public be alerted, and the place closed for a day to disinfect? Everyone needs to make an effort to get the spread under control. I fear we're in for yet another increase on what I saw over the 4th weekend. I don't believe the response can be tailored to everyone's convenience or needs when public safety as a whole is at risk. I would ask that you continue the mandatory mask requirement, encourage businesses to post more prominent signage and implement monitoring (as feasible) to let people know this is serious. I would also ask you to consider requirements for when a staff member at a business open to the public tests positive. And, lastly, there continues to be an issue with the availability of tests. Would it be possible to compile/post a comprehensive list of all places in Pinellas County that offer tests (and whether they're free or require insurance)? Another piece in this complex puzzle is everyone who needs/wants a test has to be able to get one. Thank you.

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Topic	Covid 19
BCC Agenda Date	6-30-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Support
Comments	Thank you for the mask mandate. Please close businesses that do not enforce the mask mandate and social distancing. Our hospitals are filling up. We need to. E serious. Please have ads on tv, social media, phone alerts. Masks, social distancing, stay home.
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Your Stand on the Issue Support

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Florida and Pinellas county are in a dangerous upward tactactory in Covid 19 cases. Those who are infected can easily spread to others. The Health and Hunan Services Secretary warned today that the opportunity is closing on our ability to control this deadly disease. To that end: 1. PLEASE keep our emergency resolution in place until the curve flattens. 2. PLEASE add clout to the mandate to wear masks in public by making individuals and business owners responsible and enforce social distancing. 3. PLEASE give consideration to closing local beaches on 4rth of July weekend including Clearwater Beach, as other counties have already done. The last thing we need is a repeat of spring break crowds! PLEASE stand up to this horrible virus and the naysayers before it is too late.! We are living a health crisis. Immediate action is needed to keep us ALL safe!

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I want to urge the Commission to take stronger action than the current face mask requirement. In a soon-to-be published letter to the World Health Organization, over 200 scientists from 32 countries around the world are stating Covid-19 is in fact an AIRBORNE VIRUS. While the W.H.O. has resisted this finding, the evidence from the scientific community is mounting. It is time to consider stronger measures such as closing the beaches, eliminating public gatherings, etc. I realize and understand the severe financial impact such actions carry, but protecting the lives of the public must be your first priority. We MUST get this virus under control. Four of the hospitals in Pinellas County are at full capacity in their ICU's, and others are nearing capacity. We cannot allow our healthcare system to become overwhelmed, and we are in severe danger of that occurring. Thank you for your time.

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Topic Covid-19 Emergency Ordinance
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Your Stand on the Issue Support

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Dear colleagues, I am a new homeowner in Pinellas County. I closed on my condo last week. However, I shocked to learn during the move-in process that my condo complex is not enforcing the county's mask mandate in our common elevator, shared breezeway (that has a ceiling and allows less than 6 feet distance when 2 are present), or stairwells. At my request the Association and Management Company did hang signs urging residents to be good neighbors and wear masks in such areas. But they seem to think they need not - or perhaps are not allowed to - enforce. As a result, all day long people ride the elevators and walk around the complex breezeways- sometimes in groups - without masks. Please clarify the duty of all individuals to follow, and businesses - including condominium complexes - to enforce the new Emergency ordinance relating to masks in Pinellas County in common/shared spaces. While the complex mostly houses law students, it also houses older residents like me - a law professor - who are at higher risks due to age and other risk factors. I personally feel unsafe at the complex given the current situation. And I very much fear for the elderly residents. This isn't about politics. It is about health and safety. And failure to enforce practices may help explain why 6 Pinellas County hospital ICU units are currently filled to capacity. Thank you, Mae Quinn

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