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Mandatory Mask Wearing in Public	It's unfortunate that is has come to this but today was the first day I have been able to go shop at Costco in Clearwater. I found out that they require masks in their store to enter. What a relief as I need to protect myself due to medical reasons and to protect my family at home. Both of our children have been in the hospital recently. One due to breaking an arm and the other just had an appendix out and is on antibiotic. A sensitive time requires action. Please place attention on placing a requirement to wear a mask in buildings where people shop for necessities. I went to 4 gas stations a few days ago to grab a coke icee to help our healing doctor because the machines were broken each location. Lots of people inside not protected and this includes patrons and workers. I am also concerned that my Sister is not taking this seriously at all by over socializing with her 4 year old daughter. The uncertainty in this is real yet I do understand both sides. Still I choose to mask myself and my family in hopes to not only protect us but protect others as well. To wipe this virus out of our world. Thank you for your time and consideration in this sensitive matter at this time. Too add my friend, an only child, lost both her parents to COVID.	Gayle Johnston	2501 Islander Court	Palm Harbor	34683	7277441127	viscom22@aol.com	2020-06-22 01:20:26
Voting on Mandatory Mask Wearing for Pinellas County	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.	Vernon Miranda	2001 Follow-Thru Rd N	St. Petersburg	33710	7274591047	cptvern01@gmail.com	2020-06-22 00:34:14
NO REQUIRED 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.	Andrew Scavelli	1693 Powder Ridge Dr	Palm Harbor	34683	7276388484	service1stmarine@gmail.com	2020-06-22 00:33:46
NO REQUIRED 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.	Catherine Scavelli	1693 POWDER RIDGE DRIVE	PALM HARBOR	34683	7277871952	happytappinfeet@gmail.com	2020-06-22 00:29:44
Mandatory masks debate	I write as a local citizen completely against mandatory mask mandates. In life, we are all to assess risk and act on our personal convictions, this is standard operating procedure in a democracy. It's messy and some people may make foolish choices but that's the nature of our freedom. Every time we get in our cars we are taking an action that endangers our life and the lives of others. Shall we be stopped from making that decision based on personal risk assessment and convictions just because said action may inadvertently cause harm to another? No. Same with mandating masks. We are told the Masks may stop asymptomatic carriers from spreading the virus, that the mask is loving. That narrative is very convincing but perhaps not all are convinced. So now is it up to elected officials to mandate a narrative (that if we're being honest is based on mixed scientific findings at best) and enforce people to care? I know it's seductive to mandate masks as it is visible sign that you're doing something. But I'm sorry, people who expect y'all to stop a virus through legislation and executive orders are quite unclear about the role of our elected officials. Our hospitals are not overwhelmed. Don't think it's up to y'all to save us from a virus. It's not your job. The masks will do very little to stop the inevitable course of a virus, but will do much to turn out the people who actually vote and many of us will vote against officials that infringe on personal liberty under the rallying cry of "public safety." Last we checked, the constitution doesn't have a clause negating freedoms if people get sick. Regards,	Vanessa Alabarces		Treasure Island			alabarces@protonmail.com	2020-06-21 23:36:14
Face Masks	Please support the requirement of wearing Face Masks when outdoors closer than 6 feet in relationship to others, and when indoors in places, like shops or offices. Duration: While the Covid-19 infection rate is .05 or higher in Pinellas County or the 5 County region. Thank you.	Elizabeth E. Valentine, Ph.D.	4111 52 Avenue South	St. Petersburg	33711	7272314430	betsyval@icloud.com	2020-06-21 23:23:48
Mark	Please Make Mask A priority inside business, if anything, require the employees to use masks or the business will be shut down. We are currently doing this with the health department we should do it for Covid-19 as is a health threat to people.	Sharon Loughry	5747 108th Avenue N	Pinellas Park	33782	727 515 4483	freeusa68@gmail.com	2020-06-21 23:13:36
Wearing of masks	Please vote to require the wearing of masks in public or commercial buildings in Pinellas County. We need your help as cases rapidly increase. Please help us. Less and less people are wearing masks. Maybe you would not have to shut down the county again if people would follow this directive and social distance. The governor says that increased testing is causing the rise. This puzzles us. Does it mean that we should not test, so cases would not be discovered and disclosed. He also states that everything is fine, because younger people are now the primary ones to be affected, but they will expose older people to the virus in public and in their homes and among their relatives. If Costco can enforce the wearing of masks in their stores, there is no reason a mask ordinance cannot be enforced in Pinellas County. Thank you for your support in this matter.	David and Sharon Keene	1744 Grove Valley Avenue	Palm Harbor	34683	7273865908	dkeene6@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-21 23:08:32

Making mask mandatory	I have been told the City Council is considering making Masks mandatory here in our County / Clearwater As a full time resident here in Clearwater I strongly request that you vote against making masks mandatory here in Our City . The CDC recommends that masks be worn but does not require them. My doctor has advised me on the harmful effects of a healthy person wearing a mask routinely in a long term basis. Because I am healthy - I do not wear a mask unless going into a hospital or nursing home to visit someone . Please vote against this as it is not scientifically proven that masks help prevent this illness	Amlito Da Silveira	1814 Sunset Point Rd apt P	Clearwater	33765	2408486560	amilton37usa@hotmail.com	2020-06-21 23:07:24
Making Mask wearing mandatory	I have been told the Pinellas County is considering making Masks mandatory here in our County As a full time resident here in Clearwater I strongly request that you vote against making masks mandatory here in Our County. The CDC recommends that masks be worn not does not require them My doctor has educated me in the harmful effects of a healthy person wearing a mask routinely in a long term basis Please vote against this as it is not scientifically proven that masks help prevent this illness	Kaleen O'Connor	1814 Sunset Point Rd Apt P	Clearwater	33765	7035077158	mangotree95@hotmail.com	2020-06-21 22:59:53
Please do not make masks mandatory.	Dear Ms Peters, I have a hard time breathing CO2 all day from wearing a mask. It was actually making me sick as I was not actually breathing fresh air. I was getting a headache as well. When I stopped wearing a mask I felt a lot better. So, please do not make it mandatory to having to wear a mask. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Celeste Widman	Celeste Widman	811 Pine St. Apt A	Clearwater	33756	727-482-5099	celestewidman@gmail.com	2020-06-21 22:51:48
Mandatory facemask	Dear Kathleen, I would like to inform you in this topic that I do not want mask wearing to be mandatory. This is not even justified at the current Phase of pandemic. There are widely published Health Studies stating long term masks is unhealthy and harmful to health. Also please, I am asking to think of real solutions not of intimidating people. People need real solutions now not fear arousals by fake news of media! Thank you for your understanding and I look forward to your aid and support. Yours sincerely, Zsolt Tamas	Zsolt Tamas		Clearwater	33755		tazso76@gmail.com	2020-06-21 22:46:14
Masks	Please do not enforce mask wearing	Donna Lytle	10 N Keystone Dr	Clearwatet	33755	728 510 2088	donnallytle@gmail.com	2020-06-21 22:34:10
MASKS	Please, no mandatory masks for the general population!	Edwin Cramb	1681 Elm Place	Clearwater	33755	727 692-7602	edcramb@gmail.com	2020-06-21 22:28:44
No mandatory masks please	Dear Ms. Peters, Please do not pass a mandate that everyone must wear masks. It is perfectly fine if people wish to wear masks voluntarily wear them but they are not actually healthy and do not really slow or stop the spread of this COVID-19. Please consider keeping face masks voluntary. Thank you very much. Your constituent,	Elizabeth Cramb	1681 Elm Pl	Clearwater, FL	33755		abecramb@gmail.com	2020-06-21 22:21:13
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 will not get my vote. Thank you!	Dawn Laine	16103 3rd St E	Redington Beach	33708		radiantpalms@gmail.com	2020-06-21 22:13:08
mandatory face masks	we are in big trouble w/ covid-19 here in FL. u need to make masks mandatory. even if you dont enforce it, more people are going to wear masks. remember a 20 yo asymptomatic can infect both young and old. the Gov believes they only infect people of the same age. watch his thing on 6-20 i dont think we are following CDC Guidelines. we need to stop the reopening cause its only going to get worse. FL has a 12% infection rate. please tell me why we do not follow the specialists the gov says "I think" a lot (disturbing) whats the use of having phases if you are not going to abide to it. it seems we are doing everything opposite of the CDC Guidelines. scientist are predicting Tampa to have over 1 million cases at the end of July			largo			donniegphotos@aol.com	2020-06-21 22:11:36

No masks !!!	We are not cattle we are adults that vote and are able to make our own decisions . We do not need more government mandates !!!	Laurie chism	1353 Weber dr	Clearwater	33764	727-600-2249	lauriehrh@gmail.com	2020-06-21 21:54:18
MASKS - PLEASE DO NOT MANDATE	<p>KATHLEEN, I MET YOU AT SEA DOGS- YOU WERE SPEAKING ABOUT OPIODS. MY MOM SUCCUMBED TO AN ACCIDENTAL OVERDOSE IN NOVEMBER.</p> <p>MY FAMILY WORKS REALLY HARD AT BEING HEALTHY. PLEASE DO NOT VOTE FOR THIS. IT IS UNSAFE, UNHEALTHY, AND STEPS ON OUR FREEDOMS AND SCARES THE PUBLIC. THIS IS NOT A "NEW NORMAL" WE NEED TO STAND AND NOT LET OUR FREEDOMS BE SLOWLY CHIPPED AWAY.</p> <p>I HAVE MANY RESOURCES ON THE NEGATIVE EFFECTS OF WEARING MASKS AND WOULD BE WILLING TO COME AND SHARE ON TUESDAY.</p> <p>THANK YOU , YVETTE ST PETE BEACH RESIDENT</p> <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>PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE LAWSUITS AGAINST BUSINESSES FROM THEIR EMPLOYEES. PEOPLE WILL GET SICK BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF OXYGEN, AND ACTIVATING VIRUSES WITHIN THEIR OWN BODIES CAUSING A CYTOKINE STORM. NOTE I HAVE MET 2 PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY GONE TO THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF WEARING A MASK. THERE IS A 99% RECOVERY RATE. YOU DONT QUARANTINE THE HEALTHY AND MAKE THEM WEAR MASKS. WE HAVE TRILLIONS OF VIRUSES IN OUR BODIES.</p> <p>COMMON SENSE: MEDIA HAS SCARED OUR OLDER POPULATION. THEY ARE WEARING MASKS IN THEIR CARS, WALKING AND SITTING ALONE, RIDING BIKES ETC. PLEASE EDUCATE THEM!!!</p> <p>THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE CRIME. YOU DONT STOP PEOPLE FROM SMOKING (WHICH DOES KILL YOU, MY DAD AS AN EXAMPLE) MY FAMILY EATS HEALTHY , EXERCISES, AND PAY OUR TAXES. OUR FREEDOMS ARE BEING SLOWLY TAKEN AWAY BASED ON A LIE. AGAIN THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE TO SHOW WEARING MASK STOPS THE SPREAD OF ANY VIRUS AND THIS INFORMATION IS ON THE BOX OF MASKS.</p>	yvette gaugh	9371 Blind Pass Rd	Saint Pete Beach	33706	727-415-3170	ygaugh@gmail.com	2020-06-21 21:47:30
Wearing masks	<p>The CDC recommends the use of face masks. Please decide that people in Pinellas County must wear face masks in public spaces. Cases of Covid19 are increasing. The use of masks is one way to help them the tide of infections.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Nancy Anderson	94 Rachel Dr	Tarpon Springs	34689	727-939-6442	nja1128@gmail.com	2020-06-21 21:34:50
NO MANDATORY MASKS - IT IS UNSAFE AND NOT HEALTHY FOR MY FAMILY TO WEAR	<p>I am a Pinellas county resident.</p> <p>I do not want mask wearing to be mandatory!</p> <p>This is an infringement of my rights and my health! I am a healthy 21 year old and there is no scientific study to prove that my healthy body can give a virus to someone else. There was a recent study of 500 individuals with Covid and no-one transmitted it.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>NOTE - All who run again in future elections will NOT receive my vote if this is voted in.</p>	Tristan Waters	9371 Blind Pass Rd	Saint Pete Beach	33706	727-331-4343	tristanwaters44@gmail.com	2020-06-21 21:32:38
Yes to Face Masks	It is imperative that we take great care of all our Pinellas County citizens. Vote yes to requiring face masks in public!			Palm Harbor			cadigmchik@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 21:27:00
NO MANDATORY MASKS - IT IS UNSAFE AND NOT HEALTHY FOR MY FAMILY TO WEAR	<p>I am a Pinellas county resident.</p> <p>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>Sincerely, Rex Gaugh</p>	Rex Gaugh	9371 Blind Pass Rd	Saint Pete Beach	33706	727-434-2165	rexgaugh@reagan.com	2020-06-21 21:26:19

NO MANDATORY MASKS - IT IS UNSAFE AND NOT HEALTHY FOR MY FAMILY TO WEAR	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. PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE LAWSUITS AGAINST BUSINESSES FROM THEIR EMPLOYEES. PEOPLE WILL GET SICK BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF OXYGEN, AND ACTIVATING VIRUSES WITHIN THEIR OWN BODIES CAUSING A CYTOKINE STORM. NOTE I HAVE MET 2 PEOPLE WHO HAVE ALREADY GONE TO THE HOSPITAL BECAUSE OF WEARING A MASK. COMMON SENSE: MEDIA HAS SCARED OUR OLDER POPULATION. THEY ARE WEARING MASKS IN THEIR CARS, WALKING AND SITTING ALONE, ETC. PLEASE EDUCATE THEM!!! THIS IS AN ABSOLUTE CRIME. YOU DONT STOP PEOPLE FROM SMOKING (WHICH DOES KILL YOU, MY DAD AS AN EXAMPLE) MY FAMILY EATS HEALTHY , EXERCISES, AND PAY OUR TAXES. OUR FREEDOMS ARE BEING SLOWLY TAKEN AWAY BASED ON A LIE. AGAIN THERE IS NO SCIENTIFIC EVIDENCE TO SHOW WEARING MASK STOPS THE SPREAD OF ANY VIRUS AND THIS INFORMATION IS ON THE BOX OF MASKS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.	yvette gaugh	9371 Blind Pass Rd	Saint Pete Beach	33706	7274153170	ygaugh@gmail.com	2020-06-21 21:23:02
Mandatory Masks	Dear Commissioners, Making a mask a requirement is not goin to help in any real way whatsoever. Wearing a mask for a prolonged period of time is only going to create added physical stress on the individual wearing the mask. You have no evidence to justify this arguable unconstitutional action. Moreover there is no data nor have you considered the liability you are putting on employers who require these be worn for long periods of time. Employers are exposed to the respiratory health conditions potentially created by requiring their staffs to,wear them. Do what's right for the good people of this county and vote no. We've been through enough already	Jim Bridgeforth	1550 Oakadia Lane	Clearwater	33764		jimb@goapg.com	2020-06-21 21:22:13
Mandatory indoor masks	Please consider a mandatory indoor mask ordinance for our county. Too many people aren't taking the precautions seriously and are endangering essential personnel. Evidence shows masks prevent spread.	Kristine Petrusis	9924 Indian Key Trail	Seminole	33776	773-848-0241	kpetrusis@gmail.com	2020-06-21 21:18:05
Masks, Social Distancing, and Controlled Gatherings.	Dear Commissioners, It is abundantly clear that the citizens of Pinellas County are fatigued from the isolation and restrictions we've been living with since March. It is also very apparent that now is not the time to relax our practices of masks, distancing and limited gatherings. We need to ramp these measures back into the 'norm' and we need your help to do it. Please use the strongest messaging possible with any and all direction you provide. It's unfortunate that we have to ask you all to do this, but for many reasons, a lot of people aren't convinced this virus is a real threat. It most surely is. Thank you for your help! Sincerely, pat schoonover	Pat Schoonover	1429 Druid Road East	Clearwater	33756	727-600-7121	patlucas7@gmail.com	2020-06-21 21:11:47
Mandatory masks indoors	Please vote NO to mandatory masks indoors.	Donna Patterson	2150 Druid Rd	Clearwater/Pinellas	33764	7274601022	dipselle@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 20:54:17
Possible Mask Ordinance	Please help us out and vote YES for making masks mandatory in commercial and public buildings. Less and less people are wearing them and we need help. If businesses can enforce this policy in their stores and there's no reason why we can't enforce it countywide. Thank you, Margo Haeussner & Dr. Edward Haeussner	Margo Haeussner & Dr. Edw	2217 CITRUS HILL LN	PALM HARBOR	34683-3206	727-514-2315	mhpalmharborgirl@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 20:43:58
Face mask	Commissioners you failed us the first time around. Here is your chance to get it right. People have proven that they won't do this on their own especially ages 35 and less. Please make mask mandatory with stiff fines the first time caught not wearing one. Don't see any other way. I'm a COPD patient and I have no choice but to wear a n95 mask that are hard to come by. Request mask for Pinellas and make sure our County has them available for everyone. Not have to ask for them on social media. Thank You!	Dennis Beeker	338 Country Club Drive	Oldsmar	34677	8138550065	zep338@aol.com	2020-06-21 20:40:44
Mandatory masks	I don't want you to vote for mandatory masks. It should be up to each person if they want to wear one.	Rob DeMotts	500 N. Osceola Ave, 607	Clearwater	33755		r@demotts.net	2020-06-21 20:40:04
Masks	Please make wearing masks in public places mandatory in Pinellas. It will save lives	Deborah Schuster		Tarpon Springs	34689		dschuste8@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 20:39:15
Public face masks	Commissioner Welch: please consider supporting a mandatory requirement for all Pinellas Citizens to wear masks in public areas to help ward against the spread of covid 19. As you no doubt are aware, the virus has ramped up due to the premature opening of businesses as well as the lax (or lack of) enforcement of outerwear protection and social distancing. Thank you for your service.	K. Siegel	470 3rd Street So	Saint Petersburg	33701		thrifthodess2004@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 20:27:51
Face Mask Ordinance	My name is Austin Fuss and I am a resident of Treasure Island, Florida. I am writing to urge you to enact an ordinance requiring face masks in Pinellas County for all individuals in public spaces. The large increase in confirmed cases over recent days shows the need to take steps to reduce the spread among our community.	Austin Fuss		Treasure Island	33706		austininti@hotmail.com	2020-06-21 20:21:18

Commission Meeting June 23, 2020 Local State of Emergency	Dear Commissioners I am writing as a resident and business owner in Pinellas County. I like many have been concerned for the current rise in COVID-19 cases in our county and state. My family (my husband, myself and two teenaged children) has been extremely careful with outings in our community. Limiting them to only necessary trips. We've done this for our own safety and out of concern for my husband's dental practice. He is the sole provider in our household, he is responsible for maintaining the employment of his staff and of course the profound care of his patients. I know we are not unique in our concern for the health of ourselves and a business that has taken care of us for 30 plus years, but I've been really worried lately given the current uptick in the spread of this virus. My husband while trying to maintain the most effective PPE practices, as well as reducing and spacing out the number of patients he can see is creating a financial strain, and that's before the real possibility he will have to pay staff unable to work under the FFCRA. The practice was one of the lucky small business to be awarded a PPP loan, but this funding will run out next week, at the very same time he has an employee making a planned trip to NY to attend her grandmother's memorial. When this staff member returns to FL, she will be required to quarantine for 14 days. She is fortunate her salary is covered during this time by the office under the FFCRA requirements. Over the course of 2-3 weeks which this employees is out, not only will her salary be covered, but the office will have a loss financially due to an even greater limit in the amount of patients who will be able to be scheduled. This was an eyeopener not just because of the scenario, but rather the possibility that this will not be the only time that one of the staff will be out due to COVID-19 related reason. While we are fortunate to have a business that is necessary, the condition of maintaining a safe place to work during a pandemic long term is not sustainable for a business financially. I say all this to provide hopefully additional perspective into why our county needs better safety measures in place to slow the spread, starting with mandating the wearing of a mask and better social distancing in all areas where there is a chance of transmission. While I know we can do more and I hope the county (and state) will, these are two simple ways in which all residents can do their part. Thank you for your time.	Chelsea Ellenberg	1014 Mango Ct	Oldsmar	34677		chelseae@aol.com	2020-06-21 20:11:08
Mandatory Masks in Public	I would like to relay my opinion that masks and face coverings should be mandatory in Pinellas County. While I hope the board will vote to require masks in all indoor spaces that are not a Pinellas resident's home, I further implore you to mandate masks in outdoor public spaces as well. Residents are not complying with CDC guidelines and I would like to be able to leave my home with less of a risk of infection for my family members. Thank you.	Jenny Armanious		Safety Harbor			jennyarmanious@gmail.com	2020-06-21 20:10:19
Wearing masks	Before Pinellas becomes another Tampa or Miami, we need to be requiring masks be worn in public. Keep Pinellas as safe as possible.	Bobbi Gemma	1205 Hounds Run	Safety Harbor	34695	7277843181	pcathere@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 20:04:49
Mandatory masks	THIS HAPPENS TUESDAY! 6/23/20 Pinellas county commission is voting to make masks mandatory! Please email or call them. I checked every box and filled out the form to email every commissioner individually. http://www.pinellascounty.org/forms/commission 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.	Rebecca Hancock	66092 Windsor Rd	Pinellas Park	33782	859-221-2805	blhbeach@gmail.com	2020-06-21 19:55:19
Masks	Please vote in favor of wearing masks. I live in Palm Harbor. There is a large community of over 55s, so we all are at higher risk. My son lives in Australia and they observed all covid advice. The result is there are little or no cases in Australia or New Zealand.	Catherine W Wade	1619 WHITHORN PL, C	PALM HARBOR	34684	4692698823	farwaybelize@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 19:35:23
Mandatory Masks	My wife and myself are ccw permit holders. It is a felony for us to carry and wear a mask. Tjis infringes on our second amendment rights. This will therefore but an unlawful order. If people are worried they can stay home or they can wear a mask. That is their right. Don't take away our rights to make them feel better. You have alot of lawful gun owners in this county. Don't take away our rights or make us felons.	William Cobleigh	11911 66th St	Largo	33773		fla_semi_native@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 19:24:34
Mandatory masks	I am a native Floridian, born and raised in St Petersburg Fl. and I've been a Pinellas county resident my entire life. 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.	Rita Hopkins	6190 80th Street North	St Petersburg	33709		ritahopkins56@gmail.com	2020-06-21 19:24:12
Mask Requirements	I hope this reaches who it needs to, but I do know a decision on mask will be made soon. I hope that the county seriously sits down and looks at the numbers. Our immune systems are already weakend by the lockdown and we are slowly stripping them down by the constant use of antibacterial products. I'm all for hand washing but I know of 2 children who have had chemical burns in the last week from touching products sold at cvs bc of the high grade chemical use in the cleaning. I urge you to really consider the age of what children should wear them, if needed, my 5 year old almost had tears in her eyes looking at me, we don't need them living in fear. I also hope you consider that I can't trust that someone is going to go home and properly clean their mask everyday, if they have a fabric one. Also, our Temps are only climbing now and that's a huge liability. Can we all just please move forward? This virus is here, it's adapting to humans, we can't live in constant anxiety.			Clearwater	33755		heidiktemp@gmail.com	2020-06-21 19:18:06

hello Commissioner Welch	Dear Commissioner Welch, My name is Grace Chan. I was a summer intern at the commission almost 20 years ago. My old mentor Commissioner Calvin Harris had a big impact on my life and career. I was wondering if you know how to get in touch with him. I lost touch with him over the years, and I would really like to track him down and say hello, and thank you. If he remembers me, he will know me as Grace Chi (my maiden name). I currently live in Houston, and my cell phone is 832.247.6910, my email is Grace007Chan@gmail.com I still visit Clearwater as my mother lives there. Hope to hear good news from you. Sincerely, Grace Chan	Grace Chan	27 Rippling Creek Drive	Sugar Land, TX	77479	8322476910	grace007chan@gmail.com	2020-06-21 19:02:41
Mandatory Mask vote	I am a Pinellas County resident I do not want wearing a mask to be mandatory. This is a violation of my rights and my health. Wearing a mask does not stop the spread of a virus! I will take note of who votes for this violation and will not get my support moving forward.	Mary Hemsley	6975 15 Ave N	St Petersburg	33710		hemsta72@gmail.com	2020-06-21 19:00:27
Mandatory masks	Please do not vote for mandatory masks in Pinellas County. First of all, wearing the type of mask that people are wearing does nothing, other than giving the person a false sense of security. Secondly, and more importantly, it's unconstitutional and no US government official can't legally force any citizen to wear anything specific, such as a mask. If this gets voted through, I would be very surprised if you don't get a bunch of lawsuits about it, It's unprecedented that this is even a vote that is considered. Maybe in a country like China where citizens have no rights, but not in the USA.	Morgan Fagerman	447 Grant Street	Dunedin	34698	7272243445	morgan.fagerman@gmail.com	2020-06-21 18:56:12
Masks	Please give serious consideration in making masks required to enter any building regardless.	Kelly Fay	1975 Madrid CT. S.	Clearwater	33763	7274958754	kfay68@gmail.com	2020-06-21 18:50:43
Mandatory face masks	Please don't make Pinellas county do the mandatory face masks. It's so unnecessary and I don't think breathing your own air is healthy as the WHO and the Surgeon General said that healthy people should not wear masks. I believe that the numbers are going up due to the amount of testing and not due to the openings of Florida businesses. I think it should be left up to the individual if they feel the need to wear one that's fine but to make it mandatory in the summer heat in Pinellas county is ludicrous. I hope you take this under consideration. Thank you!	Kristina Howard	2850 Kavalier Dr.	Palm Harbor	34684	7272496146	schatzie970@gmail.com	2020-06-21 18:42:10
Mask	I support mandatory mask for those out in public.	Gloria Campbell	1077 Weathersfield Dr	Dunedin	34698-6434	7274340072	gloriadcampbell@gmail.com	2020-06-21 18:36:50
Mask mandate	I do not support mandatory mask policy — I am 100% against it. I believe the COVID response is too political. There is not unanimous support from the medical world on whether healthy people should or should not wear them, and I feel like it should MY choice if I do or not. I mean just a couple weeks ago the WHO was saying healthy people should not wear them and a few months ago the US Surgeon General said wearing masks all the time would actually increase the spread! Enough is enough, do NOT require them!	I. Dana		Palm Harbor			bertirny@aol.com	2020-06-21 18:36:07
Please make masks mandatory	I know you've heard the reasoning as greasy, so I'll keep my request short: Please put in place face mask regulations at all places indoors as well as outdoors when physical distancing isn't possible. This is a minor inconvenience that will help people from getting the virus AND give small businesses a fighting chance. Because if we end up with a second major shutdown, many won't make it back again. Yes, some people will complain, but who cares? Please put politics aside and do what's best for our community.	Ester Venouziou	4913 28th Ave S	Gulfport	33707	727-637-5586	ester@localshops1.com	2020-06-21 18:34:05
Mandatory mask	I work in a grocery store in Palm Harbor. My experience from being there 5 days a week is that about half of the customers are wearing mask. None are practicing the distancing or obeying the one way isles. It is mandatory for employees to wear mask but not the customers. The people that don't wear them are being careless with their health and everyone they come into contact with. It is obvious since reopening things that people are not going to do what is right. I understand that the commissioners will be voting on the mandatory use of mask and I hope and pray that all of you vote for this to happen immediately. Unfortunately the businesses are more concerned with sales than the safety of their employees and the community. The only way this will happen is if you give them no other choice. Please make mask mandatory in public places. Thank you.	Jim Rogers	1650 Nantucket Ct	Palm Harbor	34683		jimrogers1859@gmail.com	2020-06-21 18:24:56
Make masks mandatory please	Please help us survive this virus! Masks seem to be the only available option besides shutting down again. Let's add masks into the slogan "no shoes, no shirt, no service!" PLEASE!! I have read that this virus, even if you recover, could have lifetime lasting effects on our bodies. It's not the flu. This is way more serious and should be treated as such. Please and thank you!	Cassie Haugli	10th Ave Terrace South	St. Pete	33707	727-744-1726	chaugli@gmail.com	2020-06-21 18:06:19
Masks	I'm hoping you take action requiring the public to wear masks in public spaces. We owe it to our healthcare workers at the very least to do all we can to help stop this spread in our communities any more than that it already has. How in gods name do you all expect us to resume normal activities, economy stimulating activities, on campus schools this fall, in our states current public health crisis?? We aren't going to put our families at risk for a dollar. Please take action now. Quite frankly you've already taken too long.	Treecey Shelton		Clearwater	33756		mayasmom76@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 17:59:56

Masks.	Dear Ms Peters: while I wear masks when I'm out, I would NOT like to see this enforced. I would hope People are able to decide for themselves what is safe and what is not. Further regulations just upsets an already stirred up populace. Thanks for your time	Victoria Silver	100 Pierce St	Clearwater	33756	5035161277	classicvic@comcast.net	2020-06-21 17:57:42
The "free market" for face masks	Dear Commissioners at-Large: I read that the Commission is considering a gross interference with a principle most of you share, non-interference by government with the "free market". In spite of your assumed commitment to this principle, reportedly you are considering mandating that all residents of Pinellas wear face masks when entering not just hospitals or other places of healthcare but groceries, supermarkets, pharmacies, hardware stores, and similarly essential retail establishments. Please note that many of our Pinellas neighbors are already under great financial duress and have been even before the appearance of COVID-19 in the USA. They are unemployed and some homeless due to the mismanagement of our economy by the US Treasury and the Federal Reserve Bank not just now but going back to the ".dot.com" collapse of the late 1990s. At each crisis, then and since, the Fed has expanded the money supply for the benefit of the stock market and to the detriment of the average American taxpayer and his or her children. Now the Commission is considering requiring everyone to buy and wear face masks, when many cannot afford food to put through those masks, AND TO BUY THEM WHEN THERE IS ALREADY A SHORTAGE! The answer to COVID-19 is more testing and social distancing. The WHO offered the USA help in the form of testing kits months ago, but our federal government refused the offer, preferring delay to enable the award of development contracts to favored parties. If you don't support social democracy and Medicare for all, then please don't support Pinellas's social welfare for the Queens of the mask business.	Alvin D Hofer	5920 18 St N	St Petersburg	33714	5612831560	inbxadh@gmail.com	2020-06-21 17:55:25
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COVID-19 and county regulations	My name is Jennifer Sedillo and I live at 241 Tucker St in Safety Harbor. I am a professor of public health and a concerned citizen. The number of cases in our county continues to rise as state restrictions have been lifted. It is evident that our governor will not take responsibility. I ask that the commission vote to take the responsible course of action following Tampa. Please vote to require masks at public places in Pinellas as well as clearly establish a 6 foot distancing among those at public places. It is very concerning that citizens of the county are not taking this threat seriously and many are not wearing masks or practicing social distancing. I do not go out in public except when I have to but I do not feel safe going out at all with the disregard my fellow citizens have for others. Thank you for your time.	Jennifer Sedillo	241 TUCKER ST	SAFETY HARBOR	34695-3155	8135798464	jenniferlsedillo@gmail.com	2020-06-21 17:53:30
No Masks!!	NOOOOOOOOO masks!!!!	Kris Haddon	2546 Wood Pointe Dr.	Holiday	34691	7277097970	kdhftn@aol.com	2020-06-21 17:44:48

Mask Wearing	I am a Pinellas county resident. I am against mask wearing to being 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. The smallest viral particle is smaller than the smallest point in any of the masks that you see people wearing (N95, surgical, cloth). 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. Wearing masks causes a hypoxic injury because you are reducing the amount of oxygen that gets into you body for healthy functioning. 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. Please use critical thinking and promote to people how to support their health rather than damage it. Breathing fresh air, getting sunshine, taking high doses of vitamin C, eating lots of fruits and vegetables, cutting out junk food and getting regular exercise. This is how you support your health, not muzzling yourself, breathing in CO2 and hiding in your home. Please think about all this and do the right thing! Please reference this website for further information: askdbruttar.com/facemask	Karen Nasello	5660 80th St N, Unit B205	Saint Petersburg	33709	7274210308	knasello1@gmail.com	2020-06-21 17:40:44
Mandatory Masks	NO to mandatory masks for all citizens!	Steven Hadala	1444 28th Ave N	St Pete	33704	7276470694	sdhadala@aol.com	2020-06-21 17:25:55
I Support Wearing a Mask to Slow the Spread of COVID-19	Wearing a mask will slow down the spread of COVID-19. The virus has to hitch a ride on droplets or particles which are stopped by cloth masks.	Kimberly Brown	1004 Wood Ave	Clearwater	37655	7274342684	kimberlybrown2005@gmail.com	2020-06-21 17:23:53
Vote Masks Mandatory	I think everyone in the County needs to wear a mask when out in public in any business or workplace! Masks should be mandatory.	Jeffrey Rosenbaum	3987 Orchard Hill Circle	Palm Harbor	34684	7277892042	jefbaum1@gmail.com	2020-06-21 17:17:06
Face Masks	Please pass an ordinance requiring face masks at all indoor establishments. It's for the good of the community. It's no different than requiring helmets for bike riders. In fact, it's even more imperative. If you don't wear a helmet, you're not going to harm anyone but yourself. If you don't wear a mask and you are Covid positive, you can and will infect others, even if they are wearing a mask. Only by everyone wearing one can we prevent the spread of this virus. It's a civic duty.	Diane Cato	9220 132 Street	Unincorporated Count	33776	727 744-4685	dianecato@gmail.com	2020-06-21 17:16:31
Keeping Businesses Open by Stemming the Rise in Covid	Wearing masks is NOT a political statement, it is a health requirement! If we want businesses not to have to shut again, we need to do everything we can to slow the spread of this virus. Please listen to medical professionals and scientists. My mother is 98 years old and in an ALF. People all over this county are going to stores, bars, restaurants, and not taking this seriously which imperils the aides who care for my mom. The aides and those wearing a mask protects the aides and others of us somewhat, but we are all are protected most if others also wear masks and do not spread Covid droplets that we can encounter as we go about our daily business! My mom is not just my loving mother, but also my closest and best friend, and I can only visit remotely for the past several months! This will last much longer at this rate and I don't see a time yet when I can actually visit with her because of all the inconsiderate people thinking this is politically motivated or infringes on their rights. Please take this virus seriously and vote accordingly to require masks in establishments open to the public, so we can keep businesses from shutting down again due to even more cases spiking uncontrollably and hospitals reaching capacity. More testing and more masks is how we were told to address this, and this is what I pray you support now!	Melody Martinez	2269 Citrus Valley Circle	Palm Harbor /Pinellas	34683		malamart@aol.com	2020-06-21 17:14:48
Mandatory masks	NO MANDATORY MASKS FOR ALL CITIZENS!!	Gina Hadala	1444 28th Ave N	St Petersburg	33704	7276472235	shadala@aol.com	2020-06-21 17:09:52
MANDATORY MASKS	NO, I VOTE NO MANDATORY MASKS. THIS IS AGAINST MY CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS Masks do not protect the well.	Janis Wolf	7501 142nd Ave	Largo	33771		janis@mywolfprints.com	2020-06-21 17:00:15
Face masks	I support mandatory face masks in public. I am a RN and know too personally how detrimental this virus is. Please enforce this rule at the very least until our curve is flattening. I know it's hot and uncomfortable. But, I have to wear two while at work and a face shield. For 12+ hours. In glasses. I do it and don't complain. If you're hot and don't want the hassle of wearing a mask, stay home.	Amanda Z.		Pinellas			sharpie311@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 16:57:08
Mask Order	Although most of us do not WANT to wear a mask it is increasingly obvious that it is one of the few tools we have to reverse the current rise in COVID-19 cases. It certainly will not eliminate the risk but it will go a long way toward slowing the spread and give people some amount of comfort that they might start to participate in the reopening. In addition, I am advocating a full public mask order, not an "employees only" order. This disease is primarily transmitted through airborne droplets and thus can pass through an air conditioning system in a public building, especially if it is not properly maintained or filtered.	Weston Hilton	12100 Seminole Blvd Lot 368	Largo	33778	17274183483	weshilton@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-21 16:55:52

Please require masks in public	<p>Dear Commissioner Welch,</p> <p>I am writing to ask that you, please, adopt an ordinance requiring masks to be worn in public in Pinellas County.</p> <p>I am a third-generation native of Pinellas County and I have become seriously alarmed about recent covid-19 rates. I am scared for my sister, a 21-year-old pre-nursing student at St. Petersburg College, who is asthmatic and cannot afford to stay home from work. I am scared for my son, who turns five this week. I am scared for thousands of others in this county who treat masks like a political statement and refuse to wear them, placing all of us at risk.</p> <p>Wearing masks makes a difference. When used with social distancing and frequent hand washing, face coverings can slow the spread of covid-19, according to the CDC. This is especially important for infected individuals who are asymptomatic (and may not know they can spread the virus) and infected individuals who are pre-symptomatic.</p> <p>I'd like to ask you to look at recent action by Mayor Steven Reed in Montgomery, Alabama, who issued an executive order mandating masks. He spoke about making decisions that are in the best interest of his community despite oppositional views. He suggested that municipal leaders "trust their instincts, look out for their community, look out for the health of their residents" and to "make sure that we don't allow politics to cloud the issue of the health and wellness of the people that are counting on us to lead and to make decisions". Mayor Reed also asserted that "It takes bold leadership, courageous leadership, to make these decisions".</p> <p>Please, Commissioner Welch, look out for our community. Look out for my sister. Look out for my son.</p> <p>Thank you. Kelly McKinley-Ford</p>	Kelly McKinley-Ford	1713 DORCHESTER RD	Unincorporated Pinell	33764-6527	727-674-8466	kmckinleyford@gmail.com	2020-06-21 16:45:51
Please require masks in public	<p>Dear Commissioner Peters,</p> <p>I am writing to ask that you, please, adopt an ordinance requiring masks to be worn in public in Pinellas County.</p> <p>I am a third-generation native of Pinellas County and I have become seriously alarmed about recent covid-19 rates. I am scared for my sister, a 21-year-old pre-nursing student at St. Petersburg College, who is asthmatic and cannot afford to stay home from work. I am scared for my son, who turns five this week. I am scared for thousands of others in this county who treat masks like a political statement and refuse to wear them, placing all of us at risk.</p> <p>I know you have concerns about people who may not yet have masks. Please, have some faith, give residents of Pinellas some credit, and trust them to be able to obtain masks. There are people and organizations who are giving them away.</p> <p>Wearing masks makes a difference. When used with social distancing and frequent hand washing, face coverings can slow the spread of covid-19, according to the CDC. This is especially important for infected individuals who are asymptomatic (and may not know they can spread the virus) and infected individuals who are pre-symptomatic.</p> <p>I'd like to ask you to look at recent action by Mayor Steven Reed in Montgomery, Alabama, who issued an executive order mandating masks. He spoke about making decisions that are in the best interest of his community despite oppositional views. He suggested that municipal leaders "trust their instincts, look out for their community, look out for the health of their residents" and to "make sure that we don't allow politics to cloud the issue of the health and wellness of the people that are counting on us to lead and to make decisions". Mayor Reed also asserted that "It takes bold leadership, courageous leadership, to make these decisions".</p> <p>Please, Commissioner Peters, look out for our community. Look out for my sister. Look out for my son.</p> <p>Thank you. Kelly McKinley-Ford</p>	Kelly McKinley-Ford	1713 DORCHESTER RD	Unincorporated Pinell	33764-6527	727-674-8466	kmckinleyford@gmail.com	2020-06-21 16:44:53

Please require masks in public	<p>Dear Commissioner Eggers,</p> <p>I am writing to ask that you, please, adopt an ordinance requiring masks to be worn in public in Pinellas County.</p> <p>I am a third-generation native of Pinellas County and I have become seriously alarmed about recent covid-19 rates. I am scared for my sister, a 21-year-old pre-nursing student at St. Petersburg College, who is asthmatic and cannot afford to stay home from work. I am scared for my son, who turns five this week. I am scared for thousands of others in this county who treat masks like a political statement and refuse to wear them, placing all of us at risk.</p> <p>Wearing masks makes a difference. When used with social distancing and frequent hand washing, face coverings can slow the spread of covid-19, according to the CDC. This is especially important for infected individuals who are asymptomatic (and may not know they can spread the virus) and infected individuals who are pre-symptomatic.</p> <p>I'd like to ask you to look at recent action by Mayor Steven Reed in Montgomery, Alabama, who issued an executive order mandating masks. He spoke about making decisions that are in the best interest of his community despite oppositional views. He suggested that municipal leaders "trust their instincts, look out for their community, look out for the health of their residents" and to "make sure that we don't allow politics to cloud the issue of the health and wellness of the people that are counting on us to lead and to make decisions". Mayor Reed also asserted that "It takes bold leadership, courageous leadership, to make these decisions".</p> <p>Please, Commissioner Eggers, look out for our community. Look out for my sister. Look out for my son.</p> <p>Thank you. Kelly McKinley-Ford</p>	Kelly McKinley-Ford	1713 DORCHESTER RD	Unincorporated Pinell	33764-6527	727-674-8466	kmckinleyford@gmail.com	2020-06-21 16:42:12
Mandatory mask in public rule	I wear a mask in public when there is a chance I may be near someone and always when I go inside a business or other public building. I think that masks on employees of businesses and their customers should wear masks. It is frustrating having to avoid stubborn non masked people. And dangerous.	Peggy Goodale	7232 118th circle n	Largo	33773		pegas68351@aol.com	2020-06-21 16:41:45
Mandated masks	<p>Facts to know about masks:</p> <p>Science Says Healthy People Should Not Wear Masks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Masks reduce intake of oxygen, leading to carbon dioxide toxicity * Germs are trapped near your mouth and nose, increasing risk of infection * Wearing a mask causes you to touch your face more frequently * There is no scientific evidence that supports healthy people wearing masks * Masks obscure your facial features and impede normal social interaction * Masks make it hard for hearing-impaired people to understand you * Masks symbolize suppression of speech <p>On a more casual note, it's way too hot and muggy in Florida... also of note is that bacteria can build up in a mask which is a health hazard!</p> <p>Please keep these points in mind and don't mandate masks. It should be a personal decision for each person.</p>	Rosie Purden	202 Orangeview Ave	Clearwater	33755	4075360251	rosieishere@icloud.com	2020-06-21 16:41:35

Please require masks in public	<p>Dear Commissioner Justice,</p> <p>I am writing to ask that you, please, adopt an ordinance requiring masks to be worn in public in Pinellas County.</p> <p>I am a third-generation native of Pinellas County and I have become seriously alarmed about recent covid-19 rates. I am scared for my sister, a 21-year-old pre-nursing student at St. Petersburg College, who is asthmatic and cannot afford to stay home from work. I am scared for my son, who turns five this week. I am scared for thousands of others in this county who treat masks like a political statement and refuse to wear them, placing all of us at risk.</p> <p>Wearing masks makes a difference. When used with social distancing and frequent hand washing, face coverings can slow the spread of covid-19, according to the CDC. This is especially important for infected individuals who are asymptomatic (and may not know they can spread the virus) and infected individuals who are pre-symptomatic.</p> <p>I'd like to ask you to look at recent action by Mayor Steven Reed in Montgomery, Alabama, who issued an executive order mandating masks. He spoke about making decisions that are in the best interest of his community despite oppositional views. He suggested that municipal leaders "trust their instincts, look out for their community, look out for the health of their residents" and to "make sure that we don't allow politics to cloud the issue of the health and wellness of the people that are counting on us to lead and to make decisions". Mayor Reed also asserted that "It takes bold leadership, courageous leadership, to make these decisions".</p> <p>Please, Commissioner Justice, look out for our community. Look out for my sister. Look out for my son.</p> <p>Thank you. Kelly McKinley-Ford</p>	Kelly McKinley-Ford	1713 DORCHESTER RD	Unincorporated Pinell	33764-6527	727-674-8466	kmckinleyford@gmail.com	2020-06-21 16:40:36
Covid	Cases are rising rapidly. Do your part to make things safer. Require masks in public indoor spaces! Please! Our lives are at stake.	Yael Ellis	1302 Milano Cir	Dunedin	34698		yaelellis@gmail.com	2020-06-21 16:39:21
Please do not mandate mask wearing	<p>I think each and every person should get to decide if they want to wear a mask or not. I do not think it is appropriate for any body of government to mandate mask-wearing. There has been no science proving that healthy people wearing masks decreases the spread of diseases. Florida is not like any other state where there are subtropical climates not only is it extremely hot but it is all so muggy.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	Ashley		Clearwater	33763		theateama12@gmail.com	2020-06-21 16:36:30
Please require masks in public	<p>Dear Commissioner Gerard,</p> <p>I am writing to ask that you, please, adopt an ordinance requiring masks to be worn in public in Pinellas County.</p> <p>I am a third-generation native of Pinellas County and I have become seriously alarmed about recent covid-19 rates. I am scared for my sister, a 21-year-old pre-nursing student at St. Petersburg College, who is asthmatic and cannot afford to stay home from work. I am scared for my son, who turns five this week. I am scared for thousands of others in this county who treat masks like a political statement and refuse to wear them, placing all of us at risk.</p> <p>Wearing masks makes a difference. When used with social distancing and frequent hand washing, face coverings can slow the spread of covid-19, according to the CDC. This is especially important for infected individuals who are asymptomatic (and may not know they can spread the virus) and infected individuals who are pre-symptomatic.</p> <p>I'd like to ask you to look at recent action by Mayor Steven Reed in Montgomery, Alabama, who issued an executive order mandating masks. He spoke about making decisions that are in the best interest of his community despite oppositional views. He suggested that municipal leaders "trust their instincts, look out for their community, look out for the health of their residents" and to "make sure that we don't allow politics to cloud the issue of the health and wellness of the people that are counting on us to lead and to make decisions". Mayor Reed also asserted that "It takes bold leadership, courageous leadership, to make these decisions".</p> <p>Please, Commissioner Gerard, look out for our community. Look out for my sister. Look out for my son.</p> <p>Thank you. Kelly McKinley-Ford</p>	Kelly McKinley-Ford	1713 DORCHESTER RD	Unincorporated Pinell	33764-6527	727-674-8466	kmckinleyford@gmail.com	2020-06-21 16:32:26
Masks	Masks are a choice not a law. Please protect our freedoms here in Pinellas County.	Carol Kingsley	1524 Smallwood Circle	Clearwater	33755	7274463922	carolkingsley@msn.com	2020-06-21 16:32:13

Please require masks in public	<p>Dear Commissioner Williams Seel,</p> <p>I am writing to ask that you, please, adopt an ordinance requiring masks to be worn in public in Pinellas County.</p> <p>I am a third-generation native of Pinellas County, living in an unincorporated area in your district, and I have become seriously alarmed about recent covid-19 rates. I am scared for my sister, a 21-year-old pre-nursing student at St. Petersburg College, who is asthmatic and cannot afford to stay home from work. I am scared for my son, who turns five this week. I am scared for thousands of others in this county who treat masks like a political statement and refuse to wear them, placing all of us at risk.</p> <p>Wearing masks makes a difference. When used with social distancing and frequent hand washing, face coverings can slow the spread of covid-19, according to the CDC. This is especially important for infected individuals who are asymptomatic (and may not know they can spread the virus) and infected individuals who are pre-symptomatic.</p> <p>I'd like to ask you to look at recent action by Mayor Steven Reed in Montgomery, Alabama, who issued an executive order mandating masks. He spoke about making decisions that are in the best interest of his community despite oppositional views. He also suggested that municipal leaders "trust their instincts, look out for their community, look out for the health of their residents" and to "make sure that we don't allow politics to cloud the issue of the health and wellness of the people that are counting on us to lead and to make decisions". Mayor Reed also asserted that "It takes bold leadership, courageous leadership, to make these decisions".</p> <p>Please, Commissioner Williams Seel, look out for our community. Look out for my sister. Look out for my son.</p> <p>Thank you. Kelly McKinley-Ford</p>	Kelly McKinley-Ford	1713 DORCHESTER RD	Clearwater	33764-6527	727-674-8466	kmckinleyford@gmail.com	2020-06-21 16:29:39
Please require masks in Pinellas county	<p>Masks help keep us safe -- you already know they stop droplets from spreading the virus. That keeps people out of our hospitals, which have limited capacity.</p> <p>But here's a new thought for our county decision-makers: At a time when we are in danger of becoming complacent about this virulent killer, masks remind everyone that Covid19 is still here. Seeing masks on everyone in public is a visual way to remind us that things are not "normal," and won't be for a long time. When I see masks, I remember to wash my hands more often and maintain distance from others.</p> <p>We need this important reminder every day. Thank you.</p>	Margaret Schulte	1028 Bass Blvd. Apt. F	Dunedin	34698	2062321234	frangible@1meps.com	2020-06-21 16:28:15
Masks	<p>Please have everyone wear a mask! There is no reason not to wear them! Every scientist says it helps prevent the spread of corona. If somehow they are wrong (I dont think they are), all that happened is people wore a mask to try to help. I dont drive after I drink for other people. This is no different.</p>	Jennifer Pollack	3314 San Gabriel St.	Clearwater	33759	8133807126	jenniferpollack@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 16:19:13
Mask to be mandatory indoors	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>Please make it so wearing a mask while inside of a public establishment is required by law for the health and safety of everyone.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>			Palm Harbor	34684		cijvcastro@gmail.com	2020-06-21 16:17:34
Please require masks in public	<p>Dear Commissioner Long,</p> <p>I am writing to ask that you, please, adopt an ordinance requiring masks to be worn in public in Pinellas County.</p> <p>I am a third-generation native of Pinellas County, living in an unincorporated area in your district, and I have become seriously alarmed about recent covid-19 rates. I am scared for my sister, a 21-year-old pre-nursing student at St. Petersburg College, who is asthmatic and cannot afford to stay home from work. I am scared for my son, who turns five this week. I am scared for thousands of others in this county who treat masks like a political statement and refuse to wear them, placing all of us at risk.</p> <p>Wearing masks makes a difference. When used with social distancing and frequent hand washing, face coverings can slow the spread of covid-19, according to the CDC. This is especially important for infected individuals who are asymptomatic (and may not know they can spread the virus) and infected individuals who are pre-symptomatic.</p> <p>I'd like to ask you to look at recent action by Mayor Steven Reed in Montgomery, Alabama, who issued an executive order mandating masks. He spoke about making decisions that are in the best interest of his community despite oppositional views; this echoes your sentiment that the leaders of our community have a responsibility to do something. He also suggested that municipal leaders "trust their instincts, look out for their community, look out for the health of their residents".</p> <p>Please, Commissioner Long, look out for our community. Look out for my sister. Look out for my son.</p> <p>Thank you. Kelly McKinley-Ford</p>	Kelly McKinley-Ford	1713 DORCHESTER RD	Unincorporated Pinell	33764-6527	7276748466	kmckinleyford@gmail.com	2020-06-21 16:13:58

Masks	I support the wearing of masks in businesses and public spaces.	Donna Burns	2966 Mayfair Ct.	Clearwater	33761		rocat14@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 16:10:11
Face masks	Dear Commissioners, I write today to plead that the use of face masks be made mandatory in Pinellas County while in all public spaces. We absolutely have to do everything possible to safeguard our citizens during this awful pandemic. Trusting that you will do the right thing.. Sincerely.	Sharon Bond	651 68th Avenue South	St. Petersburg	33705		sharonbond@gmail.com	2020-06-21 15:58:05
Face Masks	This week you will be addressing the issue of face masks. As we open businesses, there are only two ways to counter the virus, social distancing and face masks. Unfortunately it has been demonstrated that many people in Pinellas County are doing neither. It will not be sufficient to only have employees in businesses wear masks. Every person in Pinellas County (just not citizens of the County) should be required to wear a face mask when they enter a building open to the public. This should be enforced by education first and then civil fines and businesses lose their license if no compliance. Why should this be done? 1. Director of Pinellas County Health Department, HCA Medical Director and Florida Medical Association have all recommended it. 2. As of Sunday, June 21st, there are only 18.9% of the ICU beds in Pinellas County available. In all the North County hospitals there are only 17 ICU beds available. 3. Since the beginning of June, Pinellas County new cases have constantly gone up and in the last week there were multiple record breaking days. 4. The cases are dramatically increasing for the age group 25-45. Many of these will not require hospitalization but will certainly be community spreaders of the virus. This will make a very dangerous situation for the large number of Pinellas residents in the very vulnerable range for the virus and death. 5. Reopening society depends on safe behavior. Unfortunately that is not happening in Pinellas County. So the Commission needs to enact safety measures to protect its vulnerable citizens. 6. Pinellas County infection rate is now above 10%, it had been below 5%. The State goal is below 10%. Thank you, Jack Travis	Jack Travis		Dunedin		727-733-4408	traviscj@verizon.net	2020-06-21 15:54:10
Make masks mandatory!	I'm a proud resident of St. Petersburg and so happy that the mayor and county commissioners care about the health of all citizens. Please take this care one step farther by requiring all citizens to wear masks when out among others. As a 73 year old retiree, I want to support local businesses and restaurants but need to stay safe.	Lynne Schrum	205 5th Ave #402	St. Petersburg	33701	301-332-4203	lschrum@gmail.com	2020-06-21 15:51:52
Mandatory Mask Usage	Good day, Please make mask usage mandatory for Pinellas County residents. Please help stop the spread of Covid Ave potentially save lives. It's such a minor inconvenience when the benefits are so very important. Thank you for your time.	Melissa Mercier Varlese	2153 N Hercules Ave	Clearwater	33763	860-573-9481	memercier@gmail.com	2020-06-21 15:51:33
Mask Mandate	Mask mandate is against our constitution and have NOT been proven to work. They cut down 60 per cent of your oxygen levels. I will not be voting for any of you who support this .	Roger Hicks	501-Northmoor Ave.N.	St.Petersburg	33702	7275220301	hixx777@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 15:44:00
Mask Requirements	Please pass a mask requirement rule for Pinellas County. You have the chance to save lives. Please do the right thing!	Peter Tanner	250 8th Ave S	Safety Harbor	34695	7274581778	peterdt1@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 15:39:32
Requiring Masks	Commissioners - Are you giving any thought to following Tampa's mask requirement? I chose Tampa vs St Pete because Tampa's applies to customers as well as employees. Wearing a mask is a simple way to help slow this pandemic and the spike we are seeing in Florida (cases as well as positivity) seems to warrant some action.	Bob & Calabrese	1881 Melanie Way	Palm Harbor	34683	7277893493	calabreb@gmail.com	2020-06-21 15:33:02
Do not enforce masks	Ww have rights! Please don't force wearing masks. There are some people that can't wear a mask goes for medical reasons! You will face a lawsuit for the people! We live in America where we can make our own decisions. Government should not dictate!!!			Pinellas			basketbabe53207@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 15:26:09

I fully support mandatory face masks.	<p>Dear Pinellas Board of County Commissioners:</p> <p>Given that the number of new, positive C-19 cases continues to grow in our local circle of friends and acquaintances (five in St. Pete Beach in the last two days), I would like to see an emergency, mandatory face mask order go out, similar to that of the City of Tampa and the City of Saint Petersburg.</p> <p>I've only been patronizing essential food, pharmacy and hardware businesses in Palm Harbor, but setting foot in even these lately has become too much of a hazard due to the behavior of my fellow citizens.</p> <p>With that, and until I'm assured that staff and customers are all in compliance, I'm back to locking down again, similar to March and April because we're older and have an elderly parent in our house.</p> <p>The sooner we get serious about controlling infections with masks, testing and contact tracing, the sooner we can ease up in phases as things taper off again. And then truly open up down the road with the help of a tested vaccine and anti-viral therapies. But those are months away, if we're very, very lucky.</p> <p>Until then, we'll just continue to rack up the deaths; the debilitating, long-term hospitalizations and who even knows about the long-term effects of organ damage in some of the recovered.</p> <p>Thank you for using science as your policy guide.</p> <p>Best regards,</p> <p>Holly Bird</p>	Holly Bird	544 11th St	Palm Harbor	34683		hbird@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-21 15:15:53
Covid prevention	Please make mask wearing mandatory.	Marc sokol	100 harbor drive	Palm harbor	34683	3129527732	marc@sokol.com	2020-06-21 15:13:01
Please extend mask mandate	If we want to keep our economy open, let's please make sure everyone wears masks at least indoors and when social distancing is not possible. Our businesses find it difficult to mandate, despite their personal fears, and a county-mandated sign that mandates or STRONGLY ENCOURAGES masks for the sake of the stress on our workers and the 25% of the population who is vulnerable because of age or other compromised status. Please stop being country-hick cowboys as you did with fluoridation! Join Tampa and St. Pete and accept that we are a major metro area. If we don't get people being more considerate of others before the tourists come, we are going to be in a whole lot of trouble come the fall. Don't wait for things to get so bad that shutdown is the only alternative. Stop being politicians and help people.	Mary Hunt	9128 Mission Oaks Blvd.	Seminole	33776	7272395429	marylmhunt@aol.com	2020-06-21 15:03:42
Please require face masks for all	I own Back in the Day Books in Downtown Dunedin. I have required not only my employees, but my customers to wear face coverings since reopening five weeks ago. Please vote to require everyone to wear face coverings when in public places. Otherwise our hospital ICUs will be overrun and we will have put our economy into a recession for nothing.	Boe Rushing	2941 Eagle Estates Circle South	Clearwater	33761	(813) 433-3677	backinthedaybooks@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 15:03:36
Face Masks	<p>While I find face masks uncomfortable, I think mandatory wearing inside is not a bad thing for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>The problem area is where people consume food or beverages (restaurants and bars).</p> <p>In restaurants it should be whenever you are not at your table. If going to the bathroom, waiting to sit, leaving etc they should be worn. In bars, reduce the capacity to 1/3 inside and enforce that, no sitting at the bar and otherwise allow people to go without a mask only if at a table. If moving around a mask must be on. Outside seating would be mask free.</p>	Michael Hays	1185 nelson street	Dunedin	34698	9723459508	mjhays2000@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 14:58:40
Mask requirements/COVID-19	<p>As a resident of Pinellas County, I implore you to establish a mask requirement for everyone while inside businesses, facilities, and/or where social distancing is not feasible. The recent drastic spike in infections is quite alarming, and the careless disregard I've seen and experienced in my (admittedly few) forays out for necessities by irresponsible or uninformed citizens is distressing.</p> <p>You have the authority and responsibility to enact measures that will protect the health of the most vulnerable in our communities. I hope you will use it for the good of all. It is incumbent on us all to take simple actions that could drive the number of COVID infections down, but those who are refusing to wear masks, or worse, willfully ignoring common sense protective measures like socially distant personal boundaries, threaten to prolong the pandemic.</p> <p>Perhaps the most alarming thing I've read today was the Chief Medical Officer quoted in the Tampa Bay Times, who said he was more terrified by walking through the aisles of a grocery store than through the hallways of a hospital COVID unit.</p> <p>Please vote to enact a mask requirement in Pinellas County.</p>	Judith Christie	1068 1st St SW	Largo	33770		reddcurlz@hotmail.com	2020-06-21 14:56:50
Upcoming vote on mask	<p>Dear Commissioners</p> <p>I urge you to vote against this illegal order as it goes against the Florida State Statue. It also is suppressing our own immune system. You must be properly tested to wear any respirator which these cloths make do not meet this at all and are useless. I urge you to look up the state statue on mask in public.</p>	Michael Woodall	1932 McKinley St	Clearwater	33765	7276390359	gators01@gmail.com	2020-06-21 14:56:06
Mandatory masks	Please consider. There are several large events at the Minnreg center in Largo scheduled for July. Over 200 people and no masks required. Several people are coming from out of state and do not care. this is just wrong. No events of this size should be held. I am on quareenteen now because I was in contact with a person that was positive.. Please stop this. Large events is just WRONG.	Lynn Helke	1302 5th Terr NW	Largo	33770		lhpoms@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-21 14:49:55

Mandatory wearing of facemasks during pandemic	I am totally for this as it is a health preventative not a political statement. In downtown Dunedin and Palm Harbor,, individuals are not wearing them. Make this happen for all our safety. Sincerely Pat Higgins	Pat higgins	656 Broadway	Dunedin	34698	7276432639	patric.higgins442@gmail.com	2020-06-21 14:45:23
Masks	Please require masks when social distancing can not be maintained and make it a civil citation	Nancy Rutland	300 Coffee Pot Riviera NE	Saint Petersburg	33704	7278953055	nerlaw@aol.com	2020-06-21 14:43:15
Mandatory masks	Please please vote for mandatory masks in Pinellas county Have businesses post signs that say: No mask, No Service	Sherry Sexton	13705 Feathersound Circle East A	Clearwater	33762	727-458-3747	sherrysexton.ss@gmail.com	2020-06-21 14:43:11
Face masks	I support the use of mandatory face masks for Pinellas County employees and the general public while indoors even if social/physical distancing can be maintained! Please do something before Tampa Bay/Pinellas County is the next epicenter! Thank you for your consideration.	Kathy Swain	1535 Sandalwood Drive	Dunedin	34698	(727) 215-7604	turtlegirl1957@gmail.com	2020-06-21 14:39:15
Masks	Please protect our community make wearing masks in Pinellas county	Linda		Clearwater			lindameade6@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 14:37:01
Mandatory Masks in Businesses	Could you please consider mandatory masks in businesses in Dunedin. We wear our masks when we go to these businesses. We would like for all businesses to do the same to keep our city healthy.	Kim Woodring	1024 Mary Jane Ln	Dunedin	34698	7275100609	kwoodring@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 14:34:50
Mandatory Masks for ALL	Please mandate mask wearing for all when out in public. This is not a political discussion but a sensible health decision that must be mandatory and not optional. It is along the lines of wearing seat belts and no different. Please support masks for all.	Dr. Kate Green	2619 56th St S	Gulfport	33707	8133319096	drkgreen2016@gmail.com	2020-06-21 14:31:10
Face mask are so important and must be Mandatory!!!!!!	I am an avid fitness and gym patron in Pinellas county. I have seen the disregard in the gym for others as it pertains to the transmission of Covid-19 virus. It is DANGEROUS as patrons don't distance properly and scream and grunt with forceful exhaling breaths, six feet will not overcome that when a mask will. No one wants to wear a mask including myself, however if someone come into a place, especially a gym, huffing and puffing like that with the covid virus it will spread like wildfire. Virtually no one in my gym or other gyms from what I hear is wearing a mask, only a very few. Please mandate mask for these types of environments, it will cut the risk of the spread of this disease way back, almost to zero if everyone has a mask on. Thank you for considering this matter and once again PLEASE make mask a requirement for indoor gatherings! I also believe bars and restaurants are a separate matter of choice but stores, gyms, etc. are required visitation for public well being. Respectfully yours, Charles Price	Charles G, Price	202 Windward Passage #210	Clearwater Beach	33767	6027914463	gatt.cp@gmail.com	2020-06-21 14:30:53
Covid masks	Please support masks for me, those who are vulnerable, those who may have Covid & not know it & our community	Cindy Gorshe Collman	1825 Sharpe Lane	Dunedin	34698	7274189690	cmgorshe@gmail.com	2020-06-21 14:27:51
Masks in public	Honorable Commissioners, My 97 year old mother, my only living relative, lives in a skilled nursing facility in south Pinellas. Last Saturday the first positive tests came back for 2 employees at the facility. They are not on her floor so we are somewhat placated that she was not exposed. However, on Sunday evening I went to buy our monthly groceries and there I saw an employee of the facility shopping without a mask. This employee does, indeed, work on my mother's floor and routinely interacts with nurses and CNAs who attend my mother. According to the facility administrator they can not tell their employees what to do in their private lives. But you can. You can help to stem the contagion in nursing homes by requiring a mask in all public venues. You can stop the reckless behavior of this employee in the future. Chances are good the employee was not exposed while at Publix, but I would rather not take a chance with my mother's life. I know this is a hard call, but each of you is up to making the difficult decision. Please support the requirement that all must wear a mask in public. Thank you for your time and consideration and thank you for your service to community. Respectfully, Virginia Littrell	Virginia Littrell		St. Petersburg			virginiaforcouncil@msn.com	2020-06-21 14:21:48

Please require masks in Public Spaces	Please protect Pinellas County residents from coronavirus by requiring masks be worn in public spaces. There's a great deal of difference between a tragedy and an inconvenience. Wearing a mask is an inconvenience. Needlessly losing people to COVID-19 is a tragedy. Wearing a mask is such a simple courtesy, an ounce of prevention rather than a pound of cure. Please vote in favor of wearing masks in public spaces. I am all for the ounce of prevention. Sincerely, Stephanie Blay Dunedin	Stephanie Blay		Dunedin	34698		stephblay@gmail.com	2020-06-21 14:20:37
Mandatory Masks	Vote No! I am extremely claustrophobic and cannot wear a mask without hyperventilating and sweating profusely. Please don't make us wear them. I don't want to pass out in public.	Christine Cobleigh	11911 66th St N #335	Largo	33773		Christineheap3@gmail.com	2020-06-21 14:17:06
Make Masks Mandatory in Pinellas County	Please make the wearing of masks at all businesses of All types and social distancing strictly mandatory. I see so many people not wearing masks and it will affect us all negatively. I refuse to patronize businesses who do not require masks. If you really want to open up our economy more, you must make mask wearing for all employees, customers or visitors of ALL businesses mandatory. Your doing so will help citizens be more able to patronize local businsses and will ensure the safety of their employees AND their patrons. There's no question that it will help boost the economy of Pinellas county. Please vote for strict mandatory masks required.	Victoria A. Rosenbaum	3987 Orchard Hill Circle	Palm Harbor	34684	727-460-1400	vikrose@live.com	2020-06-21 14:12:49
Mandatory Mask	Please do not make mask mandatory for everyone. Let's start with mandatory for servers and employees that handle food and beverage.			Unincorporated County			gatorbait@me.com	2020-06-21 14:11:51
Mandatory face mask	I don't agree with this mandatory issue. I'm 73 & when going out & into stores etc I wear a mask not because I'm being ordered but to protect myself. I feel that taking away someones freedom of choice is a poor decision. I don't think it's a good idea to threaten good law abiding citizens. I think that businesses have a right to demand face masks to enter. If you don't want to wear a mask then you can't go in but it's your choice. With everything going on in the country today that criminals are not being punished & destroying our country I would not get into imposing laws on things that could be handled by a verbal request. Not to mention the tourist industry & beaches.	Judith Colon	2433 Kent Place	Clearwater	33764	703-485-5829	judycolon@aol.com	2020-06-21 14:08:38
Masks	Please support the wearing of masks for all people in public.	Carol Turner	8625 78th Ave	Seminole	33777	727-902-8441	carolturner77@aol.com	2020-06-21 14:04:41
Implement mandatory masks in public	Help more masks be available to those who cannot afford them or get to places that sell them.	karen b egan	2100 nursery rd G-17	clearwater	33764	7273337910	kbegan22@gmail.com	2020-06-21 14:01:09
Mandatory mask for all	I do not support. Scientific evidence they do not help. More testing = more positive tests. Not more disease. May indicate there is more herd immunity. I strongly oppose this action of mandatory masks and believe a civil or crimal fine would be criminal violation if rights. I will vote accordinly at next election. Do not do this please.			St. Petersburg			pate4cake@gmail.com	2020-06-21 13:58:30
Masks and social distancing	I support establishing mask wearing and social distancing for Pinellas County to slow down the virus. I am a senior but concerned about us all, not just my cohort. It is about public health not politics and freedom. Thank you for your consideration.	Dr. Linda Lucas	152 58th Ave S	St Petersburg	33705	7278667335	lindalucasfl@gmail.com	2020-06-21 13:44:45
Masks	Masks are not effective and detrimental to my freedom. It's up to the individual responsibility to take care of himself and his family and how to, not the institution's which often are intrusive in violation of the law of the land. Please, advocate for voluntary use of masks and others forms of control by educating the public, providing correct data and letting the individual decide his own matters. This is my will, and I expect you to represent it accordingly	Ernesto Flores	118 Kenwood Ave	Clearwater	33755	8182998757	ernestofloresinfo@gmail.com	2020-06-21 13:43:48

Masks	<p>FREEDOM, you will not take away my freedom! "Masks" OSHA Certified Trainer: 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 want to cover 3 things:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N95 masks and 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: are designed for CONTAMINATED environments. That means when you exhale through N95 the design is that you are exhaling into contamination. The exhale from N95 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 Walmart and the guy with Covid has N95 mask his Covid breath is unfiltered being exhaled into Walmart 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, CLOG these masks very VERY quickly. The moisture from your breath combined with the clogged mask with render it "useless". In addition, if you come in contact with Covid and your mask traps it, you become a walking virus dispenser. Every time 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". 	Michael McCord	8725 55th Way N	Pinellas Park	33782-5055		m.e.mccord@msguns.com	2020-06-21 13:35:16
Face Masks	I agree with Governor DeSantis. Face masks should be voluntary, not mandatory.	Diane Rinaldi	826 Wood Street	Dunedin	34698		drinaldi4@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-21 13:27:51
Covid	Please make masks mandatory	Caron Hobson	155 Sage Rd	Crystal Beach	34681	7277845258	jhobbs99@aol.com	2020-06-21 13:16:43
Public Health	I don't need gov't to DICTATE to me whether or not to wear a face mask. (Don't MASK my LIBERTY !)	Richard Trinique	1847 Shore Dr S, Apt 806	S.Pasadena	33707	7275108784	richardtrinique@gmail.com	2020-06-21 13:15:48
Mask	Please make it mandatory for everyone in Pinellas county to wear mask when out. This is so important.	Teresa Csmeron	865 Desoto Ct	Dunedin	34698	8136953675	tgcameron3@gmail.com	2020-06-21 13:15:40
Face Masks	As an individual 66 years old I find it very upsetting to walk into a store and see several people without face masks. Please consider making it mandatory to wear face masks when in public places. Thank you!	Linda Metzkw	9925 Ulmerton Road, Lot 86	Largo	33771	3216930744	lindametzkw@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-21 13:08:56
Facemasks	Please pass an irrdinance fir facemasks inside buildings. Employees and customers.	David Deas	1411 Lemon St	Clearwater	33756	7277424568	davidgdeas@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 13:04:33
Re Face Masks Vote	To Board of Commissioners: Respectfully, Masks are annoying, but do work. For example, cancer patients having to wear them when they go in for treatment; it's more for their protection. It's been used in doctors offices for a long time. However, Wearing face masks should not be mandatory with threat of legal penalty. It can, however, be given to the businesses owners to enforce in their businesses. Not a new law with penalties. Give Businesses who require masks an incentive of some kind. People coming to businesses who tell people to please wear masks have no problem being complied to. It gives a person a choice to either go in with a mask or not go in. Trying to enforce something like this from a legal standpoint will create more protest than agreement—and I'm sure the whole point is to get agreement in keeping people and others healthy . The only other problem with a law is that a certain % of the population will not comply and will rebel, healthy or not. Giving people a choice to either go to a business or not will at least give them choices and less disagreements or rebellion.	Luis Colón	2433 Kent Pl	Clearwater	33764-7528		Tonycolon54@gmail.com	2020-06-21 12:56:18
Mask wearing	Please vote yes on mask wearing. I am 65 year old with COPD. I also have a 48 year old disabled childwho living with me. I have been self isolating since early March. I cant leave ty he house because the majority of people are not wearing masks. I recently lost 3 sales totalling 1.2 million due to Covid and would like to go back to work in real estate..but cant. The numbers are growing and I am at my limit on credit cards. Past due on my car. Common decency please.. I feel like I am being scorned by all for my age..	Linda Bone	1610 Indiana Ave.	Palm Harbor	34683	17273655256	lindatbone@gmail.com	2020-06-21 12:56:13
We need facemasks.	We need facemasks.	BARBARA KELLY	5317 9 AVE S	GULFPORT	33797	7279991103	barbaranj29@hotmail.com	2020-06-21 12:55:13
Face masks	I wear a face everyday at work. I support the wearing of masks inside buildings especially where social distancing is difficult. I am protecting my health, my family's health and the health of those I serve. Our leaders nationally and statewide are not leading to protect the general public. The Pinellas county commissioners have been thoughtful and have taken action. Please codify social distancing, face covering and hand hygiene from now until there is a vaccine. Thank you for your consideration and your service.	Lee Miller	410 Sam Jose Dr	Dunedin	34698	406 -590-4417	lee3miller@gmail.com	2020-06-21 12:53:11
Masks...YES!	We MUST stop the spread of the coronavirus! Wearing masks will help slow down the spread. We need your leadership.	Maura Hedrich	2260 Habersham Drive	Cleawater	FL	727/536-0634	m4hedrich@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 12:52:55

Face Masks	Face Masks are ridiculous at this point to be mandatory. Let's get on with life and get our economy back up and running! If people are high risk, then sure wear a mask or stay home! I'm so over this COVID nonsense... Simple solution- STAY home if you are afraid. I've been an essential employee through this whole thing, not wearing a face mask and guess what? I have not gotten COVID... the testing is not accurate. My aunt was admitted to Morton Plant hospital with a positive COVID test. Two more test were run on her in the hospital and they were both negative!!!	Pamela Schneider	526 Spring Lake Circle	Tarpon Springs	34688		misspam2u@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 12:50:22
No MASKS ... Cease Interfering with the Rights and Lives of US Citizens within Pinellas County.	Specifically, this message is in regard to the Covid-19 panic of 2020. 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, Joe Duncanson 1770 Kenesaw Lane Clearwater, FL 33765-1130	Joe Duncanson	1770 Kenesaw Lane	Clearwater	33765-1130		joeduncansonn@verizon.net	2020-06-21 12:46:35
PLEASE enforce wearing of Masks / Covid	Please for the love of our country PLEASE require people to wear masks. Smoking was banned in public places for public health safety. This should be a NO BRAINER. Masks save lives. Please act responsibly! I am a Republican. I find what is happening in USA reprehensible. If the leadership at the top can't/won't make responsible decisions - it falls on local authority. Mr. Eggers, you are a DUNEDIN person. Help save our lives. PLEASE. DUNEDIN has been hard hit by COVID 19. I could care less about testing. You can test negative one day and positive the next. You can have it without symptoms. You can pass it and not know it. ALL people need to be wearing masks! Thank you for taking the time to read this... I hope you will read it and listen to a concerned citizen.	Briony Tomalesky	2052 Indigo Terrace	Dunedin	34698	727 734 5147	tomaleskybriony@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 12:45:53
Face masks	We need to make it mandatory to wear face masks. Do it before things get worse	Catherine stitche	2371 Tudor lane	Clearwater	33763	7278716095	castitche@hotmail.com	2020-06-21 12:43:51
Masks	Facts Matter For all you mask wearers (especially For all you mask wearers (especially those of you who think wearing it outside is not stupid). 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: • N95 masks and masks with exhale ports • surgical masks • filter or cloth masks Okay so upon further inspection OSHA says some masks are okay and not okay in certain situations. 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. • N95 masks: are designed for CONTAMINATED environments. That means when you exhale through N95 the design is that you are exhaling into contamination. The exhale from N95 masks is vented to breath straight out without filtration. They don't filter the air on the way out. They don't need to. Conclusion: If you're in Stewart's and the guy with COVID has an N95 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). • 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 wearing these masks is CLOGGING them 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. Every time 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." Cloth masks: Today three people pointed to their masks as they walked by me entering Lowe's. They said, "Ya gotta wear your mask,	AUTUMN	Victoria Drive	Pinellas	34698		amalagies@aol.com	2020-06-21 12:38:44
Covid-19	Please do the right thing and have mandatory mask wearing for our beautiful county! Isn't the fact that we here went from under 1,000 infected in a day to over 4,000 a day in just 13 days sufficient?! Please, let's try to be the example for lowering the numbers and protecting our citizens. We are counting on you! Thank you for your time and representation, M. Christy Spencer, retired RN, Florida native, and very concerned citizen	Mary Christy Spencer	2755 Curlew Road, Lot 58	palm Harbor	34684		christy1954@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-21 12:37:05
Masks for safety	Please make wearing a mask mandatory in public. Too many people are not making good choices and are not wearing masks and putting us all at risk. a	Margaret gibbs	11382 108th lane	Pinellas unincorporate	33778		haibebe@hotmail.com	2020-06-21 12:31:21
Mandatory masks for businesses	Please make masks mandatory for businesses in Pinellas county.	Jennifer Clark	859 Michele Circle	Dunedin	34698	2156965568	jendouse@gmail.com	2020-06-21 12:31:17

No mandatory face masks!!!	VOTE AGAINST MANDATORY FACE MASKS!!! It's unenforceable as health reasons, protected by HIPAA, allow one to refuse and it's also unconstitutional!! Additionally, Federal OSHA regulations state employers mandating masks must ensure acceptable oxygen levels exist for employees wearing masks. None of this is happening!! It's time to get back to the REAL normal!	Snow Mooney	800 Richards Ave	Clearwater	33755	7275801988	newameaba@aol.com	2020-06-21 12:20:25
Say NO to mandatory masks in Pinellas County	Stop making people wear masks. Let people decide whether or not they want to wear a mask. This is getting ridiculous. We as American citizens should have a choice.	Bruce Derby	34 Thatch Palm St W	Largo	33770	585-831-3937	bderby61@gmail.com	2020-06-21 12:19:35
Face masks	I humbly request that you do not make face masks mandatory.		3455 Countryside Blvd.	Clearwater	33761		diane311310@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 12:18:39
Mandatory Masks	For the safety of our community and economy, we need a mandatory public mask ordinance. Especially as we prepare to send our children back to school.	Elisabeth Weinstein	1012 Greenleaf Way	Tarpon Springs	34689	7279342587	beth@bdubmarketing.com	2020-06-21 12:09:47
Masks and COVID-19	Please keep us safe! Masks keep us safe. Vote YES on masks in public enclosed places.	Vikki Caradonna	343 Countryside Key Blvd	Oldsmar	34677	7273360046	vicaradonna@gmail.com	2020-06-21 12:09:05
Face Masks	Please vote to make it mandatory for all people to wear a mask in public! This is an easy way to curb the spike in the Covid19 virus! Thank you! BJ O'Shaughnessy (813)3101700 Pinellas County Resident	BJ oshaughnessy	1621 Gulf Blvd. unit 403	Clearwater	33767	(813) 310-1700	bj3333@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-21 12:07:30
Voting on wearing masks	Please vote yes for everyone to wear masks inside buildings.	Kay Scheurman	2679 Spyglass Dr	Clearwater	33761		kayzie567@gmail.com	2020-06-21 11:58:38
Follow the CDC guidelines and require masks inside.	Why is there even a question about this? Who among the commissioners has questioned whether we should be following the guidelines of the CDC? Just step down now.	Winchester Dermody	19 Winston Dr	Belleair	33756	7274468071	winchesterdermody@gmail.com	2020-06-21 11:58:00
Masks	It's time to step up and require masks be worn in public areas. Pinellas has the highest numbers and our Governor doesn't seem to care. I don't disagree with re opening the state but we still must practice safety precautions! Masks should be mandatory to protect all of us just not a select few	Linda Wasserman	8500 Ulmerton Rd	Largo	33771	203-605-1083	PookieW2@gmail.com	2020-06-21 11:57:54
In Support of Face Masks	Good Afternoon All: I support face mask wearing because I believe in facts supported by science. Hoping you believe in the same, and I apologize for my Pinellas County peers who don't and forced this upon you. I also have a 2020 DHS graduate hoping to have a ceremony July 10th and going to college in Melbourne at Eastern the end of July. Please keep in mind that athletes are required to move in earlier than nonathletes. I see another county having ceremonies in August. In a perfect world, my daughter will be in Melbourne Florida by then. Spectrum is closed down due to Covid. 2020 HS graduates would also appreciate a mandatory face mask initiative.	KAREN A MARISCAL	2071 Lantana Avenue	Clearwater	33755	17274341571	kamariscal@gmail.com	2020-06-21 11:52:26
Masks	I am writing to encourage the Council to require mask wearing in public. It is such a simple and effective way to save lives and maintain health. Public health requires adherence to a social contract by all members of the society. With COVID cases rising it's time to put into place some simple, common sense and effective rules that will protect all of us.	Marita Lynch	1618 Tuscola Rd	Clearwater	33756	717-741-8891	maritalynch@gmail.com	2020-06-21 11:49:11
Mask wearing	With the upsurge in COVID-19, please decide to implement countywide mask wearing to protect us all in Pinellas County. It's the best course of action at present.	Donna Dennis	223 Island Way #4B	Clearwater	33767	727-447-7380	dennis33@hotmail.com	2020-06-21 11:45:06
Mask Ordinance	Good day, I am a resident of Dunedin and I want to implore you to implement a mandatory mask ordinance in Pinellas County. If businesses and beaches and parks are going to be open, we need to do something to reduce the risk of transmission. Masks are a small inconvenience and will greatly improve our situation (which is getting pretty scary). I wear my mask anytime I am in contact with another person, even at 6ft distance. There are too many people ignoring not only the face masks but also social distancing and they are putting me at risk. This behavior from those who refuse to follow CDC guidelines make me hesitant to venture out of my home and spend money (which I really want to do). I'm sure there are others like me who are staying home and not stimulating the economy because the general public is too careless. Please implement this ordinance and please do it as quickly as possible. Warm Regards, Lauren Mullins	Lauren Mullins	1763 Main St Apt 118-E	Dunedin	34698	7277097031	laurenmullins86@gmail.com	2020-06-21 11:44:24
Face Masks	Please make business workers wear face masks. There are plenty of business workers still not wearing them.	Jeanne Coleman	1817 West Drive	Clearwater	33755-2244	7274613041	nyy1nyg1@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 11:42:43
Mask	Vote to require mask, please.			City			tdavis6@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-21 11:40:05
Requiring wearing masks	I would like to encourage the county to require mask-wearing, excepting legitimate medical needs, in all businesses, government facilities, and other public-accessible indoor locations. As case numbers continue to climb, Pinellas county can take the opportunity to be a leader in taking the necessary steps to protect all members of our community.	L.N.		St Petersburg	33712		thewoahd@gmail.com	2020-06-21 11:38:09

Face Masks	Please make Face coverings mandatory in public. I am horrified that, here in Pinellas County, with a climbing CoVid19 cases, we have not mandated face masks. In spite of the current Sheriff's refusal to enforce any ordinance requiring face masks is contemptible. The reports out of the EMS Advisory Council should scare you. We have not done enough to protect the lovely people of Pinellas County. All the best, Karen Mullins	Karen Mullins	678 Oakwood Drive	DUNEDIN	34698	7277335091	dunedin7@gmail.com	2020-06-21 11:31:55
Mandatory masks	Please require masks in all locations that allow the public. It would prevent most transmissions. Thank you.	Mary Sanders	2053 Jefferson Ave	Dunedin	34698	7276672600	merrysand111@gmail.com	2020-06-21 11:29:00
Mandatory usage of face masks	I would like to make my opinion known that a mandatory usage of face masks is not only infringing on my civil rights but also does not make sense medically. In fact it can be harmful to my physical health. I do not agree that the government has a right to dictate that to me. Thank you.	Katarzyna Szytkowski	109 13th St.	Belleair Beach	33786		kateszytk@gmail.com	2020-06-21 11:19:50
Please Require Masks in Pinellas County	Hello, I am writing to you to ask you to please make wearing a mask mandatory in Pinellas County. COVID is currently worse than it has ever been here, and it shows no signs of slowing. We can slow it down and save the lives of our friends, family, and neighbors, but only if proper mask wearing, hand washing, and isolation is practiced. Leaving the decision to wear a mask up to the individuals has proved ineffective, due in large part to the politicization of mask wearing. I am asking you to please do the right thing and put the health of your constituents before any other possible concern, and make mask wearing mandatory in Pinellas County. We need strong leadership right now, and you have the opportunity to provide it. Please don't let us down. Thank you.	Sarah Davis	4928 5th Ave N	St. Petersburg			sarah.g.davis@gmail.com	2020-06-21 11:15:31
Mandatory masks	I work with the public as does my husband . With covid numbers increasing since reopening the state I urge you to vote "yes" for county wide mandatory masks when in public. If everyone wears a mask the risks decrease greatly for exposer when social distance can not be maintained. This is still the first wave and icu beds will get more scarce. Don't wait until it's too late. Thank you.	Alison	4901, West Breeze Cir	Palm Harbor	34683	7278719524	manninokeyes@gmail.com	2020-06-21 11:12:21
Masks	There is no emergency. Hospital rooms are empty. Do not institute any mask requirement.			Clearwater			ajm@martinins.net	2020-06-21 11:09:42
Make Masks Mandatory	Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, Florida is a worst case scenario in our country. Our Covid numbers keep going up and up. We haven't even left the worst wave of cases yet. Masks must be mandatory in public if we are to save more lives and stop covid faster. This is not the time for business as usual. People are dying. Black people and people of color are being infected and dying at disproportionate rates. We must do everything possible to help protect all Pinellas residents from getting Covid. Sincerely, Christy M. Foust, Ph.D.	Dr. Christy M. Foust	232 4th St N #26	St. Petersburg	33701		christymfoust@gmail.com	2020-06-21 11:07:28
Please require masks in our county	Vote yes for masks. Let's have a safe summer.	beth davis	1962 harding Plaza	clearwater	33765-3376	7277423797	beth.g.davis@gmail.com	2020-06-21 11:02:14
Masks	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.	JoAnne Hopkins	2480 Moore Haven Dr. E.	Clearwater	33763		hopkinsj@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-21 11:02:09
Covid	Please recommend the wearing of masks while inside public places.	Carol Workman	2419 Bentley drive	Palm Harbor	34684	3046882122	nefariou56@gmail.com	2020-06-21 10:51:09
Masks	The best balance between an open economy and a healthy economy is making mask wearing mandatory. It is the tiniest inconvenience for something that CURRENT science is showing has BIG implications on stopping the spread of viral particulates. If wearing masks turns out to stop the virus, FANTASTIC. If wearing masks turns out to NOT stop the virus it was a super small inconvenience. Talking points regarding the ill-effects are completely invalid. Health care workers have worn masks for hours and hours while performing intricate life saving procedures while wearing masks. Our EMS are wearing masks outdoors while saving lives. It is perfectly reasonable to ask people to wear a mask while running errands. As a small business owner and health care practitioner, I humbly request you make mask wearing mandatory in businesses.	Carrie Graves	1083 Mary Jane Lane	Dunedin	34698	7274654020	carriejohnson@mac.com	2020-06-21 10:50:50
Masks	Masks should be required to be indoors.	Laura Symanski		Palm Harbor	34684		laurasymanski@gmail.com	2020-06-21 10:38:20
Masks	Please require masks indoors in Pinellas County to slow the spread of Covid-19!			Tarpon Springs			setapart13@aol.com	2020-06-21 10:35:46
Mandatory face masks	Please, no mandatory face masks	Kathie Heard	15 Turner St #2	Clearwater	33756	727 444 0343	billsheard@earthlink.net	2020-06-21 10:34:19

Mandatory masks	Hello. I just wanted to state my opinion of making mask wearing in public mandatory. Many doctors and scientists will tell you that wearing a mask for more than a few minutes causes your oxygen levels to decrease. Not a healthy situation. Especially for those that already have lung issues. And once the masks get moist (which doesn't take long at all) they are completely ineffective. Thanks for your time.	Neal Fox	2529 Harn Blvd., Unit 6	Clearwater	33764	7279533105	nealfox@wireduck.com	2020-06-21 10:24:17
Covid 19	People are not taking the virus seriously enough. I love that things are open, but people are not respecting 6 ft spacing and those are the same people so disrespectful that they're not even wearing masks. Please at least mandate wearing masks anytime indoors.	Sara Killian		Palm Harbor			sarajohnson08@gmail.com	2020-06-21 10:23:04
Need masks indoors	Please require masks to be worn indoors by staff and customers. The numbers are climbing. We need to do something.	Nicole Schwartzberg	3046 Oak Cove Dr	Clearwater	33759		teachingchick@gmail.com	2020-06-21 10:22:19
Wearing masks in public places	Good morning, I feel very strongly against enforcing mask wearing in public if social distancing is still enforced. Costco has done this and I avoid shopping there if I can. It's obvious numbers may go up if more testing is done. People were not even allowed to test if they didn't have symptoms before. The testing situation has totally changed in these weeks. I feel we need to get back to normal as best as we can. I was verbally attacked in Costco as I put the mask under my nose so I could breath properly. People are being unnecessary rude due to fear with what is going on in the country and world. I feel over kill is going to just feed this further. Unfortunately there are people out there that love this situation as it's their nature to be scared and make people stay at home or restrict their lives. I feel staying safe with social distancing and sanitize carts is all that's needed. I did not see any issue in target which is where I shop now. Please let's get back to normal as there are people needing this emotionally more then anything. Thank you	Kailani Angius	1100 University Drive West,	Clearwater	33764	727-999-0291	k.angius@earthlink.net	2020-06-21 10:19:27
Face masks	It is my firm belief that we should no longer be required to wear face masks in public. We are adults living under constitutional rights and it feels like they are delicately being infringed upon. I understand the need for caution to prevent the spread of the flu and I went along with that for the safety of others but I honestly don't know if it was being exaggerated by the media or not. It is so hard to tell. I would rather be safe than sorry but enough is enough now. When a democratic government can no longer rely on the good sense of individuals in its electoral body then it crosses over into one form of dictatorship or another. It is a slippery slope and one that is hard to return from. If you value life over freedom then we have already crossed that threshold.	Terri Williams	3127 Vernon Terrace	Largo	33770	8139005921	datasponge9@gmail.com	2020-06-21 10:17:23
Wearing masks	I fully endorse the suggestion to mandate the wearing of masks in indoor public places. We simply can't afford to let Covid spike in Clearwater like it has in St Pete and face yo-yo shutdowns. The Phillies facility nearby reported 8 cases amongst their staff and could pose an issue with all the shopping centers and all the eaterys in that area in which they're likely to spend money.	Andrew Kim	301 Evelyn Ave	Clearwater	33765	3232303450	drewgkim@gmail.com	2020-06-21 10:15:24
Mask	Please vote no for all of Pinellas county wearing masks in public places. I don't consent to being mandated to wear a mask. And I know many others feel the same way. It is an impingement of our freedom of choice.	Andrew C Dieppa	1132 Belleair Rd	Clearwater	33756		andrecdieppa@gmail.com	2020-06-21 10:13:13
Masks	The science says masks will help stop the spread of the virus and that should allow us to get businesses open sooner, so I hope you will vote for all business people to wear masks.	Marcia Bailey	3301 Alt 19	Dunedin	34698		wilmarc83@gmail.com	2020-06-21 10:04:10
Public Safety	Please vote to require face masks on all persons in indoor public spaced	Paul Ford	45 Lorraine St	Crystal Beach	34682	727 3335671	paulw4d@gmail.com	2020-06-21 10:00:54
Masks	Please vote no for masks. As a health care professional I have had more patients coming to my clinic with increased respiratory issues. And my patients already suffering with asthma and allergies are doing worse. Oxygen is important for the body to be able to fight sickness and disease and not getting enough oxygen in the body is a huge concern. Please consider this.	Hayley Imbriani	301 Evelyn Ave	Clearwater	33765	6303304290	hayleyimbriani@gmail.com	2020-06-21 10:00:02
Require everyone to wear face masks	Please require everyone to wear face masks in public. The number of covid-19 cases are rising everyday. Please require everyone to wear face masks in public.	Cynthia Salamate	9851 113th Street Unit 107	Seminole /Unincorporated	33772	7278107424	mommy1teacher@gmail.com	2020-06-21 09:35:10
Face masks	Based on all the data I have researched facemask are not a solution and potentially a higher risk. In the last 3 months I have worn a mask 16 times because the store I wanted to enter required it. I am a business owner and I recently started hiring more employees in Clearwater for my fast expanding business Harvest Harmonics Corp. I have the potential and intention to hire 1500 people country wide, 300 in Florida with 200 or more in Clearwater. My business can easily be moved as all I need is office space and an assembly area. If mask wearing becomes mandatory in my county, I will certainly relocate my business and my family. I ask that you protect our freedom of choice rights. Thank you. Love, Frank	Francesco Arlia Jr.	630 Wells Court Unit 401, Clearwa	Clearwater/Pinellas	33756	727-324-6750	ceo@harvestharmonics.com	2020-06-21 09:28:30
Masks	Masks need to be required by all! I've been in quarantine over 100 days. I'd like to be able to go out again but at 73 I can't! Do the right thing for all of us! This pandemic will not end without masks!	Anne Shamas	1919 Brightwaters Blvd NE	St. Petersburg	33704	7274808828	ashamas1@me.com	2020-06-21 08:57:43
Covid-19	Pinellas county's infection rate is on the rise, which cannot be explained away by more resting. And the young, asymptomatic carriers? They are spreading it to the at risk folks. Please make wearing a mask mandatory for everyone!!	Tanya Yatsco	4227 30th Ave N	St. Petersburg	33713		tyatsco@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 08:51:27
Wearing masks	Everyone should be wearing masks whenever they leave their homes when they are in stores, business, restaurants etc.	Karen Wysong Miracle	3129 Hillside Lane	Safety Harbor	34695	813-503-7777	karen-miraclelaw@hotmail.com	2020-06-21 08:49:35
NO MASK!	You will create a panic in Pinellas!! I thought we had a republican in office?? You know that the news is lying to you us all!! There are so many people proven that this virus is a dam cold and some can get it, some worst then others!! This is nothing new with the common cold!! Or the flu!! Who knows, you may never even see this because we have crooked people weeding through these messages! No to the dam mask!! This is all political and I am sick of bowing down to the media!! Do not let anyone pressure you because of their big mouths!!!	Stephanie Johnson		Palm Harbor	34683		stephj10s@gmail.com	2020-06-21 08:43:40

Masks should be mandated	AS an emergency physician currently working directly with Covid 19 patients I am appalled at the trend I am seeing locally and on the state level. There is profound community spread of the virus and our populace, left to their own devices, is simply not taking the necessary precautions to prevent further spread. We are facing a worsening outbreak and our hospital systems will be effected. ICU bed status in the last week is not where it should be to handle a resurgence as we are seeing with the disease. Mandated masks for employees and all customers should be instituted. I feel there should be no large, or small gatherings. This has not worked and we are facing a profound outbreak if we do not act. Please consider and act appropriately for the protection and well being of our citizens. Action now will prevent much harsher action later. Sincerely, Dr. Julie Shamas	Julie Shamas	1231 DARLINGTON OAK CIR NE	SAINT PETERSBURG	33703-6315	8632074522	jshamas@me.com	2020-06-21 08:41:52
Masks	Please support the mask requirement for patrons and employees in all businesses. I would like to support local businesses but will not go into a store unless the mask requirement is in place. Thank you.	Suzanne Williams	626 Roanoke St	Dunedin	34698	6174166590	smw81087@gmail.com	2020-06-21 08:38:44
Message to all Pinellas County Commissioners:	Message to Pinellas County Commissioners: "The Coronavirus has now killed more Americans than the Vietnam War, Gulf War, Afghanistan War, and Iraq War combined." (Fortune, 2020). WHAT is taking so long? How many people will be infected while you WAIT? How many of those will die as a result of each hour you W_A_I_T. DO what you were hired to do- protect the PEOPLE and FAMILIES of this state. Make NO MISTAKE, we are AT WAR with something attacking the people of this nation and still you WAIT to put through an order to make masks MANDATORY in public places in this county which should have already be in place. Ridiculous. DO YOUR JOB. I am a TEACHER for Pinellas County Schools. I will not go back as many in my position will not go back to TEACH CLASSES unless I am safe and more importantly, MY STUDENTS are safe. Each minute you delay this decision means another of their family members infected.	Janine Eveland	12566 81 terrace	unincorporated Largo	33776	7273797120	evelandj@pcsb.org	2020-06-21 08:36:04
Corona Virus - mask	Good morning Pinellas County commissioners, I would like to let you know that I support you voting to wear a mask in all public businesses starting immediately. The best epidemiologists and the science is behind us, so let's get behind the experts and create a C environment for our residence. Let's get this virus under control so we can better enjoy our beautiful county. Thank you, Tricia Manning	Tricia Manning	2346 Mangrum Dr	Dunedin	34698	7277366845	tmanning72@gmail.com	2020-06-21 08:29:59
Mandatory masks	Hi, I've been a pinellas county resident for the past 8 years. I have two young children, age 3 and 10 Months. I am opposed to mandatory masks being issued in pinellas county. I do not think they are necessary in healthy bodies. I also own a business in pinellas county. We practice social distancing and sanitize everything per cdc recommendations. Mandatory masks inside would hinder communication in my office and make social interaction suppressed. Makes are more detrimental on a healthy body as science lays out. This reduces oxygen intake. It is also near impossible for me to keep a mask on my 3 year old. Please do not pass mandatory masks.	Lindsey Noll	305 n glenwood ave	Clearwater	33755	8184003232	lindsey@ienjoyhome.com	2020-06-21 07:57:14
Face masks	Mandatory face masks!!! We need to stop this now!!!			clearwater			pocogeejo@aol.com	2020-06-21 07:54:10
Mask voting	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.	Jenni Martin	505 Crystal drive	Madeira beach	33708	7277447010	mcmsrq@gmail.com	2020-06-21 07:39:10

Upcoming Vote	Dear Commissioners I would encourage you to vote NO on mandatory masks for county residents. I've talked to people who are wearing them in a work environment and they're suffering from breathing difficulties and headaches. Masks are not made to be worn all day long! I was in Ace Hardware on Saturday and man was sitting down because he was dizzy, not normally dizzy he attributes it to the mask he was wearing. With the heat of summer there will be people suffering more from heat stroke instead of suffering from COVID-19. Plus there's a 98% recovery rate of COVID-19 and our hospitals are not being overrun no matter the number of cases reported. Masks also comprise people with healthy immune system	Mike Kinh	210 - Cleveland Avenue	Largo	33770	727 748-5037	mking99@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-21 07:36:22
Masks Slow The Spread	Please vote to keep us safe by requiring masks in public places.	Judith Petersen	12147 Kay Drive	Seminole	33772	727-235-4902	petersenby2@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 07:31:20
Wearing Masks	We all need to do our job to protect each other. Is this not the American ideal? Make mask wearing during a PANDENIC mandatory!	Dawn Erff	111 Crestwood Lane	Largo	33770	301.775.1242	dawnlerff@aol.com	2020-06-21 06:55:27
Masks	I do not want mandatory masks in Pinellas county for Covid-19.	Deborah Daves	511 Winding Willow Dr	Palm Harbor	34683	7277859383	debby_daves@hotmail.com	2020-06-21 06:55:09
COVID mask ordinance	Please, please, please pass the ordinance for the public to wear mask while instead any be business or building in the city. It is the best way we know of to slow the spread of the virus. Also, encourage businesses to refuse service the those without masks. Offer some kind of incentive, feature them on new stories, social media pages, etc.c	Bobbi Siebold	711 90th Ave. N	St. Petersburg	33702	727-463-4203	bobbi33702@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 06:49:41
Masks	I am highly in favor of mask wearing in public spaces. For the safety of our community, please vote in favor of a mandatory mask ordinance.	Jacqueline Jarrell	90th AveN	Pinellas Park	33782		jacquelinejarrell@gmail.com	2020-06-21 06:13:13
Masks	Good Morning, I have already written to you regarding making masks mandatory. In light of 4,049 new cases of COVID reported yesterday bringing the infectious rate up to 12.36%, I don't even understand that it is debatable. Today I go work at the restaurant and have to be exposed to all these unmasked customers all day long, while virtually no one wears a mask. It's very disheartening and upsetting. Please do the right thing on Tuesday and make masks mandatory.	Heather Rippert	24862 US HWY 19 N #1801	Clearwater	33763	6107333429	Rubyslippers919@aol.com	2020-06-21 05:07:31
Ordinance requiring wearing masks in public	Please pass a ordinance requiring masks be worn in public. Thank you!	Angela Arroyo	235 Washington Drive	Safety Harbor	34695		angie41009@yahoo.com	2020-06-21 04:09:58
Wearing masks	As a teacher and parent of 2 children I worry about young children getting covid 19. I know wearing a mask isn't comfortable but one of the reasons my family wears them when we need to out is it really keeps your hands off your face. Which I know children have a big problem doing, their hands are always on their face. Of course the mask if worn correctly, keeps your germs to yourself and blocks others germs. My 7 year old never complains about wearing his mask when we have to go out, he is also a Type 1 diabetic which is an immune deficiency so he has to be careful. We all need to wear masks! I don't want people to end up with a criminal record because they aren't wearing one but I don't see why we can't hold business responsible. Have businesses post NO MASK, NO SERVICE. If the business allows people into their store and allows that person to purchase items the business should be given a fine. What you need to for sure need to pass an ordinance about is every indoor business required to have employees wear a proper face covering. If they do not do this give out a number and email address so that the public can report them. Give them a 500\$ fine, after being fined 3 times close them down for 2 days. For everyone to wear masks while inside is the best way to stop the spread of this horrible virus. Please if you will not pass an order that requires all people over the age of 2 have to wear a covering over their mouth and nose; please at least require indoor business have their employees wear a covering over their mouth and nose. I heard what the sheriff said at the last meeting about making business responsible and then give the police the ability to fine them! Make it clear to business that they need follow the guidelines in phase 2 and give the public a phone number or email address to contact about violations. Thank you for taking the time to read my opinion. - Marni Gordon	Marni Gordon	13134 87th Pl	Unincorporated	33776		marnid@gmail.com	2020-06-21 01:06:05
Masks	I think it would help slow down the COVID-19 if everyone wore a mask; but since a lot of people refuse to do their part to protect others, I hope Pinellas County will make it mandatory to wear a mask in public places.	Nancy Randall	7880 52nd Way N	Pinellas Park	33781	727-546-9319	celtlassie@aol.com	2020-06-21 00:37:07

covid 19 response	<p>Dear Pinellas Co. Commissioners:</p> <p>Our governor is refusing to take responsible action to address the covid 19 pandemic. Please, on behalf of all of the citizens of Pinellas Co., step into the breach and protect our citizens.</p> <p>We are projected to be the next covid hotspot, and our percentage of positive tests and numbers of infections are increasing daily. Meanwhile, citizens of this county cavalierly refuse to wear masks, socially distance, or stay home to protect themselves and our most vulnerable citizens.</p> <p>Please, shut down the county; mandate the wearing of masks, and pay attention to science as we work together, as NY state did, to overcome this virus, and keep safe our citizens.</p> <p>For those who are concerned about our economy, it doesn't have to be an either/or. We can protect our citizens and the economy at the same time. Tourists and business people will not want to come here to endanger their lives.</p> <p>First things first- stop the spread, flatten the curve - then, reopen the county. Please.</p> <p>Mary C. Poole, Ph.D.</p>	Mary Poole	8 Harbor Point Place	Safety Harbor	34695	7277428126	marycpoole47@gmail.com	2020-06-21 00:31:15
Masks	<p>Make masks mandatory in all businesses, customers And staff alike!</p>	Fran		Safety harbor	34695		ofafran@gmail.com	2020-06-21 00:28:03
Face coverings save lives. Lead. Protect.	<p>We need leadership that is lacking at the state level for our communities. I am begging you to listen to the Science, consider the economics of a pandemic of which we have not even begun to see the levels of infection, and do the right thing and REQUIRE FACE COVERINGS in public, inside and out, anywhere people are within 20 feet of each other. It's easy, it's affordable, it will save lives, time and money.</p> <p>Please require face coverings until infection rates, death rates, hospitalizations rates and community behavior indicates long term safety.</p> <p>Thank you. Julia Herbst</p>	Julia Hebrbst	1132 Elemendorf Trace	Tarpon Springs	34689	814- 479- 2919	herbstsonne5@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 23:45:36
Mandatory masks	<p>As a visitor from Sarasota, and a mask wearer, I would feel safer if everyone was required to wear a mask, especially those serving the public.</p>	Sharon Litchfield	2010 Craft Ln	Sarasota	34239	941 650 5337	slitchfield1448@gmail.com	2020-06-20 23:21:26
Masks in public	<p>No more dicking around. Everybody needs to wear a mask in public until this virus dies out.</p>	Donna Chapin	5725 17th Ave S	Gulfport	33707	727-302-0363	donnachapin@gmail.com	2020-06-20 23:18:27
Mandatory Mask Wearing in Pinellas County	<p>As a citizen of Pinellas County I am asking you to vote against mandatory face masks in Pinellas County. The various stores and shops can request their customers to wear masks and people can also choose if they want to wear a mask or not and should and can be encouraged to wear one when going into enclosed public spaces like stores and shops etc.....but don't make it mandatory. I think we should still leave it up to each individual as there are also negative aspects to constant mask wearing like oxygen deprivation and recycling your own germs etc etc I myself do try to wear mask and gloves when I go shopping etc but I also get very dehydrated and get a headache after wearing the mask for longer than 20 minutes. Please let's keep reason and freedom of choice in this! Let's not make it now a punishable offense if one does not wear a mask. Let's not go down that road.</p>	Rosemarie Freihoff-Paine	1704 N. Osceola Ave	Clearwater	33755		rosietheta@aol.com	2020-06-20 23:11:13
Mask wearing	<p>Please vote to mandate masks. I was in tampa yesterday. Everyone was wearing a mask. It worked well and it gave me the confidence I needed to make my purchases. Masks are good for businesses because they are good for people. .</p>	Karen Cunningham	3178 Eagles Landing Cir W	Clearwater	33761	7277248809	webfloater@gmail.com	2020-06-20 22:59:02
Masks	<p>As pinellas county covid nos spike, fewer and fewer people are wearing masks. Please pass a mask ordinance to protect our citizens.</p>	Peggy Schott	2581 Indigo Drive	Unincorporated	34698		peggyas@imbedded.com	2020-06-20 22:53:40
Mandatory Mask Order	<p>Commissioners:</p> <p>Please on Tuesday thoughtfully and throughly consider instituting a mandatory mask order for all people in Pinellas County. Most people who claim to be responsible adults are rebelling for selfish and vain reason, or claim wearing a mask infringes on their civil rights. I'll tell you what really infringes on your rights. It's called death. Why shouldn't we all in the county be responsible and keep each other healthy by wearing a mask inside any public building ? I would say outside too, but transmission is proven to be less dangerous.</p>	Anita Geismar	3209 Landmark Dr, Apt 4409	CLEARWATER	33761	7277861741	ageismar@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-20 22:52:33

Mask Ordinance	<p>Dear Commissioner</p> <p>I sent this to my Commissioner Ms Pat Gerard today, I am sending it to all of you as well because I think you need to hear the voices of the people, I know many probably didn't take the time to write, many probably don't even know you're voting on this measure, but I did and I know I am not alone, I know I actually speak for the majority, so I hope you will will take my letter to heart.</p> <p>Dear Ms Gerard</p> <p>I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Pinellas County in regards to the recent proposal of requiring masks to be worn in public.</p> <p>I wanted to point you to some of the studies that have shown that mask wearing is at best ineffective and at worst actually dangerous.</p> <p>In addition to this, requiring this would be a case of government overreach which I can promise you the people of Pinellas County will not agree with, I have many friends and I have lived here for 15 years, my family and I, like many others came here from a northern state to ESCAPE over-regulation and government overreach, I know many people here and I really want to impress upon you that voting for this measure will not represent the people who were elected to represent.</p> <p>Also, this issue is all but guaranteed to be litigated in the highest courts of our land in the very near future and there is very little legal basis for a the county government to impose this requirement, it just won't hold water, so you avoid being opened up to an embarrassing and weakening legal verdict that should just be avoided.</p> <p>Look Ms Gerard, we did great in Pinellas County during the worst of COVID, we are still doing well and people who are sick are getting the care they need, people are taking precautions that are right for themselves and their particular situation, we don't need to be told what to do, we made it through the worst being free responsible Americans, we can keep going.</p> <p>The fact that I am writing asking you to leave me and my freedom to do as I please in the Land of the Free, does not sit right with me, it is actually rather repugnant, but I am trying to appeal to your logic and maintain decorum in this note.</p>	Russell W Posyton	1462 N Ridgelane Cir	Clearwater	33755		russposyton@gmail.com	2020-06-20 22:43:44
Mandatory Mask Ordinance	<p>Dear Ms Gerard</p> <p>I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Pinellas County in regards to the recent proposal of requiring masks to be worn in public.</p> <p>I wanted to point you to some of the studies that have shown that mask wearing is at best ineffective and at worst actually dangerous.</p> <p>In addition to this, requiring this would be a case of government overreach which I can promise you the people of Pinellas County will not agree with, I have many friends and I have lived here for 15 years, my family and I, like many others came here from a northern state to ESCAPE over-regulation and government overreach, I know many people here and I really want to impress upon you that voting for this measure will not represent the people who were elected to represent.</p> <p>Also, this issue is all but guaranteed to be litigated in the highest courts of our land in the very near future and there is very little legal basis for a the county government to impose this requirement, it just won't hold water, so you avoid being opened up to an embarrassing and weakening legal verdict that should just be avoided.</p> <p>Look Ms Gerard, we did great in Pinellas County during the worst of COVID, we are still doing well and people who are sick are getting the care they need, people are taking precautions that are right for themselves and their particular situation, we don't need to be told what to do, we made it through the worst being free responsible Americans, we can keep going.</p> <p>The fact that I am writing asking you to leave me and my freedom to do as I please in the Land of the Free, does not sit right with me, it is actually rather repugnant, but I am trying to appeal to your logic and maintain decorum in this note.</p> <p>Please take this to heart, please do not vote for this, please look to our founders and the people who built this country, they did it by making the choices they needed to make on their own, FREEDOM made this country the greatest place to live, FREEDOM gave us the more groundbreaking scientific and medical developments in history, please don't violate that pattern, it's the only one that works.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	Russell W Posyton	1462 N Ridgelane Cir	Clearwater	33755		russposyton@gmail.com	2020-06-20 22:35:01

Coronavirus Restrictions	<p>At the time of our reopening the CDC added Covid19 Antibody positive tests to the new infection counts but a positive antigen test only means that person has already recovered from the CoronaVirus so its not in fact a new infection at all but its reported as one. https://www.nytimes.com/2020/05/22/us/politics/coronavirus-tests-cdc.html</p> <p>Also as people who have the virus get re-tested to confirm they no longer have the virus so they can return to work..... the many positive re-tests are double counted as new infections and skew the new cases higher. The governor asked that the CDC stops double counting positive re-confirmation tests but it was denied.'</p> <p>If the above is not enough to raise suspicions about the new infection rate, note that neither the hospitalizations nor the deaths confirm the spike in reported new infections. Hospitalizations and Deaths cannot be skewed by false counting methods.</p> <p>Please, with informed confidence, ignore the false reports of a spike in new infections. Don't be bullied by the media. Don't be strong-armed by wrong data on new infections.</p> <p>The job of the media is to scare us. That's all they have to sell..... fear. Human nature converts fear to anger. That is the media cycle. Confidence and hope don't sell so media won't promote that. The left promotes fear of the right and vice versa. If we allow it the media will cause us to de-construct the American society we have taken centuries to build. The free media is necessary but sometimes we must recognize it for what it is and see past its limits..</p>	james rapp	2221 Windsong Ct	Safety Harbor	34695	7274923270	jjmrapp@rocketmail.com	2020-06-20 22:23:55
Mandatory Masks	<p>I am against wearing a mask because OSHA which is responsible for safety states that the kind of masks we are being told to wear are not healthy and actually can make us more prone to illness. Please do not put the health of people at risk.</p> <p>Rita Soule</p>	Rita Soule	1701 Pinehurst Rd 6H	Dunedin	34698	603 3053851	soulerita@icloud.com	2020-06-20 22:16:35
Masks	<p>Please consider following Mayor Kriseman and start requiring masks. We need to protect our vulnerable populations, employees at grocery stores & businesses . Wearing a mask is a common sense way to slow the spread of COVID 19 and still allow businesses to remain open. Masks make economic and health sense.</p>	Jennifer C.	1114 36th Ave Ne	St. Pete	33704		jennifercubito@hotmail.com	2020-06-20 22:13:19
COVID 19	<p>You missed the boat on requiring masks upon reopening, don't miss the boat again as the county cases spike!!</p>	Lisa Ferrero	7971 11th Ave S	St Petersburg	33708	6073682420	apdinjapan@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 22:12:26
Please do not make masks mandatory	<p>I realize there are many reasons for and against. I am asking that you do not make masks mandatory. Thank you</p>	Veronica Lekstutis	839 Eden Ct	Dunedin	34698	7276983118	jesusluvsu4ever777@gmail.com	2020-06-20 22:03:19
Mandatory masks in public	<p>I believe it is irresponsible and reckless to allow people not to wear masks in public. Everyone has a responsibility to protect each other. This is a minor inconvenience in order to serve the greater good</p>	Kristen Johansson	1484 Seagull Dr apt 303	Palm Harbor Florida	34685		kjjprincess@msn.com	2020-06-20 22:00:32
Wearing if masks in Pinellas County	<p>Due to the rapid increase in cases of COVID19 in Florida I would like to ask that you vote to require that all citizens of Pinellas County be required to wear masks when traveling outside of their homes. Thank you for your help with this matter!</p>	Michael Ogozelec	2011 McMullen Ave	Dunedin	34698	7706565623	mogozelec@gmail.com	2020-06-20 21:52:53
Wearing if masks in Pinellas County	<p>As the cases of COVID19 are increasing an alarming rate on a daily basis in Florida, I would like to ask that you vote to require that all citizens of the county be required to wear masks when traveling outside of their homes. Thank you for your consideration.</p>	Lea Ogozelec	1102 McMullen Ave	Dunedin	34698	7706565623	lea.youravonlady@gmail.com	2020-06-20 21:48:04
PLEASE REQUIRE MASKS TO BE WORN INDOORS	<p>PLEASE HELP ALL OF US 10'S OF THOUSANDS OF OLDER RESIDENTS BY REQUIRING ALL PERSONS WEAR MASKS WHILE INDOORS AT BUSINESSES, CHURCHES AND ALL GATHERINGS UNTIL THIS PANDEMIC IS CONTROLLED. IT IS SHOCKING AND EMBARRASSING YOU HAVE NOT DONW SO ALREADY</p>	GARY ISRAEL	6020 SHORE BLVD. SOUTH APT, 70	GULFPORT	33707	609-432-4243	GPIZZY@AOL.COM	2020-06-20 21:45:57
Mandatory masks	<p>Please make masks mandatory for everyone in Pinellas County! It shouldn't be too much to ask for people to help protect others. It's a simple thing they can do! Also, us frontliners would appreciate it greatly. Thank you!</p>	Angela Carren	2855 Gulf to Bay Blvd 5203	Clearwater	33759	7279024600	angelacarren7@gmail.com	2020-06-20 21:22:34
COVID 19 Masks	<p>This absolutely INSANE that would even consider a vote to force masks in public in pinellas county!!! I PROMISE YOU I will find out who voted yes and petition against you come election time! I will engage every single person I know to do the same!!! How dare you!!! NO TO MASK!!!!</p>	Joe M		Pinellas	33767		joeymoralobo123@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 20:41:07
Mandatory Face Coverings	<p>Please do the right thing and enforce mandatory face coverings:</p> <p>No shirts, no shoes, no masks NO SERVICE</p>	Anne Shaughnessy	1034 49th Ave N	St Petersburg	33703		Anne_Shaughnessy@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 20:32:30
Masks	<p>I do not want to wear a mask in public in Pinellas county. Please allow FREEDOM! Thank you!</p>	Sherry Gadnis	7905 Seminole Blvd , #3206	Seminole	33773	7277091514	sherrygadnos@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 20:15:47
Vote NO - Do NOT Make Masks Mandatory	<p>Social distancing and plexi-glass shields at check outs is fine. Washing the hands in warm soapy water for 20 seconds or using hand sanitizer is good all the time, virus or no virus. But, to force a mask on people is not good. If it is true that this virus is here to stay, so then does that mean we are forced to live the rest of our lives with a mask on? Our bodies were created to fight infections, to breathe air, be in the sun. Having to wear a mask day in day out is not healthy on us in so many ways. Compromised people wearing a mask is understandable. Use common sense. Please respect those who choose to wear or not to wear a mask, but leave the decision to each individual or business. Do not live in fear.</p> <p>VOTE - NO MANDATORY MASKS</p>	Pamela Spidel	150 Coral Drive	Safety Harbor	34695	7277295479	kspidel@verizon.net	2020-06-20 19:19:17
MANDATORY MASKS IN PUBLIC	<p>Thank you for considering adopting this action. I feel as though we need to do everything we can to limit the spread of the coronavirus. Please know that I support making the wearing of masks mandatory.</p>	Christine Taylor	11485 Oakhurst Rd Apt 11-204	Largo	33774-3959	7275103195	christine_t_33774@hotmail.com	2020-06-20 19:18:42
Coronavirus-19	<p>Please pass a county rule that everyone must wear a mask. I am amazed at the number of people in Pinellas County that don't do it voluntarily. Please.</p>	Judith Wennerstrand	2426 Persian Dr. #68	Clearwater	33763	727-796-0441	jwenner2011@gmail.com	2020-06-20 19:18:08

Mask Requirements for the public	<p>I support and believe that we need a mask mandate for Pinellas County. Trusting people to do the right thing does not appear to be working. The increased number of cases is very concerning. We must act now, before COVID is completely out of control.</p> <p>On a personal note, I am a self employed LMT. I require a mask for every patient I see and I always wear one myself. Despite this - and increased disinfection between appointments - I am still uncomfortable with practicing at this time. I feel like I am having to choose between my health and safety and earning a paycheck. I am also a Licensed Practical Nurse so I have a good understanding of infection control policies in a health care setting. What I know for sure is that we (nurses) would never treat a patient without proper PPE. As a LMT, I do not have access to that for every patient I see, as we must reserve PPE for front line personnel. I have never in my nursing career experienced the almost constant knot in my stomach that I now feel every day that I go into my office. I can honestly say that I do not know for sure that I will 'do no harm' to my clients or myself.</p> <p>Bottom line: I believe we reopened too much too soon. The numbers we are seeing are evidence of that. I don't know what the answer is but what is happening now doesn't feel like the right solution.</p> <p>Thank you for your time. I appreciate all that you and the other Commissioners do.</p>	Lisa Gecelesky	304 Orangewood Ln	Largo	33770	610-451-6181	lisagmassage@gmail.com	2020-06-20 19:11:29
Wearing a Mask	Please adopt a mandatory mask wearing policy. This is a very crucial time to enforce diligent participation of each and everyone.	Kim Meara	5682 45 th av n	Kenneth City	33709	7274303815	meara.kim@gmail.com	2020-06-20 19:09:25
Mandatory face masks	Please don't pass mandatory mask wearing in public as there is no scientific evidence that they work. Furthermore it is unhealthy to wear them especially for extended periods as one is losing oxygen. Lastly it should be everyone's choice, if one feels safer wearing a mask then it's his freedom of choice to do so and vice versa.	Matthew Hammontree	1008 Pinebrook	Clearwater	33755		matthew8008@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 19:04:19
Please require masks	I have a daughter who has been fighting a chronic illness for years. I have only been to Publix since the virus began until this last week I went into Wawas as I had to get gas. There was NO social distancing and NO PATRONS BUT ME was wearing a mask. I was so so upset. People are uneducated and it has turned political when it should not be. It's so distressing and unfair and our numbers are spiking. And I can't see my 91 yo dad in an ALF bit o understand that. People need to understand they are helping others and since there is so much misinformation out there we need help in helping ourselves	Cindy Nagel	4775 Cove Circle	St Pete	33708	7048776121	cinnagel@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-20 18:56:16
Masks	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>For the health and safety of all Pinellas residents, please require masks to be worn inside all businesses. This will save lives and it will help the economy. I truly wanted to go to downtown Dunedin today to shop and support some small businesses, but I could not, because I knew that most shops would be filled with people not wearing masks. If everyone was wearing masks, I think more people would feel comfortable shopping.</p> <p>Thank you for all that you do! Take Care, Melissa Gallivan</p>	Melissa Gallivan	1460 Wetherington Way	Palm Harbor	34683		melissagallivan8@gmail.com	2020-06-20 18:34:48
Tues. Meeting RE: Masks in Pinellas	In light of the ongoing pandemic and increasing number of cases in our state I feel very strongly that we need to follow in the footsteps of jurisdictions and states that are mandating the use of masks in all public/indoor/business spaces for both employees and those entering. It has been proven that social distancing and wearing a mask are the only effective tools we currently have to help slow the spread of this virus and save lives. Folks resisted seatbelts in cars until it was mandated - refusing to believe it might save their life by using themI see this the same way. We may have many freedoms in life, but when you choose to live among people in society you do not have the freedom or right to act in a way that can endanger other lives. Not wearing a mask in public is a potential danger to all those you encounter and all those within our community. We should mandate and enforce this...helping our businesses that would like to do the right thing and follow CDC safety practices. They need the support to post signs asking for compliance and taking the wind out of the combativeness of those who feel they don't want to wear a mask and thus endanger us all. We have been slow to take measures to help stem the flow of this virus...please make this a priority and pass a measure to help all of the citizens. Many of the older people are staying home...not helping to regrow the economy because they see so many NOT wearing masks and they don't want to chance venturing out and take a chance. This virus isn't going away anytime soon and a vaccine or cure is far off so we are needing to find a new normal if we all have a chance at staying healthy and having some return to a "normal" life. Wearing masks (and following social distancing, hand washing) can be that bridge to health and better economy during these stressful times....PLEASE make it happen.	Carly Schutte	1555 Sunray Dr	PALM HARBOR	34683	7276983117	schutte_c@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 18:27:07
Masks	More and more studies are showing the importance of wearing masks in slowing down the coronavirus. I wish we could rely on people's sense of community responsibility but, sadly, that is not the case. I am only seeing about 25% of people wearing masks. Because we cannot rely on people to do the right thing, we must make masks mandatory.	Terrie Weeks RN, JD	7301 8th Ave N	St Petersburg	33710		tkweeks01@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 18:24:07
Masks	Please require use of masks in businesses. I am trying to protect a mother with breast cancer and a sister with Parkinson's. They rely on me to do their errands and I feel more comfortable when others around me are wearing masks and I won't bring anything home to them.	Terry	2435 Sumatran Way #59	Clearwater	33763	8139194248	tjayfine@aol.com	2020-06-20 18:22:09
Mandatory Masks	Dear All, I am writing to ask all of you to vote in favor of mandatory masks in Pinellas county. With our numbers rising daily, it would be prudent for all of us in our county, not just St. Petersburg, to be wearing masks in public, removing the politics and protecting the most vulnerable among us. I appreciate your time.	Kerriann Kinports	1558 Sunray Drive	Palm Harbor	34683	7277849123	kkinports@tampabay.rrr	2020-06-20 18:13:26
wearing masks	As a member of a vulnerable group, I strongly advocate for the mandatory wearing of masks in public and an education campaign to teach people how to wear them. thank you Ellen O'Hanlon, Tarpon Springs	Ellen J O'Hanlon	1009 Stonefence Way	Tarpon Springs	34689	7279341117	eohanlon@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 18:11:59

Wearing masks	As a taxpayer in the City of Largo, I would like to please ask that you seriously consider following Mayor Castor in requiring mandatory face masks for everyone inside any building. It is quite evident that people are not doing that and they are endangering everyone. Thank you, Kathy Cates Largo, FL	Kathy Cates	194 21st Terr SE	Largo	33771	727-504-5934	katcates@tampabay.rrcom	2020-06-20 18:11:45
Make masks required when inside in Pinellas County!	With COVID-19 cases rising at an alarming rate in Pinellas county it is ridiculous that we do not have a mask ruling in place. I still see less than half people wearing masks while inside at various retail grocery and dining establishments. Not only that not even all staff are required to wear masks and many do not. This behavior puts everyone's health at risk, since we are not able to make good decisions as adults it is up to the county to do this for us. In addition it makes no sense that Tampa and St. Petersburg have implemented policies and the rest of Pinellas county is still sitting there deciding what to do. Please vote to put masks in place when indoors across Pinellas County.	Mary Anderson		Palm Harbor	34684		mandersph727@gmail.com	2020-06-20 17:53:25
Facemasks	Please vote yes to requiring face masks. You all were our saviors before, by closing the beaches. Now, please continue to be the leaders, and let's help revive the numbers of Covid infections!	Robin Benoit	400 Feather Tree Drive	Clearwater	33765	727-409-2618	benoits@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-20 17:48:08
Vote on mandatory masks for businesses and their patrons	Please, please vote YES on this important subject at Tuesday's meeting. Our federal and state govts. are doing nothing to protect us, and we are looking to our local governments to be our heroes and champions. Thank you!	S. Ossenberg	6269 - 17 Ave N	St. Petersburg	33710	7273472669	susieohart@gmail.com	2020-06-20 17:40:17
Wear a mask	Please do something to stop the spread of COVID-19 in this county. There are too many people not wearing masks, not social distancing and are spreading the virus.	Amanda Romeo-Bernier	10317 62nd Circle	Seminole	33772	7279025059	alromeo30@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 17:27:52
Mandatory mask wearing in public spaces	Mandatory masks monitored by public and police and fines imposed	Tom	2954 8th Ave n	Saint Petersburg	33713	415-450-0966	thomasseid@icloud.com	2020-06-20 17:00:37
Face masks Ordinance	Dear Comissioners, Please put our safety first. We cannot afford for our hospitals to be overwhelmed.. I am asking you to kindly put in place an ordinance that everyone wears face masks. Ultimately this will benefit our local economy as well. Thank you, A Concerned Resident			Pinellas			anamhoare@hotmail.com	2020-06-20 16:59:19
Masks!	Please. Let's follow the rest of the developed world and require, not suggest, mask wearing in public, indoor spaces. It's the least onerous and most effective way to lower the spread of the virus.	Douglas Wilkin	3228 8th Ave N	St Petersburg	33713		douglaswilkin@gmail.com	2020-06-20 16:56:04
Masks in Public	Please ask people to wear masks when inside buildings etc. It's like taking your life in your hands when you go to the store. It should be mandatory. For the sake of others. Mutual Respect! . Thank you, Diana Reichert	Diana Reichert	258-4th St N. W.	Largo (downtown)	33770	7276673980	direichert258@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 16:54:41
Face masks in public	To stop the spread of COVID 19 while reopening our state we need to make it mandatory for people to wear masks in public. Also we need mandatory social distancing to be continued.	Patricia Dozier	5757 66th St N Lot 215	St Petersburg	33709	7272912338	patdozier766@gmail.com	2020-06-20 16:53:14
mandatory mask wearing	Please vote to making masks in all indoor environments mandatory for employees and patrons	peter eugene grace	95 Rachel Drive	Tarpon Springs	34689	7279396442	peugene2004@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 16:48:16
Masks in public venues	I personally strongly believe that wearing masks indoors in public venues has been shown scientifically to reduce the spread of Covid-19. Human Behavior variants, wearing masks, social distancing and hand washing can impede the trajectory of this "first wave" of Covid-19. Thank you for your consideration of this matter.	Deborah Kynes	265 Edgewater Drive	Dunedin	34698	(727)430-8008	dpkynes@gmail.com	2020-06-20 16:43:49
Masks	I hope all of you vote to make wearing a mask in public mandatory. Our lives depend on it. It may not be a popular thing with some of your constituents but this isn't a popularity contest. Thanks	Carol Eaton	2134 Mckinley w	Clearwater	33765	727-488-0170	tuthebeach@aol.com	2020-06-20 16:43:30
Make it mandatory for everyone to wear a mask!	Please vote to require everyone to wear a mask when in public. Most people are not wearing masks anywhere. NJ among other states requires masks, people are complying, and number are coming down. Florida is the laughing stock of the US and world. St. Pete is a cool progressive city but we don't want that reputation to change to stupid, hedonistic, and people gone wild. Kathleen	Kathleen Kingston	104 9th ave N	St.Petersburg	33701	8144506622	kathleen.kingston@gmail.com	2020-06-20 16:42:19
Masks	Please vote against masks. They are a serious health risk for me!	Stephan Koenig	1528 Walnut St	Clearwater	33755	7274882222	stephan@koenig.us	2020-06-20 16:39:00
Masks	Mandate mask wearing !!	Ellen Siegman		Palm Harbor	34685		ellenisiegman@gmail.com	2020-06-20 16:31:11
Covid 19	please make masks mandatory for all	Bonnie Trembulak	10514 95 Street	Seminole	33777		btrembulak@gmail.com	2020-06-20 16:29:01
masks	Please ad distancing, because I went to Aldis, and people wore masks, but they were all bunched together, and I think the store needs to police their people or else close	Jill Grodin	30 PINETREE CT	PALM HARBOR	34683	7274796413	jillspropertygroup@gmail.com	2020-06-20 16:20:47
Face masks	Please pass an action requiring face masks for all indoors activities and group activities	Mark N Goldsy	1624 Farrier Trail	Clearwater	33765	7277967172	mcnorman67@gmail.com	2020-06-20 16:14:27

Requirement of masks inside public places	<p>The CDC urges everyone to wear a cloth mask in public. That's because people are most infectious when they're first infected, when they have few or not symptoms. If those around me don't wear a mask, they put me and my family at risk.</p> <p>FDA modeling estimates that if 80% of people in our community wear a mask in public spaces, we can stop this pandemic in its tracks. Scientific research shows that when others wear a simple cloth face cover, my chances of catching COVID-19 are dramatically reduced.</p> <p>Pinellas County residents should wear face masks as a way to stop the spread of COVID-19. "If everybody does that, we're protecting each other," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, who is helping lead the public health fight against the coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>We need an order put in place IMMEDIATELY requiring everyone to wear a (non-medical) mask in public spaces, such as stores and public transportation.</p> <p>This is not a personal choice issue. My health and safety requires everyone in my community to mask up. Each day that we wait results in more lives lost, more people sick, more jobs lost, and more damage to our economy.</p> <p>Please act today. Everyday counts!</p> <p>Thank you, Sandy McRitchie</p>	Sandy McRitchie	604 Citrus Ct.	Largo	33770	727-432-7602	sandymcritchie9@gmail.com	2020-06-20 16:09:35
mask policy	<p>As I understand the commission is planning to vote on a mandatory mask policy for the county next week, I implore you to support such a measure.</p> <p>We've all seen the numbers on what's happening with cases in the county. I live in zip code 34677 and spend a lot of time in downtown Safety Harbor (34695), and data shows that cases in those two zip codes have increased from 31 to 55 in ten days. This was a predictable result of the continued re-opening of the economy, and while we can't prevent every case, we can certainly reduce the likelihood of spread by having everyone wear a mask in public spaces. Please, help Pinellas County get up to speed with the city of Tampa, my hometown of Raleigh and many other municipalities around the country which have recognized the benefit of this most basic step.</p> <p>I would further add that as businesses reopen, I and most other people I know are carefully monitoring to see which businesses have been requiring their staff and customers to wear masks, and we are ONLY patronizing those establishments. Given the demographically high-risk nature of our population here, I am confident a large number of citizens feel the same. So requiring masks would actually increase the number of businesses many of us are willing to support, and can therefore expedite our economic recovery.</p> <p>For the sake of all our vulnerable neighbors, please help Pinellas County show leadership as we continue to navigate this difficult situation. Please vote yes for masks. Thank you for your time.</p>	Charles Merrell	320 Holly Hill Road	Oldsmar	34677		ratsnest2001@aol.com	2020-06-20 16:05:29

NO ON MANDATORY MASKS	<p>Commissioners, please take a moment to read this very informative & compelling article regarding face masks.</p> <p>Serious Risks To The Healthy MAY 11, 2020 With the advent of the so-called COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen a number of medical practices that have little or no scientific support as regards reducing the spread of this infection. One of these measures is the wearing of facial masks, either a surgical-type mask, bandana or N95 respirator mask.</p> <p>When this pandemic began and we knew little about the virus itself or its epidemiologic behavior, it was assumed that it would behave, in terms of spread among communities, like other respiratory viruses. Little has presented itself after intense study of this virus and its behavior to change this perception.</p> <p>This is somewhat of an unusual virus in that for the vast majority of people infected by the virus, one experiences either no illness (asymptomatic) or very little sickness. Only a very small number of people are at risk of a potentially serious outcome from the infection—mainly those with underlying serious medical conditions in conjunction with advanced age and frailty, those with immune compromising conditions and nursing home patients near the end of their lives. There is growing evidence that the treatment protocol issued to treating doctors by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), mainly intubation and use of a ventilator (respirator), may have contributed significantly to the high death rate in these select individuals.</p> <p>By wearing a mask, the exhaled viruses will not be able to escape and will concentrate in the nasal passages, enter the olfactory nerves and travel into the brain. Russell Blaylock, MD As for the scientific support for the use of face mask, a recent careful examination of the literature, in which 17 of the best studies were analyzed, concluded that, "None of the studies established a conclusive relationship between mask/respirator use and protection against influenza infection."1 Keep in mind, no studies have been done to demonstrate that either a cloth mask or the N95 mask has any effect on transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Any recommendations, therefore, have to be based on studies of influenza virus transmission. And, as you have seen, there is no conclusive evidence of their efficiency in controlling flu virus transmission.</p>	Laura Clouden	111 Manatee Road	Belleair	33756		lclouden@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-20 16:04:47
Mandatory face masks for all in public places	I am expecting that you will do the sane and prudent thing and vote for this to go into effect as soon as humanly possible. People have not been protesting the requirements to wear shirts and shoes in public places for health reasons, nor has anyone ever demanded that someone else pay for them. Granted, it would have been great if we had done this 3 months ago but you have an opportunity to do the right thing now. The personal rights and freedoms we enjoy as Americans do not include endangering the health of others!	Barbara Preston	5474 Springwood Blvd N	Pinellas Park	33782	352-278-1868	undrwdhill@gmail.com	2020-06-20 16:04:16
COVID-19	In the last week, Florida and Pinellas county has seen a spike in cases. We must not assume that this is just because of access to more testing. This is a public health issue. People are afraid to get groceries because people don't wear masks. People order groceries only to discover that the delivery person isn't wearing a mask. I believe we should mandate that people wear masks when out in public. Lives should not be lost because people decided not to wear a mask to protect others. We must think of others before ourselves. Thank you and stay safe.	Sarah Ross	2717 Seville Boulevard apt 11203	Clearwater	33764	7279023717	sarahbeckross@gmail.com	2020-06-20 16:01:03
Face masks	Please vote to require face masks in all indoor situations in pine load county!	helen goldschmidt	1624 Farrier Trail	Clearwater	33765	7277967172	helen.goldschmidt@gmail.com	2020-06-20 16:00:25
Requirement to Wear Masks	<p>All:</p> <p>I am urging you as a biologist/health scientist to please pass the mandate that not only business employees but patrons of those businesses be required to wear masks to protect the general public. This is a logical mandate that states where the coronavirus has been declining have passed early on in this pandemic. Those still refusing to wear a mask should receive a citation with some financial penalty.</p> <p>It is your duty as representatives of our community to safeguard the health and welfare of your constituents.</p> <p>Margaret Zak</p>	Margaret Zak	3228 8th Ave N	Saint Petersburg	33713-6624	4126000037	margaretzak1@gmail.com	2020-06-20 16:00:20
COVID-19	<p>Dear Leaders,</p> <p>As a citizen of Pinellas County for 53 years, I am asking you to PLEASE issue a mandatory mask in public "law." This is getting far out of control and our governor is showing very poor judgement and leadership. We need you to step up and do the right thing.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Susan Spaulding</p>	Susan Spaulding	340 Tralee Street	Largo	33770		sing4u63@hotmail.com	2020-06-20 15:55:56
Masks	As a resident and homemaker who lives full time in Pinellas I would like to recommend that you instate an order that anyone who is inside a place of business must wear a face mask. It is a proven way to stopping the spread of Coronavirus	Michele Milo	3549 Dove Hollow CT	Palm Harbor	34683	7735409983	michelemilo@gmail.com	2020-06-20 15:47:16

Mask wearing needs to be mandatory and enforced!	Masks save lives! I am both a scientist and an essential worker. I see a lot of mask noncompliance and it seems people have let their guards down on COVID19. We CAN protect ourselves and most especially the most vulnerable among us through a mandated mask ordinance. We need this action by our local government in the stark absence of it from state and federal leaders. We need to join the regional compact to require masks, not just of businesses and employees and all patrons in inside establishments and it should be required of anyone who will outside and cannot maintain at least 6 ft of distance between them and the nearest person. I say this as a scientist, but also as someone weary of the general risks compounded by the enhanced risk posed by reckless rulebreakers with an entitled belief their personal beliefs outweigh public safety. It doesn't and businesses need help enforcing it through persuasion by law enforcement. I view it as your first assigned duty as County Commissioners to protect the public safety of all your citizens. We need a mask ordinance for everyone in Pinellas County. I vote and this really matters to everyone!	Merrie Beth Neely	29763 70th St N	Uninc County	33761		mneely1@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-20 15:46:49
Masks	I strongly urge you to follow the lead of some city mayors in Florida who have instituted mask requirements in places where the transmission of Covid is most likely. Not only will wearing masks protect the wearer and the people with whom the wearer comes in contact, but mask wearing is the action most likely to let Florida avoid another complete shutdown. And we all want to avoid that. Thank you for your consideration.	Teresa Smith	1105 Lennox Road West	Palm Harbor	34683		tsmith445@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-20 15:39:09
Re: Wearing masks in Pinellas County	Dear Commissioners and other relevant decision-makers, Due to the epic increases in covid-19 and the dangers it poses to high risk individuals, as well as spread to seemingly healthy individuals, I implore you to put a mandatory mask policy into place for everyone in public who can wear a mask. Thjs aligns with CDC recommendations...and protecting the population should be important enough to put this measure into place. As a high risk individual, I can only do so much, but my personal precautions cannot be enough if covid-19 is uncontrollably spreading due to those who find the situation to not be serious. Please take the needs of the population into place. Follow the lead of New York and New Jersey...who require masks and are now seeing a decline in new cases. Thank you. Tammy Kaplan	Tammy Kaplan	5535 46th Ave N	Kenneth City	33709	727 5221775	jaycoxkaplan@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 15:37:50
Make masks mandatory	with the incredible lack of leadership at the state and federal level, will you please, please exhibit some and make masks required. Follow the lead of all the other well educated and well intended cities that are quickly requiring masks.	Ingrid lindberg	7979 sailboat key	Saint pete	33707		icindberg@hotmail.com	2020-06-20 15:37:44
Masks	This is not about freedom, it is about safety and the right to live. Wearing masks not a big deal so many places around the world. Rights without responsibility is adolescent. Please put in mandates. I will not spend money in establishments that don't require masks	Kitty Buiteweg Foss	39248 US Highway 19N Lot 210	Tarpon Sprinds	34689	2072992403	fossiland@gmail.com	2020-06-20 15:28:59
Face masks	As a 75 year old person, I am naturally concerned about the spread of the Corona Virus. Please use science ideas and mandate face masks. If it helps make it for only a stated time...say 1 month. Donna Polhamus	Donna Polhamus	444 Paula Dr N	Dunedin	34798	6036622879	donna@polhamus.org	2020-06-20 15:26:11
Vote against Mandatory wearing Mask	I vote against wearing mask ! It creates health issues and is unnecessary!	Paola		Clearwater/ Pinellas County			paolichy@hotmail.com	2020-06-20 15:25:54
Mandatory Masks	Too many people are shopping and entering other businesses without a mask. Masks should be mandatory for indoor activities and outside when social distancing isn't possible.	Karen Carmichael	400 4th Ave S	St. Petersburg	3:70-	718-288-8944	sunny1015k@verizon.net	2020-06-20 15:21:53
Mandate masks	Dear County Commissioners and County Administrator, Thank you for everything you are doing to protect our communities and our economy in the context of this global pandemic. As you know, our county's COVID-19 cases are spiking, and our healthcare facilities ICU capacity is rapidly shrinking. It's clear that the state is not going to take action to protect us. Instead, we are relying on you all to protect us. If we are going to stay open, it is critical that mask wearing be mandated in all interactions inside all buildings, including in spaces that might not be visible to the public, like dishwashing areas and private offices. Poor ventilation systems can spread aerosols easily. The only place that I think should be excluded are buildings that are primarily personal residences, and the only people I think should be excluded are those with very rare health conditions that would be harmed by wearing a mask. When people are dining at restaurants, they could have an exception, but only while they are eating, and I strongly encourage reducing the capacity of both restaurants and bars. Also, please mandate physical distancing both inside and outside, except in family groups or in friend groups up to 4 people. This includes on boats, cycling, and in recreational areas like parks. I would support a fine of \$500 for non compliance. This is as important as people wearing shirts, shoes, and bottoms when in public.	Lisa Yacso Vanover	5879 Calais Lane	St Petersburg	33714		lisa.yacso.vanover@gmail.com	2020-06-20 15:21:22
Face masks	Require people to wear face masks in public.	Carolyn	200 Main Street	Dunedin	34698		cglass22tip@gmail.rr.com	2020-06-20 15:13:42
Wearing of Masks	If people can't be responsible on their own, make masks mandatory before we have to shut everything down again!	Erika Rothkegel		Clearwater	33761		erothkegel@hotmail.com	2020-06-20 15:05:58
Masks	The number of Covid cases in FL is appalling, and of great concern to me and my family. Please mandate masks.	Mary C Reese	1253 Sutherland Ct	Dunedin	34698		mchrisreese@comcast.net	2020-06-20 15:02:42
Vote No on Mandatory Facemasks	Please vote NO on mandatory facemasks in Pinellas county. Our families will wear them when appropriate.	Don Durr	1070 Mary Jane Ln	Dunedin	34698	7272157301	polit@beeop.us	2020-06-20 14:48:39

Please protect our Freedom	<p>Dear Commissioner, I hope this email finds you well.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4868614/</p> <p>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 of us who feel we must comply even though it is contrary to our 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.</p> <p>PLEASE VOTE NO to mandating masks.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Sincerely, A VERY concerned citizen and voter.</p>	Kristen Lassiter	8433 75th Ave, Seminole, FL 33777	Unincorporated County	33777	727 393 4656	lassiter.kristen@gmail.com	2020-06-20 14:32:03
COVID-19 Community protection	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I am a resident of Pinellas County deeply concerned about the increasingly rapid spread of the deadly COVID-19 virus in our community. As your constituent, I strongly request you act immediately to mandate every person everywhere in Pinellas County wear a mouth and nose covering at all times when in outside their homes. There is too much damage possible to the lives of too many people to allow the selfish few who will not wear masks without a mandate to harm the rest of us.</p> <p>Thank you for your leadership and service,</p> <p>Kate</p>	Kate Bauer-Jones	549 8th St N	St. Petersburg	33701	239-293-7187	kbbauer115@gmail.com	2020-06-20 14:16:46
Mask Order	<p>AS COVID infection rates are spiking in Florida - we're now at a 12% infection rate and over 4,000 new cases in a day, the County must implement a mandatory mask order in public. We tried leaving it up to people to do the right thing, and they are not. We require people to wear seat belts, not smoke in restaurants, not run red lights, stop at stop signs, etc all for the public good. Masks are proven to stop the spread of Corona Virus.</p> <p>I was in Asheville, where masks are mandatory, and it was wonderful. Everyone was masked and more importantly - all of the vitriol surrounding masks was eliminated. No one was yelling profanities at people or calling them sheep for wearing masks. Things that happen frequently in places where masks aren't mandatory. My 7 year old daughter and myself have both been on the receiving end of it too many times to count.</p> <p>Masks shouldn't be a partisan issue. It's a safety issue. It's about doing what's best for our community. It's about finding a path to a new normal where people can return to work. If we continue on as we are, that won't be possible. The Yankees announced today they're moving their spring training from Tampa to NY because our COVID outbreak is so bad. The original epicenter of the pandemic in America now feels they are safer than us, and they are because they mask.</p> <p>I implore you to do the right thing here.</p>	R. Michelle Todd Schorsch	5733 Bayou Grande Blvd NE	St. Petersburg	33703		rmichelletodd@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 14:15:18
mandatory mask decree	<p>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.</p> <p>https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4868614/</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	vale stradley	6730 22nd St. N	St. Petersburg	33702	7274704673	valestradley@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 14:13:36

Mandate for Masks in County	Dear Commissioner Janet Long, 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.	Natalee Campagnola		Seminole			nataleecamp@aol.com	2020-06-20 14:00:26
wearing of masks	Dear Ms. Peters, This AM, I drove from SeaTowers complex on Duhme Rd. , pass Publix on Tom Stuart Causeway, over Maderia Way to Win Dixie off Gulf Blvd. I know you are familiar with SeaTowers location, having attended a function of ours in the past, having been introduced to us by our Administrator. After counting 57 non-masked individuals walking along this route , including entering and exiting 2 drug stores ,2 grocery stores, postoffice , bar,a restaurant and beach access. I was ready to go back to the complex and NOT purchase the few items I wanted. I discussed this with the grocery store cashier who said businesses can not mandate customers to wear masks unless the county votes yes on this. Please , I urge you to present this to your Board as our 778 UNITS shop at all these locations. Our Federation Board , governors of our 9 buildings , and residents have faithfully been PROACTIVE , therefore, we are unaware of any Covid19 cases at Sea Towers. Thank you for your consideration in this extremely serious situation and hopefully a YES VOTE ON MASK WEARING FOR PINELLAS COUNTY.	Mary Lou Murphy Registered	4780 Cove Circle n #303	St. Petersburg	33708	727.642.5536	ccierecks@aol.com	2020-06-20 13:44:58
MaskPolicy	I wanted to note that I am not in favor of requiring masks as a mandatory rule. I feel people should have ahcouce of how they want to protect themselves and make their own judgements.	Brandon Marion	PO Box 606	Clearwater	33757		19@brandonmarion.com	2020-06-20 13:37:45
My family and I do NOT want mandatory mask	Please do not issue a mandatory mask mandate. We don't want it	Steve Huang	628 Cleveland St.	Clearwater	33755	8586996208	mystevemail@gmail.com	2020-06-20 13:31:37
Face Masks	I do not support of the wear of a cloth face mask or of any kind . If the people are afraid of getting sick then they should stay home. But to push the wearing of mask on everyone is not right. I've done my research and have looked at both side of the fence therefore I don't support mask wearing for everyone.	Ralph Koenig	1941 Harding St	Clearwater	33765	2108420136	lonestarralph@gmail.com	2020-06-20 13:27:12
Yes for Mask	Please make it mandatory for wearing Mask in public	Gertrude Foster	8800 Bay Pines blvd	Saint Petersburg	33709		gertrude@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-20 13:23:04
mandate on masks	Dear Commissioner, Hope this finds you doing well. Thank you for working hard to support the freedoms of the residents in our county. I am writing in regards to possible mandates on masks. It seems reasonable to recommend the wearing of a mask, but requiring wearing mask when out in public 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, with the WHO and CDC unable to agree as to if they are or are not effective. 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. We do not support the mandate of wearing a mask in public. Please vote NO to mandating masks! Thank you. Sarah Wood	Sarah Wood	7215 128th Street North	Seminole	33776	7274226664	sarah@sarahwoodphoto.com	2020-06-20 13:15:04

Mandatory Face Masks	I am a 74 year old resident. I have lived in the county 30 years. Please DON'T vote for mandatory wearing of face masks. I believe I am responsible for my own health and do not want the government to telling me how to protect myself from viruses that we now know a lot about. You should spend more effort protecting your citizens and their property and public property (our property) from crime and vandalism.	Roger Gatewood	123 Bay Point Dr NE	St Petersburg	33704	7274100335	rgatewo1@outlook.com	2020-06-20 13:14:29
Keep my family safe. Enforce mask usage!	The CDC urges everyone to wear a cloth mask in public. That's because people are most infectious when they're first infected, when they have few or not symptoms. If those around me don't wear a mask, they put me and my family at risk. FDA modeling estimates that if 80% of people in our community wear a mask in public spaces, we can stop this pandemic in its tracks. Scientific research shows that when others wear a simple cloth face cover, my chances of catching COVID-19 are dramatically reduced. Pinellas County residents should wear face masks as a way to stop the spread of COVID-19. "If everybody does that, we're protecting each other," said Dr. Anthony Fauci, who is helping lead the public health fight against the coronavirus pandemic. We need an order put in place IMMEDIATELY requiring everyone to wear a (non-medical) mask in public spaces, such as stores and public transportation. This is not a personal choice issue. My health and safety requires everyone in my community to mask up. Each day that we wait results in more lives lost, more people sick, more jobs lost, and more damage to our economy. Please act today. Everyday counts! Thank you, Jennifer Kunish	Jennifer Kunish	13881 Bermuda Drive	Seminole/Pinellas	33776	7274397149	jnsamons@hotmail.com	2020-06-20 13:13:59
Masks	I am not in favor or plan to wear a mask, it is a violation against my constitutional rights!	Phillip Kelly	2265 India Ave south	Belleair Bluffs	33770	7274205769	crewref@aol.com	2020-06-20 12:57:25
Mask Wearing	Please vote no on wearing masks. Leading doctors have proved mask wearing to harm one's health and it doesn't protect anyone from anything. Most of the counties in Florida don't require people to wear masks. Sunshine and fresh air are the best protections one can have for their immune system. People need to be able to breathe fresh air. Please vote no on masks.	Teresa Boettner	1469 Turner Street	Clearwater	33756	727-443-5244	tboettner@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-20 12:56:54
Mandatory Masks	Please do not vote for mandatory masks. I believe the people in the Largo community are intelligent enough to wear a mask when the situation requires it. Breathing one's own breath is not healthy. Also, to be chastised or fined for not wearing a mask is, in my opinion, an infringement on our rights. I ask that you not vote for masks. Thank you.	Mary Stewart	13761 Forest Lake Dr	Largo	33771-5018	7277543535	Mastewa2@gmail.com	2020-06-20 12:38:12
Masks	4000 new cases today! Can our county put a mandatory face mask order in place please.	Jean Johnson	11256 Kapok Grand Circle	St Petersburg	33708	2167896537	johnsonjean58@gmail.com	2020-06-20 12:25:25
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 forcingTHIS HAPPENS TUESDAY! 6/23/20 Pinellas county commission is voting to make masks mandatory! Please email or call them. I checked every box and filled out the form to email every commissioner individually. http://www.pinellascounty.org/forms/commission.htm I copied and pasted my wording and also submitted a card for the specific meeting here https://go.activecalendar.com/pinellascounty/event/virtual-board-of-county-commissioners-regular-meeting/ as I have provided you the information it should only take you a couple of minutes. This is what I wrote you can copy and paste it or come up with your own: 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 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 mandat	Lorri Dixon	2047 Timber Lane	Clearwater	33763	7275205670	ktvdd@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 12:23:24

No Masks	Commissioner, I am a Pinellas county resident and 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 and 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.	Carole Crisp	500 N Trinity Ln #1206	St Petersburg	33716		trinity33716@gmail.com	2020-06-20 12:12:11
Face Masks	With respect, please vote NO on face masks. They limit much needed oxygen to bodies and are proven to cause more ill than good.	Victoria Lorentzen	1128 SUNSET POINT RD APT 401	CLEARWATER	33755	7274212941	viklorentzen@gmail.com	2020-06-20 12:11:44
Masks- TOTAL INSANITY	Hello Kathleen, I'm writing asking you to PLEASE do everything you can to AVOID us having to wear masks!!!! We are not sick. We are healthy individuals and DO NOT need this! It's insane to even think of forcing everyone to do such a thing.	Amanda Dunn	2201 Stirling circle #314	Dunedin	34698	323-309-9782	thecomunityproject@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 11:46:20
Masks	No Masks!!	Ray Cassano	628 Cleveland St unit 1501	Clearwater	33755		raycassano@gmail.com	2020-06-20 11:45:50
Make masks mandatory indoors	Dear Commission, As a resident of Pinellas County for 40 years, as a mother, teacher, citizen and lover of our area, I beseech you to pass an ordinance based on the overwhelming evidence that wearing a face mask when in close proximity to others reduces the transmission rate of Covid-19 spread. Please help our economy stay open in a smart way. Sincerely, Sarah Robinson	Sarah Robinson	38 Harbor Oaks Circle	Safety Harbor	34695		sarahjrobin20@gmail.com	2020-06-20 11:45:07
Mandatory Masks	Dear Commissioner, Hello! We are so ready to get back to living here in Clearwater and on the beach! It is time to trust citizens and businesses to take care of our own health. Families, churches, businesses and schools have all stepped up with masks, hand sanitizing and temperature checks - much of which has been voluntary. We all want to stay healthy! Please do not add mandatory masks county-wide. "Mask-free Pinellas" will be such a boon to tourism and business here! People will come to the beach and downtown if they know no masks are required - only on volunteer basis. Pinellas County welcomes all to live responsibly practicing self- imposed And self- regulated social distancing and sanitation. Please recognize that Pinellas can be a leader of counties by respecting citizens to continue to practice healthy social distancing. Thank you so much! Thank you for all you have done- From healthy families and friends :)	Catherine Emrani	331 Cleveland St.	Clearwater	33755	818207-3490	emrani.cat@gmail.com	2020-06-20 11:44:09
COVID	Please require masks for everyone indoors in public places to help prevent the spread of CoVID 19. The healthcare systems in our county have limited ICU beds and staff to care for patients.	Gretchen Thompson	7320 7 Ave N	ST Petersburg	33710		gthomps3@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-20 11:31:13
Mandatory masks please	I am concerned about public safety! This is getting out of hand. Please make it mandatory for everyone to wear masks in Pinellas county. If you are hoping schools will open, the numbers must be lower. Wearing masks now will prevent a huge outbreak when it's time for school to reopen. Thank you	Sandal aronson	390 55TH ave ne	St. Petersburg	33703		sandalemail@gmail.com	2020-06-20 11:30:28

Mandatory facemasks	<p>Dear officials Please look at all of the data regarding face masks and the fact that while testing has raised many fold, our rate of infection nonetheless, has remained constant.</p> <p>Forcing healthy people to wear a mask should not be occurring anywhere in the USA.</p> <p>THANK YOU</p> <p>Martin Sherman</p>	Martin Sherman	2699 seville blvd #409	Clearwater	33764	3104664969	martinsherman@hotmail.com	2020-06-20 11:20:57
Request Not to Make Masks Mandatory in PINELLAS - Please	<p>Dear Commisioners, I have heard you're meeting and planning on making the use of masks mandatory in the county of Pinellas, I live in Clearwater thus this affects me as well. I would like to "vote" or make it known I don't wish or need for masks to become mandatory, it is my freedom whether I want to wear them or not and I would like that freedom to remain for myself to choose. I understand you're trying to protect the public but I just simply cannot breathe in them; I've tried wearing them and end up winded and simply need to walk out of Costco — the only store requiring them at the moment — I work as a Personal Assistant which means I run errands to stores and places for a living; wearing a mask everywhere will simply not let me work properly. If my voice counts as a resident of this beautiful county, I must ask NOT to make this mandatory for the public. Thanks for your time.</p>	Paola Bloomfield		Clearwater	33764		paolabloomfield21@gmail.com	2020-06-20 11:05:31
Masks	<p>I urge you to make mask wearing mandatory while out in public and when inside any business in all of Pinellas County. I own a business in Dunedin and I require masks be worn by everyone in my shop. It would help quite a bit if it was a county wide order. Thank you.</p>	Nancy A Carney	342 MAIN STREET	DUNEDIN	34698	7277334766	nancy@nancys-fancy.com	2020-06-20 11:00:39
Mandatory Masks	<p>Mandatory mask-wearing for EVERYONE, please! The self-righteous politics must be removed from the equation by requiring masks as our new way of life. Thank you for considering the health and welfare of ALL Pinellas County citizens.</p>	Michele Tuegel	725 85th Avenue N.	St. Petersburg	33702	727-420-2984	tuegelart@msn.com	2020-06-20 10:58:56
Mandatory masks	<p>I urge you to vote NO on mandatory masks.</p>	Andrew Robb	2757 #1122A, Via Cipriani	Clearwater	33764	3233175255	drewrobb@sbcglobal.net	2020-06-20 10:47:31
Mask wearing	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I know you have to make tough choices sitting on the Pinellas County Commission. We appreciate your passion and devotion to the citizens of our fine county. I own and operate an orthotic clinic as well as a retail shoe store and shoe repair. We see all types of people, young and old (i.e. toddlers, the elderly, elite athletes...).</p> <p>We are very cautious and follow CDC guidelines. First and foremost we care for the health and safety of our citizens. Also, as a businessman, we want the economy to keep rolling. We cannot survive another shutdown. It is mandatory for our employees to wear masks and we strongly encourage our customers to wear masks and sanitize their hands upon entry. We take precautions and sanitize after every customer. I feel that if we make it mandatory for people to wear masks in public, while around other people, we will help to slow down this COVID-19 freight train. Truly, wearing a mask while around others has become something that I have adopted in my daily routine. I do not like it and can't wait to go back to not having to wear one, but I feel that it is necessary for the safety of others and myself to wear one at this time.</p> <p>Let's do the right thing before this pandemic sets us further back health wise and economically. I know that you will consult with our top physicians and scientists and do the right thing for our citizens. Thank you for your time. Godspeed and good strength to you all.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Vasile Faklis</p>			Tarpon Springs			vasile@faklis.com	2020-06-20 10:46:56
Mandatory mask for Pinellas residents	<p>Please demonstrate to your constituents that you are taking this step to ensure that they are part of the effort to thwart the community spread of the virus. With the recent spike of cases in our area, masks are very necessary for everyone who is out in the public. But use at our disposal at the moment to try to flatten the curve.</p>	Karen Raihill	4920 Locust St NE Apt 307 St Pete	St Petersburg	33703	813-956-0195	kraihill@gmail.com	2020-06-20 10:45:58
Mandatory face masks	<p>The recent spike in Covid 19 is NOT because there are "more cases" or that more people are getting sick. It's simply because we've expanded the testing.</p> <p>Had a conversation today with someone who works at a lab where covid-19 testing is done here in Pinellas County. This person said their particular facility was receiving on average about 4 to 5 tests per day back in March and April, during the actual lockdown. Said a record day might have been 20 tests. Now in mid-June, they are receiving 100 times that, 400 to 500 tests per day. This person was irate at the misconception of a spike in covid results, the media blaming it on reopening, and the pressure to shut the economy down again. I felt like this was a great example given of how reporting should be done:</p> <p>Say on day 1 a facility receives 10 tests, and 1 is positive. That's a 10% infection rate. Then say on day 90 the facility receives 1000 tests, and 100 are positive. That is still a 10% infection rate. There is no spike. However, what is instead being reported is that there are now 100 cases per day, up from 1 per day, and we are therefore experiencing a spike in cases.</p> <p>Do not make masks mandatory. Do not shut down the county again. This is ridiculous.</p>	sean noll		Clearwater			sean.noll1@gmail.com	2020-06-20 10:26:47

Mandatory masks	People who are sick should stay home. People who are vulnerable should assess their risks when going outside. People in nursing homes should be protected until virus subsides. Healthy people outdoors do not need masks when with people they know or walking alone. Stores should have their own policies which should be followed. Masks are not practical at restaurants, so they should follow guidelines with groups social distanced from each other. Healthy people under 65 outside the urban areas in the northeast U.S. have very, very low incidence of hospitalization. Statistics should always include age groups, if there were underlying conditions and location, so people can assess their risks. People with low risk may get sick and then staying home, get better and have built up resistance to getting it again. Most of those people don't even show symptoms. The more people that get antibodies the better. Your welcome to discuss anything I've said with me.	Larry Trainor	1349 Eastfield Dr.	Clearwater	33764	7274473578	ltrainor@sbcglobal.net	2020-06-20 10:23:19
Face masks in public	Please vote no on mandatory wearing of face masks in public. There is no definite benefit of wearing them against covid 19 but there is definite data about wearing them being detrimental to one's health. The CDC has published info regarding this. Someone needs to do proper research so people's lives are not being put into further danger. Thank you for considering my viewpoints!	Edna Fulton		Clearwater	33765		efulton1548@aol.com	2020-06-20 10:15:14
"Safe, smart, step-by-step" reopening is NOT working	My husband and I, who are Pinellas County residents, took a drive to Clearwater Beach yesterday late afternoon, in the hopes of catching a sunset on the beach for the first time in months. What I witnessed once we got there horrified me. There were hoards of people walking around, with absolutely no one wearing masks, including the majority of restaurant staff. No one was practicing anything approaching proper social distancing. Restaurants and bars were packed, with no apparent capacity limitations in place. The scene was so disturbing, we didn't even get out of our car. After driving up and down the main drag along the beach, we continued over to Sand Key and thankfully found a secluded spot to watch sunset. There was NO WAY we were getting out of our car on Clearwater Beach, in the midst of such a blatant disregard for the fact there continues to be a pandemic in our midst. As I would hope you're well aware, the number of daily positive tests, deaths and hospitalizations continue to skyrocket in Florida. What we witnessed on Clearwater Beach is the reason for this, NOT the governor's claim of increased testing. The governor's claim is not based on statistically or medically sound evidence. All one need do is look at other states which are MANDATING the wearing of masks by everyone whenever they leave their homes, indoors and out, and the declines in positive test results they are seeing to know Florida is on the wrong track. And it's a deadly track. We absolutely WILL become the next epicenter for deaths if something isn't done. Since the governor refuses to act, I am calling on the Pinellas County commissioners to do something and to do it fast. Please, I am begging you, immediately pass a mandate requiring all people to wear masks in public. And then call upon law enforcement to enforce the mandate. Until a vaccine is available, which won't be for another 6 months, if you do not act, people will continue to die at alarming rates. And those of use who ARE following the recommendations of the medical community are being put at risk by everyone else who are either too selfish or too ignorant to do the right thing. You MUST act...NOW.	Patricia Wagner	2144 Clover Hill Road	Palm Harbor	34683	716-860-6462	faib65@aim.com	2020-06-20 10:12:35
Mandatory masks	I am not in favor of mandatory mask wearing. It should be an individual's choice.	LeAnn DeMotts	500 N Osceola Ave #607	Clearwater	33755	9132175710	l@demotts.net	2020-06-20 10:09:38
Face mask	Dear Kathleen Peters I was shocked and surprised to see that Clearwater wanted mandatory mask starting next week It is very unhealthy to inhale our second hand breath can you imagine what it will do to the children there have been many studies I personally have an autoimmune that I cannot wear masks very bad for my health it will cause a lot of health issues for people also I do not agree and I do not want to vote for this insanity please do not make it mandatory... I think it could be even against our human rights, mandatory mask is pure insanity	Monique Maillet	611 South Fort Harrison Suite 268	Clearwater Florida	33756	727-488-1118	MoniqueAnnette2@hotmail.com	2020-06-20 09:57:45
Mandatory masks.	Dear Pat, Please do not approve to the mandatory masks in Pinellas county. For one thing it's too hot and suffocating and for another we are an outside fresh air state. Which does the body just as much good. Thanks so Much yours truly Chelsea Gird	Chelsea Gird	407 Pennsylvania Avenue	Clearwater	33755	8182922633	cmhepner82@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 09:48:42
Wearing a mask in public indoor venues	Commissioners look at the countries where they follow the guidelines and wear masks and have actual leadership that do the same Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, the numbers are miniscule compared to the USA especially comparing South Korea 2 months ago which had more than the US to where they are now and where we are now. This is a no-brainer it should be no discussion make it compulsory to wear masks in indoor facilities where social distancing cannot be followed so that we can reduce the number of positive cases. thank you. Joseph Kuehn Safety Harbor	Joseph Kuehn	1749 Lake Cypress Drive	Safety Harbor	34695		kuehnjw@msn.com	2020-06-20 09:41:37
Mandate masks for all public/indoor spaces	Florida is seeing sharp daily increases in corona virus infections. People are not voluntarily observing guidelines given by the CDC. For the health and safety of all, and to mitigate the rate of increase, our county needs a countywide ordinance to wear masks when out in public. All of our lives depend on it.	Maryellen Mariani	2621 11th St., N	St. Petersburg	33704	7274181224	stacy_mariani@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 09:32:43

OSHA Mask	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am a father of 3 small children, a husband, and a worship director in the wonderful Tarpon Springs community. After reading the information from OSHA guidelines I strongly believe that mask wearing is a big no and a danger to people's health, including my family's.</p> <p>I don't really know why OSHA hasn't come forward and stopped the danger to the American people, it's really very disappointing.</p> <p>3 things</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N95 masks and all 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: are designed for CONTAMINATED environments. That means when you exhale through N95 the design is that you are exhaling into contamination. The exhale from N95 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 N95 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 with 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" <p>Cloth masks: today three people pointed to their masks as the walked by me entering Lowe's. They said "ya gotta wear your mask</p>	Matt Winter	1916 Anclote Vista	Tarpon Springs	34689	8137131183	matt@tebmw.com	2020-06-20 09:25:54
Masks for all	<p>Please make it so that mask wearing is mandatory for all people in St. Petersburg not just businesses. I realize that there will be some exceptions, but people who should be wearing them are choosing not to even though research says that wearing masks slows the spread of the Covid virus.</p> <p>Thank you for your leadership.</p>	Jaya Eeten	3641 Foster Hill Drive North	St. Petersburg	33704	7278988388	jeeten1@live.com	2020-06-20 09:25:41
Face Masks	<p>I find it offensive that we would be required to wear a face mask.</p> <p>This should be optional and up to the resident. Face Masks can obstruct oxygen and should not be worn all the time.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	Margaret Molly Baxter	1601 Bonair St	Clearwater	33755	7274746401	mollybaxter47@gmail.com	2020-06-20 09:12:26
NO Mandatory Face Mask	<p>No more suppression. I can't breath well with a face mask on. I will not wear one and I know MANY others who will not wear them either. We now have meds that we can take for Covid. People that wish to wear them are free to do so. Not me.</p>	Lynette Millus	15741 Waverly St.	Clearwater	33760		m.lynette2@gmail.com	2020-06-20 09:10:11
Mandatory mask wear	<p>I am concerned that as you appear to be considering an ordinance to mandate wearing of masks, that you will place me and others in violation of F.S. 876. I am not in a position to obey a county ordinance that would cause me to violate a state law. The provisions of 876.11 through 876.15 appear to make it illegal for me to wear a mask. I am unaware of F.S. 876 being repealed as of this date. I encourage you not to make mask wearing mandatory.</p>	Fred Robbins	9511 120th St	Seminole	33772	7277421129	firobbins@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-20 09:02:18
Masks	<p>Please vote no on mandatory masks. It should be a personal decision in our free country.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Penelope Whitten	2179 Gulf View Boulevard	Dunedin	34698	7275121506	bpenelope1@gmail.com	2020-06-20 09:02:12
Masks	<p>Please do not require us to wear masks. People are able to make their own decisions about going out and if they are worried they can wear a mask at their own discretion. There is no reason why people cannot make their own decision about whether or not they should put on a mask. We need to allow people to maintain their right to choose what is right for them.</p>	Spring Ambriz	1773 Ashton Abbey Rd	Clearwater	33755	3103595690	springambriz@hotmail.com	2020-06-20 08:59:36
Use of Masks	<p>Please vote no against mask orders and refrain from "executive orders" mandating masks Since there is no conclusive evidence that masks reduce deaths, I respectfully encourage all voting officials to vote no to requiring masks.</p> <p>I would however favor any kind of information campaign that puts facts and recommendations in the hands of our citizens. There is a wealth of such information in the public domain and this can be done in collaboration with not-for-profits, churches, etc.</p> <p>This approach of encouraging community cooperation would go much further toward boosting public safety than enforcement of government mandates.</p>	Charles Uslander	2076 Sunset Point Rd Apt 143	Clearwater	33765	312-889-2926	uslander@gmail.com	2020-06-20 08:56:39
Mandatory mask	<p>I vote no on mandatory mask wearing. A free country with a law abiding government can request this but not mandate it.</p>	Kevin Adney	111 Augusta Ave	Palm Harbor	34683		ot8dvm@gmail.com	2020-06-20 08:43:02
Mandatory masks	<p>Please don't do it this. It's not logical and should be a choice for people.</p>	Vinod Somareddy	2134 carriage lane	Clearwater	33765	5163516848	vteam44@aol.com	2020-06-20 08:37:33

Covid 19 Mask	Dear Commissioner, I hope 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.	Tiffany Corbett	1050 Starkey Road Unit 8"4	Largo	33771		tiffanycorbett@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 08:36:43
Mandated Face Masks	I am opposed to any mandate that requires face masks to be worn in public in Pinellas County.	Sam Gendusa	414 Magnolia Drive	Clearwater	33756	7275420458	samg@bluestreakdocs.com	2020-06-20 08:27:08
Require masks!	Please issue an order requiring all individuals (over age 2) to wear masks when indoors anywhere other than their home, or if unable to maintain social distancing outside.	Mara Garner	7300 14th street north	St. Petersburg	33702	7279548567	mara.a.garner@gmail.com	2020-06-20 08:19:58
Mandatory Face Masks	Dear Commissioner Peters, I oppose mandatory masks. I have trouble breathing when wearing a mask. Sanitizing and keeping hands washed is more effective at controlling the spread of the corona virus. I am 73 years old.	Karen Walby	1128 Sunset Point Rd Apt 404	Clearwater	33755	7278719243	kwalbyphd@gmail.com	2020-06-20 08:11:25
Mandatory masks	The irrefutable science is there. There should be mandatory mask use in ALL establishments. We have had the rule- no shoes (understand a slight health aspect to this), no shirt (aesthetics only), no service for decades- NOW we need to add no masks (serious health reason) or no service. It is the counties duty to protect its citizens! Even those who are determined to die of stupid.	Kathleen Morris	9095 130th Way	Seminole	33776	7274306671	kamorris@gmail.com	2020-06-20 08:07:39
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	Philip V Chitarra	2001 83rd Ave. N., Lot 4059	St Petersburg	33702	7276569302	philchitarra@gmail.com	2020-06-20 08:03:53
COVID19 and Masks	Hello, As a constituent in Clearwater, Florida, I have serious concerns about the lack of mask wearing as the daily Coronavirus cases rise dramatically in our state. I urge you all to vote for mandatory masks for ALL citizens. I am a server at a busy restaurant and all of the employees wear masks (which protects the customers from us), yet virtually none of the customers wear masks and this puts all of us serving them at risk. Most of us live paycheck to paycheck and we need to work to pay our bills, but it's unfair to expect us to risk our health and well being while serving people a meal. Please vote for mandatory masks for ALL to protect the people in Pinellas County.	Heather Rippert	24862 US HWY 19 North, #1801	Clearwater	33763	6107333429	Rubyslippers919@aol.com	2020-06-20 07:57:08
Mandatory face masks in public	I am opposed to this proposal. Vote NO on restricting our freedom! There's no evidence that mask wearing reduces or eliminates transmission. Several countries didn't even shut down and they are fine.	Paul Mansfeld	1830 Druid Rd E	Clearwater	33764	7272982542	paulmansfeld@gmail.com	2020-06-20 07:45:58
Vote NO on mandatory masks	STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!	Manda Hollis	7446 Avocet Dr	Wesley Chapel	33544	8137609890	manda_hollis@hotmail.com	2020-06-20 07:45:40
Face Masks for Pinellas	I am 100% AGAINST wearing face-masks, and so will 80% of the Pinellas County population be AGAINST any such mandatory order. This action would be EXTREMELY unpopular, and could not possibly be enforced. Only those people in extreme FEAR of life itself would agree to such draconian measures. I have been talking to hundreds of people regarding CoVid19 for the past few months, and the general concensus is that it is a total set-up to enforce the population to do what they are told. I have spoken to many medical staff in the last week, and the Florida "spike" is ONLY due to the increased amount of testing.	Jessica Byrnes	1221 Drew Street, D9	Clearwater	33755	9703933992	jessica@jessicabyrnes.com	2020-06-20 07:27:13

Regarding masks	<p>From my friend... Yikes!! We're going to email and call the commissioners. This is crazy!!!</p> <p>----</p> <p>Hello friends! There is an upcoming meeting in Pinellas about possibly mandating mask wearing throughout the county in public spaces. Please consider emailing or calling our commissioners to politely request they vote against this mask mandate. Here is a sample letter and the link to the Pinellas Commissioners: http://www.pinellascounty.org/commission/default.htm</p> <p>SAMPLE, please correct as you see fit: 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.</p>	Tara king	210 Cleveland Ave	Largo	Fl	7275159153	taraaking@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 06:52:11
Masks	<p>To all concerned, this blatant overreaction to the coronavirus it's probably D scariest thing I've seen happen during my life. Everything I've thought about America being the land of opportunity has disintegrated. I am seven homes in Saint Petersburg and it worked very hard to create a wonderful future for my family and the future of children I get to have and now I'm afraid for them and how their lifestyle may be. Kids playing together in the dirt without mass on is what life is about. the small percentage of seniors that may pass away with less than 10% of their life shorter is a small price to pay for the happiness of 100% of the new children's lives. But the countless number of lives I've been hurt from this economic shut down How they react how their emotions are affected how they operate in the world how they chief how they spawn new families They create new income and power for the country they live in has all been attacked and hurt crippled because of this procedure policy for this ridiculous new norm Apocalyptic apocalyptic lifestyle attitude. Do not force children man woman seniors anyone to wear a mask it's the most</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Wes</p>	Wesley wing	6601 Gulfport blvd s	S passadena	33707	7274342115	tikimondo@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 06:29:53
Face Masks	Vote no on mandatory face masks in public.	Kathy Coventry	1808 Sunset Point Road # D	Clearwater	33756	818-482-0191	kathycoventry@me.com	2020-06-20 05:56:03
Masks not mandatory	<p>Please don't make masks mandatory inside public spaces. I work in a salon and they are mandatory for workers</p> <p>-I comply with all of it aand beyond. And I just think making us wear them all the time in every public situation is overkill. I understand in a salon. We are very close to people.</p> <p>Please allow me to make a choice if I go to a bar, redteraunt or store. The cleaning and sanitizing process has drastically increased everywhere I see which is good! But mandatory masks is just too hard to accept for a lot of people. Resteraunts will loose so much money again. People will go out less and WE NEED people to go out!!! Are the deaths up? I know the cases are up but so it testing!! Are the death rates going up per capita? Please educate but allow freedom of choice.. people choose to smoke cigarettes.. people choose to excessively drink or gamble or do things that aren't good for themselves. People aren't wearing them correctly anyways and you can't police that! I see it every single day in my salon.</p>	Lori Fudens	240 windward passage 1102	Clearwater	33767	7274232018	lorifudens@gmail.com	2020-06-20 05:01:26
Mandatory mask vote	Please vote NO on this ridiculous issue. We already have laws on all employees who work with the public to wear masks, and for *everyone* to follow social distancing. We do not need or want further restrictions of this scope. Thanks you.	George Williams	25350 US Hwy 19N, Apt 60	Clearwater	33763	6266769220	george8808@earthlink.net	2020-06-20 02:44:53
Yes to masks!	Please help protect our community and say yes to masks. It's imperative that we protect our community and this is just one small simple step.			Gulfport	33707	3027576904	lwharry1023@gmail.com	2020-06-20 02:25:45
Yes to masks!	Please help protect our community and say yes to masks. It's imperative that we protect our community and this is just one small simple step.			Gulfport	33707	3027576904	lwharry1023@gmail.com	2020-06-20 02:25:33
regarding Tuesday meeting and face masks	After researching the topic, my family and I are not in favor of mandatory face masks. We have concluded that they offer us little CV19 protection, a conclusion shared by Dr. Fauci, and with consistent wear may introduce other health problems. Please leave this as a discretionary practice, allowing individuals to make their own decisions in their own unique circumstances with help as needed from their health care providers. We also do not believe it is the proper role of government to prescribe individual health care practices.	Deborah Hulthen	1742 Eaton Drive NE	Clearwater	33756	727-586-6880	dhulthen1@verizon.net	2020-06-20 01:55:35
Covid 19 lockdown	If the Board sees fit to lock down the general public please only lock down and isolate the sick. Let the healthy population work and live as guaranteed by the Constitution of the United States!	Victor Karmazinas	3337 Cobbs Circle	Palm Harbor	34684	7273249690	vickarmazinas@yahoo.com	2020-06-20 01:09:06
Vote No for mandatory mask wearing in Clearwater	Hello commissioner Gerard, I would like you to Vote No for mandatory mask wearing in Clearwater Thank you	Jacithe Daigle	1245 S. Martin Luther King Jr. Ave	Clearwater	33756-4176	7274469177	daiglejacithe@hotmail.com	2020-06-20 01:08:11

Face Masks	Here are some informative references, I thought you might appreciate: https://www.citizensforreespeech.org/blaylock_face_masks_pose_serious_risks_to_the_healthy?utm_campaign=blaylock_report&utm_medium=email&utm_source=cffs https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WqhwwLbNZqo https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iSdvq5pyw-M https://www.greenmedinfo.com/blog/osha-says-masks-dont-work-and-violate-osha-oxygen-levels?utm_campaign=Daily%20Newsletter%3A%20OSHA%20SAYS%20MASKS%20DON%27T%20WORK%20AND%20Violate%20OSHA%20Oxygen%20Levels28RuZ25q%29&utm_medium=email&utm_source=Daily%20Newsletter&_ke=eyJrbF9lbWFpbCI6IjB25uaVVmb2dhbEB0ZWx1cy5uZXQlCAia2xfY29tcGFueV9pZCI6IjlmZlMnZlYXkiQ%3D%3D	John Spagnola	675 S Gulfview Blvd, Condo 204	Clearwater	33767	7274460200	john.spagnola10@gmail.com	2020-06-20 00:37:44
Wearing a Face Mask in Public	Dear Commissioner, I understand that the County is considering a demand for us to wear a face mask in public. I was a doctor for over 40 years and have studied a fair amount of scientific data on the use of masks. 1. The science does not back up the use of a mask by the general public. 2. The mask is of some benefit for an infected person to wear. 3 The current science shows that there is only a small subset of the public that can get harmed by the COVID-19 virus. 4. Wearing a mask for an extended period reduces the oxygen level of the blood. This has been proven in studies. This can trigger some illness/disease by itself or at least exacerbate some body disorders. If you are being advised by some "health care expert" on this matter ask to see the current science that a mask is effective against the spread of this virus. 5. This virus is not the plague like the media is hyping it to be. Yes, the elderly and those with disorders that have shown them to be predisposed to dying from this should be protected by a mandatory command that all of us wear a mask in public is scientifically wrong.	Alfred W. Garbutt	1008 S. San Remo	Clearwater	33756		dralfgarbutt@protonmail.com	2020-06-20 00:29:41
Required wearing of masks.	Hello. If you vote yes on the proposal to force the wearing of masks I will withdraw any support I have for you and will never vote for you again.	Gregg Gause	509A. North Prescott Ave.	Clearwater	33755		proheli@live.com	2020-06-20 00:26:31
Mandatory Masks	I saw something about masks possibly becoming required in Pinellas County - PLEASE, NO! Doctors are saying that wearing masks doesn't prevent the spread of viruses. Also, wearing a mask a lot of the time is unhealthy; it can lead to contamination, collapsed lungs and pleurisy. Breathing deeply the wonderful seacoast air is healthy!	Louise Marquis		Clearwater	33755		marquisartistic@gmail.com	2020-06-20 00:13:32
Face masks	no mandatory face makes especially outside its way to hot in Florida for this nonsense	Mary Lou White	2165 Morningside Drive	Safety Harbor	34695	727688248	randysgirl13@gmail.com	2020-06-20 00:07:34
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. My children should NOT have to grow up in a permanent Halloween setting! Masks are scary for them also!	Leslie Pipkins	308 S Lincoln Ave	Clearwater	33756	7277101816	ldanipipkins@gmail.com	2020-06-19 23:55:05
against mandatory masks	I am against mandatory masks in public. We are educated and free thinking American citizens capable of looking after ourselves and our families. It is not up to the county to mandate individuals. Instead give us policies that protect us from criminals, not our fellow law-abiding citizens.	Jane Chapin	123 bay Point Dr NE	St Petersburg	33704	8133912842	jane@janechapin.com	2020-06-19 23:34:00
Mask wearing	I oppose the wearing of mask as is completely unnecessary. At this stage of the game they need to be done away with. They are now a political statement and not a health issue.	Jeff Lee	1972 Freedom Drive	Pinellas	33755	7276928682	imjefflee@gmail.com	2020-06-19 23:07:23
Do not want to wear mask	Wearing the mask lower the oxygen level and therefore lower your immune system and makes you more vulnerable to any viruses or infections. You also breathe in your CO2 and any bacteria's that you have. I absolutely will not wear a mask and you should not ask people to do that it is dangerous	Josee Goudreault	411 Cleveland st	Clearwater	33755	727-831-7509	joseego@apl.com	2020-06-19 23:01:07
Decision on mandatory masks	I will NOT wear a mask due to the information stating it doesn't work and is detrimental to my health. I will not pay a fine for something ordered by you when it's unconstitutional. MY BODY MY CHOICE!!!	JoAnn Boccia	1372 Overcash Drive	Dunedin	34698		ncc1701a1044@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-19 22:46:44
Face masks	We don't do this for ANY other type of thing at all. If we're going to do this for Coronavirus, then we should do it for every virus all of the time, because it's no more pleasant for your loved one to die from the flu, than to die from Covid 19... If you want to be on the safety patrol, don't discriminate against any of the other viruses, and just go ahead and mandate masks 24/7 for the rest of our lives... VOTE NO ON MASKS!!	Scott Anderson	PO Box 8241	Saint Petersburg	33738	7274305944	twitchmusic@aol.com	2020-06-19 22:41:41
Masks	Hi Kathleen, I wanted to take a minute to let you know that I am against mandatory masks. I have read the research and it does not support disease prevention. I URGE you to vote against mandatory masks . Sincerely, Desiree Cardoso	Desiree Cardoso	1937 N Highland	Clearwater	33755	916 221 1743	desireecards2018@gmail.com	2020-06-19 22:22:46
Mandatory masks	Please do not make masks mandatory. It should be a persons choice to wear or not to wear one. I myself have breathing issues that make it unhealthy for me to wear a mask . As long as people are social distancing, that should be enough.	Ann Rogers	3660 East Bay Drive apt 112	Largo	33771		annrogers702@hotmail.com	2020-06-19 22:20:33

No mask	It's only doing bad for you please see the correct data about it	Amnon Eshel	100 Waverly way	Clearwater	33756	727-4155554	amieshel67@gmail.com	2020-06-19 22:15:18
Masks	I live in Pasco but I am in Pinellas every week. Please require mask use in Pinellas County to keep us all safer.	Lewis Bayers	8445 Cranes Roost Drive	New Port Richey	34654	7278349908	lewis.bayers@gmail.com	2020-06-19 21:48:47
Wearing of a Face Mast	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. As a retired military veteran it's important to me that I stay physically fit. I jog daily and if I'm required to wear a mask i would not be able to jog as I hyperventilate. 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.	Lena Hooker	2700 Bayshore Blvd Apt 1105	Dunedin	34658	5417879061	lenalbslc@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 21:36:53
Mandatory Masks	Are you informed enough about the risks of wearing a mask? Are you sure you are willing to take on legal liability (individually and collectively) for forcing everyone to wear a mask in public? The CDC has changed it's stance on wearing masks several times. Have YOU done your research, as a community leader and as an individual, on the hazards of wearing a mask? Have YOU done your research on the effectiveness of a mask? A little article you MAY want to read before you decide to accept LEGAL liability of forcing the mandatory use of ANY type of mask: https://www.docdroid.net/hIVGlrz/covid-19-face-masks-05-pdf#page=3 With information by: Russel Blaylock, MD, -Dr. Jenny Harries, -Dr. Anthony Fauci Since this email is being sent to each and every one of you commissioners I hereby can attest, at any later date, that you have done your research and were proceeding as informed leaders in our community. That you stand by your informed decision to mandate masks with full knowledge of any possible harmful effects and are willing to accept any repercussions that may result in that decision.	Kathy Haddon	10561 127th Pl	Largo	33773	727 647 8662	kathyndan1@aol.com	2020-06-19 21:33:29
Wearing masks	Please vote to require individuals to wear masks in Pinellas County. I lived there for 50 years and had to move away. But my 93 year old dad and brothers still live there. They deserve the opportunity to leave their homes on occasion with some ability to trust that they will be as Protected as Possible because everyone is required to contribute to the better good. I live in Pasco now and visit Pinellas. It is terrifying to see how few people are wearing masks. Almost all of us know someone at risk. This is not an unreasonable request. Plus it allows the medical community the ability to care for those who really need care. And not people who are infected by others laziness or obstinance. . I'm giving you my dads address. Where he has lived for 49 years. Where I grew up. He's an amazing man. He deserves to live. And occasionally leave his home Safely.	Kay Tucker	14243 Neptune Rd	Seminole	33776	727-599-4639	kayotuck@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 21:32:29
Concern on the upcoming vote in re mandated wearing of masks in public areas	Hello all concerned. I am addressing this concern I have to everyone involved in the matter of voting on wearing masks in public as a mandated urgent requirement or not. This would include anyone that has a County vote (or say) in the matter of whether their County citizens or visitors from another county or location should be mandated to wear a mask while in a public area. Apparently this mandate would include children, too. Right now, there is a lot of pressure on all of you do to what "should be done" and to ensure you enforce what you feel would be best for your respective Counties. I do appreciate what you are up against and the stress and duress of this, and current situations with the health and safety of us, those who live here. For this vote on mandatory wearing of masks in public, please vote NO, and any additional referendums to such a potential policy. I have concern for the rising pressure on those, like myself, that have had to suffer loss of paid salary and my wife laid off and no longer employed, now having to figure out additional costs and conscience of wearing a mask anywhere we go. Additionally, I react poorly to the current heat and humidity WITHOUT a mask; I do wish to now wear a mask if I wanted to go food shopping or to buy basic necessities. This is also not something I support as the purpose of such mask wearing is to attempt to prevent an airborne illness from spreading. This doesn't solve that problem. And doesn't manage it. And for citizens like yourself and myself who would actually follow such a rule if it was enforced, it becomes irrelevant when there will be "the new outlaws" who simply won't. And frankly it will be the one next thing that is going g to cause upset. We do not need that for our State of Florida.	Ryan Meyers	417 Lotus Path	Clearwater	33756	(727) 698-3173	randsmeyers@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 21:32:07
Facemasks	This is in regards to making facemasks mandatory. I myself do not wear one. I am healthy and according to who you listen to, they are safe, they are not safe, they protect you, they dont protect you., I dont feel anyone should be told they have to wear something when no where has it bern proven that they actually work. For those that want to wear one because they feel safer, hap at it, I do not chose to wear one for those reasons and that should be MY CHOICE!!	LISA CRITTENDEN	3818 39th Ave N	ST PETERSBURG	33714	7274559875	lisacrittenden1964@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 21:23:05
Masks are a health haz6	Masks are not a benefit, they are a health hazard!	David Shaw	10823 Indian Hills Ct #34	Seminole	33777	5634194558	daveshaw98@gmail.com	2020-06-19 20:59:42

Mandatory Masks in public	As a Pinellas County Resident I vote against a mandatory law forcing face mask use in public. I have a right to make my own decision. Sorry but I don't need another parent in my life. I am an adult and SHOULD be able to make my own decision. I am also against fining people if you do make it mandatory.	Donna Norman	13570 Forest Lake Dr.	Largo	33771	7274801221	dnorman24@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-19 20:49:46
Against mandatory mask	I don't think it is necessary to implement mandatory mask at this point and time. Based on several studies wearing mask is not health at all and health professionals do not recommend it.	Melinda C		Clearwater			panna9791@gmail.com	2020-06-19 20:41:46
Please watch this short video about masks	Only a few know about the Side Effects https://youtu.be/65XVhF56cUQ I urge you to exercise common sense. Thank you	Kris Kay	4810 25th ave n	Saint Petersburg	33713	7274885055	wayfindingsystems@gmail.com	2020-06-19 20:23:38
Mandatory masks needed!	Please, please make masks mandatory for everyone in public places (not just the employees). People are NOT wearing masks, nor social distancing. It is definitely contributing to the HUGE increase in cases. People are not taking this pandemic seriously. You need to do the only thing that will decrease the spread...mandatory masks for all. Other than shutting down again, there are not many options. Please consider the health of the residents of Pinellas County and vote YES for mandatory masks. Thank you very much for your service to our community, Cyndia Hixon	Cyndia Hixon	1704 Lago Vista Blvd.	Palm Harbor	34685		clhixon@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 20:20:18
MANDATORY MASKS	Please vote NO for mandatory MASKS. NO. There have NOT been 2,000 confirmed cases and only 102 deaths. Out of almost a million in population that is .01%. VOTE NO FOR MANDATORY MASKS! It is totally crazy ... I am an adult.	Karen Hanson	308 Fountainview Circle	Oldsmar	34677		klh_sch@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 20:14:33
Enough with the mask wearing already!	I was a resident of Clearwater for 8 years. I am writing because this mask wearing order is ill advised. Please rescind it let people breath normally. Thank you.	Glenis Batley	305 East Valencia Avenue, Apt E	Burbank	91502	8186530868	glenis@glenis.com	2020-06-19 20:13:27
Masks	Please please do not make Pinellas county residents wear masks. If you feel like some masks need to be worn, make sure it makes sense - such as hospitality industry. It just doesn't make sense for all residents to wear them	Elsy	1041 Nokomis St	Clearwater	33755		yohana.hardner@gmail.com	2020-06-19 20:08:20
No Mandatory Masks for Pinellas	The World Health Organization itself recommends NOT WEARING FACE MASKS unless you are ill or are caring for someone who is ill. There is no reason to impose mask-wearing on Pinellas County residents who are ill. This is especially troublesome for children who may not be able to breathe freely. We need ample fresh air. We need to move, exercise, walk, run. We need to see each other's bright, friendly smiles. Please do NOT approve any orders that mandate mask-wearing. Those who want to wear them are welcome to do so but an order is inappropriate, frightening for some and most importantly, unnecessary. https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/30/world/coronavirus-who-masks-recommendation-trnd/index.html	Karen Hadley	416 Druid Road West	Clearwater	33756		theroadout@gmail.com	2020-06-19 20:04:56
mandatory wearing of face masks in public	I am a pinellas county resident and a retired veteran. I do NOT want the wearing of face masks to be mandatory! This is an infringement of my rights as an American citizen. It also has the possibility to hinder my health by trapping bacteria and not allowing fresh air into my body. Wearing the mask makes it difficult for some persons to breath and is an obstruction to good communication. We live in a democracy and must have the right to choose. I will watch the results of the vote and I will NOT vote for any who vote in favor of this particular order. Thank you	Walter L Eck	2072 Australia Way W.	Clearwater	33763	740-243-6545	papillion1918@gmail.com	2020-06-19 19:58:49
Mandatory masks	Dear Kathleen, I highly disagree with implementing mandatory masks. Regards, Robin	Robin BURNES	1970 Ripon Dr	Clearwater	33774		robinburnes@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 19:57:08
Mandatory wearing of face masks in public	I am a Pinellas county resident. I do not want mask wearing to be mandatory! This is an infringement of my rights as an American citizen. We should have the freedom to choose. 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.	Connie Eck	2072 Australia Way W, #60	Clearwater	33763	7402433923	monarch219@gmail.com	2020-06-19 19:54:14
Request to consider	Please consider requiring masks for residents of Pinellas County. It would not be permanent and should definitely not be viewed as political. It would simply be a temporary measure designed to protect and help the citizens of Pinellas County. Thank you for your time and consideration, Julie Hudson Clearwater, FL	Julie Hudson	1485 Eastfield Drive	Clearwater	33764	7275384965	auntjules12@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 19:40:15

Mandatory Mask Requirements	<p>Greetings to our Pinellas County Commissioners,</p> <p>I understand that the subject of requiring the mandatory use of masks in Pinellas County has cropped up and could be under review for a meeting or set of meetings next week. We all understand that this is a difficult subject and controversial subject to address, and we appreciate you have to take in many considerations in making any decisions.</p> <p>There are a few points that don't get a lot of press that my husband and I wanted to bring forward for you while you are facing decisions or possible votes on this issue. The first is that many people simply cannot wear a mask due to allergies or asthma problems. Fibers, dyes, elastic fabric materials, and even sweat can cause severe health adverse reactions . I am one of them. If you do decide to make masks mandatory, could you please provide a rider to provide for people like me?</p> <p>Also, my husband and I own our own local small business. Our clients do not like to shop in our store if we wear masks, and as an Interior Decorator, I am hearing from clients that if I do in-home work with them, they do not want me to wear a mask (which I cannot do anyway). If you go to a mandatory requirement for masks, we would lose a great deal of income, on top of what we have already lost due to business closure requirements for six weeks (as a side note, we gave not yet received the PPP loan or the Pinellas Cares loan). We are in a plaza with 13 businesses, only one of which received a PPP loan, and two of which are already closed for good. Three others are on the verge of possibly closing if the economy is restricted further. Some of these businesses are like ours, where customers do not want to come if masks are evident. If our plaza loses these businesses, we will all lose foot traffic and potential customers as our plaza will look deserted and uninviting. A mandatory mask requirement will be a disaster for small businesses.</p> <p>Finally, although I am aware of many local surveys out there, including health organizations, the data on these surveys could probably be greatly skewed, as those who do not wear masks, or believe one should be required to wear masks do not want to say so, as there are so very many people angrily "mask shaming" them I have also seen hostility and verbal attacks towards those not wearing a mask. To push a mandatory mask requirement will only validate these people who choose this type of divisive behavior, now and in the future. I would also like to request that my name please be kept confidential to avoid any potential repercussions.</p> <p>Thank you all for reading this lengthy email. I know the pressure is really out there on you all, but I really hope that perhaps some of this information might be helpful for you all. Thank you for your work and service to the citizens here in Pinellas County! Have a</p>	Mrs Karen Liebold	11324 88 Avenue	Seminole	33772	727-409-1992	flutesnfabric@gmail.com	2020-06-19 19:33:57
Mask Debate	<p>I will not comply with wearing a mask. I'm as concerned about COVID-19 as I am about the flu, which is hardly. Those who are at risk should be concerned and they should protect themselves. I haven't seen my grandmother or great grandmother since March, and that makes sense. Forcing small businesses out of business and spending trillions of dollars that we don't have is asinine. Forcing people to wear masks is ridiculous. All you're doing is delaying the inevitable and putting high risk people at risk for a longer period of time. Let me get it and become immune, and then I can't spread it to my grandmother. I know common sense isn't common, but this has gone beyond the pale. I believe the suggestion of mandatory masks is a result of a higher prevalence of cases recently... So what!? Cases are not deaths and more cases means more immunity.</p> <p>I know the virus became a partisan political subject somehow, but even the hippest of liberals that I know are growing weary of the response. My wife is one of them. I actually heard a teacher from my kid's school say, "I'm a Democrat, but I think I'm going to switch sides over this." This was at Highlander Park when my kid's teachers and classmates were celebrating the end to the madness. Please let reason and logic guide you.</p>			Unincorporated	33763		mannyjv@varelanet.com	2020-06-19 19:09:30
We do not want mandatory masks	<p>Although I understand a need to protect the public. We are still free in this country. I wear a mask in public but do NOT feel you have the authority or should take the liberty to take free will from the people. We will all be taking note of the decisions that are made and I am sure they will reflect a considerable difference in the next election.</p>	Kerry Beggs	10930 Oakhurst Rd	Largo	33774		time2closewithkb@aol.com	2020-06-19 19:05:13

Please continue to be reasonable regarding Covid 19 policies	<p>Dear County Commissioners and Administrator, We are thankful that we live in a state and county where our leaders are being responsible and respecting private citizens' Constitutional rights. I wrote the following brief article to educate my patients about the expected spike in Covid 19 cases and to reassure them that we do not need to go backwards in our response to this continuing illness:</p> <p>"I often get a call in the middle of the night from an anxious parent because their child has a fever of 104.</p> <p>"What other symptoms does he have?" I ask. "How is he acting?"</p> <p>The mere fact that a two-year-old has an elevated fever is not a cause for alarm if the child is acting fairly normal, or if other family members have had the same illness. Fever is only a symptom. The important information for me is what is causing the fever.</p> <p>Similar reasoning applies to the most recent increase in Covid 19 cases in Florida. The number of reported Covid 19 cases has increased significantly in Florida in the last week. Forecasters are predicting their usual doom and gloom.</p> <p>"There will be catastrophic consequences," according to the 'model' of Dr. Marrazzo of U of Alabama Birmingham Infectious Diseases.</p> <p>The big issue I have with the word "models" is that it suggests some kind of legitimate scientific basis for predicting the future. However, every model which has been quoted in the news since the pandemic started has been drastically wrong.</p> <p>Governor Mario Cuomo recently stated the same thing when asked about reopening New York, "All the national experts ... were all wrong." There is not much difference between 'models' predicting the future for Covid 19 and tea leaves predicting the future. These are guesses. There is a little bit of science and a lot of guessing. So let's start ignoring these guesses and concentrate on what is important.</p> <p>From the beginning, I have stated that many people will get infected with Covid 19. The state of Florida has dramatically increased its testing availability and more cases are being diagnosed which were missed several weeks ago.</p>	Dr. Duane and Jill Rommel	2618 Gulf Blvd unit 508	Indian Rocks Beach	33785	727-784-5198	drommel1@gmail.com	2020-06-19 18:49:04
Face masks mandatory	<p>I understand that this is a tough issue to decide on. I would like to offer some support and encouragement to our leaders. My understanding from medical experts is that the mask is not very effective in preventing the spread of disease. That said, I wear a face mask when entering a business, find what I am looking for and pull it down if there are no other people around. I pull it back up if someone comes near me, to protect them, not me. I am very healthy. I don't think the mask should be mandatory. This would hurt tourism and we need tourists. Is there a way to check if the positive test results are only for antibodies, i.e., the people are not currently ill? As an example, my daughter had it in December in Tennessee. She tested positive last month while perfectly healthy. Also, I don't even know anyone who is ill, and I know a lot of people! Another issue is the cost. I can afford it easily, but many middle class people cannot afford masks for themselves and their families, especially since you are supposed to change it each time you use it to be effective. And they cannot afford a sitter so they can run into Publix. Mandatory masks brings up too many complications for middle class families, such as leaving the kids in the car with it running or worse, with it not running. That would happen. Our time and money is more well spent on hygiene education using posters and videos. Let's make our own independent assessment and our own decision, not make a rule because we don't want to get sued, other cities are doing it or we might get attacked by the media. I nor any of my 100s of friends in Clearwater listen to the media (bullies). You're better off looking out the window to see what's really happening! I'm not sure what's going on politically in Tampa, but we are not Tampa, we are bright and beautiful Clearwater! Let's keep our independent spirit and governance, encourage good hygiene practices and come out ahead.</p>	Jill Smythe Lumsden	417 Hilltop Ave N	Clearwater	33755	7274226817	TJSL123@gmail.com	2020-06-19 18:48:33
NO ON MANDATORY MASKS	<p>Commissioner Gerard. I am not in favor at all of mandatory masks for many reasons one of which is my personal rights as to governing my own health would be dictated by the county government. This is not right. There is no science that is actually scientific on the face masks. What is certainly known is the decrease of oxygen & increase of carbon dioxide when wearing these masks. This poses certain health threats & side affects of such like weakening the immune system. Vote NO won't you please on mandatory face masks !</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>The "science" on face masks is not scientific and is certainly not settled per MDs and PhDs. What is settled, is breathing ones own carbon dioxide weakens ones immune system. Therefore, mandating such an action could place the county at risk for eventual law suits. A reason that most of the deaths are attributed to obese people, diabetes and other underlying conditions is due to their weak immune systems - which for some mysterious reason has not been addressed. Please vote against mandatory wearing of face masks.</p>	Laura Clouden	111 Manatee Road	Belleair	33756		lclouden@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-19 18:44:34

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.	Steve McKenney	4480 40th St. N	St. Petersburg	33714	7275658088	metalgod@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 18:43:29
Mandatory wearing of madls	Hello Pinellas Commissioners; STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!! Thank you, Defend our Constitution and civil liberties! Lisa Welch Spriggs	Lisa Welch Spriggs	1583 Preserve Way	Clearwater	33764	7274090119	lisawelchspriggs@mac.com	2020-06-19 18:41:44
Mandatory Masks	Hello, I strongly disagree with citizens of Pinellas County being required to wear masks inside of businesses. There are studies that show this is a health risk to otherwise healthy people. I believe that everyone should have the right to choose if they would like to wear a mask. Please vote NO on mandatory mask wearing in Pinellas County. Thank you!			Clearwater			samanthapasco@hotmail.com	2020-06-19 18:38:08
Mandatory Mask wearing	Hello ! Please do research this issue fully . The World Health Organization, The CDC and OSHA have all put out data regarding mask wearing . They are not in favor of this . As a lifelong sinus sufferer , it would cause health problems for people like me . Please vote no .	Patrick J Clouden	111 Manatee Road	Belleair	33756	727-748-1700	pclouden@cesstaff.com	2020-06-19 18:32:27
Masks	Require them for everyone indoors at all times and outdoors when social distancing is not possible.	Jim Olliver	6495 Shoreline Drive, Apt. 8506	Seminole	33708	727 398-0043	olliverj@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 18:21:19
Covid mandatory mask ordinance	I strongly oppose any mandate to force me to ware a Mask while out in public. This is a direct violation of our constitution The wearing of a mask should be up-to the individual And not a bunch of politicians. Between the news media And politicians scaring the hell out of everyone this is just another Way of controlling the people. I hope that this does not become mandatory , because I for one will Not wear a mask and if need be, I will shop in another county That does not have a mandatory mask ordnance. Thank you for taking the time to read my comment. John Watson	John Watson	102 Sherwood e	Largo	33770	6362627150	jdwtrucking@hotmail.com	2020-06-19 18:16:01
Please Vote NO!	STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. DO NOT INFRINGE UPON OUR LIBERTIES ! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for EACH OF YOU, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!! Stop pandering to the fear mongers! I WILL REFUSE. I WILL NOT OBEY. AND IF I AM ARRESTED, SO BE IT! I WILL FIGHT HARD TO PROTECT OUR GOD GIVEN RIGHTS AS AMERICANS!! Thank you, Sarah	Sarah Tyler	2834 Penridge Dr	Palm Harbor	34684	7275934356	styler03@gmail.com	2020-06-19 18:14:11
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.	John Welch	29744 69TH WAY N	CLEARWATER	33761		jw.welchenterprises@gmail.com	2020-06-19 18:12:37
Mandatory masks	Hello. I am asking you to vote no on mandatory masks. I am healthy and want to remain this way. I think most of us have strong immune systems . I feel it is not healthy nor necessary at this time to wear a mask . The data our there about masks is such a controversy but as nurse I do not think the situation warrants people to where them nor are they healthy . Please do not vote for this. Thank you .	Julie Lee	1972 Freedom Dr	Clearwater	33755	7276449212	juliemannlee@gmail.com	2020-06-19 18:12:24

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.	LISA SCOTT	29744 69TH WAY N	CLEARWATER	33761	6154382955	ls.welchenterprises@gmail.com	2020-06-19 18:10:45
Wearing masks	I strongly encourage a mask ordinance. Many people have "asymptomatic" COVID-19. They interact with others while shopping, especially the grocery store, infecting others. If we all will wear masks indoors it would cut down infections for all of us.	Linda Tucker	2288 Habersham Drive	Clearwater	33764	(727) 539-1789	londajoj@verizon.net	2020-06-19 18:08:08
Mask wearing	Dear Ms. Peters, Please make mask wearing voluntary but recommended when entering an indoor public establishment. Respectfully, Steve Simon Clearwater, FL	Steve Simon	606 N Osceola Avenue apt West	Clearwater	33755	2019516488	ssimon@prettydarngood.com	2020-06-19 18:05:24
Vote No on mandatory masks	STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!	Dina Arvanitakis	600 Cleaveland Street, Suite 300	Clearwater	33755	7276005858	dina@alg-legal.com	2020-06-19 18:01:17
Possible mandatory face masks	I ask that you please not make face masks mandatory in business or public. I personally feel safe without them and when I have to wear them, I feel like I cannot breathe as easily. As well it lessens the relationship and communication between one another. If this is being thought of as being made mandatory I feel even stronger that this not be passed. Children are very unlikely to wear the masks and it is easier for the teachers to teach them good hygiene without the mask. As well, children feel more comfortable when they can see their teachers faces. When there is a face mask children often think of hospitals and doctors where they go when they are sick or very hurt. This is not conducive of a safe environment for the children to learn. Absolutely if a parent would like their child to wear a mask they should. That is the parents' discretion.	Jessica Brady	1712 Thomas Dr.	Clearwater	33659	727-657-9592	jessica.float@gmail.com	2020-06-19 17:56:50
Mask Order	fully support a countywide order requiring businesses and residents to wear masks in public. Please do the right thing for all of us. Thank you.	Sheila McChesney	6219 Palma del Mar Blvd S	St Petersburg	33715	7274247421	mcchesney.sheila@gmail.com	2020-06-19 17:56:01
Face Masks	Commissioner Gerard: The "science" on face masks is not scientific and is certainly not settled per MDs and PhDs. What is settled, is breathing ones own carbon dioxide weakens ones immune system. Therefore, mandating such an action could place the county at risk for eventual law suits. A reason that most of the deaths are attributed to obese people, diabetes and other underlying conditions is due to their weak immune systems - which for some mysterious reason has not been addressed. Please vote against mandatory wearing of face masks. (my wife Rosalyn Carlton - who is on the board of Continental Towers Condominium and she agrees with the above)	JOHN SPAGNOLA	675 S Gulfview Blvd Condo 204	Clearwater Beach	33767-2646	7274460200	john.spagnola10@gmail.com	2020-06-19 17:53:45
Mandatory face masks	After finally opening up Pinellas county it is ridiculous to entertain the idea of mandatory face masks. As has been established by numerous health advisors the masks can cause many other health problems especially for the elderly. In voting to mandate masks you are putting many businesses in a bad place as many of us have seen the CDC and other health agencies seesaw on the actual benefit of masks for the past few months. Evmrywhere I go in the county I have seen older people getting lightheaded in checkout lines and have to go and sit down due to lack of oxygen with the mask on...yet they have been terrified by the media that if they take the mask off they will get covid. Please lets not have Florida feed into the scare tactics and allow those that feel the need for the masks wear them if they must.	Jan Thorsen	455 Alt 19 S.	Palm Harbor	34683	7276089738	fl.gulfgal@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 17:41:11
Masks	no	Stephen Maxwell	1893 shore Dr S	South Pasadena	33707		stephen.maxwing@gmail.com	2020-06-19 17:39:16
Face Masks	Commissioner Peters, You have always been a voice of reason. The "science" on face masks is not scientific and is certainly not settled per MDs and PhDs. What is settled, is breathing ones own carbon dioxide weakens ones immune system. Therefore, mandating such an action could place the county at risk for eventual law suits. A reason that most of the deaths are attributed to obese people, diabetes and other underlying conditions is due to their weak immune systems - which for some mysterious reason has not been addressed. Please vote against mandatory wearing of face masks.	John Spagnola	675 S Gulfview Blvd Condo #204	Clearwater Beach	33767	727-446-0200	john.spagnola10@gmail.com	2020-06-19 17:38:49

NO ON MANDATORY MASKS	<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... 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 	Margaret Cote	119 N Missouri Ave	Clearwater	33755		peggycote@verizon.net	2020-06-19 17:34:16
No required masks!!	<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>	Carla Rudolph	203 Lido Dr	St PETE Beach	33706	727-365-7881	rudolphdsgn@aol.com	2020-06-19 17:30:20
Masks	Cannot breathe very hot very uncomfortable	Candace Pendry		St. Petersburg	33713		candacependry@gmail.com	2020-06-19 17:25:57
PANDEMIC	<p>Require masks. Now. Please. Close what you can. 3 of my 5 family members are immunocompromised.</p> <p>To quote Republican Governor Schwarzenegger, "The science is clear." "It's not a political issue." "Anyone making it a political issue is an absolute moron who can't read."</p>	Keith	14822 113th Ave N	Largo	33774	7274552090	Brotherfire@gmail.com	2020-06-19 17:18:26
Regarding mandatory Mask Wearing	<p>Dear Kathleen,</p> <p>I understand that someone is considering the idea of making mask wearing mandatory for Pinellas county. I would like to voice my opinion on this subject, is something that it isn't necessary for our county. Number one reason, it is so hot currently... and wearing a mask will make it very hard for people to Properly breath and therefore take the correct amount of oxygen the body needs in order to survive. For the elderly this could be a tragedy especially for small children who are going to school and running around in this extremely hot weather and Number two, it is so hot outside The virus will NOT be able to survive. Simply making the mask wearing mandatory, Will potentially bring more damage to the human body and potentially create more deaths. Please consider not making the mask wearing mandatory. Please for the sake of our health. I am a dental assistant and fully understand that reason to wear a mask ... a mask WON'T stop the virus from going into the body so therefore not need to make it mandatory. Last week while I was on the pinellas trail someone was running (with a mask on) and fainted on the Concrete. It was terrifying to see this since it was clear that it was because of his low oxygen intake, some had to just remove the mask and give him oxygen twice and he came back fine. Just needed air! We need fresh clean air, good nutrición, good sleep and stay hygienic if all those points are applied We won't get the virus! unless someone purposely inject the virus into the body and even then... if you have good health you should never get! So, please again reconsider even considering to make mask wearing a mandatory action. Thank you for taking the time to read this I appreciate it! ML- Elizabeth Wegler</p>	Elizabeth Wegler	1132 Sunset Point Rd	Clearwater FL	33755	2192909375	lizwegler@gmail.com	2020-06-19 17:07:22

Mandatory Masks	<p>Kathleen -- Rumor has it that we are creeping toward making medical masks mandatory due to this Covid...whatever you want to call it.</p> <p>I am writing with the hope of persuading the Board to avoid making this mandatory.</p> <p>Why?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Masks have been proven to lower oxygen content in your blood stream. It's dangerous and unhealthy. 2. We are about to hit summer weather. The masks are dangerous in high heat, especially for people with issues -- perhaps more deadly than a virus that has a 95% cure rate. 3. The virus has a 95% cure rate. 4. The jig is up. We've seen the corruption with hospitals getting payments for patients and ventilators. The ventilators kill people. They've shot down the use efficacious treatments such as the Malaria drug and intravenous Vitamin C. They've placed sick patients with healthy, but at-risk persons resulting in the infection and death of both parties. 5. Further taxing and putting more pressure on the Sheriff or Police force to interact with people for unnecessary, absurd, polarizing and un-Constitutional guidelines. 6. We are seeing a clear level of hypocrisy in that large gatherings for protests in support of political radicals are acceptable, but pro-American, conservative or religious events are not. <p>The reaction to this virus has been entirely unjustified and clearly pre-arranged to damage the economy, meddle in the election and install a "new normal". Any party that works to continue to enforce or drag out this charade is COMPLICIT in helping to destroy our society.</p> <p>Let's just state the obvious: Once you mandate public masks, mandated vaccines are not far behind. And that's where this is going at the end of the day, isn't it? The vaccines will be the "certification"people will need to conduct business, return to school, get their jobs back etc.</p> <p>And as we have seen with vaccines in the past -- and Bill Gates' track record of disasters in Africa and India -- these "rushed" vaccines are not to be trusted. Gates willfully admitted that his vaccines could cause reactions in 1-in-10,000 patients causing death and/or other bad results in over 700,000 humans if this is applied on a global scale. He's seeking indemnities in order to exact his anti-human</p>	Richard Libero	11600 7th St. E	Pinellas	33706		rich.libero@gmail.com	2020-06-19 16:59:12
Mandatory masks	<p>Please vote against mandatory masks. There are too many health risks associated with wearing them.</p> <p>Also CDC and WHO no longer recommend wearing them.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Rose Greenwood		Clearwater	33755		rosegreenwood66@gmail.com	2020-06-19 16:54:13
Mask mandates and social distancing bullshit	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>Thank you for your service in government during this time, I recognize that it is not easy to make the right calls. But please, protect us from this government overreach being propagated in other counties right now. We are thinking, reasonable, human beings.</p> <p>* KEEP BEACHES OPEN</p> <p>*ALLOW BUSINESSES TO FUNCTION NORMALLY</p> <p>*STOP SPENDING OUR MONEY ON PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS</p> <p>*MASK-WEARING IS A PERSONAL CHOICE, TO MAKE THEM MANDATORY VIOLATES BASIC COMMON SENSE, FREEDOM, AND BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS</p> <p>Thank you for voting responsibly in the upcoming meetings.</p>	Susan Utegaard	2964 Sunset Blvd	Belleair Bluffs, FL	33770	(727)259-5023	susieutegaard@gmail.com	2020-06-19 16:53:26

Requirement to Wear Face Masks	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I have been a resident of Pinellas County for over 15 years and a homeowner for over 10 years. I reside here 12 months of the year. I understand you will be making a decision on whether to make face masks mandatory to be worn inside any business. I feel this should be optional not only for the people who work at the business but also for those who enter the business. I believe masks are unhealthy based on the expert opinions I have read as well as what I have listed below. In addition, I absolutely do not feel masks should be required for outside use. If you really feel that you must institute a face mask policy, I believe I heard Mayor Castor say that she was instituting a policy for two weeks. I could probably live with that as I would just stay home and not go to any business as I imagine others would do so as well. I hope you do realize that by instituting a mandatory face mask policy you are harming the livelihoods of small businesses especially that have been trying to reopen and now will have less people visiting them. This is a very important issue to me, and any commissioner who votes for mandatory wearing of masks tells me they do not care about small businesses and an individual's freedom to choose how their health is handled. I plan to take note of the votes. Here is what some experts say about the wearing of masks:</p> <p>Face Masks May Do Harm, Some Experts Say</p> <p>The face mask controversy does not just revolve around whether they are effective or ineffective in preventing infections or whether widespread use would create shortages for health care professionals. Some medical experts say the masks can cause harm to wearers.</p> <p>Some virus experts have been very outspoken about the dangers of face masks: "Do you not know how unhealthy it is to keep inhaling your carbon dioxide and restricting proper oxygen flow? ... The body requires AMPLE amounts of oxygen for optimal immune health. Proper oxygenation of your cells and blood is ESSENTIAL for the body to function as it needs to in order to fight off any illness. Masks will hamper oxygen intake. Unless you are working in a hospital setting, it is NOT necessary."</p> <p>Other experts warn about face mask dangers. According to News-Medical.Net, Dr. Jenny Harries, England's deputy chief medical officer, has warned the public against wearing face masks "as the virus can get trapped in the material and cause infection when the</p>	Diana Fleming	8942 118th Way	Seminole/ Pinellas Co	33772	727-398-5909	largo_di@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 16:52:39
No mandatory masks	<p>I believe masks are harmful for our usage. You breath out carbon dioxide and then breath your own carbon dioxide and germs back in. I inhibits the airflow of oxygen. This two things are very harmful. I believe masks wearing are unhealthy. My nurse friend looked at the cashier in Publix. She was pale and confused. She said lower your mask below your nose and take in 6 deep breaths and let air out slowly. This immediately improved her condition. She was oxygen starved. This is dangerous for all people and especially elderly.</p>	Leslie Simon	606 N Osceola Ave	Clearwater	33755	7274553575	lesliexoo@aol.com	2020-06-19 16:51:18
COVID mask wearing	<p>Dear Commissioners (don't know which district I'm in—downtown CW):</p> <p>I honestly feel the wearing of masks against COVID-19 infection is ludicrous, ineffective, and entirely too arbitrary on the part of government and/or healthcare officials.</p> <p>This attempt to make mask wearing compulsory in Pinellas stinks of Demorat BULLSHIT—a not-so-veiled attempt to keep the country shut down and deny President Trump his successful handling of the crisis and to deny him yet another win of getting the economy roaring AGAIN, well before the election.</p> <p>We've learned that COVID is no more serious than the flu, and Governor DeSantis is doing a great job in getting Florida OPEN AGAIN! Those still sick and/or at risk stand a good chance of getting cured. So those of us who are healthy simply need to get back to work and our lives—WITHOUT THESE STUPID MASKS!!!</p>	Daniel Swanson	611 S Ft Harrison Ave #309	Clearwater	33756	7274032628	dan@vod.blue	2020-06-19 16:49:48
Stop This Nonsense! Vote NO on Mandatory Masks	<p>We know the stats of deaths due to Covid. What is different then dying from a normal flu virus. We all know how to take care of ourselves. Let us make the choice. Don't give citations for no mask.. Give citations for those positive for the virus that are out and about. The statistics do not support this level of response.</p>	Tammy Holcombe	3326 Gorse Court	Palm Harbor	34684	727-543-4896	teholcombe1@gmail.com	2020-06-19 16:47:01
COVID Masks	<p>Dear Commissioner Peters:</p> <p>I honestly feel the wearing of masks against COVID-19 infection is ludicrous, ineffective, and entirely too arbitrary on the part of government and/or healthcare officials.</p> <p>Since I see on your information page that you're a Republican, I'll say unequivocally that this attempt to make mask wearing compulsory in Pinellas stinks of Demorat BULLSHIT—a not-so-veiled attempt to keep the country shut down and deny President Trump his successful handling of the crisis and to deny him yet another win of getting the economy roaring AGAIN, well before the election.</p> <p>We've learned that COVID is no more serious than the flu, and Governor DeSantis is doing a great job in getting Florida OPEN AGAIN! Those still sick and/or at risk stand a good chance of getting cured. So those of us who are healthy simply need to get back to work and our lives—WITHOUT THESE STUPID MASKS!!!</p>	Daniel Swanson	611 S Ft Harrison Ave #309	Clearwater	33756	7274032628	dan@vod.blue	2020-06-19 16:42:22

Mandatory Mask Wearing	<p>Fear is understandable when something is not completely understood.</p> <p>Although, is that enough to compel, supposedly FREE, citizens to take an action they may or may not agree with?</p> <p>Let places of business make their own decisions based on their own research and let all of us citizens maintain the freedom of choice over our own person.</p>	Jesus Revezzo		Dunedin	34698		jrevezzo76@gmail.com	2020-06-19 16:41:04
Face Mask Requirement	<p>Honorable Commissioners,</p> <p>I am writing to respectfully request that you vote to require face masks in public spaces. As a custodian of both the public health and public funds, you can protect both by voting for face masks. Our economic and health systems will be further stressed with the continuous spread of this disease. A simple measure, like wearing a face mask, can substantially slow-down further transmission. As a veteran and former public employee, I fully appreciate that you shoulder a heavy load when ascertaining the correct path to discharge your public duty. Please make the right decision and mandate that all citizens wear face masks. Perhaps consider a civil fine or license suspension (for businesses) as the penalty.</p>	Kathleen Nestor	2200 Christy Lane	Oldsmar	34677	2404790424	kathleen_nestor@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 16:34:47
STOP THIS NONSENSE!! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS	<p>Please do not make choices for the people regarding masks. Let people choose to decide whether or not they want to wear a mask. Stop making businesses comply to the CDC's ridiculous guidelines. The total number of deaths in Pinellas county is approximately 125 people. Those numbers are not increasing!!!! Just the number of positive cases because everyone can get a test!!! Stop the insanity - let people get back to their lives and stop infringing on our rights as american citizens.</p>	Susan Derby	34 Thatch Palm St. W	Largo	33770	5103631152	sderby63@gmail.com	2020-06-19 16:34:37
Mandatory masks	<p>Good evening - I know that you all will be voting on mandatory masks on Tuesday. As a citizen of Pinellas County, a wife and a mom, I am really hoping that you will pass the vote that will keep us all safe - in my opinion and the opinion of most scientists the only way we can stop the spread of this pandemic is for everyone to wear a mask. I hope that in your infinite wisdom you will come to that conclusion also. Thank you!</p>	Nicole Boyle	1606 Avoca Drive	Tarpon Springs	34689	7276433855	nicoleboyle88@hotmail.com	2020-06-19 16:34:04
Stop this nonsense! Vote No on Mandatory Masks	<p>How you vote on this decision will be remembered at the polls. Please vote no on mandatory masks and stop this insanity! We love our county and the small businesses that have already suffered so much. Please do not put any more restrictions that will continue to cause more hardship. Thank you.</p>	Tina Shade	1070 Suemar Road	Dunedin	34698	7276390684	shadetina5@gmail.com	2020-06-19 16:27:04
Masks	<p>No mandatory masks. Let freedom ring. Thank you!</p>	Mary Smith-Santana	645 George st s	Tarpon Springs	34688		mrasmith01@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 16:26:15
Masks	<p>First of all, masks do NOT protect one against a virus. PERIOD. second, masks have been used in SLAVERY and BDSM rituals for ages. the symbolism of this is DISGUSTING.</p> <p>couoled with the fact that Social Distancing was invented by the CIA 70 years as a form of torture when It was found that social isolation was the brutallest form of torture.</p> <p>The fact that the county would even be considering such an insane measure proves how far South society has come.</p> <p>There is also the added factor of the very high risk of hypoxia from wearing masks when the oxygen levels go down And when people are breathing in carbon dioxide.</p> <p>Masks are the height of lunacy. Please be sane And oppose this.</p> <p>Sincerely Teresa Reile</p>	Teresa Reile		pinellas	14052		treile@aol.com	2020-06-19 16:22:01
Facial Masks required in consideration	<p>Dear Commissioners, PLEASE DO NOT make masks mandatory for people. And not in stores, public places. There are many reasons I am against masks. We , the country, even the world, must let this virus run it's course. If we "protect " ourselves with masks, "social distancing" (I hate that label) it will never end the virus. It is also unhealthy - weakens peoples' immune systems. Mandatory wearing of masks is depriving me and others that feel the same of our liberties. Those who are concerned about getting the virus - or any virus - can continue to protect themselves. That is THEIR choice. Will we be required to wear them forever?! There will always be a virus (how about the "flu" each year)? We were never "locked down" during flu season????</p> <p>I SAY NO TO MANDATORY MASKING - for anyone.</p>	Jill Reichel	1957 Freedom Drive	Clearwater	33755	7278126499	breichel@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-19 16:21:29

Masks must be mandated in the county	Honorable Commissioners and County Administrator Several weeks ago a data driven decision led to a loosening of various Covid19 practices. We have scene one end of our demographic barbell fall to pull its weight. Our president and governor continue to peddle the issue that there are cases because of testing. That is an absurd opinion. We have cases because there are positive tests. They appear to forget why we are doing testing. No our data are surging. We bent to public pressure. We never met the primary criterion to ease controls. Another rationale is that we had bed capacity. That is little solace, even with some treatment protocols for worst cases. The treatment protocol from the president not only is ineffective and dangerous, it reduces the effectiveness of Remdisivir, We need the beach dashboard and beach patrol, with adjacent patrol of alcohol operations in close very proximity. Pinellas should act, preferably with Hillsborough - Polk and Pasco should do similar. If operators loose business it their own fault. Apple stores are closing because of the surge. Pinellas County can at least increase the mandate for mask use! Thank you for your consideration.	Bruce Berger	1559 Riverdale Drive	Oldsmar (unincorporated)	34677	727-786-3954	bergerb2@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 16:18:52
Wearing Masks	Please vote for mandatory masks. People are not taking this seriously. Masks are the best protection to prevent the spread of this virus. We have a large senior population and people like me who have compromised immune systems. Please think of the good of all.	Karen Mcnealy	1001 N MLK JR AVE 304	CITY	33755	7276574416	kbibs90@gmail.com	2020-06-19 16:09:11
Please NO to mandantory Masks -	The TRUTH OF MASKS https://www.thehealthyamerican.org/masks-dont-work & I think people should choose if they want to wear them or not. I do not want mask wearing to be mandatory & here's why - Science Says Healthy People Should Not Wear Masks because Masks reduce intake of oxygen, leading to carbon dioxide toxicity Germs are trapped near your mouth and nose, increasing risk of infection Wearing a mask causes you to touch your face more frequently There is no scientific evidence that supports healthy people wearing masks Masks obscure your facial features and impede normal social interaction Masks make it hard for hearing-impaired people to understand you Masks symbolize suppression of speech MASKS DO NOT PREVENT SPREAD OF VIRUS	Julie Lahm	1380 PALMETTO STREET	CLEARWATER	33755	9167475494	jules1kiwi@aol.com	2020-06-19 16:08:55
Masks	Please vote for mandatory masks. People are not taking this seriously. Masks are the best protection to prevent the spread of this virus. We have a large senior population and people like me who have compromised immune systems. Please think of the good of all.	Karen Mcnealy	1001 N MLK JR AVE 304 CLEARWA	CITY	33755	7276574416	kbibs90@gmail.com	2020-06-19 16:07:47
Facemasks	I highly oppose ANY "mandatory" decrees coming from the local govt that violate our Constitutional rights. The masks DO NOT prevent any virus from getting into my system as the size of the particle cannot be stopped by a mask and in fact causes more harm than good.	Robert Lugo	1916 Macomber ave	clearwater	33755		dovegen10@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 16:07:08
Vote "No" for face masks	PLEASE STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!	Brandy Fassnacht	1301 E Lake Dr	Tarpon	34688	7276472171	brandy@imagemedia.com	2020-06-19 16:03:03
Masks in Pinellas NO	Please vote no on mandatory masks in Pinellas.	Robin Barnhart	8267 120th St	Seminole	33772		rkbarnhart37@gmail.com	2020-06-19 15:48:32
Mandatory face masks	I'm completely against wearing face masks. More people die from the flu than from Covid 19. This pandemic is the biggest fear mongering tactic ever.	Joseph Townsend		Pinellas	34698		scouttownsend@gmail.com	2020-06-19 15:48:30
Coronavirus restrictions	I wanted to express my opposition to any further restrictions due to coronavirus such as mandatory mask wearing or any other restrictions or mandates. My opposition is based on economic, hardship, and Constitutional grounds. The benefits of mask-wearing are in dispute and in and of itself is a hardship. The economic cost of already implemented restrictions has been tremendous. The orders that have been issued already have been unconstitutional on their face and should be rolled back as soon as possible for that reason alone. We should be protecting the vulnerable, not penalizing the healthy.	Joel Suhm	916 Grand Central St	Clearwater	33756	727-403-2088	joels99@earthlink.net	2020-06-19 15:42:53

Thank you	Thank you for being so responsive to the community. Your excellent leadership is appreciated. Please try to keep us safe from the coronavirus. Most people can't self regulate. It is so difficult to mandate this because some people have the perspective that it is a loss of freedom. It really isn't. It is just safety in our current environment. We are very worried about the numbers spike. Thank you, Barbara Walker	Barbara Walker	3019 Bradford Circle	Palm Harbor	34685	727-798-2385	raptorfocus2020@gmail.com	2020-06-19 15:37:00
Face Masks	I do not agree with mandatory face masks. There is also no scientific evidence for the effectiveness of face masks in healthy or asymptomatic individuals. On the contrary, experts warn that such masks interfere with normal breathing and may become "germ carriers". Leading doctors called them a "media hype" and "ridiculous". Do not make wearing masks mandatory.	Holly Van Romer	6 Reserve Blvd.	Clearwater	33764	8647106400	hcvr11@gmail.com	2020-06-19 15:35:56
Mandatory Masks	Science Says Healthy People Should Not Wear Masks Masks reduce intake of oxygen, leading to carbon dioxide toxicity Germs are trapped near your mouth and nose, increasing risk of infection Wearing a mask causes you to touch your face more frequently There is no scientific evidence that supports healthy people wearing masks Masks obscure your facial features and impede normal social interaction Masks make it hard for hearing-impaired people to understand you Masks symbolize suppression of speech MASKS DO NOT PREVENT SPREAD OF VIRUS KEY FINDINGS: (1) New England Journal of Medicine: "We know that wearing a mask outside health care facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection." LINK HERE (2) CAL-OSHA Regulations: "Cloth face coverings do not protect against COVID -19" LINK HERE (3) California Department of Health: "Face coverings may increase risk if users reduce their use of strong defenses." "There is limited evidence to suggest that use of cloth face coverings by the public during a pandemic could help reduce disease transmission." LINK HERE			Dunedin			calebnoahmom@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 15:28:56
Mandatory Masks	I do not want mask wearing to be mandatory. I have over 100 opinion leaders in the downtown Clearwater area, including the restaurant owners, absolutely vehement and against this order. We will be publishing broadly the steps county officials including Kathleen Peters, are taking on these issues. And informing the publics more thoroughly how to evaluate and elect representatives that will heed to what the area business and leaders actually want. There are widely published Health Studies stating long term masks is harmful to health. OSHA guidelines support masks don't prevent virus spread. https://go.activecalendar.com/pinellascounty/event/virtual-board-of-county-commissioners-regular-meeting/?fbclid=IwAR3OU_4Wh13vlu0t5x99GvsyGtBya0CJ6jxNArII5wvOwOMu7n843rJfyy	David Sartori	PO Box 1742	Clearwater	33757	9174004025	ltcc13@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 15:21:15
Face mask	Don't make face mask mandatory. It's against my rights and my health. I have a hard time breathing in them I get a rash on my face. If you would go on OSHA's website you will see that face mask do not protect you from viruses please research and don't believe everything Kriseman has told you. There are other experts too. Thank you	Chris Gee	2200 8th Ave N	St Petersburg	33713	7275657247	cgstpete@gmail.com	2020-06-19 15:21:07
Mandatory mask	I am a resident of Pinellas County. I don't want mask wearing to be mandatory. This is an infringement of my rights and health.	Mary Anne Soper	10550 114th Terrace North	Largo	33773		maryannesoper@hotmail.com	2020-06-19 15:09:56
no mandatory masks	Vote no for mandatory masks	maria		st. Pete	33707	3122926484	maryasolanki@gmail.com	2020-06-19 15:05:05
voting to make masks mandatory	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.	Carmin Ellis	689 Bay Esplanade	clearwater beach	33767		Carminfish@gmail.com	2020-06-19 15:03:52

Masks	Dear Commissioners, 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 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. Grace and Peace to you! Kind regards, Jennifer Hoffman	Jennifer Hoffman	2981 Los Gatos Dr	Belleair Bluffs	33770	3219567837	robertandadele@gmail.com	2020-06-19 14:59:23
Coronavirus	Dear Commissioners; Please, use the mortality rate instead of number of new cases found as the indicator to tighten or loosen up the requirements. The more we test the more cases we will find. Our county cannot afford further stringent requirements.	Shahab Emrani	331 Cleveland Street	Clearwater	33755		Speedyclick@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 14:58:45
Face masks in public. Maybe except immediate beaches and pools	PLEASE REQUIRE FAVE MASKS IN PUBLIC THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY IN ALL PUBLIC AREAS except immediate area of beaches and pool side. Thank you.	Mary Reed	12300 Vonn road	Largo	33774	2489618991	aboutproperty1@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 14:56:18
Vote on mask wearing	My family and I will not be partaking in any mask wearing and demand that this is voted down . This planned pandemic has been going on long enough and has damaged more than enough people and businesses. One week CDC says no mask, the next week... wear mask, the following week, only sick people need masks. Myself and many others will be watching the "yes" votes on this nonsense and those who want to try to force the public can count on a swell of votes against you in the election. Leave the people alone and if you want to protect someone, protect the sick amd elderly.	Joshua Parnell	1228 S Missouri Ave	Clearwater	33756	9373673529	elfluvin@gmail.com	2020-06-19 14:53:58
Vote on mask wearing	My family and I will not be partaking in any mask wearing and demand that this is voted dow . This planned pandemic has been going on long enough amd has damaged more than enough people. One week CDC says no mask, the next week... wear mask, the following week, only sick people need masks. Myself and many oyer will be watching the "yes" votes on this nonsense and those who want to try to force the public can count on a swell of votes against you in the election. Leave the people alone and if you want to protect someone, protect the sick amd elderly.	Joshua Parnell	1228 S Missouri Ave	Clearwater	33756	9373673529	elfluvin@gmail.com	2020-06-19 14:52:44
Masks	As a resident of Pinellas County since 1977, I implore you to do the right thing to keep all of us citizens safer from this pandemic. I am in the healthcare field and I can speak for my colleagues by saying we are exhausted and the healthcare industry does not need the added pressure of having Florida become an epicenter for this virus. You have to protect the citizens. That's why you are in the position you are in. We will back you.	Daniele Sheeler	1396 Bellevue Blvd	Clearwater	33756	7277423084	DSHEELER70@GMAIL.COM	2020-06-19 14:50:10
Masks for protection against COVID 19...	I just returned from a shopping trip to Publix in Tarpon Springs. The number of people in that store NOT wearing masks (almost half of the people in the store) was appalling. The fact that most of those individuals were under 30 years of age was beyond discouraging. It is clear from ongoing research that the number one way to slow this pandemic is to wear masks in public. It is a simple, cheap and really low bar. Young people are spreading this virus at an alarming rate. They seem to be (generally) oblivious to the results of their actions. You, and county commissioners, are responsible for the health and safety of Pinellas County residents. Please move forward quickly to pass an ordinance requiring the wearing of masks in public places.	Brent Armstrong	39650 US Highway 19 North Unit	Tarpon Springs	34689	7277995432	brent@brentarmstrong.com	2020-06-19 14:49:56
Vote no to 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.	Paul Murrat	1430 Bellaire Rd	Clearwater	33756	7275641079	murray.paul1963@outlook.com	2020-06-19 14:48:48
Wearing Masks	I vote no. It is not the solution. Vitamin D and Vitamin C. Mask don't even block a virus.	Jon Heneghan	2055 Sunset point road, 3703	Clearwater	33765	7277095582	jonheneghan@gmail.com	2020-06-19 14:47:14
Face masks	See the above. Governor doesn't have the mindset to do so. Get behind CDC requirements!	Deborah cicone	3426 killdeer pl	Palm harbo	34685	7277727200	debcicone@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 14:44:24
Face mask	You do realize that there has been a dramatic increase in testing w.hich would make the numbers rise., when did Pinellas County become a communist state. We're never going to be able to completely stop it Unfortunately. When did the needs of the few outweigh the needs of the many!	joe lutz		Madeira beach	33708		jjjjooooeeeyyyy@live.com	2020-06-19 14:36:32
Must make mask mandatory	The Covid cases are rising everyday yet there is no mandatory mask requirement. How ridiculous is our government, including you, to not require that everyone where a mask when in public, especially in the drastic increase in Covid cases in Pinellas County! DO YOUR JOB AND PROTECT YOUR CITIZENS! Make mask mandatory!	Patti Miller	4682 Lake Villa Dr., Clearwater, FL	Clearwater	33762	240-601-8051	pattiamiller@netzero.net	2020-06-19 14:35:05
Vote against mandatory face mask	Vote against mandatory face mask covering, that scares me	Catalina Gil	500 N. Osceola Ave 411	Clearwater	33755		catagily1@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 14:33:31

Mask Mandate	No mask mandate, it is not proven and causes other health problems!!	Patti Hicks		St.Petersburg			hixx777@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 14:29:27
Mask requirement	Hi there, I feel that masks should not be required in non-essential businesses. Requiring them in essential settings such as grocery stores, pharmacies, doctor offices, etc makes sense... but requiring customers to wear them in other settings does not make sense. I don't see how restaurants, bars, entertainment venues, etc can expect their customers to wear masks, and furthermore, requiring them in these places will deter customers from going and patronizing these types of businesses (many of which are already struggling). Thank you for your consideration in this matter.	Thomas Palmer	12925 Pineforest Way W	Largo	33773		tenpin714@hotmail.com	2020-06-19 14:27:39
voting to make masks mandatory	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.	Carmin Ellis	689 Bay Esplanade	clearwater beach	33767		Carminfish@gmail.com	2020-06-19 14:27:26
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Mandatory Mask Wearing	Please Vote NO to mandatory masks in Pinellas County. Masks have been proven to not slow or stop the spread of COVID 19. Per Gov Desantis talk today last week there were about 71,000 tests done, 1464 were positive. That means 2% of the test were positive. We don't have a problem here. Please vote NO to masks	Jeannine Hall	1734 Pebble Hill ct	Palm Harbor	34683	407-733-3775	jeannine.hall@icloud.com	2020-06-19 14:26:21
Mask Wearing	Please vote to make mask wearing mandatory. It is for the benefit of all, and does not harm anyone - unlike going without masks has the potential to do. Lives are at stake, we must stop the spread.			Pinellas			taylorlornopromo@gmail.com	2020-06-19 14:25:23
Making Masks Mandatory	Respectfully, the only masks that actually prevent the spread of Covid are N95 masks. The public has consistently been asked to reserve N95 mask for medical professionals to prevent a shortage and instead we are asked to use cloth or less effective masks that simply serve as a placebo, which is why wearing a mask has been optional. To change that now and force the public to use a placebo that the virus can breach with every breath is poor public policy. Further, no municipality or County should surpass the guidance of the Governor which is still that masks are optional. It is also ludicrous to require masks by restaurant or bar patrons since no one can eat, drink or enjoy a meal with a mask on. In fact most will then forego eating out again until the mask rule expires, thereby further harming the hospitality sector further and ensuring that even more restaurants, bars and business depend on them like hotels and motels may never open again. I ask you to leave the Governor to make state-wide policy concerning covid and allow Pinellas to recover without further harming workers and business further. Thank you.	Dorine McKinnon	6294 60th Ave. No.	St. Petersburg	33709-1726	7275440470	dorinemckinnon@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 14:25:21
Mask wearing mandate	Dear Commissioners, It is with regret that I plead with you to invoke mandatory masks be worn immediately by anyone in the public, not just employees of businesses. We have unbelievable COVID numbers and hospitalizations at this point and they are still rising. We require seatbelts in cars, car seats and speed limits to protect people. This is a life or death situation that you can positively impact. We have a long road ahead of us and If we want to open schools, regain tourist industry, we need to get this under control now. I appreciate your judgement, leadership and dedication to Pinellas' economics and personal health efforts. Regards, Gaye Lively	Gaye Lively	7294 Maidencane Ct	Seminole	33777	7272155147	livelyg7@gmail.com	2020-06-19 14:25:04
Masks	Plz vote no for mandatory mask wearing everywhere. If we need to, plz limit to a period of 2 weeks if that helps get a handle on things. Do not let this become an open ended requirement. Thanks for your consideration.	Laurie		Clearwater	33767		lbvork@gmail.com	2020-06-19 14:20:53
Vote NO on Mask Regulations	Commissioner Justice, I recognize that this is a season of uncharted territory for all politicians. Please know you are in my prayers as you seek the best courses of action to take for the good of your constituents. I am writing regarding the upcoming vote for the Pinellas county mandate of face coverings. It was not long ago (weeks not months) that Dr Fauci was telling us that masks were ineffective and merely a sign of solidarity at this point, yet now we find that mayors are mandating them. No one is considering how this "sign of solidarity" is effecting the psychological well-being of our citizens. Children need to see faces, criminals need to not be given this free pass to cover up, law abiding citizens need to express their freedom of choice & be trusted to cover when they are sick or feel at risk. Mandating masks is an unnecessary use of power. When will this end?? Please preserve the dignity of your citizens by allowing us the opportunity to make this decision independently. Vote no on mandatory face coverings! Thank you.	Bethany Bayes	2700 47th St N	St Petersburg	33713	727-686-3701	bethany0714@gmail.com	2020-06-19 14:16:30

Mandatory wearing of masks.	I REFUSE to be forced to wear a mask when even the scientists can't get the facts straight. I did research on this issue. If all the nursing home deaths are taken out of the equation, there are still fewer deaths than the 2018 regular flu. This is absurd and a political stunt. Wearing masks is unhealthy and I will be the first to sue the county if my health is compromised due to a decision for mandatory. DO NOT VOTE FOR MANDATORY MASK WEARING. Herd immunity is the natural way to combat this virus. To not allow that is only delaying the inevitable. I will be closely monitoring your votes.	Cathi Chamberlain	10520 San Fernando Blvd NE	Saint Petersburg	33702	17273207746	cathi@cathithecontractor.com	2020-06-19 14:12:16
Covid-19 infection rate	I live in the Autumn Woods subdivision just north of Alderman Rd. I would like to add my voice to those people calling for increased measures to prevent the spread of the Covid-19 virus. I track new cases in Florida as a whole and in Pinellas county. I use the daily data supplied by the state on their dashboard. For my purposes I use a 16 day average of new cases, and divide that by the population of the state (2019 census supplied numbers), or Pinellas county. Until recently it was nice to see that Pinellas county was consistently at a lower rate of new cases (per capita) than the state. The line of my graph took a very sharp upward turn in the first few days of June, and now the rate of new case in Pinellas county exceeds that in the state, and is climbing at a much sharper angle. We need all the help that can be mustered to find techniques and rules that can be followed to bring the infection rate down.	James Teller	2950 Green Leaf Ct	Palm Harbor	34683	17277847539	JTeller@hotmail.com	2020-06-19 14:12:11
Face Masks	I am a resident of Pinellas County. I am writing to encourage you to pass a requirement for people in our county to wear face mask while in public. I appreciate your time and serious consideration on this issue.	Darci Engle	1991 Carolina Ct	Clearwater	33760	8652502383	darciengle@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 14:08:14
Masks in Public	I want to share with you that I am in favor of an order for people to wear masks in public during the current pandemic. Please consider voting in favor of this to help keep our loved ones safe.	Anita Carbonara	9040 Dream Way	Largo	33773	7286888533	anita_carbonara@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 14:07:32
Mandatory Mask	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.	Kelly Kish	1618 Pine Pl	Clearwater	33755		ffkfish@gmail.com	2020-06-19 14:06:29
Covid-19	Respectfully, I refuse to wear a mask. It's not healthy.	Sandra Holloway	5142 29th Ave N	St Petersburg	33710		sandyfishgirl@aol.com	2020-06-19 14:04:10
Covid 19/Masks	PLEASE mandate masks for everyone in public places. Our cases are out of control and no one seems to care. You go into an establishment and practically nobody is wearing a mask. Its unfortunate that people do not have enough respect for each other that they cannot be inconvenienced to wear a mask until we are through this crisis! Please strongly consider a mandate for employees and patrons in all establishments. Thank you.	Pam	Lakeview	Clearwater	33764	7274584143	pzbloom@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 14:02:23
No mask	Wearing a mask can be just as dangerous as Covid. My constitution says I do not have to where one if I choose.	David Higgins	3710 115th St Ct W	Bradenton/ Manatee	34210	941 527 8819	david1021@gmail.com	2020-06-19 13:59:05
Mandatory masks	Vote no for mandatory masks.			Unincorporated			nicholeleach@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 13:56:51
Mandatory mask-wearing	I am against mandatory mask-wearing. It should be left for me to decide if I want to wear a mask when I am out and about. I believe that fresh air is better in keeping me healthy where there is air circulation than a mask on.	Michelle	N Madison	Clearwater	33755		michallandau@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 13:56:32
Masks'	I refuse to wear a mask. Please stop this nonsense. My body my choice.	Linda Skempris	8043 causeway blvd s	St. Petersburg	33707	7273474149	lskempris@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-19 13:56:24
Mask Wearing	I am so upset that you all want to make this mandatory. It should not be mandatory to cover myself and my child's face, who have asthma, to protect against this virus. Masks should be optional as well as people's choice to freely leave their home without one. My family and I can not wear one and so many can not. In my opinion breathing fully is my right. Please do not take this away. My suggestion would be safe times elderly can wear masks and go grocery shopping, pharmacy, etc. like 8-10am. That is who we should be protecting.	Gina Nunez	10403 Valencia Rd Seminole Fl 337	Seminole	33772	7274854809	six51@hotmail.com	2020-06-19 13:56:19
Mask requirement	According to the Tampa Bay Times, the County Administrator and Attorney are deciding who will wear masks: the public or "employees in a business who interact with customers". (poor English as it should read "that interact"). It begs the question: who, without a mask, will spread the virus to a greater extent. Out of respect, the employees should also wear the mask when making contact with a customer.	Arthur Hebert	10633 Frances Lane	Largo	33774	7275956834	mempep5@gmail.com	2020-06-19 13:51:07
Requiring Public to wear Masks	First of all, let me express my gratitude for your serving our county in these difficult times. I can only imagine the stress and pressure you must all be facing right now. Thank you for taking on this role. It is my sincere hope that you and other representatives will not force people to wear face masks. There is much conflicting opinions and "evidence" on both sides of this issue. However, I do not believe there are any masks currently on the market that can prevent the transmission of viruses including COVID. The N-95 masks were designed for TB prevention which is a much larger bacteria and must be custom fitted annually per hospital protocols. The use of cloth and or disposable masks that are now being used serve little purpose other than to restrict the amount of oxygen inhaled by the wearer which can lead to a whole host of problems. I too am concerned with the increase in COVID positive tests, but do not believe that forcing citizens to wear a mask in public will lead to favorable outcomes. My opinions are based on my experience as a critical care nurse of 13 years. I pray that you and fellow commissioners will make wise decisions next Tuesday and thank you for your service and time in hearing my voice. Sincerely, Sandi Fuste, RN BSN	Sandi Fuste	12119 Murray Ave	largo	33778	9047590349	sandi.fuste@gmail.com	2020-06-19 13:47:56
No masks	VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS	Lynn Bromby	1915 Granada Ct	Clearwater	33764	727-667-7351	lynnbromby@gmail.com	2020-06-19 13:47:49
Mask vote	VOTE HELL NO ON MANDATORY MASKS	Terry Ostheim	1915 Granada Ct	Clearwater	33764	7277982949	ostheim76@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 13:46:39
Masks	Vote NO ON MANDATORY MASKS	Bonnie Ostheim	1915 Granada Ct	Clearwater	33764	7275102311	bonniebarrett22@gmail.com	2020-06-19 13:44:50

I do not want mask wearing to be mandatory!	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.	Ted Hoke	6801 10th Ave N	Saint Petersburg	33710	7276373256	tted67@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 13:41:19
Mandated masks	Hi, In this hot and humid climate especially, masks should be a personal decision and preference depending on the individual situation. I'm aware that there are statistics showing that COVID-19 cases are going up ... however this is what comes up with all of the testing that is being done. If anyone is concerned, why don't they simply self-isolate or keep away from others? There's also discrepancies on the efficacy of masks in the first place plus the consequences of these masks due to CO2 as well as glyphosate being in the masks. Not good to continually breathe this in. Wearing a mask should be a personal preference and not mandated at all. We're talking about personal rights here. Please don't infringe upon them. The argument of asymptomatic spread is not great either because there's information out there about the fact that this is not actually an issue and is not how COVID is being spread. People should simply boost their immune systems and maintain social distancing and wash their hands. Masks can only do so much. Thank you.	Rosie Purden	202 Orangeview Ave	Clearwater	33755	4075360251	rosieishere@icloud.com	2020-06-19 13:39:46
Mandatory Face masks for ALS patients	I am requesting that you thoroughly consider the health risks involved with some being made to wear face masks. My husband for example has ALS and he barely has control of his tongue or saliva so he has to pack material in his mouth as it is, covering his nose will cause panic or if not that, severe breathing issues. Furthermore I think this is going to be an exhausting task for anyone to really manage. I mean you are not going to take them to jail, the most you can do is ask them to go home I suppose but do you have enough people to even police this. Lets be honest and spend our time on something else.	Heather		Pinellas			abc@defghi.com	2020-06-19 13:37:47
Required Mask Wearing	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.	Bobbi Mahoney Irvine	5227 81st Ln N #21	St Petersburg	33709	7276671254	klazchazy@gmail.com	2020-06-19 13:36:08
NO 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. Thousands will ensure NOT TO VOTE FOR YOU! THIS OPPRESSIVE VOTE WILL COST YOU IF YOU VOTE THIS IN!	Marie DiFlorio	PO BOX 5584	CLEARWATER	33758	727 288 3833	Marie.diflorio@gmail.com	2020-06-19 13:32:05
No mandatory mask wearing	This is against our rights. I have a hard time breathing when wearing one. All evidence shows that this doesn't prevent it from spreading per OSHA and many other sources. Additionally per the Governor, more testing is being done, hence the riding numbers.	Amanda Putney	1245 Jackson Road	Clearwater	33755	7272447522	amyput77@gmail.com	2020-06-19 13:31:13
Make Coronavirus Masks Mandatory	Please save Pinellas residents, especially older residents. Very few people are voluntarily wearing masks. Please make them mandatory for all interior spaces except residents' place of residence. And for all employees dealing with the public both inside and outside. Thanks	Ann Pelishek		Dunedin	34698		pelishek@netzero.net	2020-06-19 13:29:13

NO mandatory face masks	Hi, I live in pinellas county and have for the past 12 years. I want to urgent you to NOT make face masks mandatory in pinellas county!! There is so much science and facts about it not being necessary and in fact unless one has an N95 mask it can be more harmful than helpful to wear them! Also we are safe here!! For those who feel unsafe they can elect to stay home or wear a mask. Please let us keep our human rights to choose what we put on our body and when. We know to stay home if sick! Thank you for your time.	Nicole Poulin		Clearwater	33764		nicole.88008@gmail.com	2020-06-19 13:28:18
Masks	Good afternoon, it is disconcerting that Pinellas residents are in general not wearing masks. In fact in some stores not one customer will have a mask on. Most egregious as I went for lab work, one man walked in without a mask. I was told according to Corporate they are not are not allowed to ask their patients to wear a mask - inside socially distancing a cancer patient, diabetic an elderly couple each and everyone had one on. It is unfortunate that there are foolish people who refuse to put a mask on! As our Covid numbers are rising rapidly, please pass an ordinance to require masks in all Medical facilities, indoor public spaces and in crowds. Our very lives depend on it. Be well, Deborah Schechner	Deborah Schechner	710 Boca Ciega isle Dr.	SPB	33706	727 488 4796	paxsez1@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-19 13:23:22
Masks	No masks for businesses	Scott Husted	6859 San Jose Loop	New Port Richey	34655		hustedmotorsports@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 13:22:25
Face Mask	I do not want individuals or businesses to be required to wear face masks. There has been documented evidence from the Journal of New England Medicine showing face masks do not prevent catching the virus. More science and less anxiety is required for our leaders.	paul j giotta	301 160th Ter	Redington Beach	33708-1649	7272898700	pgiotta@qti.qualcomm.com	2020-06-19 13:19:44
Citizens rights	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.	Carlene Batman	123 E Spruce St	Tarpon Springs	34689	727-403-8460	protfabdesign@verizon.net	2020-06-19 13:11:53
Wearing masks	I am a Pinellas County resident and voter. I do NOT want wearing of masks to be mandatory! This is an infringement of my rights and health! There is a lot of proof from the medical community, OSHA guidelines support that masks don't prevent the spread of COVID. Wearing a mask makes it difficult to breathe and forcing people to wear masks in the summer heat and humidity puts my health and the health of my family at risk. I am sharing this information with friends, family, social media and assure you that any Pinellas County Commissioner who votes for mandatory mask wearing will NOT get our votes in future elections!	Karen Harvey	4037 36th Ave N	St Petersburg	33713	727-527-3234	kharvey678@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 13:11:17
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. Renee McKenney	Renee McKenney		St Petersburg	33714		renee43@sbcglobal.net	2020-06-19 13:10:43
Requiring masks	I am opposed to requiring business owners or individuals to wear masks.			Redington Beach			adelegiotta@gmail.com	2020-06-19 13:09:42
Mandatory Wearing of Masks	I fully support making it mandatory to wear masks in Pinellas County. I wear a mask to protect me, and others, from the spread of COVID-19. I hope you agree, and vote in favor of this. Thank you.	Joseph Petrucci	650 Island Way, Unit 204	Clearwater	33767	7275109308	petruccjc@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 13:08:32
Face masks	I would like to communicate that I do not support mandatory face coverings in public or in schools. This should be left optional. Thank you	Jasmine Freihoff		Clearwater/Pinellas	33759		jfreihoff@gmail.com	2020-06-19 13:07:43
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	Crystal Fitzpatrick	14817 56th st n	Clearwater	33760	7276929348	C143BFITZ@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 13:04:28

Limiting capacity in bars	<p>I think mandating masks is wrong, But I do understand why you are going to require masks in the county and follow Monroe County , St Pete and Tampa.</p> <p>But why limit the occupancies in bars if you are requiring masks? That tells me the board doesn't truly believe the wearing of masks is an actual deterrent?? Why do both??</p> <p>These bar owners are trying to feed there families and limiting to 50 people doesn't even come close to being able to survive. You will see more and more bars going out of business.</p> <p>Its gonna really hurt tourism with the mandatory masks and also limiting the bars to only 50 people. Its not fair - I go to the bog box stores and they are packed! Why are they allowed to thrive and meet rents and labor costs but the bars are not??</p> <p>The Sheriff explained he didn't want to have his deputies take the time and look at the license on occupancy when they walk in to a bar - really - bc he doesn't want his deputies to take 1 minute to look at the posted license at the front door???? That is not a reason to ruin someones business and force them too close.</p> <p>The business got shut down during spring break and are just trying to survive!</p> <p>And if you limit the amount to 50 people in a bar in Pinellas then people will just flood the Tampa bars - and that doesn't help wit this either.</p> <p>Please think about this before you just vote it through.</p> <p>Thank You!!!</p>	Jay Thomas	324 Midway Island Road	Clearwater Beach	33767	4842502912	jaybirds25@aol.com	2020-06-19 13:03:44
Mandatory Masks	<p>As a local here in Clearwater we are strongly against mandatory mask wearing ! It is a fake symbolism of prevention.. dr. Fauci himself had stated that it does not prevent the corona virus . The amount of trash that has accumulated from these disposable mask is terrible. Social distancing and sanitizer is a great measure.</p>	Zsani szabo	1160 Jackson rd	Clearwater	33755	7274827539	igniteyourhealth8@gmail.com	2020-06-19 13:01:49
Masks	<p>masks should not be mandatory. I have a close friend that is a nurse at Tampa General in the covid unit. She has told me they are seeing fewer and fewer cases percentage wise compared to weeks ago. Mandating face masks will greatly affect many people. My mom has copd, she has barely been out of the house in three months. My father has health issues as well and limits his going out. If they are mandated to wear masks they cannot go out at all because they have a hard time breathing in them. My mom had begun suffering from depression due to being stuck inside. Living in an apartment its not like they can go sit in their yard and relax in the sunshine. People know their limits. Let people make their own choices. I see many people wearing masks voluntarily every time I go to the store. My daughters wear them at work, we all do when we go in stores. But let it remain a choice. Dont make it harder for those like my parents. They are suffering enough with no sign of relief in the near future.</p>	sbannon sullivan-womer	614 corvette dr	largo	33771	7277422341	sullivanshan72@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:59:39
Mandatory Masks	<p>THIS HAPPENS TUESDAY! 6/23/20 Pinellas county commission is voting to make masks mandatory! Please email or call them. I checked every box and filled out the form to email every commissioner individually. http://www.pinellascounty.org/forms/commission.htm I copied and pasted my wording and also submitted a card for the specific meeting here https://go.activecalendar.com/pinellascounty/event/virtual-board-of-county-commissioners-regular-meeting/ as I have provided you the information it should only take you a couple of minutes. This is what I wrote you can copy and paste it or come up with your own: 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>	Morna Kelly	2265 Indian Avenue South	Largo	33770		creollady2@aol.com	2020-06-19 12:57:24
Tuesday June 23, 2020 metting re masks	<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>	Eric	2819 49th st S	Gulfport	33707		ericwheeler41@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:55:09

Wearing Masks Vote	Dear Commissioner Kathleen Peters, I am respectfully reaching out to you as it came to my attention that there is a vote coming up regarding Masks in my county mandatory. I understand the fear narrative from the mainstream media and the effort of creating a perception of a dangerous environment, before voting to make it mandatory, please consider the actual benefits of it. There is no need to play that game of installing more fear in people. We need to help people to get in better shape not more restrictions. We cannot be more effect of the created hysteria , we need to respect the individuals choices to care for their own life's and conditions. Mandating our liberties is never constructive.	Lorand Fabian	611 S. Fort Harrison Ave	Clearwater	33756	727 330 8422	lorandfabian@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 12:53:57
Support mandatory face masks	Hello, I am a hospital chaplain. I STRONGLY support the proposed mandatory face mask order. Please vote in favor. I've stood beside too many patients who are dying alone either because they have COVID-19 or because the hospital visitation policies or families' fear of catching COVID-19 in the hospital prevent families and loved ones from being present. We must protect one another. This is more important than partisanship. Please do the right thing. Thank you for your care for neighbor.	Rev. Jennifer Potter Buff	1848 Northwood Dr	Clearwater	33764	8136019708	jpotterbuff@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:53:53
Mandatory Mask	No mandatory mask please. Get a Covid antibody test or Covid test to delineate positive disease or immunity. Then isolate the positive but keep our individual choices free. I lived in Japan for many years and the population when sick would automatically wear a mask, but only those with symptoms.	Dr Rene Reed	611 Druid Road East #308	Clearwater	33756	727-492-0600	DrReed@DrRMReed.com	2020-06-19 12:51:01
Mask Mandate	I refuse to wear a mask and I'm 100% against a mandate that dictates how I move about. This nation was founded on freedoms and the government mandating that I wear a mask when I don't want to/ don't have to because I am a free citizen of the United States of America is a direct violation of my freedoms. I refuse to placate into someone's irrational, toxic fears.	Megan Carter	1424 Canterbury Rd N	St. Petersburg	33710		earthangel7271@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 12:48:33
Masks	Ladies and Gentlemen , I am 100% against a mask mandate of any kind. Whether it be at a city level a county level a state level or a federal level in reference to masks.	Wendy Carter	1424 Canterbury Rd N	St Petersburg	33710		mwemc_2000@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 12:45:14
Voting on mandatory masks	I am a pinellas county resident and have been for 30 years. I do not want mandatory masks. I feel it is in the best interest of everyone that they have the right to choose. There are many people with health issues like myself, whoncan not wear a mask, but do practice social distance and hand washing. Please don't male thos a requirement and take away my rights.	Audrey		Clearwater	33763		dutchgirl1964@hotmail.com	2020-06-19 12:44:53
Masks	I have severe asthma and cannot breathe with a mask on. Please do not mandate masks.			Largo			adenlynnbarnes@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:44:34
Masks	Please our business is just starting to thrive again, requiring masks in a non-essential business would hurt us big time. Please vote no for this.	Jill Husted	405 Patricia Ave	Dunedin	34698	727-746-1282	jill@dunedinlanes.com	2020-06-19 12:43:23
Please do not mandate masks.	Please DO NOT mandate masks. Although my family does not live in Pinellas County we work/serve in the county as well as patronage several businesses there. 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. The CDC's own website states "cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials... are voluntary public health measure." Furthermore stating "the cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders." https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html It may wise for this county to recommend masks for those who are immune compromised. It is not wise for the county to mandate masks. Please vote NO to mandating masks. Thank you. Sincerely, Shanna Hanna shanna_naturesway@yahoo.com	Shanna Hanna		Tarpon Springs			shanna_naturesway@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 12:43:14

Mandatory Masks County-wide	<p>Please institute a mandatory mask order ASAP. We can all see the percent positive cases increases and the bed capacity decreases. We have seen the failure of our state and federal government to follow the science and CDC recommendations to keep us quarantined. They published guidelines for re-opening and NONE of the those requirements were met and now we are going to pay the price...now we cannot go back. The very least we can do is require masks and social distancing. If this is not mandatory, the county is not doing their job to care for the health of the public.</p> <p>I am a mental health counselor in Largo, my husband works in EMS and my adult son works in a local ER. Our family is very concerned for our own wellbeing and the wellbeing of others. We understand the risk and expect the county commission to take this as seriously as our family does, being on the front lines. As a mental health professional I can tell you that people are scared because they do not feel they are getting consistent messaging. They do not know who to listen to. It is imperative that you offer clear guidance since we do not get that from a state and federal level.</p>	Jennifer Young	3439 Rolling Trl	Palm Harbor	34684	727-642-2189	jenniferrain89@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 12:43:05
Masks at work	<p>I am over HR in the company I work for. I have done every extreme measure when it comes to the health and safety of our employees. I have been keeping everyone remote until recently and now if I have to have them wear masks to do their computer work it would be horrible. I already have so little interaction in the office and we never have visitors. They are working 6 feet apart and facing a computer screen.</p> <p>If the mandate happens where all my employees now have to wear masks after weeks and months of them being so worried despite all our health measures being done, I think would be so harmful to their mental health.</p> <p>Please be considerate of how you pass this mandate. Think with who this affects and how.</p> <p>If we were servicing public and interacting with them, I would understand, but we aren't. I truly hope this is taken into consideration when this gets looked at.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p> <p>Willow Bellotti</p>	Willow Bellotti	1255 Cleveland St Suite 300	Clearwater	33755	7274790007	willowb@bluestreakdocs.com	2020-06-19 12:43:02
COVID-19 face mask rules	<p>Hi, I'm a constituent (33765). I would like to strongly encourage the county government to implement rules that require face masks (covering the nose and mouth) to be worn by everyone (employees and customers) at all businesses.</p>	David Agster	25 N Belcher Rd Apt G85	Clearwater	33765	8138179444	davidagster@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:42:53
Mandatory wearing of the mask	<p>Hello Mrs Peters,</p> <p>I would like to submit my vote as a Clearwater resident on the mandatory wearing of a mask and would like to please request that this not passed as mandatory requirement.</p> <p>There is now scientific evidence that the mask does not protect oneself and thus is not an effective measure of prevention. Making this mandatory seems to be more draconian than anything based on reason. You seem to be a rational and analytical individual and thus would appeal to you as to not making this mandatory. Thank you very much!</p>	Nadine Davis	1008 Pinebrook Drive	Clearwater	33755	5035608251	naddavis3003@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:40:54
Masks	<p>I do not believe that healthy people should wear masks. According to the CDC, masks do not prevent the spread of coronavirus. Also, it is an infringement of my freedom and health, to be forced to wear a mask. This will also further damage businesses struggling to stay open. If masks worked, why did the government order a shutdown and lockdowns. Please do not take our personal freedom away because neighboring cities are doing so. Thank you</p>	franja eastling	424 country club drive	Oldsmar	34677	727 945 3181	franjaeastling@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 12:39:44
Mask wearing	<p>I believe in science and the science community states that mask wearing works. I think Pinellas County should follow Tampa's lead and everyone should be mandated to wear a mask indoors at businesses and have the exception for dine in services. I also think we should do another safe at home to flatten this new curve. Reduce the amount of people that can be in restaurants and pools. Everywhere is being too packed!</p>	Christine		Largo			christine.c.hhwml@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:34:47
Virus restriction violations for businesses	<p>If possible, any the bars and restaurants that are not complying with the rules for capacity, distancing, masks, etc. should have their licenses suspended for a period of time that the commission deems fair. Perhaps something like this will make them pay closer attention. Last week, my daughter was driving through downtown St. Petersburg and the bars and restaurants were packed at pre-pandemic levels as if it were a regular Friday night.</p>	Donald Getchell	6650 5th Ave N Apt C	Saint Petersburg	33710		deldriver64@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:31:27
Mask Nonsense	<p>IN no reasonable way is it legitimate for government to mandate masks for its citizens.</p> <p>Vote NO!!</p> <p>Restore the Constitution of the United States of America</p>	Thomas Rivette	22173 US 19 N	Clearwater	33765	407 242 1263	thomas.rivette@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:31:09
Potential mask rules related to COVID-19	<p>I would like to strongly encourage the county government to implement rules that require face masks (covering the nose and mouth) to be worn by everyone (employees and customers) at all businesses.</p>	Dennis Ward	12124 100TH AVE N	SEMINOLE	33772	7273199122	ProfDWard@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:30:59
Mask requirements	<p>I would like it known that I am against being required to wear a mask.</p>	Maudi Taufer		Clearwater			maudi.taufer@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:29:39
Face Masks	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I want to encourage you to enact a requirement for people to wear face masks in public situations. Florida continues to set new daily records for Coronavirus cases this week as I'm sure you are aware. I think the prudent thing to do for the near future is follow the lead of Tampa mayor Castor and Mayor Kriseman in St. Pete with regard to this regulation. Thank you for all you do!</p>	John Engle	1991 Carolina Ct	Clearwater	33760	352-807-8268	johnengle865@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:28:01
No mandatory masks!	<p>I would like to let you all know that I vote no for mandatory masks. It should be a personal choice and is unfair to force your opinion of what is best on everyone else. Whatever happened to being able to have the freedom to make a choice that I feel is best for my own family. Disappointed that I am losing my rights.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>	Jody Kent	10365 Barry Dr	Largo	33774	7275103704	jodykent1@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 12:26:49

Masks and Restaurant COVID tracking	I would like to offer by greatest appreciation to the Commissioners in showing leadership that one would have expected from our Governor . You were the ones closing our beaches preventing spikes. Hopefully you will once again slow the spread by requiring masks to be worn anytime in public. What I didn't hear you discuss yesterday in emergency meeting , is how are Restaurants notifying tourists that have eaten in their establishments of COVID outbreak? Tourists that may have visited with no ties to the area would have no way of knowing and going back to their States possibly affected. This is not in CDC guidelines but should be considered since we are a tourist location. Example; a friend on Facebook asked suggestions for family members visiting Tarpon. Rusty Bellies ended up being their favorite Restaurant , had there been no FB affiliation, how would that family have found out? Should Restaurants know where their patrons are from?	Lyndee Lindsey Dolan	22 Citrus Avenue	Dunedin	34698	7277347609	covcat@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-19 12:25:35
Meeting June 23, mask wearing	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.	Audra Bonneau	6149 33rd Avenue N	St. Petersburg	33710		abonneau16@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 12:25:16
Mandatory masks in Pinellas	I am very opposed to mandatory face masks in Pinellas. Please vote accordingly.	Carol Kicinski	235 Edgewater Drive	Dunedin	34698-7525	7274923333	carol.kicinski@icloud.com	2020-06-19 12:24:34
Mandatory face masks	Hi! I am writing to voice my concern about the possibility of mandatory face masks in public spaces. I strongly believe that the use of face masks should be at the discretion of the individual and that common sense should rule, not umbrella regulations affecting the healthy as much as the sick. Face masks have been proven to be detrimental to respiratory health with prolonged use as one inevitably is receiving less oxygen, breathing in higher concentrations of CO2, and providing the perfect breeding ground for bacteria. We should not require people to wear face masks indiscriminately when in public. Please vote against mandatory face masks and preserve t people's right to choose. Thank you!	Charlotta Krueger	306 N. Jefferson Ave	Clearwater	33755		evenstar12@gmx.net	2020-06-19 12:22:57
Face masks	I don't want to be mandated to wear a mask. Apart from being draconian, I find it restrictive to breathing and it's now been found to be ineffective.	Hilton Bell	2212 N. E. Coachman Rd	Clearwater	33765	7274608823	hiltonbell@mac.com	2020-06-19 12:19:08
Masks	I'm definitely against having to wear masks. The New England Journal of Medicine came out with an article a few weeks ago stating their ineffectiveness. Besides that, I think it has to be the individuals prerogative, not the government.	Mark Barbee	100 Pierce Street #501	Clearwater	33756	727 251 0308	markbarbee@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-19 12:14:31
No 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.	Lamar DOMICOLO	12760 indian rocks rd 602	Largo	33774	7325814909	peaceallev17@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:12:28
Wearing Mask in Public	Please consider the great amount of people that can't wear mask due to health reasons. This will hinder their ability to get things needed. Not everyone can afford the extra fees for delivery and staying inside fir delivery and staying just home is terrible for the mental state. Don't treat us like prisoners when we are supposed to be a free nation. What will happen when there are multiple hippa violations for people having to explain their health condition. This seems very unconstitutional. Please vote no against implementing mandatory mask. ESPECIALLY this far into the virus. People are building natural immunity. Our hospitals aren't over crowded and the increase in numbers are solely due to testing. If people can protest in the streets without a mas . I should be able to buy my groceries.	Tera Frazier		Clearwater	33755		terafrazier2010@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:11:46
Mandatory Face Masks	I DO NOT agree with any mandatory law requiring that I must wear a face mask when going into stores. This is a really odd proposal, especially considering that Covid 19 hospitalizations and deaths are on a steep decline, not only in Florida, but around the country. Positive tests are up, but so is testing and the positive tests have been confined largely to a few areas. None of this justifies reduction of freedom of choice for Pinellas residents. I do agree with voluntary usage of masks, but I DO NOT agree to give up my rights to chose to wear or not wear a mask.	Roger Harrison	1887 Clearbroke Dr.	Clearwater	33760	8189254078	rogerharrison88008@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 12:11:38
Masks	Do not further infringe on our rights with any mask requirement	Alan Martin		Clearwater			ninjaal09@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:10:22
NO MASK	This is beyond ridiculous	Harold Beach	1729 Brentwood Drive	CLEARWATER	33756	2134532469	haroldbeach@aol.com	2020-06-19 12:10:19
Voting on masks	PLEASE VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!	Anne B		Largo	33770		abowgren@aol.com	2020-06-19 12:09:46
Masks	Please dot not vote to require masks, don't take away my right to choose. I will remember come election day.	Jo Anne Marshall	8851 US Highway 19, Apt. 1120	Pinellas Park	33782	9544821492	joarshall53@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:06:13
Masks	I do not support a county wide mask mandate. In certain areas yes they may be suggested, but not on a county wide level.	Evan Carter	1424 Canterbury Rd N	Saint Petersburg	FL	33710	bowtieguyevan@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 12:04:53
No mandatory Masks	No mandatory masks please. Besides that I feel it's not good for my health, it irritates my face.	Angie Moore	100 Pierce St, #402	Clearwater	33756	7274464175	ange8818@gmail.com	2020-06-19 12:04:26

MASKS	Do not make masks mandatory, they are good for contaminated populations only.	David Chambers Chambers	12360 66th st Z	Largo	33773	7274600553	candc06@hotmail.comil	2020-06-19 12:03:43
Mask	No mask	Chuck kasper	6494 gulf winds dr	St Pete beach	33706	8132931695	bluevette2002@aol.com	2020-06-19 12:03:31
Voting on masks	PLEASE VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!	Bruce		Largo	33770		palmappraisals@gmail.com	2020-06-19 11:57:34
Mask wearing in public and in stores in Pinellas County	I strongly support mask wearing out in public and in stores as per the CDC guidelines. Given the increasing numbers of Covid 19 in our state and our county, it makes good sense to mandate this action to help against the spread of the virus. And I would also support the action of not wearing a mask be deemed a civil offense. Thank you.	Chin Mah	1206 Gulf Blvd	Indian Rocks Beach	33785	703-473-0547	jmco6898@outlook.com	2020-06-19 11:56:15
Voting on masks	PLEASE VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!	Anne B		Largo	33770		abowgren@aol.com	2020-06-19 11:56:07
Vote for no mandatory face mask	Vote for no mandatory face mask	Ingrid	Highland ave	Pinellas	33755	813 454 3799	ingridgroen@hotmail.com	2020-06-19 11:53:35
Face masks	Please do NOT make face mask wearing mandatory. Please please please.	Sharon Besio	2091 Burnice Dr	Clearwater	33764		fifibesio@gmail.com	2020-06-19 11:45:30
requiring face mask	I understand that the commission is voting on requiring face mask on Tuesday. First this is a violation of Florida statute 876.13 prohibiting mask in public property. Second, do your research, mask cause health issues and DO NOT protect any one from the virus. This is known in the medical field and mask wearing is just a way of causing wide range fear. Finally, you will be violating our constitutional rights forcing people to wear mask. This is a mute point at this point. I urge you to use good judgement, do your research and forego this needless regulation.	Ginger Rodeghero	10 Eagle Ln	Palm Harbor	34683	7276873552	gingerrod@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 11:34:26
Mandatory masks	Please make mask wearing mandatory in Pinellas County, and provide masks at centers throughout for those who can't afford to buy any. Thanks.	Francine Wolf	1219 14th Cir SE	LARGO	33771	7275369696	franz1ne@aol.com	2020-06-19 11:30:13
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.	Dawn P		Redington Beach	33708		dawnmp01@hotmail.com	2020-06-19 11:30:09
Mandatory mask wearing	Dear Ms Peters, I do not agree with mandatory mask wearing. I wear a mask if other people ask me as I don't want to make anyone uncomfortable but medical professionals revealed that breathing inside a mask is actually not good for our health. I get headaches after just a few minutes of wearing it as I don't get enough fresh air. Everyone should have a choice in wearing it or not. Pinellas County has been doing just fine without such mandates. Best, Nikoletta Fiala	Nikoletta Fiala	411 Cleveland St #175	Clearwater	33755	7272543141	fiala.niki@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 11:28:03
Enforced Mask wearing	I am a Pinellas County citizen. I am asking that the board not make mask wearing mandatory. Throughout this whole 'pandemic' I have been mask free. When my company was allowed to reopen I now have to wear a mask as per the Florida guidelines and also our company policy. I can say that I feel bad at the end of the day wearing a mask. I have a headache at the end of every day. I find them to be extremely unhealthy as we (human beings) are not made to breathe in our exhaled breath. I also think this entire thing has been blown out of proportion and the Covid virus is no worse than the seasonal flu. Another point: When government agencies are now "dictating" what we as citizen MUST do, we are no longer a "free America". This is getting out of hand. Our government officials need to recognize their role in protecting the Constitution and the Human Rights we all have as human beings.	Shana Austin	1685 Key Lane	Palm Harbor	34683	7275175811	shanaaustin45@gmail.com	2020-06-19 11:25:55
Face covering in public	Please enforce face masking in public to keep the residents safe from covid			Indian rocks beach			iramaria2008@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 11:23:23
Mandatory Face masks	Dear Commissioners Since Florida is increasing on Covid cases, i'm requesting the county commissioners to enforce face covering to avoid the spread.			Indian rocks beach	33785		mariaempowerment@gmail.com	2020-06-19 11:21:00

Be careful	<p>Masks can kill</p> <p>By Dr. Russell Blaylock, MD – May 13, 2020</p> <p>Researchers found that about a third of the workers developed headaches with use of the mask, most had preexisting headaches that were worsened by the mask wearing, and 60% required pain medications for relief. As to the cause of the headaches, while straps and pressure from the mask could be causative, the bulk of the evidence points toward hypoxia and/or hypercapnia as the cause. That is, a reduction in blood oxygenation (hypoxia) or an elevation in blood CO2 (hypercapnia).</p> <p>It is known that the N95 mask, if worn for hours, can reduce blood oxygenation as much as 20%, which can lead to a loss of consciousness, as happened to the hapless fellow driving around alone in his car wearing an N95 mask, causing him to pass out, and to crash his car and sustain injuries. I am sure that we have several cases of elderly individuals or any person with poor lung function passing out, hitting their head. This, of course, can lead to death.</p> <p>A more recent study involving 159 healthcare workers aged 21 to 35 years of age found that 81% developed headaches from wearing a face mask. Some had pre-existing headaches that were precipitated by the masks. All felt like the headaches affected their work performance.</p> <p>Unfortunately, no one is telling the frail elderly and those with lung diseases, such as COPD, emphysema or pulmonary fibrosis, of these dangers when wearing a facial mask of any kind—which can cause a severe worsening of lung function. This also includes lung cancer patients and people having had lung surgery, especially with partial resection or even the removal of a whole lung.</p> <p>Fashion Fetishism, Surgical Masks and Coronavirus</p> <p>The importance of these findings is that a drop in oxygen levels (hypoxia) is associated with an impairment in immunity. Studies have shown that hypoxia can inhibit the type of main immune cells used to fight viral infections called the CD4+ T-lymphocyte. This occurs because the hypoxia increases the level of a compound called hypoxia inducible factor-1 (HIF-1), which inhibits T-lymphocytes and stimulates a powerful immune inhibitor cell called the Tregs. This sets the stage for contracting any infection, including COVID-19 and making the consequences of that infection much graver. In essence, your mask may very well put you at an increased risk of</p>	Mark Blanchard	Snug	Clearwater	33767		markb@tesortsg.com	2020-06-19 11:20:09
Masks/bars	<p>Please vote to require masks of all inside businesses. Our numbers are spiking and this will help control the spread. Too many people are ignoring science and the advice to wear them. Not wearing masks has become a political statement and people challenge those of us who do wear them.</p> <p>Bars. - I think capping people at 50 is too many for most smaller establishments. I think the lesser of 50% or 50 would be more effective. Unfortunately alcohol encourages people to forget social distancing.</p>	Becky Griffin	375 La Hacienda Dr	Indian Rocks Beach	33785	7275957624	becky@griffindirectories.com	2020-06-19 11:18:42
Masks	I don't agree with wearing masks in Pinellas county.	Victoria brancati	2533 silverback ct	Palm Harbor	34684	7279404882	vickibrancati@gmail.com	2020-06-19 11:14:21
No mandatory masks	Please stop this. We do NOT want mandatory masks.	Courtney Mann	33 Pelican Place	Belleair	33756	3215056566	Courk1301@aol.com	2020-06-19 11:10:22
mandatory mask wearing	<p>I am opposed to any regulations that enforce mask wearing! Statistics on benefit do not justify such an infringement of personal rights and freedoms! The claustrophobic feeling, the lack of air and oxygen going into our bodies. The fogged up glasses, the sweat and discomfort. Studies show the quality of air to be tainted and not acceptable to me. None of it is my choice to experience. In orange county California it has just recently been shown to counsel there. I suggest you look into that immediately.</p> <p>Go to: the healthy American.org for current data on this reversal of mandatory mask wearing in OC, California and much more science regarding masks!</p>	Lynn Posyton	1462 N Ridgelane Circle	Clearwater	33755	7278041874	lposyton@gmail.com	2020-06-19 11:05:05
Mandatory wearing of masks, etc.	<p>This is making healthy people ILL. Masks are NOT preventing anyone from catching this virus.</p> <p>LOOK AT THE 5G implementation if you want to see why people of all ages are getting sick now.</p> <p>Get more information about MASKS: https://www.thehealthyamerican.org/about-masks</p> <p>Get more information on 5G: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4L8LqsDE5KQ</p> <p>AND: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FONEaPTu9oi</p> <p>Stop listening to a one-sided source for information. The WHO, the CDC, and many other so-called experts have been WRONG, WRONG and WRONG. You are not handling the real reason WHY this is happening.</p> <p>You all need to start caring about your community and put a stop to these harmful activities.</p> <p>Please respond.</p>	Bonnie Jay DiMartino	1526 Long street,	Clearwater	33755	7274433260	bonniedimartino@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 10:55:49
No on Mandatory Mask wearing	No mandatory mask! Many people will get sick from them breathing their own bacteria also because of mask or their I oxygen levels will drop to deadly levels. Death can occur! People are wearing mask some people can't. Leave it up to us citizens to make that call! We know our individual health level is.	Renee Bessone	1540 Gulf Blvd	Clearwater	33767		rbessone@verizon.net	2020-06-19 10:54:58
No masks	I feel that masks should not be required. I have worn one and feel it will do more damage to my health than benefit. I feel that mask wearing should remain the decision of the individual.	Shana Sandell	700 N Osceola Ave #506	Clearwater	33755		shanasandell@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 10:54:44

Wearing of face masks in public	I do not wear a face mask at any time. If I were to become ill I have the sense about me to protect others around me by quarantine. If I were forced to go out in public while ill I would wear a mask to protect others. I have walked through these past few months unscathed with zero concern for my health. There has been no evidence to show that this virus is any different from the Flu. I have never agreed to it's validity and most likely never will. I appreciate warnings of emanate danger and respect those who allow me the choice to act accordingly. I do not support any mandate requiring the citizens of any county to wear face masks.	Leonard Bellotti	900 ponce de leon blvd	belleair	33756	7276080930	lenbellotti@gmail.com	2020-06-19 10:53:32
Masks	No mandatory masks in pinellas pleas . We would like to wear when we feel it's appropriate.	Krisandra Mitchell		Clearwater			krmejm@msn.com	2020-06-19 10:48:29
Vote NO on mandatory masks!!	STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!	Phyllis Latimer	2331 Belleair Rd	Clearwater	33764		platimer81@gmail.com	2020-06-19 10:38:41
Mandatory face masks	I would like to share my opinion on this matter. I do not feel that we should have to wear face masks when in public. Not even indoors as a mandatory action. I feel that with social distancing when indoors, we accomplish what we need. And these masks that everyone wears are not holding on the germs anyway. If someone is ill, they should stay home. Don't get close to people you don't know for a while.	Alicia Regensburg	709 karlyn drive	Clearwater	33755	727-244-5612	alicia.regs@gmail.com	2020-06-19 10:35:53
VOTE NO on Mandatory Masks	STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!	Lisa		Pinellas	34684		lisa.hopen@gmail.com	2020-06-19 10:35:41
mandatory masks	The economy of our region is in serious jeopardy Please refrain from additional restrictive measures. The rate of infections will go up with more testing however the death rate is below a bad flu. The additional measures are not warranted. Respectfully, Scott Walton	Scott Walton	5200 brittany dr s, apt 1605	SAINT PETERSBURG	33715	7276922102	scottwalton@gmail.com	2020-06-19 10:29:08
Requiring wearing face masks	Dear sir, I understand that in the last few days there has been an increase in numbers of people getting covid-19 but I think this is predictable. People are getting tested a lot more now so a lot of them already have an immune system towards the virus since they never tested for it but were exposed. This is normal. The same with the flu. People have to get immune system build up towards the virus. Wearing masks cuts oxygen level and the immune system fails. Please do not require everyone to wear masks unless they are sick and let people choose for themselves.	Anna Gromazina	827 N Keene rd Apt D	Clearwater	33755	7274817373	annagromazina@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 10:25:14
Masks in public	Dear Commissioners, Regarding mandating wearing masks in public, I would like to remind you of Florida Statute 876.12 "No person or persons over 16 years of age shall, while wearing any mask, hood, or device whereby any portion of the face is so hidden, concealed, or covered as to conceal the identity of the wearer, enter upon, or be or appear upon any lane, walk, alley, street, road, highway, or other public way in this state."	Andrea Lattanzi	1612 Pinewood Drive	Clearwater	33756		alattanzi92@gmail.com	2020-06-19 10:23:18
Wearing Masks	Hi Ms Peters, please do not enforce wearing masks in our County. As far as I'm concerned we have one of the best counties in the country. I personally cannot wear a mask because of breathing difficulties I've had my whole life and I'm 70 years old. Never had any illness except for this. Never been ill and to enforce masks violates my rights completely. If someone is worried about getting Covid, they should wear masks based on their own decision. I don't want my Constitutional rights to be violated. Thank you.	Desiree Lotz	PO Box 464	Clearwater	33757	7276428087	Desiree@CalMag-C.com	2020-06-19 10:21:43

Mandatory Masks	<p>How do you think this "mask everywhere" can be enforced? It can't.</p> <p>Rather, is there enough metrics now from DOH and CDC to isolate those areas of outbreak specifically? Or metrics that can separate out results of testing from hospitalizations? Areas of outbreak are apparently bars, some agricultural areas that are very closed.Perhaps others?</p> <p>Devote resources more specifically or pull back bars or penalize them if they are not complying with current rules. Devise a plan that can be effective and track it with metrics.</p> <p>I am not against masks when in small or enclosed spaces, although the subject itself is a little controversial.</p>	Steve Sigal	1927 Sever Dr.	Clearwater	33764		ssigal@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-19 10:20:10
Wearing masks	<p>Please let's get rid off the mandatory wearing masks</p> <p>It's unhealthy and really annoying</p> <p>We need to enjoy the air quality in FI as well and with the temperatures we know that the virus or any virus can be killed .</p> <p>Thank you for your hard work</p>	Leon Gonzalez	1354 Belleair rd	Pinellas	33756	727 6397981	leonskya13@gmail.com	2020-06-19 10:18:52
Masks in public	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I'm writing to submit my feedback on the idea of mandating wearing masks in public in Pinellas County. I do not agree with this at all. First of all, there is tons of back and forth between doctors and scientists as to whether wearing masks even works. I can find just as many scientific papers saying they don't work as papers that say they do work. And I see so many people out in public wearing the most ridiculous masks made out of thin fabric that for sure do not stop the virus.</p> <p>Secondly, what will really stop the spread of this virus is real herd immunity. From what I have been reading, many people testing positive are asymptomatic, meaning they are not evening getting sick. But our Florida hospitals are completely prepared for an influx of patients if need be. Trying to stop the spread is just prolonging the inevitable. Let's all just get natural immunity and be done with it!</p>	Andrea Lattanzi	1612 Pinewood Drive	Clearwater	33756		alattanzi92@gmail.com	2020-06-19 10:15:08
No on Mandatory face masks	<p>Dear Kathleen,</p> <p>I vote no to mandatory face masks.</p> <p>I won't waste your time with all my reasons for my "vote" of no. But please note my vote.</p> <p>(And if you look at the box it says it doesn't protect against viruses).</p> <p>Thank you for your help!</p>	Jen Lindsay	334 Carl Ave	Belleair	33756	7276475588	jenniferlindsaydesigns@gmail.com	2020-06-19 10:14:10
Mask wearing mandate	<p>Mr. Gerard,</p> <p>I would like you to know that I don't want to wear a mask and would like this to be left to individual choice.</p> <p>Of course, any business can choose to police this with their patrons as they wish. We are able to see to our health and I will continue to be vigilant with my own family. I understand stopping the spread of Covid is vital but don't believe the mask is the best way.</p>	Kathy Otto	2293 Hannah Way S	Dunedin	34698	9132442837	kathysully@aol.com	2020-06-19 10:09:20
RE: Voting mandatory mask wearing for Pinellas county	<p>To whom it may concern: Please I urge you to NOT vote it to be mandatory to wear masks in Pinellas County, inside public areas, for all customers. Just keep it to the working employees only, if necessary. This is also a little late to have this implemented, and there are many people that have health issues, that can not wear a mask - such as asthma, breathing issues, claustrophobic etc - and can get even sicker and end up in the hospital from just wearing a mask! We all know that there would be an increase of cases, due to the huge increase of testing! This country has executed more tests than any other country!! So of course there will be a surge of positive cases. I bet if you tested the whole county or even country for the Flu every year, it would be the same!</p> <p>So please I urge you not to make it mandatory to wear masks inside public areas here in pinellas county.</p> <p>Thank you! :)</p>	Damara		Clearwater	33755		damarajones888@gmail.com	2020-06-19 10:08:51
Mask	I urge to not make masks mandatory.			Pinealls	33756		jaac225@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 10:03:04
mandatory masks in public	<p>You need to look at the data and evaluate it before making such a decision and not just kowtow to the media. Testing is way up thus cases are spiking.. we have 270 staff. We take temperatures every morning but no masks and no cases at all in my company. We've been coming to work as we are essential and no cases. Check this out:</p> <p>https://covidtracking.com/?fbclid=IwAR2GyeIINOSlkyKLn3CBWbl7qxV-tp5hrkaHjLU5et3J-E0GktDbjHCl1A and then get the data for Pinellas specifically. Plus look at all the data about people getting sick from wearing masks all day:</p> <p>https://www.health.com/condition/infectious-diseases/coronavirus/does-wearing-face-mask-increase-co2-levels - you can google it and find many such articles</p>	Joy Gendusa	414 Magnolia Drive	Clearwater 33756		7274472007	joy.rockwell@postcardmania.com	2020-06-19 09:57:20
We don't want mandatory masks	<p>If someone is vulnerable and has a Pre-existing condition they should wear masks to protect themselves if they go outside. It has been proven it's more unhealthy to wear masks. Let the individual decide.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Greg Moore</p>	Gregory Moore	100 Pierce st	Clearwater	33756-5156	7274464175	gregjohnmoore@gmail.com	2020-06-19 09:56:50
Mandatory masks	I would like to express my feelings on a mandatory mask order. I am against such order and feel it is stripping me of my liberty to make that choice for myself. The CDC stats and data do not support that this will help or has helped. Thank you.	Andrea Stewart	753 Scotland Street	Dunedin	34698	727-873-6415	andrea@igscountertops.com	2020-06-19 09:56:41

Mandatory Masks	Hi there, Just want to send a message about the issue of enforcing mandatory mask wearing. I do NOT support enforcing masks. This is a link from Fauci saying it doesn't make a difference- https://youtu.be/oLNBw7XCM4Q And at this moment our surgeon general says it won't stop the spread. Leave it up the private businesses to decide how to conduct a business.	Genevieve Obolensky	219 N Jefferson Ave	Clearwater	33755	7274158166	gnobolensky@gmail.com	2020-06-19 09:56:36
Masks	Hello! thank you so much for all you are doing to help Pinellas county to get back to normal & what you've done so far to keep us safe! I've heard that it is up for vote whether to wear a mask or not. I've studied & have heard that wearing masks cannot protect people against the virus, that it has to be physical contact. Even if we were in touch w/someone that has it, it can be easily overcome by boosting immune system & if needed the medication hydroxychloroquine w/zinc. Wearing a mask actually lowers your immune system. I'm asking that you please not make us wear masks anymore. Many, many of my friends & contacts feel the same way. If someone has the virus they can self quarantine until they are better. thank you for your time!	Lisa Pezzella	1749 Great Brihill Road	Clearwater	33755	6198867200	serenesirena@gmail.com	2020-06-19 09:56:34
Mandate masks.	Please consider the importance of a county wide mandate for the wearing of masks in public indoor spaces. This is a public health and safety issue that too many businesses and citizens are ignoring. Please follow suit with Tampa and StPete in the efforts to control community spread. Thank you	Carole Laviana	406 RICHMOND ST	DUNEDIN	34698-7934	727_738_2750	dunedinga1406@gmail.com	2020-06-19 09:54:09
Mask wearing	PLEASE STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!	Charles Derksen	1484 Ridge Top Drive	Tarpon Springs	34688	727-919-0511	cadberryfarms@gmail.com	2020-06-19 09:45:15
County opens itself to wrongful death suits. OSHA says clothe/medical face masks are unhealthy.	OSHA officially says that clothe face masks (clothe and medical) do not block or protect against virus particles. In addition, OSHA officially says clothe face masks (clothe and medical) create a oxygen deficient atmosphere for the wearer and can cause death. OSHA says that employers cannot force employees to expose themselves to an oxygen deficient atmostphere. Forced face mask ordinances can expose the county to wrongful death suits.	Louen Graham	2252 Springrain Drive	Clearwater	33763	727-557-4291	Louen77@gmail.com	2020-06-19 09:43:35
Mandatory Masks	I do not want mandatory masks !	Kelly Landon	6 Baybrook Place	Belleair , Fla	33756	702-465-6023	kellylandshark@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 09:36:52
No Mandatory Face Masks	Please vote against mandatory face masks! I do not support mandatory face masks.	Stacey Patton		Belleair	33756		thepattons@earthlink.net	2020-06-19 09:34:37
Mandatory mask wearing	Dear Ms Peters. Please don't support this new proposed regulation to wear masks in all outdoor places. It is all known that masks don't stop contamination and can hurt your health. Thank you.	Tevic Sotomayor	1380 Palmetto St	Clearwater	33755	727-7128368	tevic@juno.com	2020-06-19 09:33:44

Mandatory Mask Wearing	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>The people of Hillsborough have already sent a resounding message to this board that we do not want you to mandate masks. There is nothing wrong with recommending, but mandating is an unnecessary show of force by the Hillsborough County government.</p> <p>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 wise for this county to recommend masks. It is not wise for the county to mandate masks. Please vote NO to mandating masks. Thank you.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Sarah Winter sarah@mattwinterband.com 727-776-0947</p>	Sarah Winter	1916 Anclote Vista	Tarpon Springs	34689	7277760947	sarah@mattwinterband.com	2020-06-19 09:32:36
No Mandatory Masks	<p>Dear Commissioner,</p> <p>Now that we've all been wearing face masks to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus, some people say that wearing a mask is reducing their intake of oxygen—or forcing them to breathe in their own carbon dioxide. This leaves them feeling faint, light-headed, or "smothered." They're also concerned about how dangerous this is, and how less oxygen and more carbon dioxide might affect their health.</p> <p>Please let us make are own decision!!! Thank you</p>	Diana Tomak	611 S Fort Harrison	Clearwater	33756		dianatomak@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 09:31:30
Mandatory Masks	<p>Kathleen</p> <p>I am sure you are being pressured to make this decision but I feel we can police ourselves....if you are compromised or afraid wear a mask. Those of us who really see the truth of what is going on here should not be made to comply to the fear mongering that has been pushed upon us. The numbers given to us are not truthful as well as the death rate etc. Thank you for making a sane decision in advance!</p>	Kristi Bartow	628 Cleveland St	Clearwater	33755	702-427-6667	kristibartow@aol.com	2020-06-19 09:29:17
NO MASKS	<p>Hii! Don't try make us wear masks!</p>	Ashleigh Gass		Clearwater			brilliantathlete@me.com	2020-06-19 09:27:14
Mask Wearing should be mandated re: Covid-19	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I saw Mr. Welch on CNN last night on the Chris Cuomo show, expressing great concern regarding the rising numbers of Covid-19 cases in Pinellas County. I had previously written to the County Health Dept. about this issue and was told to contact the Governor's office. We all know that our Current Governor's stance on this subject is political, not health related. So I was quite disappointed at their response. PLEASE issue a County wide Mandate that all persons MUST wear a mask while in retail stores. I beseech you to do this.</p>	Len Kishter	4865 Harbor Woods Drive	Palm Harbor	34683		len.lk@verizon.net	2020-06-19 09:24:47
Mandatory mask wearing	<p>Hello, I am a resident and would like to request that there are no mandatory mask wearing declarations passed. Thank you!</p>			Clearwater			tiffanylmrep@gmail.com	2020-06-19 09:23:11
Masks	<p>Hello! Thank you for all you to do serve our community! I would like to let you know that myself, and many of my friends, are dismayed at the idea that masks will be enforced in public places. Masks have never been proven to do anything for this virus, and is not the solution. They are also a health hazard for many people. While I understand found cases are rising, keep in mind that the amount of testing has increased. Enforcing masks is not the handling and will only cause increased upset in people. Please rethink this! Thank you!!</p>	Kendra C. Copelan	1218 Sheridan Rd	Clearwater	33755	7272888610	kendra_lister@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 09:09:46

Please vote NO on Mandatory Masks	Dear Pinellas County Commissioners, VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! The total death rates for the entire COUNTRY do not warrant this kind infringement on our liberties. Let the "at risk" population adjust their lifestyles to protect themselves. Let the rest of us do as we see best. Per OSHA guidelines, masks do not work, and pose health risks to the wearer by violating oxygen levels. Those of us who practice functional medicine (like me & my family) believe in keeping our immune systems strong with a healthy lifestyle. We prioritize nutrition, exercise, supplements, rest, and chiropractic care. None of us has had so much as a cold in 5 years. Please do not make us wear masks that will weaken our immune systems & make us more susceptible to getting sick. We are AGAINST them.	Sarah Faulkner	2212 Windsong Ct.	Safety Harbor	34695	8134333596	svfaulkner@icloud.com	2020-06-19 09:08:49
Voting to wear mandatory face masks	Dear ladies and gentlemen, please refrain from voting for mandatory face masks. Face masks are very uncomfortable to wear and raise many health issues. One thing is for sure people won't get enough oxygen and will faint in this Florida heat. And it is questionable if it really helps to decrease the infections rate. Please vote AGAINST mandatory face masks	Natascha Haug	340 Cleveland Ave	Largo	33770	7274598246	onlypro27@gmail.com	2020-06-19 09:05:04
Madatory Masks	We don't want mandatory masks. This is outrageous. This should be a personal choice.	Assunta Zaghet	Cleveland St	Clearwater	33755		assuntazaghet@gmail.com	2020-06-19 08:58:47
Face masks	Hello, I am a new Florida resident living in Clearwater. I just learned that there is a Florida law prohibiting hiding one's face with a mask. Please do not issue an order to become the violator of that Florida code. Thank you	David Schram	1799 N. Highland Ave, N163	Clearwater	33755	8184783920	ethical_1@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 08:57:16
Mandatory Mask wearing	Please please please vote no on mandatory mask wearing. It has been proven to be detrimental to people to wear it as you are breathing in your own carbon monoxide. It is also absolutely unnecessary as the statistics have proven that it does not stop a person from getting the virus and only is good precaution for those taking care of people who have the disease. These reasons are even secondary to the fact that making something like this mandatory is an insane over reach of any governmental body- This is not China!	Deborah Sharp	1826 MONTCLAIR RD #5	CLEARWATER	33763	7276690655	debsharp333@gmail.com	2020-06-19 08:56:18
Requiring Facemasks In All Indoor Spaces	Commissioners, Following up on my request last month (below) asking you to require facemasks in all indoor spaces. Please vote to move forward on this. Commissioners, Have you discussed the possibility of requiring face masks to be worn similar to what Alachua county is doing (which as I understand it is going well)? As you know, wearing a mask doesn't so much protect the wearer but it does protect those around the wearer. So to really be effective everyone should be wearing a mask when in an indoor environment (restaurant patrons that are seated would be exempt). For example, it's great that Publix requires all employees to wear a mask but the 50% of customers that don't wear one put the employees and the rest of the customers at risk! The employees are especially at risk as they are working in this highly trafficked, high risk environment for up to 8 hours. Wearing a mask is now common place in many foreign countries and seems to me to be a minor inconvenience in an effort to save lives. Please consider requiring masks to be worn in indoor environments. Also just an FYI, my condo overlooks St. Pete Beach and I can tell you there are a lot of social distancing violations going on. That and the fact that we get a lot of out of town visitors (think NYC) is another reason to require masks indoors.	Marvin Shavlan	5396 Gulf Boulevard Apt 1108	St. Pete Beach	33706	17274396175	bonddiamonds@aol.com	2020-06-19 08:55:22
mandatory mask wearing	i will not comply and I think you should not support this stupid idea	mirko Otto	403 Osceola Rd	Belleair	33756	7272512114	otto.mirko5@gmail.com	2020-06-19 08:39:46
Mask	We feel that we are able to put in good social hygiene> We do not feel we need a mandatory order for Mask. Please take this into consideration.	Patton	411 Cleveland St #260	Clearwater	33755	7274889839	zetta1955rose@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 08:37:57

Mandatory Masks	<p>Dearest Kathleen,</p> <p>My name is Mirit Hendrickson, and I'm an artist and celebrity interviewer, who resides in Clearwater, Florida.</p> <p>I do not want to wear masks here.</p> <p>There are too many health risks in wearing masks (per the WHO website, they are only to be worn if you are in the same room as someone who is sick or if you are sick and only front-line workers should be wearing them). It's not supported by the World Health Organization, the CDC nor OSHA.</p> <p>Please keep Clearwater healthy and allow us the ability to breath in fresh air outdoors and function normally outdoors.</p> <p>ML, Mirit Hendrickson of Mirit.com</p>	Mirit Hendrickson	105 N Fredrica Ave	Clearwater	33756	702-807-8804	mirit@mirit.com	2020-06-19 08:35:51
Mask enforcement in Pinellas County	<p>I saw that there is talks of enforcing masks to be worn in Pinellas county. I do not agree with this and urge the board members to reconsider this decision. I have not worn a mask and neither has anyone I know during this whole "pandemic". I know of no people personally who have gotten sick. There are many doctors who have stated masks are not a handling for this situation. This is an overstep of government on out personal rights and is not a proven method to protect people. Please look at actual science and research on this subject.</p>	Kali Alonso	1806 Sunset Point Road	Clearwater	33765		kalinato13@gmail.com	2020-06-19 08:30:25
Mandatory mask wearing	<p>Please do not make masks mandatory. There is plenty of evidence pointing to the fact that they are completely ineffective against viruses. The CDC, WHO & OSHA have stated this., not to mention this being stated on the boxes the masks come in. The other issue is the reduction of oxygen going into the body & the increase of Co2 which can over time have very negative effects. It would not help to strengthen ones ability to fight this or any virus. I urge you to please NOT make masks mandatory.</p> <p>Thank you .</p>	Laura Clouden	111 Manatee Road	Belleair	33756	727-492-6407	lclouden@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-19 08:22:47
Vote No on Mandating Masks for Pinellas County	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am asking you to vote no on mandating masks for Pinellas County. We should continue to social distance and limit indoor group activities, but the masks (unless custom fit for each person) do not work, can cause health problems due to prolonged use and should not be forced on us.</p> <p>Thank you for considering my request.</p>	Diane N Hart	1788 Overbrook Avenue	Clearwater	33755		horkhork@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 08:18:27
Mandatory masks in Pinellas	<p>I am of the very firm belief that mandatory mask wearing violates our constitutional rights and I am not in agreement with it.</p>			Pinellas			patricia.paolo@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 08:17:22
Face masks	<p>Please allow me to make my own decisions on wearing a face mask. It's my choice. I love being an American and having choices. I kindly plead that you do not enforce anyone on this subject. Thank you.</p>	Lisa Barry		Clearwater	33759		gargoyleslair@gmail.com	2020-06-19 08:00:49
Mandatory mask wearing	<p>It has been shown that masks DO NOT prevent the spread of COVID 19. In fact they inhibit the intake of oxygen for the wearer. This is a false solution. And it is NOT something that should be regulated. It should be completely voluntary. It is part of the fear mongering that is so much associated with this whole pandemic.</p>	Kathy Wach	13855 Pinecrest Dr.	Largo	33774	7275952538	kathywach@gmail.com	2020-06-19 08:00:09
Mandatory Face Masks	<p>Dear Commissioner,</p> <p>Please vote to NOT WEAR face masks. We feel safe and I could go on and on I am opposed to mandatory face masks.</p>	Susan M Freilich	1124 Sunset Point Rd, Apt 304	Clearwater	33755	4074302136	susan_freilich@hotmail.com	2020-06-19 07:59:45
No more masks	<p>This restricts my breathing and medically speaking from my doctor, it is bad for oxygen levels. This creates problems.</p>	Elizabeth Correa	29081 us Hwy 19 N, lot 141	Clearwater	33761	360-770-6306	renainfinitesolutions@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 07:55:31
Masks	<p>Please please don't mandate masks!</p> <p>They have been proven ineffective. FL is too hot for this. It will ruin local businesses. People won't come.</p> <p>The death rate of this disease is less than the flu. We need to reach herd immunity and every transmission of the disease weakens it. Just let it ride out.</p>	Meghan Panek	1388 Palmetto St	Clearwater	33755	727-744-0266	meghpanek@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 07:53:10
NO MANDATORY MASK WEARING	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I have health issues and the CDC actually does not recommend a mask unless you are ill.</p> <p>Please do not make a mandatory face mask in public rule.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	Wil Seabrook	1021 Ewing Place	Clearwater	33756		wil@earthlink.net	2020-06-19 07:50:01
No on Mandatory Masks	<p>Vote no on mandatory masks!!! Masks are not effective and a health risk to the wearer. Please read OSHA guidelines concerning masks. OSHA says that masks do not work and violate OSHA oxygen levels. Lawsuits will be forthcoming if workers experience any degree of health risk from this ill conceived mandatory edict.</p>	David Faulkner	2212 Windsong Ct	Safety Harbor	34695		david@faulknereng.com	2020-06-19 07:47:33
Mandatory Face Masks	<p>I want to share that I don't was face masks to be mandatory. I do think it is important to keep social distancing and general safety up, but I don't think it should be mandatory. Maybe it can be recommended and then each individual company can decide if they want it to be mandatory for entrance.</p>	Sasha Player	1864 Srevenson Ave	Clearwater Florida	33755		sashalily13@outlook.com	2020-06-19 07:41:39
Face mask	<p>No to mandatory face mask....</p>	Debbie	100 1st Avenue N	St. Petersburg	33701		the3Simons@gmail.com	2020-06-19 07:40:04
Face masks	<p>I am disappointed that action has not been taken regarding face masks. This proven way of limiting COVID spread does not close businesses and is cheap. Please don't wait until more costly and disruptive measures are needed.</p>	Judith St Onge, RN, PhD	9400 Ridge Rd.	Seminole	33772	(334) 324-3972	stonge756@aol.com	2020-06-19 07:38:02

Wearing Masks	I am NOT in favor of the suggestion of mandatory mask wearing in business and/or in public. If an individual chooses to do so - that's ok but to require and enforce others to do so when then data suggests (1) will not prevent spread of virus (2) mask wearing has also documented data that it is unhealthy for users to wear. Totally understand the need for medical staff to wear masks but knew that before the virus issue. Mandatory requirements for public to wear masks with really no purpose in it except to spread fear is against our constitutional rights to make our own decisions. Please vote NO on this issue.	Janice Kenne	1469 Jacaranda Circle South	CLEARWATER	33755	7273669301	janickennebusiness@gmail.com	2020-06-19 07:34:03
Covid 19	With the surge of new cases of covid 19 in Pinellas County I am disheartened that the commission has not protected the health and welfare of its citizens. Masks should be required at all indoor facilities , indoor dining and bars should be closed . Hotel lobbies should limit guests and all elevators in Pinellas County should be restricted to one person or families only. It does not make any sense that masks are not required at grocery and drug stores. Social distancing should be mandated at all outdoor gatherings. The safety of the citizens of Pinellas County should be our number one priority . Respectfully, Drs Arthur and Bonnie Berman	Dr. Arthur Berman	1200 gulf blvd unit. 605	Clearwater	33767	7274334401	aberman1020@hotmail.com	2020-06-19 07:34:03
No Mandatory Masks	PLEASE STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of party. People are afraid, we cannot stop living because of fear. This is a political mess even the CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses? It's unwarranted. Please don't be part of this absurdity! We are NOT AFRAID. We are full of faith and living in FREEDOM!	Matt Winter	1916 Anclote Vista	Tarpon Springs	34689	8137131183	matt@tebmw.com	2020-06-19 07:29:04
Mask wearing	Please do not make masks mandatory for businesses or their customers. The real verifiable technology has proven that the masks do not stop the virus and even if you disagree with that, then look at the education on the constitutional aspects of mandating masks for a disease that is far less harmful than Ebola, the flu, waterskiing etc do not create a situation that makes Pinellas County residents and business owners have to resist their governmental leadership. Our governor has shown respect for the residents of Florida by opening up and not requiring undue hardship. Please follow suit and do not require masks.	Julianne Boudreaux	700 n glenwood av	Clearwater	33755	2138806888	julianne.marie.boudreaux@gmail.com	2020-06-19 07:24:09
Mask wearing	Please do not make mask wearing mandatory, if touching ones face is a primary way to contract Covid 19, mask wearing seems completely contraindicated. Unless people carry multiple masks (like facial tissues) that they can dispose after each wearing you're increasing infection risk--it's un-hygienic to reuse a mask after you've touched it when grocery shopping etc. The cloth handkerchief to blow ones nose, etc. is no longer used because it's unhygienic and cloth masks are basically the same thing. I've see more and more people with rashes near their masks. Social Distancing is the way to go, not disgustingly requiring masks.	Therese Sroka	6975 Grande Vista Way S	St. Petersburg	33707		terrasroka@aol.com	2020-06-19 07:19:15
NO TO Mandatory Masks	I do not feel wearing masks protects me from illness. I believe washing my hands does. I feel the masks are not a necessary item. Taking immune supporting vitamins and keeping distance is fine.	Sherry Van Hootegem	501 North Lincoln Avenue	Clearwater	33755	727-543-4443	svanhoot@gmail.com	2020-06-19 07:14:58
Masks	HI ! I know that there is a meeting this week on masks. With all the data from the CDC about how non lethal this virus is it shouldn't be mandatory. Along with there being no law that it can be forced on us to do. Common sense behavior of washing hands and not sneezing on people is the answer. Not forcing people to hide. Thank you	niki pease	1883 springwood cir n	Clearwater	33763		nickpease@hotmail.com	2020-06-19 07:14:46
Face Masks	STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!	Tracy Sanders	PO BOX 220	Crystal Beach	34681	7272701172	sanderstogo@gmail.com	2020-06-19 07:13:55
Mandatory masks	Masks are dangerous for you. People can't breath pure air. Consult dr Rashid Buttar. No mandatory masks.	Maria Saldarriaga	2988 Meadow Wood Dr	Clearwater	33761	727 743 4992	masalda@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 07:11:56
Face musks	This should a choice, not an imposition. I object to making face musks obligatory when in public. I say no!!	Giovanna pucci	903 plaza st	Clearwater	33755	727 657 7692	joanneservices@yahoo.com	2020-06-19 06:57:44
Mandatory Mask Wearing	Please vote NO to mandatory mask wearing!!	Mike Taylor	1560 Clark Street	Clearwater	33755	703-474-0608	Mtaylor935.mt@gmail.com	2020-06-19 06:49:23
Face Coverings	I support the idea that everyone should be required to wear a face covering in public. I am glad to see that the City of St. Petersburg is requiring that employees in customer facing businesses wear face coverings but that does not go far enough. Those employees are wearing the face coverings to protect the customers; customers should be required to wear face coverings as well so that the workers are protected. Businesses should be charged with enforcement of the face covering requirement and businesses not enforcing the face covering requirement should be issued a citation or be required to close.	Almera Dente	3731 40th Way S Unit D	St Petersburg	33711	727-865-0228	almeradente@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-19 06:45:34

Face Covering requirement	I support a requirement to require face coverings in all public places. Please follow the science and listen to the medical professionals. A casual attitude toward COVID 19 is not benefitting anyone. If everyone was required to wear a face covering, people would feel much safer in public and therefore would be out spending money at local businesses. I would like to go to Home Depot so I could work on house projects, get my hair cut, have my teeth cleaned, dine at a restaurant, etc., but because of the lackadaisical attitude of so many, I limit my public outings to one grocery store visit per week. I wear a cloth face covering and insert a folded coffee filter between the cloth layers. I wash the face covering after each outing and replace the coffee filter. There is no need for six different face coverings per day. I find wearing the face covering very uncomfortable, but I wear it out of respect for other people.	Andrea Nation	7840 2nd Ave S	St Petersburg	33707	727-368-4498	andreanation@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-19 06:35:53
Mask wearing	Please do full research on mask wearing . As lifelong sinus sufferer , prolonged wearing of a mask creates a serious Heath risk for people like me . Also , the World Health Organization , OSHA and the CDC all state that masks are ineffective vs viruses .	Patrick Clouden	111 manatee road	Belleair	33756	727-748-1700	pclouden@cesstaff.com	2020-06-19 06:14:09
Mask mandate	What are you waiting for? The people of Pinellas deserve some decisive leadership on this matter and can not wait until next week to figure it out. How many will be recklessly endangering their fellow citizens this weekend in crowded bars, restaurants and stores while you sit and debate? Please step up and issue a mask mandate for the entire county ASAP... this is a matter of life and death!	Evvy Bernstein	1440 Water View Dr. W. #103	Largo	33771	727-804-5120	ozexpress54@gmail.com	2020-06-19 06:12:35
Appearance on Chris Cuomo/CNN	So proud to see my Commissioner setting the record straight regarding the coronavirus in our area on CNN a moment ago. Kudos for a fine interview....	Kathleen Colvin	6262 5th Ave N	Saint Petersburg	33710		kathykath723@gmail.com	2020-06-19 02:01:39
masks	STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!	Maren kritz		pinellas			kritzmaren@gmail.com	2020-06-19 01:37:52
Kenneth T. Welch	Dear board members I think Mr. Welch should be commended for speaking out about covid-19 on CNN, Chris Cuomo show . The other state officials , starting at the top , Ron DeSantis would not come on his show and even talk about our high rate of infection. Denial is not making this virus go away and is endangering million s of peoples lives. Thank you Mr. Welch for having a backbone and telling the truth about this deadly virus , spreading like a wild fire. I hope we all make it out alive Thank You, Dennis Frank Spears	Dennis Frank Spears	6500-68th ave. n.	Pinellas Park, FL	33781	(727) 544-6416	mmippss@gmail.com	2020-06-18 22:35:20
Covid-19 Mask Mandates	STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY from Covid 19! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!	Diana Palmer	10265 Gandy Blvd, #1716	St.Petersburg	33702	7276870331	dianafit@knology.net	2020-06-18 22:34:13
Kenneth T. Welch	Dear board members I think Mr. Welch should be commended for speaking out about covid-19 on CNN, Chris Cuomo show . The other state officials , starting at the top , Ron DeSantis would not come on his show and even talk about our high rate of infection. Denial is not making this virus go away and is endangering million s of peoples lives. Thank you Mr. Welch for having a backbone and telling the truth about this deadly virus , spreading like a wild fire.	Dennis Frank Spears	6500-68th ave. n.	Pinellas Park, FL	33781	(727) 544-6416	mmippss@gmail.com	2020-06-18 22:31:49
CNN interview	Thanks for going out on a limb and making us NOT look like the bunch of idiots that other media outlets are making us out to be. You did good, keep it up.	Kent		St Petersburg	33710		kent.norman.3@gmail.com	2020-06-18 22:01:28
Thank you!	Thank you for being the voice of reason tonight over this covid craziness. It is embarrassing that our other elected officials are staying quiet about what obviously appears to be a critical jump in covid cases. Not sure how a global pandemic became such a partisan issue...Please keep doing what you are doing.	Colleen Pelton	1923 Carolina NE	St Pete	33703	7276922951	colleenpelton213@gmail.com	2020-06-18 21:59:37
Covid 19 and masks	STOP THIS NONSENSE! VOTE NO ON MANDATORY MASKS! This is a lie that the CDC's own stats don't support. Don't infringe upon people's liberty! If someone is at risk, or has to be with someone at risk, THEY are the one's who need to adjust their lifestyle, not the rest of the world. This issue will determine my vote for each of you, regardless of your party!! Stop bowing down to fearful people!! CDC stats from 2/2/2020-6/7/2020 show 125 total deaths in ages 15-24, 699 deaths from 25-34, and 1780 deaths from 35-44, in the ENTIRE COUNTRY! How do these statistics warrant these precautionary responses?? Please don't be part of this absurdity!!	Scott Anderson	PO Box 8241	Saint Petersburg	33738	7274305944	jitaracookie@aol.com	2020-06-18 21:29:07
Masks - leadership should align	Thank you for considering furthering the use of masks. They seem to go a long way in helping to deter the spread of the novel coronavirus. I urge the commission to take further steps to assure the public safety. St. Petersburg and Tampa have shown strong, decisive leadership and I would like to see Pinellas County in alignment. People are confused and that can lead to unnecessary exposures. As always, thank you so much for your service, and for all the sacrifices you make. Sincerely, Barbara Walker Palm Harbor	Barbara Walker	3019 Bradford Circle	Palm Harbor	34685	727-798-2385	raptorfocus2020@gmail.com	2020-06-18 20:59:58
COVID	Please do not require this county to wear masks. Too many asthmatics, allergy sufferers, etc. And we would have to breathe back in what nature wants us to get rid of.	Jennifer	1714 Dunbar Ln	Clearwater	33756		jennolsen.beach@gmail.com	2020-06-18 20:08:05

Covid mask enforcement strategy	I would suggest the enforcement mechanism for a county mask requirement be leveraged around businesses and public organizations themselves. So, law enforcement could cite a particular business or institution where patrons are not masked, rather than the unmasked individuals themselves. This would motivate businesses to ensure compliance if they want to operate, and reduces civil conflict with law enforcement.	Corbin Supak		Saint Petersburg			corbinsupak@icloud.com	2020-06-18 19:57:23
PLEASE MANDATE THE USE OF MASKS!!!	Commissioner Long, I'm pleading with you to mandate that everyone wear a mask!! The public needs your guidance. I'm afraid to go anywhere. Pinellas county is out of control. Regards, Brenda Vellance, MS, LMHC	Brenda Vellance	302 Charleston Avenue, PO box 11	Crystal Beach	34681	7422015	bvellance@yahoo.com	2020-06-18 19:55:45
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Masks	Dear Commissioner Gerard, Commissioner Eggers, and County Administrator Burton, I am heartened to hear that you are taking up the issue of mandating masks for Pinellas County. As a pastor, I know that many local churches are beginning to convene once again, including my church, Chapel by the Sea on Clearwater Beach. I have pushed my church board to require masks for the safety of all who gather--in leadership we learn to "pick our battles" and this is one I knew I must pick for the health of my parishioners. I hope you will join me in requiring masks for everyone in indoor public spaces. The prospect of a civil fine should be adequate to encourage widespread mask-wearing. The commission need not worry about who will provide masks any more than it worries about how people will find pants. When masks are required as a part of our social contract, people will find a way. Thank you!	Rev. Dr. Rhonda Blevins	1722 Pebble Hill Ct	Palm Harbor	34683	7276436795	revblev@chapelbythesea.net	2020-06-18 19:42:34
Masks	You want to require masks when you stats sow only 70,000 in pinellas have been tested where where the test when on lockdown? Protesters got their right to protest now it's time to screw all law abiding citizens. So tired of having my freedom taken away it is my choose and dame on you for taking calls that will benefit your motive	Pamela Rihs	1001 Starkey Rd #514	Largo Fl	33771	7273665964	pamrihs@msn.com	2020-06-18 19:05:50
Mandatory masks	I'm writing to strongly encourage you to vote yes to mandatory face masks in indoor public locations, especially retail establishments. Our governor is in denial and is doing nothing to help protect us. Please do your part to protect the citizens of Pinellas County. I know there is a vocal minority who do not care about others but please do what is right based on science and facts.	Jamie Bennett		Palm Harbor	34685		minafair@hotmail.com	2020-06-18 19:00:37
Mask Requirement	Commissioner Peters, I know that the commissioners have been discussing various policies that will make masks a requirement when in Pinellas County. I want to speak loudly in favor of requiring masks in all indoor spaces outside of the home. Article after article and study after study have found that when widespread mask use is implemented (80% or higher), the transmission of the novel coronavirus can be severely limited to a point where the virus can be easily contained. I know there are concerns over enforceability, but we elect our leaders to make hard decisions on behalf of our community. The vast majority of people want to abide by the laws and will put on a mask if they are told to and even people who do not wear a mask will readily do so if a community official directs them to do so. Please do not let a loud minority override science and what is best for ALL residents of Pinellas County. On a personal note, every day when I go into work I am filled with anxiety over catching the virus because the majority of my co-workers refuse to take the pandemic seriously by practicing social distancing or wearing masks. My wife has an autoimmune disease that may leave her more susceptible to the virus, so the thought of bringing home the virus worries me constantly. With cases rising sharply in both Pinellas and the Tampa Bay area I am at a point where I feel as though I will have to quit my job if something isn't done soon. I feel like I have to choose between my family's health or being financially devastated. Simply implementing a countywide policy of requiring masks to be worn in indoor spaces out the home could significantly change my situation. I hope you'll stand up for me and the many other vulnerable residents of Pinellas who just want to ensure our safety when we are at our place of employment. Thank you for taking the time to hear me out. Nick Carey	Nicholas Carey	5320 10th Street N	Saint Petersburg	33703	7042580926	nscarey2@gmail.com	2020-06-18 18:33:09

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Coronavirus	<p>I oppose forcing the general public to wear masks. People with chronic illness or other health issues should be very careful and they must be protected, but for the general population, those of us that are healthy should be able to continue life as normal. There is no consensus of whether masks really help or not. I have noticed people wearing masks all day long and not change the masks until the end of the day. I find that to be more detrimental than not wearing a mask at all. I have not used a mask at any time and so far am perfectly normal. I believe fresh clean air, plenty of sunshine and exercise will be more beneficial than all this other fashion stuff.</p>	Manuel Farinas	2382 Middlecoff Dr	Dunedin	34698		IEMAYA2003@GMAIL.com	2020-06-18 18:25:37
Required face masks	<p>Please vote "no" on mandatory face masks. It is wrong in so many levels! This will be a business-killer for me. People will just not go out to retail businesses rather than wear a mask for extended period.</p>	Eloyn Erickson	5279 14th Ave N	St Petersburg	33710	7274538408	eloyne.erickson@gmail.com	2020-06-18 18:15:29
COVID Mask Requirement	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I understand the county will be voting on the use of masks on June 23rd. I would support the required use of masks for employees of businesses. As far as making customers wear masks, I would only support that requirement in essential businesses (grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.) where people have to go to sustain their lives and NOT in non-essential businesses where it's a choice to go. Having a mask requirement for patrons in a business where food and drink are served seems illogical to me. Besides, places like that are certainly non essential and people can choose not to go there if they have concerns about their risk of COVID-19.</p> <p>I own Dunedin Lanes and have placed 2.5 foot by 6 foot signs at each entrance with questions each patron must answer before entering the business. We have been operating at less than 50% of our building occupancy. Any further restrictions would make it impossible for us to survive. We have found that a vast majority of the customers coming in do not want to wear a mask. Forcing the mask requirement in my business would certainly cause me to lose a substantial amount of business, which would result in more layoffs of staff. Customers who choose to go out for fun are accepting some level of risk. We are doing our part to minimize that to the best of our ability.</p> <p>I also urge to have a date certain where the mask requirement will be reviewed to see if it needs to be continued or not.</p>	Matthew Stevenson - Dunedin	405 Patricia Avenue	Dunedin	34698	727-736-1282	matt@dunedinlanes.com	2020-06-18 17:41:17
Masks	<p>I will not wear a mask in public. You have no authority to mandate this. I will vote against the entire board in the next election if you try to implement this. You are adding to the media hype and hysteria. If people are afraid, they should stay home but you should not infringe on everyone else's rights.</p>	Maria Hourdas	2241 Andover Circle	Palm Harbor	34683	7276390706	mariahourdas@gmail.com	2020-06-18 17:40:16
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Regarding Covid 19	<p>I would sincerely appreciate if you follow the directives of the Governor. He has more information than you do and more support. You have wasted far too much of our tax dollars on this issue and need to start focusing on your other duties.</p>	Robert Jason Amaio	14869 mockingbird lane west	clearwater	33760	7273262613	robert.amaio@gmail.com	2020-06-18 17:13:28

Face masks	I have been concerned that people are ignoring social distancing, or wearing a face mask. I am hoping that the commissioners vote to support face masks to be worn in public. It is a very simple thing to do to help prevent the spread of COVID 19. We require wearing seat belts, car insurance to be able to drive a car, a valid driver's license, a current car registration, etc. Wearing a face mask is such a small thing to do to help get us back to some sort of normalcy. Thank you for your consideration. Diane Kershaw, Palm Harbor, FL	Diane Kershaw	2577 Dolly Bay Drive	Palm Harbor	34684	7279406475	dskemk@aol.com	2020-06-18 17:12:17
Covid: masks	Please, please be leaders and vote to require masks tomorrow. I beg of you. Dr. Constance Gross	Constance Gross	55 Rogers Street Unit 506	Clearwater	33756	7277919312	bubigoose@gmail.com	2020-06-18 17:02:29
No Face Mask Ordinance	Please do not enact a face mask ordinance. We do not need this as a country and requiring this of your constituents would be heavy-handed, unnecessary, and frankly in my opinion an abuse of power. Thank you for your consideration.	Antony Mascovich	209 9th Ave North	Saint Petersburg	33701	8056989686	amascovich@gmail.com	2020-06-18 16:42:46
Mask Mandate	Hello, I was just informed by a friend that there is a possible law in consideration for mandated face masks in Pinellas County. I would like to let you know that I am strongly against this as I believe it violates my medical rights as well as the Constitution of the United States. Please do not allow such a law to be put into place. Moreover, per the CDC masks are not effective against Covid-19. Thank you	Sylwia Herbst	1537 Kurt Ln	Clearwater	33764	4074218038	syl32828@live.com	2020-06-18 16:20:27
Corona virus	Florida was opened before the guidelines set by the federal government were met. The number of cases of corona virus continue to rise yet large numbers of individuals are acting as though the virus is over. According to all reports wearing a mask is an effective deterrent to the spread. Unfortunately there are a lot of people out and about without masks. Can individual stores require a mask be worn before entering? Can you make wearing a mask mandatory in all stores in the county? Leadership nationwide is inconsistent at best. Health experts are predicting that the fall will be worse than what we have experienced so far. I'm hoping that as a county you can show strong leadership and look out for the health and safety of all residents. Thank you Linda J Martin	Linda J Martin	2148 Oak Forest Lane	Palm Harbor	34683	727-940-7844	lindajillmartin@gmail.com	2020-06-18 16:18:51
COVID Restrictions	I am adamantly opposed to any requirement to wear face masks, except in VERY limited circumstances. I believe wearing them all the time when I'm out in public or anytime I go into a store would actually increase my chance of catching the virus and as a result increase the chance of one of my loved ones getting it. I feel STRONGLY about this and if this does happen I will remember it as an attack on my individual liberty during upcoming elections.	Don Mitchell	1303 Sunset Wind Lp	Oldsmar	34677		dzmitch@yahoo.com	2020-06-18 14:40:04
COVID 19	I am very concerned about the spike in COVID cases and I am very disappointed with our Governor's response. I do not understand when we know face masks reduce transmission that they are not mandatory. I refuse to go to the supermarket or to a restaurant as the wait staff in most restaurants do not wear masks. I have to order groceries and pay a premium for delivery. Our office is bringing everyone back to work. The cubes are not 6 feet apart. Again they are not requiring masks. I find this in completely inept and frankly its putting their employees health in danger. Many of whom have underlying health conditions. I don't know how a pandemic and wearing face coverings became a political football. This is about public health and if our Federal and State leaders are not going to protect us then you need to step up and do so.	Mary Foley	3540 Woodridge Place	Palm Harbor	34684	7274805433	mcfoley06@gmail.com	2020-06-18 14:34:14
Masks	Just wanted to weigh in on masks that the county commissioners are discussing. There are many side effects from wearing masks including upper respiratory infections and headaches from breathing the breath you exhaled. Plus several other side affects. In addition I believe it is unconstitutional, like telling someone they need to wear a specific piece of clothing. If social distancing is maintained they are not necessary. Plus you can't enforce them. The real question is how many people are being admitted to the emergency rooms with the virus not how many are testing positive? We are doing a lot more testing now so more people are going to test positive. So trampling citizens rights if hospitals aren't filling up is wrong. And besides you shut down the economy to avoid overrunning emergency rooms. They haven't been overrun. Most of the so called experts have been wrong about this consistently. Elections are coming up.	James Wareheim	5695 Oakhurst Dr	Seminole	33772	7275434131	wareheim@hotmail.com	2020-06-18 13:54:36
Proposed Mask Ordinance	YES As an elderly immuno suppressed Pinellas resident I believe we have a responsibility to take every reasonable precaution to control this virus and prevent its spread both among our population and visitors' we actively invite. Masks are a reasonable precaution.	Michael L Wright	628 Cleveland St	Clearwater	33755		m.l.w.michael.l.w@gmail.com	2020-06-18 13:48:56
COVID-19 - Protect our Community with Mask Requirement	Dear Commissioners - Please take the responsible action of requiring masks of all adults in public settings. Cases of Covid-19 are soaring in our county, endangering many vulnerable subgroups of people, including seniors, younger adults, and those in economically disadvantaged communities. Please don't let our wonderful county become the next epicenter of disease.	Jeanne Wellings	709 Harbor Drive	Belleair Beach	33786	7277412079	jjw681@mail.harvard.edu	2020-06-18 13:28:43
Masks	It is imperative that we wear masks. The COVID-19 situation is getting out of control because people are acting irresponsibly by not wearing masks in public. This needs to be addressed now before the disease mushrooms totally out of control. A mere suggestion to wear masks will not do. It needs to be mandatory and enforced, despite what the sheriff says. Our lives are at stake.			Tarpon Springs	34688		tpease77@gmail.com	2020-06-18 13:26:52

Covid Issues 18 June 2020	<p>Commissioner Peters:</p> <p>Thank you for standing up for Conservative values/rights and common sense. People seem to forget about personal responsibility. For example the one "caller" stated she had "multiple comorbidities" and she was appalled that while wearing her mask to Home Goods (hardly an essential service) many people were not, thereby endangering her. Perhaps she should practice personal responsibility and protect herself by staying home and not exposing herself.</p> <p>Also regarding the comment that "people" having an exemption to not wear masks should be registered and/or carry documentation to present on demand; whatever ever happened to HIPAA? Again personal responsibility!</p> <p>Thanks for standing up for Liberty, personal choice and personal responsibility.</p>	Richard Perfidio	1643 Seabreeze Drive	Tarpon Springs	34689	4079782368	perfidio@yahoo.com	2020-06-18 12:18:11
Mask	You have to make it mandatory that people wear masks in public places. It is for the safety of us and others.	Joelyn Murphy	727 Milwaukee Ave, Apt 6	Dunedin	34698	8608387233	joelynmurphy@aol.com	2020-06-18 11:13:46
Facial Coverings	<p>Do the right thing, make face coverings a requirement inside public buildings and workplaces!</p> <p>Don't focus on enforcing, focus on reminding people to be considerate of the health of others in the community.</p>	Jay Hobbs	2636 W Grand Reserve Circle, Apt.	Clearwater	33759	7087126836	Hhobbs4@comcast.net	2020-06-18 10:53:53
Covid 19	I am viewing the meeting today-June 18. I am disappointed that all are choosing which path or decision to make On the enforcement of masks in public vs businesses. It's not one or another. It seems like law enforcement does not wish to enforce guidelines set but someone has to make decisions with regard to this pandemic. I agree with Commissioner Welch. Please mandate masks in public and enforce masks wearing in businesses. We vote and rely on our local and state government to protect. I wear a mask whenever I must go anywhere. There are many who choose to not wear masks or social distance. This irresponsible decisions are throughout our community and not just late night bars, as the Sheriff stated. Please make the responsible and safe decisions for citizens in Pinellas County.	Melissa Jones	2760 Beagle Path Way	Pam harbor	34683	72774487754	mksbarrs@gmail.com	2020-06-18 10:48:08
Mandatory masks	If you implement a mandatory mask order, you don't need to arrest people but can state that they are subject to fines if they are non-compliant. Also, all customers should be required to wear masks.			St Pete. Beach			saintpetebeach@aol.com	2020-06-18 10:36:58
COVID-19 Issue	<p>Dear Commissioners:</p> <p>COVID-19 is NOT/NOT a death sentence for 98% of the people who contract it. If you are worried about contracting it practice PERSONAL responsibility and wear a mask. If you are sick stay home. Draconian measures have NO place during this pandemic whereas common sense should prevail.</p> <p>Enacting lock downs and inflaming panic by insisting all should wear masks will have a negative knee jerk reaction. The lock down seriously impacted our economy and the health and welfare of the populace writ large especially children. The goal posts have continuously moved from "flattening the curve" so as not to overwhelm our hospitals to "we need a vaccine" to "when it is safe". The first has been achieved however the 2nd and 3rd are nebulous and undefined at best.</p> <p>The "state" can attempt to institute draconian measures with the end result that the economy will be decimated, people will still die, but certain folks will have the luxury of saying "we did something". This is tantamount to saying "the operation was a success, but the patient died". Lunacy at its best.</p> <p>Please let this be a personal choice not a mandate.</p>	Richard Perfidio	1643 Seabreeze Drive	Tarpon Springs	34689	4079782368	perfidio@yahoo.com	2020-06-18 10:14:49
No Mandated Masks	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>I strongly oppose mandatory mask wearing for several reasons:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Experts have gone back and forth on the effectiveness of masks in stopping the spread of COVID. The CDC's website even says they should only be required where you are caring for an elderly, compromised individual. For healthy people, who are not caring for such a person, we should not be required to wear a mask. - Looking at "how" many people wear masks makes the mandatory aspect impossible to enforce, as I have seen loads of people wear just over their mouths and nose, or on their chin as they light a cigarette or sip a drink. Who will be the army of mask enforcers? - Everyone keeps citing the increase in positive cases in Florida and a slight uptick in hospitalizations, but NOBODY (except Gov. DeSantis) cites the plunging death rate. Gov DeSantis also pointed out that much of the hospitalization increase is NOT COVID-related, but the backlog of delayed surgeries and ER visits, previously put off because of fear of overwhelming Florida hospitals (which never happened in Pinellas County). - Finally, if implemented, when would this mask mandate terminate? When the virus is eradicated (never, as H1N1 is still present since 2009, still killing people, but no masks are/were required for that)? When it is "safe" (never- see above comment)? When "numbers are down" or the "curve is flattened" - what are those specific numbers? <p>Please do the sane thing and let this be a personal choice of mask-wearing, staying home, etc.!</p> <p>Sincerely, Kathleen Kelly</p>	Kathleen Kelly	1643 Seabreeze Dr	Tarpon Springs	34689	703-431-9681	fortezza50@yahoo.com	2020-06-18 10:10:55

COVID19	The numbers are rising again. The whole opening is too fast and does not follow the expert advice of medical professionals or scientists in the fields of virology or epidemiology. Please put mandatory mask wearing in place for indoor spaces. There is no consistency! People need to see the studies showing it works and understand how to wear a mask! This information is available. Please help! Mayor Kriseaman seems to be getting the danger.	Kathryn Stover	9994 85th Way	Seminole	33777	7276878598	oxmoonkat@gmail.com	2020-06-18 10:03:19
Nursing Home Visitation	My mother, Annie Foster is currently in Golfview Nursing Home in St Petersburg, Florida. She is 90 years old and has dementia. The nursing homes has been shut down since March 14, 2020. I want to see my mom. It's totally unfair for family members not to be able to see their family in nursing homes. The city is opening bars, salons, bowling alleys, restaurants, gyms but not nursing homes. The workers of the nursing homes now have more places they can go in risk of spreading the virus to nursing home residents. Why can't family member be allowed to enter the facilities like the staff. The nursing home claims they check staff upon entry and exiting. Why can't they do the same thing for family members? Why not allow at least one family member to visit at least once or twice a week for an hour or two? To me it's against a person's personal right to be kept from their families. I video dropped in on my mother this morning using the Amazon Show 5 device and for the first time, she did not know who I was. My son and I are the only living relatives she has here and two children in Michigan. My younger siblings are all deceased. I don't want her last time on earth to be spent isolated from her children and grandchildren. I'm asking what can be done. I would bring her home, but I am not equipped to take care of her along and there is no help that I can get from any agency that I can afford. I feel that her civil rights are being denied when she cannot get visits from her children. Again I ask what can be done??????	Imogene Simons	2618 4th Ave S	ST PETERSBURG	33712	7273331688	isimons2@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-18 09:40:29
Mandatory masks	As everything opens up and the Covid-19 cases are rising, can the county please make masks in public and stores mandatory. Many people are not wearing masks and yesterday I had the unfortunate experience of being one of two customers in a store and while I was wearing a mask and checking out at the counter, the other customer had to wander around behind me with a hacking cough and of course they were not wearing a mask. Being in the middle of my transaction to check out, I could not remove myself and escape from the germs that were being spewed out of the persons mouth. I contacted the company and requested that they make masks mandatory for customers and received a response that they only require masks to be worn by customers when the state or county require it. Seems that companies are only doing what the governmental agencies tell them they have to do. I reminded the person that I was communicating with at the company, that it was a government agency at the beginning of this that suggested not wearing masks. Cases are increasing and it sounds like the government is not going to shut things down again, so it seems like mandatory masks would help reduce the spread and send the message that this is not over and people need to take precautions if they are going to be around other people. Thank you for your time.			St Pete Beach	33706		saintpetebeach@aol.com	2020-06-17 09:21:43
Locking Pinellas County Back Down for COVA19	Please re-consider Phase 1 opening in Pinellas County - too many people are NOT following the guidelines set and although I know we are testing more - I also know more cases have been positive due to Phase 1 noncompliance. I am high risk at 63 with asthma and would like you to consider this - we do not have to re-open as other counties have - Phase 2 definitely should not be even remotely considered at this time.	Ellen Cox	2507 Meadowbrook Dr	Palm Harbor	34684	7276418923	ellencox56@gmail.com	2020-06-17 12:14:55
COVID-19 Safety	Please take further action to reduce the spread of coronavirus. The numbers continue to go up at levels that risk the safety of all residents. It's an alarming public health and safety crisis that requires action. Please require the use of masks - the data is clear that masks effectively reduce the spread. If we can ban smoking indoors and require seat belts, surely we can require face masks to prevent the spread of a lethal virus. (It's pretty clear the state lacks the motivation to take such action, but the County has been far more forward-thinking.) If the virus continues to spread at the current rate, we risk school closures, which will have serious consequences for students' academic, social and emotional well-being, but will also impact parents and caregivers. How can the economy recover if parents/guardians can't work? I hope the County will take swift action to protect residents, students and our economy. Thank you.	Michelle Robinson	1850 Castle Woods Dr	Clearwater	33759	7277999127	mrobinson@tampabay.rr.com	2020-06-17 10:43:47

Mask Requirement	<p>Commissioner Welch,</p> <p>I am writing you in the hopes that you will champion a policy that will make masks a requirement when in indoor spaces outside of the home within Pinellas County. Article after article and study after study have found that when widespread mask use is implemented (80% or higher), the transmission of the novel coronavirus can be severely limited to a point where the virus can be easily contained.</p> <p>Every day when I go into work I am filled with anxiety over catching the virus because the majority of my co-workers refuse to take the pandemic seriously by practicing social distancing or wearing masks. My wife has an autoimmune disease that may leave her more susceptible to the virus, so the thought of bringing home the virus worries me constantly. With cases rising sharply in both Pinellas and the Tampa Bay area I am at a point where I feel as though I will have to quit my job if something isn't done soon. I feel like I have to choose between my family's health or being financially devastated. Simply implementing a countywide policy of requiring masks to be worn in indoor spaces out the home could significantly change my situation.</p> <p>I wrote to the Chair last week and received a response from her aide stating: "The County Attorney has cautioned the commission of potential claims of unenforceability." I know that what the County Attorney says is important, but I also know that you have the ability to overrule them when it suits the best interests of Pinellas County residents. I hope you'll stand up for me and the many other vulnerable residents of Pinellas who just want to ensure our safety when we are at our place of employment.</p> <p>Thank you for taking the time to hear me out.</p> <p>Nick Carey</p>	Nicholas Carey	5320 10th Street N	Saint Petersburg	33703	7042580926	nscarey2@gmail.com	2020-06-17 21:08:25
Masks	<p>Can you please pass a ordnance that requires all businesses and customers to wear masks?</p> <p>The growth of the number of cases only supports basic science that supports wearing masks and avoiding indoor crowds.</p>	Stephen Loizeaux	PO Box 453, 303 S Mayo St	Crystal Beach	34681	5164461621	loiz3744@gmail.com	2020-06-17 18:08:25
Covid 19	<p>Mr. Eggers - Will you be discussing a Pinellas County response to the increase in cases over the last week at the next BOCC meeting? I would like to see mandatory mask use in public places, especially restaurants. I honestly thought that this was a requirement for re-opening, but I am apparently misinformed. A mandate on social distancing would be nice as well. I think "please do this" as a suggestion is useless. All you have to do is look around for the non-compliance.</p>	Bruce Insana, Esq	4725 Highgate Blvd	Palm Harbor	34685		bruceinsana@verizon.net	2020-06-16 16:40:50
Covid 19	<p>According to Florida's Community Covid Dashboard, during the week of June 6-12, Pinellas County suffered a 142% increase in covid 19 cases. Pinellas County has a large population of elderly residents who have the highest risk of dying from covid 19. Studies indicate that requiring masks in public decreases covid 19. We would like to petition the county commission to require masks be worn in public areas, as we feel this would decrease the risk of covid transmission in our county.</p>	Burrell and Norma Wood	1817 Bayou Grande Blvd NE	St Petersburg	33703	7275284015	burrellandnorma@verizon.net	2020-06-16 10:00:13