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Topic Agenda 17

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Topic SOE/Mask Mandate

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Topic Masks

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

I'm just so disheartened what masks have done to the community. It's brought out meanness I don't remember being there before. Maybe some people would stay home if it were removed, but since the meanness is coming from them and their irrational fear I'm starting to think that would be a good thing! I'm tired of our county being divided. Please stop this. Cases are going down everywhere with or without masks.

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Topic State of Emergency
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

Please allow the State of Emergency to expire and end the mask ordinance. We are 6 months into the "2 weeks to flatten the curve." The goal was not to prevent everyone in the county from getting sick. That is not even possible. The goal was to prevent hospitals from being overwhelmed. We have done that. Our hospitals have not been overrun, and we need to get back to normal. I have heard many claiming to "follow the science" say that the fact that another county without a mask ordinance has a higher covid rate means that the masks are working. You know that is not science. Science involves a study, preferably a double-blind placebo study. This is a study from 2015 on the effectiveness of cloth masks in preventing illness and filtering. Cloth masks did not perform well for either. "Laboratory tests showed the penetration of particles through the cloth masks to be very high (97%)." "Cloth masks resulted in significantly higher rates of infection than medical masks, and also performed worse than the control arm." And in this study, participants were washing their masks daily, which is NOT what most people are doing. "It is also unknown whether the rates of infection observed in the cloth mask arm are the same or higher than in HCWs who do not wear a mask, as almost all participants in the control arm used a mask. The physical properties of a cloth mask, reuse, the frequency and effectiveness of cleaning, and increased moisture retention, may potentially increase the infection risk for HCWs. The virus may survive on the surface of the facemasks, and modelling studies have quantified the contamination levels of masks. Self-contamination through repeated use and improper doffing is possible. For example, a contaminated cloth mask may transfer pathogen from the mask to the bare hands of the wearer. We also showed that filtration was extremely poor (almost 0%) for the cloth masks. Observations during SARS suggested double-masking and other practices increased the risk of infection because of moisture, liquid diffusion and pathogen retention. These

effects may be associated with cloth masks." Here is the full article:
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4420971/> Please
allow the citizens of Pinellas County to decide for themselves what
medical interventions are right for their own body. Thank you.

Citizen Name	Andrea Anderson
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Topic Mask Mandate

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

I email the commissioners every weekday with scientific support of my opposition to the mask mandate. Since I've read that they're supposedly taking a "regional" approach, I've also started emailing all of the Hillsborough County commissioners daily and will encourage the citizens of Hillsborough to start emailing the Pinellas County commissioners daily as well since "we're all in this together". I would encourage you to ignore the Mayor of Tampa and worry about your own constituents who you're supposed to represent. We're not interested in suffering the consequences of Tampa's poor leadership. We got no say in that and they should get no say for us.

Citizen Name Sally Meyer

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Topic	Mask mandate
BCC Agenda Date	9-22-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	Masks are proving to be very harmful, physically and emotionally. It is time to be done with the mandate!!
Citizen Name	Amber Simmons
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Topic	State of Emergency
BCC Agenda Date	9-22-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	Please end the state of emergency and associated mask mandates.
Citizen Name	Justin Lisenby
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Topic State of Emergency

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

I respectfully request the Board of County Commissioners let the current state of Emergency expire. Please resist Tampa Mayor Jane Castor's efforts to insert herself into our county business or partner with her or other local government entities for "regional" decisions regarding County Ordinance 20-14 ("mask mandate"). Additionally, we ask that Dr. Choe recuse himself, due to the conflict of interest of his department receiving funds as a direct benefit of the SOE. Lastly, I request immediate transparency in State of Emergency spending by the county administrator. The current state of emergency gives him tremendous spending latitude and the citizens are owed a simple explanation of how it has been spent.

Citizen Name Susan Mack

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Topic	State of Emergency
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Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	Please rescind the mask order. Please do not partner with Hillsborough County in continuing this nonsense. Free our citizens.
Citizen Name	Victoria Krivacs
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Topic	State of Emergency
BCC Agenda Date	9-22-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	I strong oppose the mask mandate! I have anxiety and can not wear one!
Citizen Name	Sarah Richardson
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Topic Local State of Emergency & Mandatory Mask Ordinance

BCC Agenda Date 9-22-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

This is a formal request to end the state of emergency and accompanying mandatory mask ordinance. Masks should be made optional so that those who choose to wear them can and those who cannot due to medical conditions, disorders, traumas and health concerns will not continue to be harassed, bullied and discriminated out in public. The public has taken it upon themselves to police this ordinance and it has been extremely out of hand with outrageous and sometimes potentially harmful behaviors that are completely unwarranted. Last week was the first time I went out to leisurely shop. I was welcomed into the store by an employee who greeted me and towards the end of my visit was having a nice chat with the cashier who was ringing me up when a woman came up behind me yelling at me about where my mask was. She was 2-3 ft from me and practically in my face angrily demanding to know the medical reasons for not wearing a mask. She stated she was a nurse and believed she had a right to my medical history in a very public setting (many people were paying attention as she was making a scene). I calmly replied to her and asked her to please respect my space but was left shaking and with even more stress & anxiety after the incident. This behavior is absolutely unacceptable and it's due to this county's unlawful medical device MANDATE. The citizens and this entire county is changing and not for the better. Remove the mandate and stop contributing to the division by allowing everyone the freedom to choose what is best for them as individuals. I formally oppose the mask ordinance and ask that the mandates end immediately.

Citizen Name Kelly Edwards

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Topic mask ordinance local state of emergency

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

I do not agree with the mask mandate I do not agree with the way normal citizen have become mask police and are attacking those who have medical conditions. Your rules have caused a divide in our county. Businesses do not honor exemptions and are discriminating. I traveled to Fort Meyer on Friday. The mask is optional there. In my travels I entered many stores and a couple restaurants. It was a mix of masked and not masked and nobody was being mean and vulgar to anyone. I do not understand why you are leaving it to the medical professionals to tell you when to end it. We have numbers you could base this on. We have % positive which has remained low. We have hospital that are not overwhelmed. There should be a criteria for removing's this mandate. It is not acceptable that you can not come up with a criteria for that.

Citizen Name Sherry Fiorenzo

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Topic Mask mandate

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

Please end the mask mandate! Please end mask mandate in school! You are harming our children!!!! It's child abuse. In light of the fact that Pinellas businesses are not respecting exemptions contained within your face mask ordinance, and in light of the fact that you've expressed no interest in repealing the ordinance regardless of what science and metrics dictate, until such time as you are required by a higher authority to end the mask ordinance, I would like you to add a SECOND emergency ordinance that : 1. REQUIRES businesses to honor exemptions listed in the ordinance and 2. PENALIZES individuals, either employed by a business or private citizens, for harassing or otherwise discriminating against people who are exercising their rights under the existing mask ordinance For the EIGHTH week in a row, I am asking you for a definition of "temporary" as your counsel described your face mask ordinance to a State judge in July. What specific metrics are you using to determine when to END the mandatory mask ordinance in Pinellas County? I am requesting that Dr. Cho be recused from further participation in determinations on when the ordinance should end, since he has a clear and direct conflict of interest. His department was the recipient of at least \$56m in funds as a direct benefit of the SOE. Please find an expert to advise you that does not have a direct financial interest in the continuation. As you never answer any questions from any citizens who disagree with you, these questions are stated publicly specifically to document the record as your refusal to answer these questions will ultimately be reviewed by authority higher than each of you. Your lack of response is disgusting, and likely ILLEGAL under Florida Sunshine Laws. You do not represent us. We'll see how long you can get away with this without intervention.

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Comments	Please end the mask mandate by allowing the current State of Emergency to expire
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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

The state of emergency needs to expire. And the mask mandate needs to end. Also, we don't need to be looking at what other counties are doing about their state of emergencies or mask mandates before a decision is made. We also need immediate transparency in State of Emergency spending by the county administrator. The citizens have a right to this transparency.

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Topic Mask Mandate And Sunshine Rule

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Your Stand on the Issue

Comments

END local state of emergency END ridiculous mask mandate
UPDATE on Barry Burton hiring process UPDATE on Janet Long
investigation for campaign law violations UPDATE on specific
scientific requirements to end mask mandate UPDATE on required
itemized list of expenditures for \$56,000,000 CARES ACT
spending by Department of Health UPDATE on Dr Cho being
removed as COVID advisor for conflict of interest THANK YOU to
Pat Gerard for not visibly soliciting opposition on Facebook or
other social media this week.

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Topic	SOE/mask mandate
BCC Agenda Date	9-24-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	Please cancel the existing SOE, removing the mask mandate, and enact a new SOE. Thank you
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Comments	Please remove the mask mandate in our county our children's health is at jeopardy. This has gone on long enough . It's time to resume normal living without fear and mandates. Thank you.
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Topic STATE OF EMERGENCY

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments Please lift the state of emergency in Pinellas County requiring citizens to wear masks. This has been going on too long, and no one is giving anyone a hint as to when it will end. Let those who WANT to wear masks have the option, but do not force this on the rest of us.

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Topic Please Repeal Mask Order

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments Please end the state of emergency and / or repeal the mask mandate. The virus numbers have reached the level where scientific consensus says restrictions can be eased. There is no justification for the mask mandate at this time. If the board has justification, then it MUST inform the public of that justification.

Citizen Name Pete Thompson

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Email

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Topic State of Emergency

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments Please allow the state of emergency to expire and remove the mask mandate! The people of Pinellas deserve to make thier own choices. Tell tampas mayor who was not nor would not be elected here to stay in her county, they have enough problems. Thank You

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Topic Mask mandate

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

Please re evaluate the need for the mask mandate. With the numbers down, I would like it to be The Choice of the people to decide whether or not they would like to wear a mask in public, or if they are able to maintain social distancing. The initial reasoning for the mask mandate was to help flatten the curve and not overwhelm our health care system, as a health care worker I can assure you that our health care system is under control. Now the risks of wearing a mask outweigh the benefits for individual health Thank you for your time!

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Topic	State of Emergency order
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Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	Please remove the mask mandate and state of emergency order.
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Comments	Please end the mask mandate by letting the current State of Emergency expire.
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Comments	End the state of emergency and mask mandate now.
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Once again I am respectfully requesting the Board of County Commissioners let the current state of Emergency expire. It's not right that Tampa Mayor Jane Castor's feels the need to insert herself into our county business. Tampa is NOT in our county. Let's end her nonsense insertions immediately. Lastly- having to wear masks all day has now physically affected my children and myself. We now have open sores inside both nostrils and said sores are spreading to the outside of our noses. Because of this I have to keep my children home from school to allow healing. THIS IS NOT RIGHT! I wash and sanitize our worn masks daily, therefore our sores are not from unclean masks. We residents are fatigued. We residents are STILL being bullied in public if we aren't suffocating ourselves with masks on. It's past time to take steps forward. Staying where we are is worse than drinking stagnant water. YOU are responsible for those of us that are being mistreated. It's nothing shy of abuse. End this mask mandate immediately.

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Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	I respectfully request that you end the State of Emergency in order to rescind the mask mandate.
Citizen Name	Donna Girard
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Carpenter, Katherine

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Topic	State of emergency/mask mandate
BCC Agenda Date	9-22-0202
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	I want the face mask to be voluntary not forced, feels like a form of control
Citizen Name	Kenneth Bade
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Topic State of Emergency/Mask Mandate

BCC Agenda Date 9-22-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

I do not agree with the mandatory mask mandate. This order infringes on our constitutional rights, and deprives us of our rights to make our own decisions for our body. Remember who voted you in, and who can easily vote you out. Our rights don't stop where your votes and opinions start. Stop ruining our economy and scaring your citizens. The data does not support your narrative anymore, stop beating a dead horse and open our county.

Citizen Name David McMullen Jr

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Topic State of emergency/mask mandate

BCC Agenda Date 9-22-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments I strongly oppose the mandatory mask mandate that is tied to the state of emergency. Lift or amend the emergency to allow for voluntary masks.

Citizen Name Sandra McMullen-Ecker

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Topic SOE and Mask Mandate

BCC Agenda Date 9-22-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

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Citizen Name Amanda Hollowell

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Topic	MASK MANDATE
BCC Agenda Date	
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	PLEASE END THE MASK MANDATE!!
Citizen Name	
Address	United States
Phone	
Email	

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Topic End the State of Emergency to End the Mask Mandate

BCC Agenda Date 9-22-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

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Citizen Name Aden Barnes

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Topic	SOE
BCC Agenda Date	9-22-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	End the mask mandate and make it optional. It is a discriminatory ordinance.
Citizen Name	
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Phone	
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Topic	State of Emergency-Mask Mandate
BCC Agenda Date	9-22-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	It is time to end the state of emergency and lift the mask mandate. The mask mandate is a violation of our civil rights and must be rescinded immediately!
Citizen Name	Sheryl Evarts
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Topic Mask mandate

BCC Agenda Date 9-22-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

Please let the health choices be that of the people again. People smoke, drink, eat fast food, all sorts of things that may put them at risk this is another thing that you may not agree a person should do whatever their choice is to wear one or not wear one, but it should be the individuals choice.

Citizen Name Gina Miller-Lane

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Topic	Mask mandate
BCC Agenda Date	9-22-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	Please remove the mandate. Enough is enough. People don't even wear them right so you know they are not affecting anything.
Citizen Name	Charles Lane
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Topic Please allow the State of Emergency (SOE) to expire instead of voting to end the mask mandate.

BCC Agenda Date 9-24-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments Please allow the State of Emergency (SOE) to expire instead of voting to end the mask mandate. If the SOE expires, the mask mandate will end with it. The Board of Commissioners will have the opportunity to implement a new SOE (without the mask ordinance included) immediately after it expires. On the other hand, if the Board of Commissioners vote to remove the mask mandate from the existing SOE, it would take a ton of time including a two week public notice and required advertisements, stretching it out until the election in November. We request the mask mandate to end as soon as possible considering it has dragged on for months already.

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Topic Mask mandate

BCC Agenda Date 9-22-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

Please remove the mandate my children should not have to live like this, we should not have to live like this, we should be given the option to choose to wear a mask or not. Before Covid if someone else was ill they took the precautions needed and not force everyone else to, there has always been immune compromised people in society. My 7 year old feels she is being punished because of Covid and can't play with her friends since children do not social distance they want to laugh and play. We should have the choice and the ones who need to wear a mask and they will feel protected. Us wearing bacteria filled sweaty masks will not change anything for them if they have theirs on, even though journal have published studies showing these masks offer protection. Allow us our civil rights back and have a choice in our medical care. And also please stop removing our HIPPA rights and we should not be subjected to tempature checks we did not agree for random people to treat us medically and that is a form of medical treatment.

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Topic State of Emergency

BCC Agenda Date 9-22-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

More and more about the use of Cloth Mask. "These are dangerous and inappropriate applications that greatly exceed the initial purpose of a cloth mask. We are concerned that many people do not understand the very limited degree of protection a cloth mask or face covering likely offers as source control for people located nearby." <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/04/commentary-masks-all-covid-19-not-based-sound-data> Your reasoning is getting weaker and weaker. You and your dr.s should be aware of what is fact.

Citizen Name Virginia Frizzle

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Topic State of Emergency

BCC Agenda Date 9-22-2020

Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

Let US out of the Mess you are making of our county! End now!
Masks are going to make our community sick. You are all under
Oath to Serve and you base everything of false numbers. why
because your Party is making you. I do not get you. CDC early
notice report out. Share with your Good Dr. Choe.
https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/10/20-0948_article#r16

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Topic	Mask ordinance/local state of emergency
BCC Agenda Date	9-22-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	I oppose the state of emergency designation for Pinellas County as Covid-19 cases are relatively low. I also strongly oppose the current mask mandate
Citizen Name	Nick Spears
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Topic	Local state of emergency, mask mandate
BCC Agenda Date	9-22-2020
Your Stand on the Issue	Oppose
Comments	No to the mask mandate.
Citizen Name	Sheryl Evarts
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Phone	
Email	

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Topic Mask Mandate

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

I am asking to end the mask mandate and state of emergency. Many, including myself, are experiencing discrimination and trauma over these mandates. I do not wear a mask as I have two legitimate conditions that allow me to be exempt; however, I experience degrading remarks from others and exclusion from some businesses. Those that continue to support these mandates demonstrates a lack of compassion for people like me and show others its ok to treat people like me as less than human. Yes, these are hard words, but this is my reality, and I know I am not alone. Its time to support all of your residents, especially for those that now must be forced to face hatred and discrimination.

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Topic Let the State of Emergency Expire

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Your Stand on the Issue Oppose

Comments

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Citizen Name Robert Helinger

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From: Quintana, Vanessa
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 8:06 AM
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Subject: FW: Online Customer Service Contact Us Form Result #18853189

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Direction of Inquiry Report a Problem

Subject Masks

Message

I really believe these mask mandates are causing more health issues than no masks at all. This mask mandate is causing people to constantly inhale unhealthy air. Exhaled air consists of 78 percent nitrogen, 16 percent oxygen, 4 percent carbon dioxide and potentially thousands of other compounds. This along with the moisture that builds up in the masks is causing us to breath very unhealthy air.

CDC told us in the beginning to stop trying to buy and wear N95 masks, saying they do nothing. Now for some reason it is now government's decision that we put masks on, any kind of mask. The schools are giving out cotton masks. These do absolutely nothing but suffocate you.

I was forced to wear a mask when taking a state certification test last week. It was a 6.5 hour test, and we were not allowed to take the masks off the entire test, because of government's mandates. I was getting light headed due to the lack of oxygen.

These masks are being hung from rear view mirrors, stuffed into purses, or laying on a car seat between uses. When they are on, people are constantly touching them (the same moist mask they have had on day after day), then touching door knobs, shopping carts, food at the grocery, etc.

No one with any type of honesty can tell me that this is a more healthy environment than going on with life without a mask.

I now know 9 people that had confirmed cases of Covid 19. All of them recovered, even the 2 that are in their late 80's, the one that is in his mid-seventies, over weight and with a heart condition. The others are people we know and had contact with time and time again. We never got sick at all. This is not some terrible black plague thing that is just indiscriminately killing everything it comes in contact with. It is time we stop acting like it is.

I urge you to resend this ridiculous mask mandate and government mandated social distancing. You are destroying people's lives. Businesses are failing. Get out of our way and let us be grown ups and live our own lives. Let us decide if a restaurants is too crowded for us to feel safe. Let us decide if we want to go to a concert, or sporting event. This Covid has an astronomically high recovery rate for everyone except people with compromised health conditions.

If people are fearful, let them restrict their own actions. Stop forcing us to accommodate these few.

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From: Dawn Bohler <bohler.dawn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 7:13 AM
To: rgualtieri@pcsonet.com
Cc: Eggers, Dave; Justice, Charlie; Long, Janet C; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth; Gerard, Pat
Subject: A request for the next commissioner's meeting

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Good morning,

As you know the climate of people is changing rapidly. I saw your video about understanding those that cannot wear a mask and even the commissioners discussed this in detail on Thursday. As one with PTSD and severe claustrophobia, I fall into that category.

Hearing about what happened to the one lady that called in who had her inhaler hit out of her hand, and the advice from one of the commissioners, I believe it was Commissioner Eggers, to call the police, I have a request. Would you discuss what type of situation would justify calling in for law enforcement help before it reaches the level of assault or battery? As the level of hostility rises on both sides of the issue, how can we be more proactive than reactive?

Yesterday I went to the store with my girls, we were fast as we only needed a couple of things, and my my oldest daughter who is almost 14 was talking to me after. She was watching and she said people were looking and was afraid if I had been alone someone would have said or done something. She felt her and her sister being with me is what prevented it, and I have experienced one situation already. My husband has been doing the bulk of the shopping for me given the situation, but it just wasn't possible yesterday as he was at work.

I wish we weren't at this point in our community but thought maybe if you laid out some education about conduct that could result in calling, maybe that would help people think about their behavior prior to acting it out. Might be a long shot but just thought I'd ask.

Thank you and stay safe,
Dawn Bohler
727-310-1103

Carpenter, Katherine

From: Sally Meyer <salimyter@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 4:28 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Case Decrease is Immunity, Not Masks

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Given that during the last meeting Mr. Welch said we'll have to "disagree on science" I feel I'm probably wasting my time with this, but here we go.

Today's topic is T-cell immunity:

Covid-19: Do many people have pre-existing immunity?

<https://www.bmj.com/content/370/bmj.m3563>

Public health responses around the world are predicated on the assumption that Covid-19 entered the human population with no pre-existing immunity. However, **at least six studies have reported T cell reactivity against SARS-CoV-2 in 20% to 50% of people with no known exposure to the virus.**

“Our hypothesis, of course, was that it’s so called ‘common cold’ coronaviruses, because they’re closely related,” said Daniela Weiskopf, senior author of a paper in Science that confirmed this hypothesis. “We have really shown that this is a true immune memory and it is derived in part from common cold viruses.”

When a population has people with pre-existing immunity, as the T cell studies may be indicating is the case, the **herd immunity threshold based on an R0 of 2.5 can be reduced from 60% of a population getting infected right down to 10%.**

Buggert’s study in Sweden investigated close family members of patients with confirmed Covid-19. He found T cell responses in those who were seronegative or asymptomatic. While around 60% of family members produced antibodies, 90% had T cell responses. (Other studies have reported similar results.) “So many people got infected and didn’t create antibodies,” concludes Buggert.

T cell studies have received scant media attention, in contrast to research on antibodies, which seem to dominate the news (probably, says Buggert, because antibodies are easier, faster, and cheaper to study than T cells).

T cells could be a key factor that explains why places like New York, London, and Stockholm seem to have experienced a wave of infections and no subsequent resurgence. This would be because protective levels of immunity, not measurable through serology alone but instead the result of a combination of pre-existing and newly formed immune responses, could now exist in the population, preventing an epidemic rise in new infections.

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From: Loretta Lane <llcycle01@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, September 18, 2020 3:19 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Masks Don't Slow the Spread: A Study

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I would like to highlight the number of COVID cases relative to the mandating of mask-wearing in the state of New Mexico. Gov. Michelle Lujan Grisham of NM ordered masks to be worn outside around May 17th (2). Exceptions were allowed for eating and exercising. Exercise exemptions were removed in early July (5). Please go to the graph listed in the references labeled 3. This site shows a graph of the reported cases in New Mexico. Now the graph clearly shows that peak cases happened AFTER the mask mandate was given.

What does this mean? One conclusion that can be made is that masks do not in fact slow the spread of respiratory illnesses.

If you are still not convinced by the case-number evidence, there are plenty other sources stating the same thing. Take the New England Journal of Medicine. "We know that wearing a mask outside health care facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection." (Klompas et al., paragraph 2). Or take a paper published in the CDC EID Journal, Volume 26, Number 5; published in May of 2020. "Our systematic review found no significant effect of face masks on transmission of laboratory-confirmed influenza." (Xiao et al., paragraph 14).

As many politicians say "The Science is Settled". Multiple laboratory studies over the years, and some analyses as soon as May of this year, have concluded that face masks do very little to nothing to stop the transmission and spread of respiratory illnesses.

Why governments, despite the evidence, are ordering mandatory mask wearing is beyond me to know why.

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Carpenter, Katherine

From: Jim <jimcarnrike@gmail.com>
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County Commissioners:

Please vote today to make masks optional.

When the county's mask mandate was initiated, the scientific evidence explaining that masks do very little to protect people from illness was not available. Since then, numerous studies have been done which reveal their ineffectiveness.

I understand some people need the placebo effect that wearing a mask provides them – great, they can wear a mask! Others who do not feel masks are necessary, can continue to maintain proper social distance and not wear a mask.

In recent days I see more and more people not wearing masks for health reasons. Wearing a mask definitely causes more health issues in many families than the risk of contracting COVID with proper social distancing and frequent hand sanitizing.

Achieve a WIN-WIN and vote to make mask wearing OPTIONAL!

While I am saddened by the deaths of those who succumbed as a result of an average of 2.6 co-morbidities combined with COVID, the numbers just don't warrant mandatory mask wearing on any level.

See CDC: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid_weekly/index.htm

<https://nbc25news.com/news/local/cdc-94-of-covid-19-deaths-had-underlying-medical-conditions>

<https://www.wfla.com/community/health/coronavirus/new-cdc-report-shows-94-of-covid-19-deaths-in-us-had-underlying-medical-conditions/>

Thank you for taking the breadth of data into account and making a sound decision to make mask optional.

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From: Michael Torop <rabbitorop@gmail.com>
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To: Eggers, Dave
Subject: Please Protect our County's Health - Keep the Masks

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Dear Commissioner Eggers,

I am writing to urge you to remain strong in the fight to maintain the safest possible county, to listen to the broad consensus of scientific, medical, religious and community leaders who need you to protect our citizens from the spread of the deadly Coronavirus Pandemic. As you and your fellow County Commissioners discuss whether or not the mandate to wear masks indoors in Pinellas County should be maintained, I urge you as both an individual citizen, a community leader, and on behalf of my congregation at Temple Beth-El to hold the line against all those who would put our lives at risk.

We are extremely proud of the progress we have made in Pinellas County in containing the spread of COVID-19. The drop in local disease and death rates are because we are wearing masks; wherever there are no masks (North Dakota/South Dakota, for example) the highest increases have been observed. A safe community will lead us to a stronger and more rapid economic recovery. If we stop wearing masks the risk of increased disease and death will rise again, as we have seen in other parts of the world, requiring repeated shut-downs.

We all know this just makes plain sense. Hillsborough County continues with a mask ordinance. And we heard today Mayor Jane Castor plea for Pinellas to maintain regional solidarity. In a regional economy with many people commuting between counties we need consistent mask mandates. Experts agree that the mask mandate is necessary for our tourism industry to come back. Our economy depends on being able to keep cases down and safely host tourists without exposing our residents.

Our religious traditions remind us again and again of our obligation to protect those who are most vulnerable, those who are on the margins of society, those who are least likely to have a strong enough voice to advocate for themselves. The highest infection and mortality rates are among people of color, the elderly, and essential service workers. These disproportionately harmed groups need us to mask up to protect their health and lives.

Wearing a mask may be a little inconvenient, but they are the best way to stop this disease, stay healthy and get our economy working again. It is the Commission's duty to protect public health, and mask ordinances are life-saving policy tools. I know that the County Commission has been hearing from very vocal anti-mask advocates emailing and calling in to public meetings, demanding the ordinance be repealed. That is why it especially important that you also hear me and the many other voices that reflect sound science, expert medical advice and an abiding concern for public health and safety.

Thank you for taking the time to read this appeal, and for continuing to serve our community with distinction.

Respectfully, and with the Blessing of Peace,

B'virvat Shalom,

Rabbi Michael Torop

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Michael Torop

Rabbi, Temple Beth-El

Our Sages teach: "If you save one life, it is
As if you have saved an entire world."

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