

Young, Bernie C

From: Carol Rodhouse <crothouse1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 5:51 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK]

Importance: Low

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Please keep the Mask Ordinance going. It is of the utmost importance that people keep wearing their masks in all indoor establishments. Keeping masks ordinance is essential.....please keep masks.

Thank you,

C. Rodhouse, Seminole

Young, Bernie C

From: stephanie messler <stephaniemessler914@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 8:38 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK] indoor mask mandate

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I am simply sending this note to stress the importance I feel of keeping the indoor mask mandate. At a minimum! It's working!.

Please continue to be proactive in keeping our numbers down. There is so much more to do, but as a minimum we should keep the indoor mask mandate. Why wait until the numbers go up and more people get very sick and possibly die to put the mandate back in place?

Please hear my urgency and keep the indoor mask mandate in place for Pinellas county.

Thank you
Stephanie Messler

Young, Bernie C

From: Fran Abilock <fran@abilock.us>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 9:49 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK] KEEP THE MASK MANDATE

Importance: Low

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I am a very active 70 year old who continues to volunteer with both the American Red Cross and the Guardian ad Litem Program. I have done this for about 20 years and have impacted hundreds of lives of those who cannot help themselves. You now have the opportunity to help thousands of Pinellas County citizens by keeping the mask mandate in place. MASKS SAVE LIVES.

It is not that much to ask for people to wear a mask when in public. Without it there is every probability that cases will again spike, more people will die and business will again have to close. We can maintain and even improve by just having everyone wear a mask in public.

Thank you for listening and I hope you will heed the science, not the loudest voices.

Fran Abilock

Young, Bernie C

From: lola ward <lolaward416@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 7:50 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK] Mask Ordinance

Importance: Low

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As a resident of Pinellas County it is important that we continue to wear masks in all indoor establishments. It's Public Safety.

Thank you,
Lola Ward

Young, Bernie C

From: Lynn Papineau <lpapineau59@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 10:36 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK] Masks

Importance: Low

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Please keep masks on indoors! It's a matter of public safety!

Young, Bernie C

From: Debbie Fountain <debbiefountain2010@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:05 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK] Vote to continue the mask requirement!

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Dear Ms. Gerard,

Pinellas county's covid 19 numbers have dropped since July because we the residents have worn masks and socially distanced, not because the virus is gone but because we have been diligent. The worst thing you can right now is to lift the mask requirement and give free reign to the virus again.

I implore you to listen to the doctors, not the noisy ill informed, and vote to continue the requirements to wear masks in public places. It's a public health necessity, not a political football. Please vote to protect the citizens of Pinellas county.

Respectfully,

Deborah Fountain



Virus-free. www.avg.com

Young, Bernie C

From: Rochelle Brudny <rbrudny@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 9:51 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Continue Wearing Masks, PLEASE KEEP THIS IN PLACE

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Please continue mandatory mask wearing in all public places. We are at a critical time in the spread of coronavirus. IT may be inconvenient, but evidence is that wearing masks helps keep infections down. Let's continue.

Thank you,
Rochelle Brudny

Young, Bernie C

From: Marie-Claude Bley <mbley1944@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 9:08 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Fwd: Masks

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> Dear commissioners

> Please keep the mask ordinance in place .it should not be a mater of politics but safety . It's a small sacrifice to wear a mask . People who object to this are selfish and don't consider the safety of other people , especially elderly .

> When we were a mask , we protect them .

> Sincerely,

> MC Bley

> Sent from my iPad

Young, Bernie C

From: Marie-Claude Bley <mbley1944@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 8:56 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Fwd: Masks

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Marie-Claude Bley <mbley1944@gmail.com>
Date: September 14, 2020 at 8:55:04 AM EDT
To: kwelch@pinellascounty.com
Subject: Fwd: Masks

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Marie-Claude Bley <mbley1944@gmail.com>
Date: September 14, 2020 at 8:52:14 AM EDT
To: Cjustice@pinellascounty.org
Subject: Fwd: Masks

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Marie-Claude Bley <mbley1944@gmail.com>
Date: September 14, 2020 at 8:49:27 AM EDT
To: janetCLong@pinellascounty.com
Subject: Masks

Dear commissioners

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Young, Bernie C

From: bapc74360@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 6:17 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Fwd: Repealing Mask Rules-TIME SENSITIVE

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Repealing Mask Rules - TIME SENSITIVE

-----Original Message-----

From: bapc74360@aol.com
To: deggers@pinellascounty.org <deggers@pinellascounty.org>
Sent: Mon, Sep 14, 2020 6:13 pm
Subject: Fwd: Repealing Mask Rules-TIME SENSITIVE

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From: bapc74360@aol.com
To: kwelch@pinellascounty.org <kwelch@pinellascounty.org>
Sent: Mon, Sep 14, 2020 6:11 pm
Subject: Fwd: Repealing Mask Rules-TIME SENSITIVE

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From: bapc74360@aol.com
To: cjustice@pinellascounty.org <cjustice@pinellascounty.org>
Sent: Mon, Sep 14, 2020 6:08 pm
Subject: Fwd: Repealing Mask Rules-TIME SENSITIVE

Repealing Mask Rules -TIME SENSITIVE

-----Original Message-----

From: bapc74360@aol.com
To: kpeters@pinellascounty.org <kpeters@pinellascounty.org>; janetclong@pinellascounty.org <janetclong@pinellascounty.org>; deggers@pinellascountt.org <deggers@pinellascountt.org>; kwelch@pinellscounty.org <kwelch@pinellscounty.org>; pgerrard@pinellascounty.org <pgerrard@pinellascounty.org>; cjustice@pinellascountt.org <cjustice@pinellascountt.org>; kseel@pinellascounty.org <kseel@pinellascounty.org>
Sent: Mon, Sep 14, 2020 6:05 pm
Subject: Repealing Mask Rules-TIME SENSITIVE

I understand that you, the county commissioners, will be voting on whether or not to repeal mask wearing in our county. I ask that you not repeal this ruling. Consider that our positivity rate of 4% only got to that level due to mask wearing, being one of the contributing factors. It is of the utmost importance that you keep in mind the consequences of what WILL happen if mask wearing is repealed; especially at the time when: **bars reopened today and restaurants are up to 50% capacity**. Yes, the economy is slowly opening up. However, keep in mind that things will close down, AGAIN when the virus surges. That's what will happen when more people get sick; along with those individuals who own a business. This will not help the

economy! Who then will run the business and what percent of people will be able to patronize establishments, even if they are open?

I just read this morning that the Dakotas lead the U.S. in virus growth; both rejecting mask wearing. This should be evidence of what occurs when people **do not wear masks**. **With doctors (science) predicting that there will be a surge in the virus during fall and winter, now is *not the ideal time* to repeal mask wearing.**

Please use your better judgment in making your decision. Don't just base your decision on the progress that we have made in getting the positivity rate to under 5%, as proposed by our mayor. Consider the progress that we will continue to make by keeping the current practice in place. There will come a time when mask wearing can be repealed, but this is not the time.

A very concerned citizen,
Beverly Campbell

Young, Bernie C

From: barbaralinder@hotmail.com
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Keep masks mandatory

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Please keep masks mandatory. They are working. Listen to science. Don't put the lives of Pinellas county at risk!

Young, Bernie C

From: julie hudson <auntjules12@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 8:41 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mandatory Masks

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Dear Ms. Gerard,

Although I sent a group email, I wanted to email you personally to stress my concern regarding the idea of repealing the mask ordinance and beg you to consider those of us that work with the public on a daily basis. So many of us don't have jobs that allow us to work from home and we have face to face contact with many different people all day long. When you passed the mask ordinance we were so relieved and so very **grateful**.

PLEASE do not undo this. I'm sure the people that want masks gone, are tired of having to put them on every time they go into a building. I get it. We are ALL tired.

But what about those of us that wear them for eight hours a day - we're there for those people that get to leave the building and take off their mask. **We stay behind**. Can't they just hold on a bit longer for us?

Thank you for taking the time to read this and for keeping those of us working with the public in your thoughts.

Sincerely,
Julie Hudson
Clearwater FL

Young, Bernie C

From: Jerry Fountain <jerrydfountain@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:27 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask Mandate

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Dear Ms. Gerard,

I am writing to you to ask that you oppose any action to remove the current mask mandate at this time.

As a scientist and retired professor, I think the data shows that we have not reached a point where this makes any sense. We opened schools just a few weeks ago and have not yet seen the results of this step. We are also opening bars, a common point of spread, and will not see the results of this action for a few more weeks. It is adding an unnecessary risk to remove the mask mandate at this time. The minor annoyance of wearing a mask can save lives and does not cause significant difficulty to the user.

I also understand that you are under a great deal of pressure to eliminate this mandate. I hope that you can see that this action will likely return us to a condition where we will see a significant increase in the spread of Covis 19.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Fountain, P.E

Young, Bernie C

From: Bill McManus <billmcman@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask Ordinance - please do not revoke

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I have just learned that the Pinellas County Commissioners are meeting this week to discuss revoking the ordinance requiring wearing masks in indoor locations.

PLEASE DO NOT REVOKE this ordinance until the number of COVID-19 cases is *so small that we are no longer at risk of contracting this dreadful virus.

I appreciate the fact that wearing a mask can be a pain (I don't like it), but so was wearing seatbelts (now it's second nature to us). The short term inconvenience of wearing a mask will be graced with (hopefully) a healthier population, thanks to the many small things we do to prevent spreading the virus.

To put a fine point on it, are you personally keen on you, or your family, or close friends contracting COVID-19 just because someone you don't even know was thoughtless and too arrogant to not wear a mask while (possibly unknowingly) COVID-19 positive? I doubt it. (And if your reply to that is that COVID is like having a cold, you need to educate yourself a bit more and do not deserve to be a County Commissioner).

Respectfully

Bill McManus
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Oldsmar, FL 34677
billmcman@gmail.com

Young, Bernie C

From: Harriet Stein <harnaomi@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 1:43 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask Ordinance

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Hi Gerard.

Masks are a health issue. The mask ordinance should not be rescinded.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Harriet Starr

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Thank you for all you do for Hadassah.

Harriet

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Young, Bernie C

From: Sr. Kathleen Beatty, SSJ <srbeatty@scosparish.org>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 9:23 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Mask wearing in public places!!!!

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This is a quick note to ask that you support the continued wearing of masks in public places until we get this virus under control. We do not need to become a "hot" state again. Thank you for your serious consideration of this issues and the varied possible outcomes of lifting that requirement.

Sister Kathleen Beatty SSJ

Pastoral Assistant

St. Catherine of Siena

Young, Bernie C

From: Imjacobus <imjacobus@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 8:19 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Cc: Imjacobus@aol.com
Subject: Please Extend the Mask Mandate

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Dear Chair Gerard,

My husband and I read that Board of County Commissioners is considering repealing the Pinellas County Mask Mandate. We **strongly encourage you to extend the mask mandate**. Not long ago, Florida was the Covid epicenter. The mask mandate has been the key to reducing our infection levels, and to making us feel safer. Yet, we are not out of the woods yet. This week friends in our "bubble" were exposed to a student who tested positive. One exposure grows exponentially to all those who were near or related to the positive person, the exposed people, and on it goes.

Bars will be reopening and schools are in session. These activities will increase our numbers. Reports show that the Tampa Bay Area has reached a plateau. We cannot travel to many states unless we quarantine for two weeks, due to Florida's numbers. Please do not repeal the mask mandate. We want our state to improve so we can travel once again.

If the mask mandate is repealed, my husband and I and many of our friends will no longer shop in local boutiques and other stores, we will not eat out in restaurants, and will also stop taking staycations to local hotels. The mask mandate has made us feel comfortable venturing into the world, and staying as normal as possible. If this changes we will hunker down in our home again, not spending money in the community.

Flu season will be upon us soon. Dropping mask requirements now is fool hardy. Read the science, not the politics. Keep your citizens safe. Even though we have lower levels of infection, Pinellas County's death rate is the highest in the state. We have lost close friends to Covid. Let's reverse the high death rate in Pinellas.

We encourage you to extend the mask mandate, so that your citizens and constituents can remain safe and alive. Covid is a terrible disease, with new side effects and long term impacts being discovered everyday. Compound that with flu season, and we will have a mess on our hands. A mask keeps you and me safe. Isn't that what we all want--to stop the spread of the deadly Covid?

Thank you for considering this issue wisely.

Ingrid and Keith Jacobus
100 1st Avenue North #2805
St. Petersburg, FL 33701
727-460-6399

Young, Bernie C

From: Carla Gregory <gregory.carla@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:19 AM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Please keep us safe, vote for masks!

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Please keep the mask ordinance! I am in several risk categories, have three young grandchildren in town, and my daughter is a primary care doc. We have felt safe with the existing ordinance. Please don't let it expire. Thank you for caring.

Carla Gregory
755 19th Ave N

Young, Bernie C

From: Louella Soudijn <dushi1865@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Gerard, Pat
Subject: Removal of mask in public areas

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I was made aware that Pinellas county is considered revoking the mandatory requirement to wear a mask in public. I would like to ask you to reconsider this matter.

Even though the cases are going down, there is plenty of evidence stating that wearing a mask is helping to control the spread of COVID-19.

Now that bars are reopening we will surely see an increase in numbers again.

It is unfair to put others at risk because some just consider this a flu and are not responsible enough to care for the well being of others.

Florida has an older population and we need to protect them as much as we can.

We can all say, well they should stay home but this pandemic is affecting everyone and staying locked up is also causing a lot of stress and depression.

Those that don't want to wear a mask obviously are not willing to give up anything and continue to live as if this is only about them.

Please remember we are a community and We all have to make adjustment during this time to help each other get through this.

Louella Soudijn

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Sent from my iPhone