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**From:** Deb Bloome <docbloome@docbloome.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 6:58 PM  
**To:** JanetCLong@pinellascounty.org; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** ASAP Re: Face Masks

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To the County Commissioners:

I am very concerned that the face mask ordinance is being considered to be rescinded. It seems that every time our numbers go down there is either a holiday or event and then the numbers go back up. I really don't care if groups who all agree to not wear masks don't as I strongly consider it survival of the fittest which in this case typically means those smart enough to wear masks are statistically more likely to survive and this belief is supported by science. It's interesting how those working in medical care are wearing masks and are faring better than those selfishly feeling their rights are being imposed upon. We are in the middle of a pandemic, approaching flu season and possibly the highest number of voters ever to come together, so this is not a wise time to stop wearing masks. As citizens, we are almost defenseless against COVID-19 yet face masks show a fair amount of protection. Why do most Pinellas county cities have slower speed limits through town? Isn't it to protect the citizens? Doesn't the speed limit cramp the rights of some? How was it decided to not smoke in the restaurants of Pinellas county? It would seem that at this time, that more people are likely to get ill or die from COVID-19 in the air than get ill or die from cigarette, cigar or pipe smoke. Wasn't this a decision made by vote? Why can't we vote on face mask wearing this election? We are approaching elections where it will be important that those who vote are safe and given the age range and health ranges how can this be done without face masks being required? Then there are concerns about going grocery shopping and getting other needs met though I suppose that we all can do most shopping through Amazon and let the businesses of Pinellas county dry up. How sad that those who want to support local businesses may not be able to do so when they have to consider protecting their own survival.

As Abraham Lincoln said July 1, 1854, "The legitimate object of government, is to do for a community of people, whatever they need to have done, but can not do, *at all*, or can not, *so well do*, for themselves -- in their separate, and individual capacities." I implore you, please keep us all safe, by mandating face masks to be worn in indoor establishments.

Sincerely,

Dr. Deborah Bloome

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**From:** Judith L StOnge <stonge756@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 8:42 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** [BULK] Keep face masks  
  
**Importance:** Low

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As an elderly couple, we are nearly imprisoned in our home due to our vulnerability. The only thing that keeps us relatively safe is the ability to find a few places where masks are consistent. Please do not rescind the face mask ordinance until are numbers are consistently better. At the minimum, wait to see what impact, if any, results from Labor Day.

Thank you.

Judith St. Onge RN and Barry Hedblom  
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**From:** Henry Goldhammer <henger65@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 5:31 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** [BULK] Keep Mask Mandate  
  
**Importance:** Low

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Please keep the mask mandate in effect for our health and safety.

Geraldine Goldhammer

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**From:** Fran Abilock <fran@abilock.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 9:51 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**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

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**From:** Ilene Robeck <irrobeck@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 3:57 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** [BULK] PLEASE CONTINUE THE FACE MASK MANDATE  
**Importance:** Low

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Please continue the face mask ordinance. This critical for the health of our citizens, our economy and our health care system

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. We have just begun to re-open and re-enter bars– we risk inviting the virus to spread more freely by encouraging more interaction without masks.
4. Hillsborough County continues with a mask ordinance. In a regional economy with many people commuting between counties we need consistent mask mandates. Committing to stopping this deadly virus is the surest path to full economic recovery.
5. We are a tourist economy – people will be coming here from all over the country and world. Adherence to the mask mandate will reduce the likelihood of disease transmission brought from areas experiencing a resurgence of cases.
6. The highest infection and mortality rates are among people of color, the elderly and essential service workers. These disproportionately harmed groups need us to wear masks to protect their health and their lives.
7. Wearing a mask is inconvenient, but they are the best way to stop this disease and get our economy working again. There are many precedents for rules that protect public health, such as anti-smoking laws. Mask ordinances a life-saving policy tool.

Ilene Robeck MD  
571-259-2057

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**From:** Keeley Sheehan <keeley487@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 4:19 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Continue the Pinellas County mask mandate

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Dear Ms. Williams Seel,

I am writing in support of continuing the mask mandate in Pinellas County, because it is essential in protecting our citizens at this critical time.

Dr. Angus Jameson, the medical director for Pinellas County Emergency Medical Services, described the COVID-19 as an unpredictable new disease that medical experts are still studying. Although disease rates are lower than they were at the peak of the pandemic, the epidemic is far from over. Consider the following:

1. 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.
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Thank you for your time,

Keeley LaForme  
Pinellas County resident

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**From:** Sue Rosenbluth <suerose72@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 6:20 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Face Mask Ordinance

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Dear Commissioner Seel,

I am asking that you please vote to keep the face mask ordinance in place. It is of utmost importance that people continue to wear face masks at ALL indoor establishments. Please show by your actions that you care to truly represent the health and safety needs of the citizens whom you represent.

Sincerely,  
Sue Rosenbluth  
Largo, FL

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** steve@skybeamenergy.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 12:41 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Face Masks,

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Dear Ms Seel,

As a resident of Pinellas County and business owner I am writing to urge you to vote to require that people keep wearing their face masks in all indoor establishments.

Thank you,

Stephen Wiseman

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**From:** stephanie messler <stephaniemessler914@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 8:40 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** 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

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**From:** Deborah Blanchard <missdebbie1247@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 8:48 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Indoor Mask Wearing Mandate

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PLEASE do NOT get rid of our indoor mask mandate because some people object to an infringement of their personal freedoms. Wearing seat-belts & speed limits are an actual infringement of our personal freedoms. However, they have been proven to lower accident casualties so they will continue to infringe on our personal rights!

Indoor mask wearing & social distancing are the only methods we have to decrease our chances of giving or getting Covid. They are working & decreasing the number of Corona virus infections in the county. Our number are indeed going down.

Sincerely,

Richard Blanchard, MD

Deborah Blanchard, RN

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**From:** Diann Stern <stern.diann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 1:15 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Keep Mask Mandate

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Dear Ms. Seel:

I understand that the County Commissioners are meeting soon to discuss lifting the mask mandate. I urge you to keep the mandate in place. The Pinellas county infection numbers are declining which is a good thing and is mostly due to the mask mandate. I do not want to see the mandate lifted, especially with schools and bars now open. Please, Please keep the mandate in place for now.

Thank you,  
Sincerely,

Diann Stern,  
Resident, Bacopa Bay Condominium

tel: 727-290-9112

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**From:** Jean Fusaro <jeanieptc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 3:27 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Keep Masks on

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Please do not reverse the mask ordinance in oldsmar. I'm a senior who can't afford to get sick

Keep masks on.

Jeanie Fusaro  
813-760-8869

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**From:** Jean Fusaro <jeanieptc@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 3:27 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Keep Masks on

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**From:** Janice Drinane <drinfamc@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 10:03 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** KEEP THE MASK MANDATE IN PINELLAS

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Dear Karen Seel and the Pinellas County Board Members:

I recently heard a tag line, which describes the way to prevent the spread of the COVID pandemic: "Mask it or casket it." This expresses our attitude toward the mandated wearing of masks. Our entire family, our neighbors, and my spouse and I do not want the Board to rescind the mask use mandate. The stakes are too high. Personal freedom does not mean granting others the freedom to selfishly endanger the members of the community. Please do not repeal the mask order!

Thank you for your attention to our concerns.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Drinane  
2909 Sunrise Dr.  
Clearwater, FL 33759

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**From:** Susan Schneck <susan.k.schneck@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 1:13 PM  
**To:** Gerard, Pat; Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Keep the Mask Mandate

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Dear Commissioners Gerard and Seel,

As a concerned county citizen I ask you to please keep the mask mandate in place. I've been so proud of the safety steps Pinellas County has enacted during this time even when our state's leadership has downplayed the priorities of wellness for all. Please continue doing what you know is right. We have made progress, but until we have zero cases, we are not finished with the need to take protective measures!

In addition to the logic that it's just the right thing to do if we really care about the well-being of everyone, we have promised potential visitors that it's our way of life in the just launched Visit St. Pete Clearwater tourism campaign, **Spread Out. Mask Up**. In words and illustrations, it promises that people are wearing masks as well as taking other precautions to help people feel safe about vacationing here: <https://www.visitspeteclearwater.com/info/st-peteclearwater-travel-awareness>

Certainly a lot of effort, planning, and expense has gone into this campaign that was designed to be used for a significant time period to bring higher levels of tourism, and income, to our county once again. Imagine people deciding to vacation here based on these promises only to arrive and find that masks are now optional in all the places they plan to visit.

I'm fearful what lifting the mask rule will do in our schools. A good number of parents objected to their students having to wear masks at school, and this would just fuel those objections all over again. Having a husband who teaches, I've heard first hand of the many difficulties teachers are dealing with in an already intensely stressful situation. I can't imagine what this would do to encourage that many more to leave their positions as they see yet another way in which they aren't being valued.

Once the rule is gone, should numbers rise again, it will be near impossible to reinstitute the mandate. Though this is not something we want to see happen, we can't be confident that it won't. Why go there, risking a relapse? There are many rules that keep societal order that may be "inconvenient" to many of us, yet of course we would not think of breaking them as the safety of our community would be negatively impacted. I just don't see how wearing a mask is any different.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Schneck  
433 20th Street SW  
Largo, FL 33770  
727-422-7600

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**From:** julie hudson <auntjules12@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 8:43 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Mandatory Masks

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Dear Ms. Seel,

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



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**From:** Jerry Fountain <jerrydfountain@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 11:32 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate

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Dear Ms. Seel,

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

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**From:** Nancy Snyder <nancws@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 3:17 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Mask mandate

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As citizens who are considered to be in the higher risk group, over 60 years old, my husband and I urge the commission to keep the mask mandate in enforcement. It is a very important part of mitigating the corona virus. We will soon be entering the flu season, and all due diligence must be done to save all lives. Thank you

Nancy Snyder

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**From:** Jennifer Fernandez, Ed.D. <jennfernandez@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 8:16 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Mask mandate support

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Dear Commissioner Seel,

I am writing to ask you to **extend the face coverings ordinance until this pandemic is over**. Numerous studies show that masks are effective in reducing the spread of coronavirus (research linked below for your review).

Public health is your responsibility and you must be accountable to the community in the face of this GLOBAL pandemic. It might be different if carelessly not wearing a mask only jeopardized that individual, but not wearing a mask increases the spread and exposes us all. You cannot leave this simple life saving measure up to personal choice when that means endangering the lives of others.

Furthermore, we know that between 30-50% of the spread of this virus is from asymptomatic carriers ([NY Times](#), [The Guardian](#), [Time](#)). These carriers do not have any symptoms and are unaware they are spreading the virus. Masks would ensure everyone is protected.

Here are just a few examples of reliable evidence that prove wearing masks will save lives:

[University of California](#)

[CDC](#)

[Stanford Medicine](#)

[MIT Medical](#)

[University of Maryland Medical System. About Masks and Coronavirus.](#)

[Hartford Health Care \(2020\). No Debate: New Study Shows How Masks Slow Spread of Covid-19.](#)

**You are elected to protect us as a community and in the face of a public health emergency the clear choice is to mandate and enforce public behavior that is proven to slow the spread and save lives. It is reckless endangerment otherwise.**

Sincerely,

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Jennifer Fernandez, Ed.D.

[jennfernandez@gmail.com](mailto:jennfernandez@gmail.com)

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**From:** sandra plevin <sjplevin@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 2:04 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate

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Dear Commissioner,

I am writing you to vote in support of the indoor mask mandate in Pinellas County. It is our best defense against Covid 19.

Sandra Plevin  
1019 Royal Troon Court  
Tarpon Springs, FL. 34688

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**From:** Bill McManus <billmcman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 9:42 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**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

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Bill McManus  
4929 Turtle Creek Trl  
Oldsmar, FL 34677  
[billmcman@gmail.com](mailto:billmcman@gmail.com)

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**From:** gordyhawkins@juno.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 4:46 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Mask Ordinance

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Hello Ms. Seel, please vote Monday to keep the mask order in place. This is about public safety, not politics. Thank you, Debby Lunt, Madeira Beach

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**From:** Pat <pat@patrickbrophy.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 6:55 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Mask ordinance

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I want to have the ordinance remain in place for wearing masks in all indoor establishments.

Thank you,  
T. Patrick Brophy

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**From:** Dsherm1 <dsherm1@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 9:25 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Mask Ordinance

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Dear Karen,

As a concerned citizen of Pinellas County, and for the health and safety of our fellow citizens, I am strongly requesting that the current Mask Ordinance be kept in place.

Thank you,

Dennis Sherman  
1349 Briargrove Way  
Oldsmar, Florida 34677



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**From:** charles gamble <csgamble75@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 1:24 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth  
**Subject:** mask wearing

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Commissioners Seel and Welch

I support your position to continue to the current mask wearing ordinance. It is clear to me that mask wearing has shown to be an effective way to slow the spread of the covid virus. In areas where mask wearing is mandatory, the covid spread has slowed. I hope you can convince your fellow commissioners of the need to "stay the course".

Respectively

Charles Gamble

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**From:** Janis Rosser <JanR@rosserlaw.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 10:58 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Masks

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Dear Ms. Seel,

I have been made aware that the Commissioner will be voting on the issue of wearing masks. Please express that it is not quite time to allow folks to go maskless. Soon but not now. I would not object to putting a time limit on it as it may assuage those that feel their rights are being violated. It is hard to determine a good time but I will just throw out November 5, after the election. It is possible that people will be afraid to vote in person without others wearing masks and will not have had the foresight to request a mail-in ballot. Thank you for your attention. Jan Rosser, 886 Weathersfield Drive, Dunedin 34698.

janr@rosserlaw.com

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**From:** Grace Peterson <gracesaieva@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, September 12, 2020 11:42 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Masks  
**Attachments:** 20200823\_105012.jpg

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Hi, I read that you are going to consider whether or not to extend the mask ordinance. I would really very much ask you to extend it. I have autoimmune issues and am already struggling. I limit where I go, no parks, restaurants, or social gatherings. It brings me great comfort to see everyone wearing masks at grocery stores and doctors appointments. I think the mask ordinance has been very successful and keeping it in place a little longer would be helpful. Even my two year old wears one! I know many people are vocal about not wanting masks, but I love them. I think they work and protect the elderly and people like me. Also, I have two big kids in school who are currently doing online school but will have to back when the 9 weeks of online are over. I would keep them home longer but we'd have to give up our seats at the magnet school and pur zoned schools are failing schools.

Thank you,

Grace Peterso

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**From:** Debbie Ray <debbie.ray23@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 5:07 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Masks

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I'm a nurse at All Kids! Please continue to keep us safe ! Flu season is around the corner. Continue with face masks!

Debbie Ray

Sent from my iPad

## Young, Bernie C

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**From:** Sandy Wilson <sandinher shoesfl@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 3:52 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Masks

**CAUTION:**

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I would like to sincerely request that you vote to keep the required mask ordinance in place at all Pinellas County indoor establishments. I sincerely believe we are doing better here because of such measures.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sandy Wilson

## Young, Bernie C

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**From:** Mickey Schwartz <mickey6600@msn.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 3:13 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Pinellas County mask mandate

### CAUTION:

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I understand that the County Commission will be meeting to discuss the continuation of the mask mandate. It seems that COVID-19 cases have stabilized in the county and that things are heading in the right direction. Thankfully, this is due to the restrictions that have been put in place. Now is not the time to pull back. Wearing a mask is the least we can do to save lives. To say that we'll remove the mask mandate and see how things go is a complete shirking of your responsibility as a leader. I implore you to continue the mask mandate for at least another 30 days and then re-evaluate the situation. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Michael Schwartz  
Palm Harbor

Young, Bernie C

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**From:** Rochelle Brudny <rbrudny@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 9:55 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Please Continue Mandatory Mask Wearing in Public

**CAUTION:**

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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. Appreciate your support of this!!!!

Thank You,  
Rochelle Brudny  
Dunedin Florida

Young, Bernie C

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**From:** Imjacobus <imjacobus@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 8:10 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Cc:** Imjacobus@aol.com  
**Subject:** Please Extend the Mask Mandate

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.Dear Commissioner Seel,

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



## Young, Bernie C

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**From:** Emma S. Cronin <emma.cronin@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 4:08 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Please Keep Pinellas Safe

**CAUTION:**

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Hi,

I understand that you have been urged, and plan, to consider [this Thursday](#) proposals to repeal the mask ordinance that was adopted to help stem the spread of COVID-19.

Please DO NOT repeal that ordinance. Instead, please follow the science that tells us this pandemic is nowhere near over, and may be poised to become much worse in the coming months.

Among other things, the data suggesting or reflecting recent reductions in community transmittal rates reflects reductions that must be attributed at least in part to the wearing of masks in public places in Pinellas County. If nothing else, it would be unwise to repeal the mask ordinance right on the heels of reopenings underway in schools, colleges and universities, not to mention the bar and restaurant reopenings also now underway in earnest.

It is beyond dispute that this is a reasonable measure to take to protect public health and safety under the circumstances. Our numbers are just now beginning to reflect that we are getting a handle on community spread. Repealing our county's mask ordinance must be delayed until we see how things work out in the coming fall and winter months.

Thank you for your consideration.

**Young, Bernie C**

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**From:** ronib2 <ronib2@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 6:09 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Please vote YES to kewping the madk ordinance

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Dear Commissioner Seal,

I lost my beloved brother, Jack, to Covid 19 on April 30, 2020. I don't want another person to suffer the painful loss of a family member, friend or neighbor.

Please vote to keep the ordinance that requires masks.

With deepest gratitude,

Roni Igel

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone

## Young, Bernie C

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**From:** Harvey J. Landress <h.landress@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 10:06 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Requeie masks

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Karen,

Please vote at the next commission meeting to continue to require masks in Pinellas County. Those of us at high risk for the coronavirus need this added layer of protection when we must go out. Thank you.

Harvey Landress  
h.landress@verizon.net

## Young, Bernie C

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**From:** janjeffb@aol.com  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 4:54 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** stopping of masks indoors

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I am begging you NOT to allow the end of wearing masks. I am 63 and have been in my latest battle with Cancer since 2011. I still go for Chemotherapy every 28 days and will continue to go for the rest of my life. I can be treated, but not cured. I want to be here for as long as possible to watch my grandchildren grow.

I fear that without the required masks I will not be able to leave my house.

Please, Please do not allow this to happens. Everyone deserves a long and healthy life.

Thank you for reading my plea

Jan Brandeis  
Pinellas county resident

## Young, Bernie C

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**From:** Ava Grubman <aGrubman@StellarNet.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 12:28 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Thank you

**CAUTION:**

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Karen

Thank you for standing firm on the mask issue. Most of us only heard about the pending decision to revoke the mask mandate over this past weekend. I hope you've seen a slew of emails since then as many of my friends and neighbors are aghast at the idea of revoking this important ordinance.

I hope you and Ron and the boys are safe and healthy. Jason and Melissa had to postpone their wedding and right now all is up in the air.

Stay strong, it's crazy out there.

Always my best,

Ava Pierce

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## Young, Bernie C

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**From:** Debbie Fountain <debbiefountain2010@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 11:10 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Vote yes to wear masks

**CAUTION:**

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Dear Commissioner Seel,

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](http://www.avg.com)

## Young, Bernie C

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**From:** Linda Hansen <hansenpurplelady@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 7:22 AM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** Wearing masks

### CAUTION:

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It is of the utmost importance that people keep wearing their masks in all indoor establishments. This should not be involved with political rights. This people who think that mask wearing is an infringement of their rights are wrong.! This is about keeping us all safe and healthy. Our positive cases are dropping but it is not yet time to give in and throw in the towel. We must continue to persevere on this path for as long as it takes to defeat this terrible virus that has killed so many and effected us at in do many ways. NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO GIVE UP!

## Young, Bernie C

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**From:** Jean S. Snoke <wk7seven@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 1:25 PM  
**To:** Seel, Karen  
**Subject:** wearing masks

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You should keep the 'wearing masks indoors' policy in place. Kids are going back to school and some businesses are reopening. We should keep this proven safeguard in place. Perhaps you could revisit this policy in another month or so.

Jean Snoke  
2168 Waterside Dr.  
Clearwater, FL 33764