

Young, Bernie C

From: Crystal Mason <crystallm76@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 8:55 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth; Gerard, Pat
Subject: [BULK] Please Keep Mask Mandate
Importance: Low

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I request that you please keep the mask mandate in Pinellas county. I work in a hair salon and cannot maintain 6 ft distance. I believe the masks have made a huge difference. You can't trust people will make the right decision(like the governor thinks) because they only think of themselves, not others. Please, it's for everyone's safety.

Thank you,
Crystal Mason

Young, Bernie C

From: shmoozerh@aol.com
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 1:28 PM
To: Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth; Seel, Karen
Subject: Continuation of Pinellas County Covering Ordinance

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Dear Pinellas County Commissioners,

I am aware that the Board of Commissioners may be considering whether the ordinance referenced above should be continued or abandoned.

My understanding is that there is some sentiment and possibly pressure from citizens to discontinue the ordinance as they believe that the requirement to wear a mask indoors is an infringement on their rights. I implore you to continue the face-covering requirement, or even to increase the situations under which one must wear a face covering to be more comprehensive and protective.

Science has proven that the COVID virus is spread through droplets that are airborne and they travel far greater distances than originally thought. Also, wearing a mask greatly reduces the chance that a person infected will spread the virus. since it has been discovered that person can be infected and contagious without even having symptoms, it is more critical that everyone wear a mask to protect from becoming ill and to prevent the spread from a symptomatic carriers.

Respected medical journals, such as the New England Journal of Medicine, are publishing scientific articles with significant data proving that wearing masks greatly reduces transmission.

As our children and teachers go back to school and our restaurants and bars re-open, please do not allow for the removal of face coverings to be another piece of tinder on this fire.

Please consider our community's need to continue the Ordinance that was so wisely adopted.

Regards,

Susan Herron

Young, Bernie C

From: Stephen Warren <swarren092@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Welch, Kenneth; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Justice, Charlie; Peters, Kathleen
Subject: covid-19 mask ordinance

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To the county commissioners:

It is with dismay that I understand that the Pinellas County commissioners is considering repeal of the ordinance requiring wearing of face masks indoors due to covid 19. Please do not make the mistake of thinking that this is a restriction of anyone's rights. No one has the right to potentially spread this deadly virus to another person. Individual freedom also carries the responsibility to act in a manner that does not cause harm to others.

Yesterday, a beautiful Sunday, I attended by zoom a funeral for my dearest friend of over 50 years. He died after struggling for a month, unconscious, with a breathing tube down his throat in an ICU of COVID 19. He was a well known 71 year old physician in West Palm Beach. It was not his time. This did not have to happen if people followed the science and did not allow taking simple precautions to become a test of political will.

No one is exempt from this disease, it could be you or your parent, child or spouse. We know that indoor spaces are problematic allowing for unsuspected transmission of this virus. We also know that wearing masks in public spaces, especially indoors reduces the spread of disease. Please learn from the experience of others and do the right thing.

DO NOT REPEAL THE COUNTY MASK ORDINANCE.

Sincerely,

stephen Warren, MD

Young, Bernie C

From: Susan <jtraub1@tampabay.rr.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:26 PM
To: Peters, Kathleen; Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave
Subject: Face masks

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Please do not rescind the face mask ordinance. It should not be political since it's about public safety and concern for others during this pandemic. It is of utmost importance that masks should be worn in indoor establishments -to protect others as well as ourselves.

Thanks
Susan Traub

Young, Bernie C

From: Tami Tutton <tamitutton@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 9:16 PM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: face masks

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I have been a nurse for a long time. I am now a business owner in Largo, Fl. If you politicize mask wearing you are failing your community. Science matters and if you listen to the real scientists you understand the importance of wearing a mask. I will remember how all of you vote. I hope you can find it within your heart to protect people like my 74 year old mom who still works in the medical field not because she has to but because she cares.

Thank you,
Tami Tutton
Indian Rocks Beach

Young, Bernie C

From: Joe Gillespie <joegill1000@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Face Masks

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To all Pinellas COunty Commissioners:

Please keep the face mask ordinance in place until health officials say it is OK to do without. We have been very careful to this point and there is no reason to stop. It may be inconvenient and hot at times, but keep yourself and others safe!

Respectfully,
C. Joseph Gillespie
1000 Gulf Blvd
Indian Rocks Beach, FL 33785

Young, Bernie C

From: jamieson lindenburg <jamielindenburg@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 9:53 AM
To: Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Mask Mandate

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Good morning wonderful Commissioners,

It is my understanding that there is a vote soon to "roll-back" the mask mandates here in Pinellas?

I believe our current numbers after the summer spike only show how FAST you acted as Commissioners, and how brave we were as citizens to mask-up in Pinellas. It seems like common sense that we continue these public safety measures until we've made it past the holidays, flu-season, and little ones back in school safely.

I not only grew up here in St. Pete, but went to grade-school with many of YOUR children and we now have children of our own. Please vote with your hearts and keep citizens safe and creatively motivated to stay "Pinellas-Strong" until we beat this thing.

Doing our part every day,
Jamieson Lindenburg
727-458-2431

Young, Bernie C

From: timbradshawandernie@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 1:33 PM
To: Peters, Kathleen
Cc: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Mask Mandate Vote

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Dear Commissioners,

I read with interest a recent article in the Tampa Bay Times stating that you are considering removing the mask mandate in Pinellas County. I hope you will keep the mask mandate in place until the positivity rate reaches 0% or a vaccine is available. I only recently started feeling comfortable enough to do my grocery shopping in person. I have been using delivery services from the middle of February until Labor Day. It is more expensive and difficult. I did this because I am in a high risk category and elderly. I agree that masks are troublesome but they do save lives. A 5% positivity rate does not mean the virus is defeated. It only means that 1 out of 20 people tested as positive with Covid-19. As long as the virus is around and as long as vulnerable people can be exposed, we are still in serious trouble.

Please do not let the anti-mask advocates dictate your action. Listen to the scientists.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Timothy C. Bradshaw
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Young, Bernie C

From: Jeremy Haicken <jeremyhaicken@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 6:33 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Cc: Vivian Haicken
Subject: Mask Ordinance: DON'T RESCIND

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Dear Pinellas County Commissioners,

Please do not rescind the mask ordinance you wisely put in place. When we let our guard down in June and July, cases spiked across our whole state and thousands of people died as a result. I attended a funeral on Friday of the husband of a co-worker of mine who contracted COVID in early July.

My 73-year-old mother lives in Belleair Bluffs in Pinellas County. And although I now live in Winter Park, I visit home in Pinellas often. I want my mom to be safe and healthy - and not worried about getting sick from a trip to the grocery store.

We all want to go back to normal, but masks are keeping us safe. Another spike in cases - especially broadcast on national news - will keep tourists away and the economy suppressed for many more months.

Stick to the wise course you chose: require masks until a vaccine or cure are found.

Sincerely,

Jeremy Haicken

Young, Bernie C

From: Susan Warren <samsmom8@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Long, Janet C
Cc: Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Mask ordinance PLEASE

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Dear Commissioners,

Please continue the mask ordinance in Pinellas County for the safety and health of all individuals. It is completely unsafe to be anywhere in public without a mask. There are individuals walking around with Covid who are asymptomatic and without a mask can infect and cause the death of others. Wearing a mask is the responsible behavior of every citizen of society to protect others. PLEASE maintain the mask ordinance. Thank you

Sincerely,

Susan Warren

Young, Bernie C

From: Bruce Lowitt <brucelowitt@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 1:07 PM
To: Gerard, Pat; Long, Janet C; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Peters, Kathleen
Subject: Masks

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I was tired of having to wear a seat belt until I realized it saved my life when a truck slammed into the side of my car and sent me careening into a stanchion in New York in 1972. I wouldn't think of driving or riding without one, despite the occasional discomfort, not to mention wrinkled clothes. Likewise, I'll wear a mask because it might save lives - not necessarily my own but someone else's, and I would hope others would think the same of me as long as this pandemic exists.

Perhaps you should think the same way and maintain the mask ordinance.

Bruce Lowitt, DGW
355 Holly Hill Road
Oldsmar, FL 34677

Young, Bernie C

From: Matthew Haicken <Matthew@haickenlaw.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 12:00 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Cc: Viv H
Subject: masks in Pinellas County

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Dear Pinellas County Commissioners:

I recently learned that there will be a vote on whether or not to rescind the mask ordinance.

I grew up in Pinellas County and my mother still lives there. Please keep the mask ordinance in place. Do you really want our dear county to become the epicenter of Covid?

Please consider how your actions will be viewed by your children and future generations. For those of you who have aligned yourself with Trump and DeSantis, it is not too late to do the right thing.

Sincerely,

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From: john medeiros <jmede1949@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Gerard, Pat; Eggers, Dave; Long, Janet C; Welch, Kenneth; Seel, Karen; Justice, Charlie; Peters, Kathleen
Subject: masks

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Mask wearing is a proven method for preventing the spread of covid-19.

I urge you to keep the mandate in place as long as necessary. I fail to see a logical reason not to wear them. We have over 190,000 people dead in the US and more dying every day. Thank you.

John Medeiros
Dunedin

Young, Bernie C

From: Deirdre Treacy <deirdretreacy1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 9:13 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Please keep Mask Ordinance In Place

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As we work towards a vaccine, public safety should still be a priority.
Please vote to keep the mask ordinance in place.

thank you,
Deirdre Treacy

Young, Bernie C

From: Kelly Nelson <ksn@fulbrightmail.org>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 11:03 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Eggers, Dave; Justice, Charlie; Peters, Kathleen; Seel, Karen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Please vote to keep us safe

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Masks protect our community. We need them to keep healthy.

I lost a 39 year old friend to COVID in August. Consistent masks mandates may have prevented her from contracting this highly infectious virus.

Please support mandatory mask wearing.

Kelly Nelson

Safety Harbor

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Young, Bernie C

From: Manju Das <manjpd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, September 14, 2020 8:32 AM
To: Long, Janet C; Gerard, Pat; Justice, Charlie; Eggers, Dave; Seel, Karen; Peters, Kathleen; Welch, Kenneth
Subject: Wearing face masks saves lives!

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I am requesting that wearing of face masks be required as it is a minor inconvenience that can help save lives. My husband is a Pulmonologist/Intensivist who is working in ICU and is doing his best to save lives and too frequently witnessing the demise of lives from this terrible infection!

Sent from M. Das's iPhone