

**From:** [Vandenberg, Courtney](#)  
**To:** [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)  
**Subject:** FW:  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 5:22:23 PM

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**From:** jrambo2@tampabay.rr.com <jrambo2@tampabay.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 5:16 PM  
**To:** Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:**

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Mr. Justice, Please protect the citizens of our community by continuing the mask mandate. Betty Rambo

**From:** [Vandenberg, Courtney](#)  
**To:** [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Fight to KEEP the mask mandate for Pinellas County!  
**Date:** Monday, September 14, 2020 5:34:02 PM

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

From: Elsa Trembour <trelsa@verizon.net>  
Sent: Saturday, September 12, 2020 9:07 AM  
To: Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
Subject: Fight to KEEP the mask mandate for Pinellas County!

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Charlie,  
Please know it is important that the mask mandate continue!

FOLLOW the Science!

Thank you,  
Elsa Trembour  
50 Coe Road, 323  
Belleair  
33756

Sent from my iPad

**From:** [Vandenberg, Courtney](#)  
**To:** [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Keep Mask Mandate  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 5:20:38 PM

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**From:** Diann Stern <stern.diann@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 1:13 PM  
**To:** Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Keep Mask Mandate

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Dear Mr. Justice:

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

**From:** [Vandenberg, Courtney](#)  
**To:** [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Maintain Masks indoors!  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 5:22:53 PM

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**From:** DEBRA ROTHBERG <drothbe1@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 10:09 AM  
**To:** Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Maintain Masks indoors!

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Dear Commisioner,

I realize you are discussing Indoor requirements for masks at upcoming commissioners meeting. It is **is of the utmost importance that people keep wearing their masks in all indoor establishments!** It has been shown that wearing mask reduce the transmission of Covid 19. For the safety of our community we need to Keep this ordinance in force!!

As a concerned citizen and nurse I implore you to think of your fellow man so we do not have to deal with disease in the long term by reducing the transmission at present.

**From:** [Vandenberg, Courtney](#)  
**To:** [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mandatory masks during covid-19  
**Date:** Monday, September 14, 2020 12:29:52 PM

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**From:** phigest@aol.com <phigest@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 11:52 AM  
**To:** Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Mandatory masks during covid-19

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Good morning, as a practicing physician in Pinellas County for almost 40 years, and a board of trustee member at Largo Medical Center, please consider keeping masks in place. This has helped lower the amount of infected patients and made it easier for all of us to treat our patients. Thank you, Steve igel MD

**From:** [Vandenberg, Courtney](#)  
**To:** [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mandatory Masks  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 11:54:24 AM

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**From:** julie hudson <auntjules12@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 8:40 PM  
**To:** Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Mandatory Masks

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Dear Mr Justice,

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

**From:** [Vandenberg, Courtney](#)  
**To:** [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Mask Ordinance  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 12:30:03 PM

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**From:** Norman Hatter <revnormh@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 10:58 AM  
**To:** Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Mask Ordinance

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Dear Commissioner Justice

As we review our daily news, the burgeoning count of people who have died as a result of the COVID-19 coronavirus appears and may be viewed with mixed feelings. There is sadness, for the loss of life, particularly “out of order” so to speak, is always sorrowful, even when we do not know those who have died. The numbers are astonishingly large, approaching 200,000 souls on a national level and more than 700 here in Pinellas County. However, one also suspects a certain numbness may have a tendency to creep in, inuring us to the regularly experienced impact of this information. And in such a state, we may find our basic human sensitivities have a propensity to become compromised.

As you consider voting on whether to continue having people wear masks while occupying interior public spaces, I strongly urge you to vote in favor of the option that may potentially save a human life, in the spirit of demonstrating care for your neighbor whom you may not know. That is, one should wear a mask for the sake of our neighbors.

Many Blessings,  
Rev. Norman Hatter

**From:** [Vandenberg, Courtney](#)  
**To:** [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)  
**Subject:** FW: masks  
**Date:** Monday, September 14, 2020 12:28:53 PM

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

From: Claire Stiglitz <claire.stiglitz@gmail.com>  
Sent: Sunday, September 13, 2020 12:03 PM  
To: Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
Subject: masks

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Commissioner Justice,

The only way to get a handle on the corona virus spikes and spread is by wearing a mask and social distancing. It is completely irresponsible for government leaders to rescind that requirement. My granddaughter is in person at school. Will the mask requirement be ended for her as well? She feels very safe going to school, social distancing and wearing a mask. I can't imagine why someone would want to get rid of masks. Is wearing a seat belt an infringement of freedom? I don't think so. Wearing a mask is critical. Other countries who have been very strict about mask wearing have few or no cases of covid. Is 1000 cases a day an acceptable number in the US? Why? Please vote to keep the ordinance in place in all indoor establishments. The science is clear.

Claire Stiglitz



**From:** [Vandenberg, Courtney](#)  
**To:** [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)  
**Subject:** FW: PLEASE RETAIN the Coronavirus Mask Ordinance!  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 12:20:15 PM  
**Importance:** High

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**From:** edit4food <edit4food@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 16, 2020 12:08 PM  
**To:** Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** PLEASE RETAIN the Coronavirus Mask Ordinance!  
**Importance:** High

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Dear Commissioner Justice,

I was alarmed to read that the Board of County Commissioners is considering repealing the Pinellas County mask requirement! This at a time when:

- Kids are returning to school
- Flu season is coming
- Restrictions on bars are loosening
- Early voting will start on October 19
- The virus is still out there!
- We have no vaccine yet

These factors are likely to INCREASE the risk in coming months! Pinellas numbers have flattened, and **masks are probably what helped** bring our numbers down. But dropping the mask requirement prematurely will allow it to flare again.

Wearing a mask is an incredibly minor, minimally invasive, and easy thing to ask the public to do in the face of such a virulent virus!

**Masks work** to keep the infection rate down. Now is not the time to drop our guard! **Please continue to require masks in public places in Pinellas!**

NANCY ARMITAGE  
308 LAKE PLACID CT  
OLDSMAR, FL 34677  
727-492-2042 (CELL)

**NOTES:**

According to *Tampa Bay Times* research statistics, our COVID-19 recovery is **stalling**:

- **The COVID-19 recovery is stalling in Tampa Bay. Here's how we know.** ANALYSIS: DATA SHOW A TROUBLING CHANGE IN PINELLAS AND HILLSBOROUGH — A SUDDEN LACK OF PROGRESS.

<https://www.tampabay.com/news/health/2020/09/10/the-covid-19-recovery-is-stalling-in-tampa-bay-heres-how-we-know/>

Florida's recovery from the worst of the coronavirus pandemic is **slowing down**, and **Tampa Bay finds itself** at a **near complete stop**. This pause in what had been a steady descent from the outbreak's peak **could spell trouble, especially for Pinellas**, where the disease has already taken an outsized toll on elderly residents.

Of all counties to see this improvement stop, Pinellas County is among the most worrisome. The coronavirus has killed patients in Florida's sixth-largest county at a disproportionate rate. About **3.4 percent of Pinellas cases have been fatal**, the **highest rate in Florida's 20 largest counties** and double that of neighboring Hillsborough.

According to Dr. Anthony Fauci, the nation's leading infectious disease expert:

- "Masks are not 100 percent protective. However, they certainly are **better than not wearing a mask**. Both to prevent you, if you happen to be a person who maybe feels well, but has an asymptomatic infection that you don't even know about, to **prevent you from infecting someone else**," Fauci said.

"But also, it can protect you a certain degree, not a hundred percent, in **protecting you from getting infected from someone** who, either is breathing, or coughing, or sneezing, or singing or whatever it is in which the droplets or the aerosols go out. So **masks work**," Fauci added.

"The important thing is actually physical separation," Fauci said, adding that the combination of social distancing **and face masks** is the **best way** for the public **to mitigate the spread and reduce transmission** while maintaining some normalcy by venturing in public.

<https://thehill.com/changing-america/well-being/prevention-cures/502890-fauci-why-the-public-wasnt-told-to-wear-masks>

The evidence can't be any clearer that face **masks work** against coronavirus:

- Of all the coronavirus tips we've heard since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic some six months ago now in the US, one of the most essential has been the guidance to **wear a face mask** when you're outside of the home and can't socially distance from other people.

<https://bgr.com/2020/08/11/face-mask-effectiveness-against-coronavirus-in-kansas/>

Cc:

Commissioner Janet Long (Dist 1)

Commissioner Pat Gerard (Dist 2)

Commissioner Dave Eggers (Dist 4)

Commissioner Karen Williams Seel (Dist 5)

Commissioner Kathleen Peters (Dist 6)

Commissioner Kenneth Welch (Dist 7)

**From:** [Vandenberg, Courtney](#)  
**To:** [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Require masks  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 12:41:40 PM

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**From:** Harvey J. Landress <h.landress@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 10:05 AM  
**To:** Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Require masks

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Charlie,

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](mailto:h.landress@verizon.net)

**From:** [Vandenberg, Courtney](#)  
**To:** [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)  
**Subject:** FW: URGENT - please extend mask use in Pinellas County  
**Date:** Monday, September 14, 2020 12:29:16 PM

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**From:** Jody Sherman <jds5754@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 13, 2020 11:58 AM  
**To:** Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** URGENT - please extend mask use in Pinellas County

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*Mr, Justice,*

*As a concerned citizen residing in Pinellas County, East Lake Woodlands, please know that it is of utmost importance that people keep wearing their masks in all indoor establishments.*

*Do not do away with this county wide rule, and in fact, please consider expanding the use of masks to include outdoor areas. Recent drive by visits to the Dunedin Causeway and downtown Dunedin found most (90%) not wearing masks while not social distancing in the least.*

*We need your help to stay safe until a proper vaccine is ready for use.*

*Thank you for your consideration.*

*Jody Sherman  
1349 Briargrove Way, Oldsmar, FL 34677*

**From:** [Vandenberg, Courtney](#)  
**To:** [Comments, BCC Agenda](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Vote to continue wearing masks  
**Date:** Tuesday, September 15, 2020 9:18:10 AM

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**From:** Debbie Fountain <debbiefountain2010@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 14, 2020 11:07 PM  
**To:** Justice, Charlie <cjustice@co.pinellas.fl.us>  
**Subject:** Vote to continue wearing masks

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Dear Commissioner Justice,

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



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