

Subject	Message	Your Name	Your Street Address	City/Unincorporated County	Zip Code	Your Phone Number	Your Email Address	Date
mask ordinance	<p>Dear County Commissioners:</p> <p>I am grateful for everything you do to make decisions in our county. I beg you DO NOT TAKE AWAY THE MASK ORDINANCE.</p> <p>I know that you are hearing from some angry constituents but there are many more of us who appreciate the mask requirement and it has obviously helped our positive rates to go down. Please save the ordinance, it is saving lives!!!!</p>	Kelly Campbell	2640 ENTERPRISE ROAD E. APTB2	CLEARWATER	33759	7277413945	campgirl1959@gmail.com	2020-09-14 08:26:28
Mask ordinance	<p>Good morning</p> <p>I believe that the mask ordinance should remain intact. We have slowed the spread of the virus and improved our numbers. Why would we want to undo that great work</p> <p>People are getting out and shopping and doing things to renew our economy. We need to keep people safe in that process</p>	Marlene wain	3913 Erne st	Palm harbor	34683		mwain120@gmail.com	2020-09-14 08:19:57
Mask Ordinance	We are in a marathon not a sprint with COVID-19. There is no cure. If you are among the 5% who develop serious Respiratory, Neurologic, or Cardiovascular complications and are hospitalized your risk of death and longterm complications is high. Simple mitigation practices of 6 ft separation, frequent hand washing, and WEARING A MASK work. If your care about your own well being and that of your family's, and your fellowmen, then you should see the importance of these measures. The Corona virus is not going away, in fact it may be next to you NOW! Don't you wan to be protected?	David Dieterich, DO, FACC, FACOI		Seminole			daviddieterich1@gmail.com	2020-09-14 08:19:40
Face Mask Ordinance	It has come to my attention that there is a vote today to discontinue the mask ordinance. PLEASE do not do this. It amounts to pure negligence. Neither Florida nor Pinellas County are in any position to let up on fighting this deadly virus. Keep us safe. Thank you.	AnnDee McManus	4929 Turtle Creek Trail	Oldsmar	34677	7345163903	anndeemcmanus@gmail.com	2020-09-14 08:03:54
Mask Mandate	<p>I urge you all to keep the mask mandate in place!!!!!!</p> <p>Please listen to science and our public health officials determine what is best for the community.</p>	Margaret O'Connell	4001 Arkansas Ave., NE	St. Petersburg	33703	727/258-7036	tropicalmomoinfl@gmail.com	2020-09-14 07:30:34
State of emergency	We the people request that you let the SOE expire and lift the Mask mandate. There is no reason to inflict unwanted foreign materials to our faces. Quarantine the sick, not the healthy.	Sheryl Evarts	707 182nd Avenue E	Redington Shores	33708	7274346182	sheryl.evarts@gmail.com	2020-09-14 07:27:48
Seven-Day State of Emergency	185 days!	Kenneth Barnhart	8267 120th Street	Seminole	33772	7272881907	kenneth.barnhart78@gmail.com	2020-09-14 08:28:39
Masks	I am a senior that wants to stay alive. Masks save lives . There is no reason to discontinue wearing them to stay alive. Until we find a vaccine .	Barbara Rosenberg	90 Evelyn court	Oldsmar	34677	727 784 8203	bobbirosenberg18@gmail.com	2020-09-14 08:54:55
State of "Emergency"	<p>Let the State of Emergency expire as soon as possible!</p> <p>There is no need for this as the numbers are way down and everyone knows it!</p>	Laura Moser	Country Trails Dr	Safety Harbor	34695	727-458-2347	moser2k@hotmail.com	2020-09-14 09:03:55
Mask removal	It's time to make the masks unmandatory. It's a virus, it will never ever go away. We should not be muzzled like dogs. If people feel the need to wear them then great but we should not be REQUIRED to wear anything that is not a choice. It's time we all moved on from this craziness. It already cost me my job and enough is enough.			Seminole			rrasmussen27@gmail.com	2020-09-14 09:03:39
Mask mandate	Hello; I understand that you will soon be having a discussion about the county's mask mandate. I'd like to suggest that you consider keeping the mandate in place until the end of the year for the following reasons: First, Florida's Covid-19 numbers are still very high, among the highest in the country. As a vacation/party state - with vacationers still coming during the height of the pandemic! - we can likely expect to see the numbers remain high until an effective vaccine is in place. I feel we have to take responsible actions to see that they don't begin to climb higher once again as snowbirds and fall and winter visitors return. Second, the regular flu season is going to start soon. Since all science and medical opinion confirms that masks help to keep viruses from spreading it would, obviously, be wise to keep the mandate in place during flu season. We don't need the Covid virus plus the flu threatening people's health. Though I know you still receive pressure from anti-maskers the majority have become accustomed to wearing them and don't feel any more inconvenienced than they do putting on a seatbelt every time they get in a car. I believe it's a smart and responsible decision to keep the mask mandate in place. The end of the year will tell us much more in terms of how the virus is being contained, or not, as well as how bad the flu season looks. You can then look ahead to 2021 and make more informed decisions. Thanks for listening. Louise Crowley, Dunedin	Louise Crowley	1395 Oak Hill Drive #104	Dunedin	34698	8022728785	louisehcrowley@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 09:54:39
State of Emergency and Mask Mandate	<p>As a citizen of Pinellas county, I respectfully request that you allow the current State of Emergency expire, thereby eliminating the mask mandate.</p> <p>If future data validates the need, a new State of Emergency can be declared.</p> <p>Please give citizens and businesses back their freedoms to choose</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	Dawn Worst		South Pasadena			miasgkid@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 09:38:56
State of emergency	<p>I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency expire.</p> <p>There is no longer an emergency, the curve has been flattened, and it's time for you to do the right thing.</p>	Kathleen ODonnell	5920 80th Street N	St. Petersburg	33709		k_m_odonnell@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 09:28:46

State of emergency	I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency to expire.  Sincerely, Pamela Carlyon - Clearwater	Pamela Carlyon	16 Seagrape Circle	Clearwater	33759	3147042444	pamcarlyon@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 09:13:33
End the mask mandate	END THE MASK MANDATE It is with fervor that I would implore you to repeal the mask mandate that you made months ago. When you first initiated it, you said you would review it in two weeks and here we are months later. I would like to also add onto the fact that my children have to wear one every single day for school and have rashes on their faces and are also being conditioned to be living in fear that they will now get in trouble for not having a mask. Enough is enough I'm an educated adult and I can and will make my own choices I don't need you to do it for me. I am not even fully against masks but I am fully against the fact that you are controlling my choices . I decide with me and my family and wear mask and we do . I have NEVER spoken up until now and I know I am not alone. You need to begin to listen to the louder voice... not the voice that gives you money. LET THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXPIRE	Marina	Tenby Way	Palm Harbor	34683	7277710839	mstoadjd@gmail.com	2020-09-14 09:11:05
County Mask Mandate	Hello Mr. Eggers--As a long-time resident of Palm Harbor, I'd like to thank you and your fellow commissioners for authorizing a mask mandate during the ongoing pandemic. It has been so reassuring to go to the store and not have to worry excessively about the Covid-19 Coronavirus. Please follow the advice of health experts and scientists and continue with the mask mandate to keep the number of cases down. Thank you.	Joni Spencer	3835 Wellington Pkwy	Palm Harbor	34685		jspencermcm@gmail.com	2020-09-14 13:31:30
Pat Gerard	Will you ever personally email me back as I am in your district and you have not once even sent me a personal email, even to acknowledge. Yes I was stupid enough to vote fore you. as i was still fooled by the lefts and a Democrat voter. I am now a Republican voter. Marco Rubio US Senator took the time to send me a letter to reply to my emails and you cant even send a email.  RE: Face Covering Ordinance thank you Inbox x  Creech, Whitney <wcreech@co.pinellas.fl.us> 12:37 PM (42 minutes ago) to me  On behalf of the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners, thank you for the email. The Commissioners are reading the emails, and they appreciate hearing from the citizens.     Thank you for your comments, suggestions, ideas, and thoughts.  Stay safe, and be healthy.     Whitney Creech	Virginia Frizzle	14956 Crown Drive	Largo	33774	7273513192	vdassler@gmail.com	2020-09-14 13:25:05
Request to end SOE and mask mandate.	END THE MASK MANDATE It is with fervor that I would implore you to repeal the mask mandate that you made months ago. When you first initiated it, you said you would review it in two weeks and here we are months later. I would like to also add onto the fact that my children have to wear one every single day for school and have rashes on their faces and are also being conditioned to be living in fear that they will now get in trouble for not having a mask. Enough is enough I'm an educated adult and I can and will make my own choices I don't need you to do it for me. I am not even fully against masks but I am fully against the fact that you are controlling my choices . I decide with me and my family and wear mask and we do . I have NEVER spoken up until now and I know I am not alone. You need to begin to listen to the louder voice... not the voice that gives you money. LET THE STATE OF EMERGENCY EXPIRE  Don't be like the rest of them... #pinellascountywatch	Anthony Llanes	13592 cordova dr.	Largo	33774	7274585503	anthonylla30@gmail.com	2020-09-14 13:22:04
Face Covering Requirement	I am writing to urge the Commission to keep the face covering requirement. The use of masks has been proven to help contain the spread of Covid19. I was proud of the fact that we lived in a county that adopted a mask ordinance, and adopted one early. I believe we should keep the requirement to cover our mouths and noses until there is a vaccine for Covid19, or until it is no longer spreading in the world. I say world because Florida, and Pinellas county, is a tourist destination, so even if our residents had a low positivity rate, we still have people traveling here from other states and countries so a mask requirement helps to protect our residents from them. Please listen to scientists and healthcare professionals and continue to require face coverings in Pinellas county.	Tammy Wachter	781 Brittany Park Blvd	Tarpon Springs	34689-5740	7276924838	TAMMYWACHTER@GMAIL.COM	2020-09-14 12:39:24

Mask Mandate	I would like to request that the commission continues the mask mandate for Pinellas County. I strongly feel that wearing masks is the most important factor in the lower Covid positivity rates in Pinellas. As an older citizen in a higher risk category, I work to limit my exposure to high risk situations. With the mask mandate, I feel safer going into stores, businesses and eating outdoors at restaurants/doing takeout. If the mask order is rescinded and customers and employees do not wear masks, I and many in my risk category will no longer feel safe going into these business establishments. I would need to revert to only shopping for basic needs and as little as possible. Because of this, I feel no masks would have a negative effect on the Pinellas County economy. Thank you for your consideration. Lisa Carmichael	Lisa Carmichael	2355 Middlecoff Dr	Dunedin	34698	7274600305	lcarmichael@tampabay.rr.com	2020-09-14 12:32:59
Masks	Please do not discontinue the Pinellas county mask mandate. I believe it has proven helpful and it reminds you to continue to social distance.	Pamela Griffiths	10528 136th St	Largo	33774	7273160446	pgriffi2@tampabay.rr.com	2020-09-14 12:28:59
State of Emergency	Dear Commissioner,  Today, Monday, September 14, 2020, I am respectfully requesting that you allow the State of Emergency expire.  Sharon Chapman	Sharon Chapman	14743 Sunset Drive	Largo (unincorporated)	33774		mynoyb@gmail.com	2020-09-14 12:23:30
Let the State of Emergency Expire	Please let the existing State of Emergency expire this week, and make your mask objectives a voluntary recommendation vs. an ordinance.  I have been in touch this week with both the Governor's office, and the State Attorney Generals office in light of your refusal to answer questions which should be required under Florida Sunshine laws. The topics I am now asking the State Attorney General to look into include :  1. Your refusal to provide a medical determination or specific criteria by which you would recind your State of Emergency and tethered mask ordinance  2. Your reliance on medical professionals whose departments are the beneficiaries of the emergency spending to determine when the emergency is over, without requiring tangible metrics or quantifiable scientific data to eliminate what otherwise would be looked at as a direct conflict of interest  3. Your refusal thus far to provide specific accounting details on the \$55.9 million dollars allocated in CARES funds to the Pinellas health department  4. Your refusal to provide transparency of accounting for ALL spent monies with the special privileges afforded to the county administrator under your local State of Emergency  5. The fact that your Visit St. Pete / Clearwater illegally blocked me from their Facebook page after I requested using FOIA data on their \$2,000,000 facemask promotion  6. The fact that the Visit St. Pete / Clearwater campaign itself is harmful to the community based on the way they portray mask wearing. Odd that your "local medical professionals" are asked to consult on just about everything excluding this dangerous and ham handed campaign and taxpayer funded debacle	David Happe	850 E Lime St #2322	Tarpon Springs	34688		dave@happes.com	2020-09-14 12:21:17
Maintain MASK MANDATE	Dear Commissioners,  I am formally requesting that Pinellas County continue the Mask Mandate. Schools are open, flu season is here, positivity rate is up etc it is not time to stop our safety measures!!  Regards, Jennifer Carpenter White	Jennifer Carpenter White	409 Orchid Lane	Palm Harbor	34683	727-741-1053	jcarp143@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 12:20:25
Loosening of Covid-19 restrictions	Honorable Commissioners and County Administrator:  Now is not the time to loosen restrictions in place especially the wearing of masks in open or closed public spaces, including restaurants and bars.  As restrictions are relaxed in Europe there has been a rise in the number of Covid-19 infections and deaths.  Do not be taken in by the "herd immunity" argument. It will only be achieved when a reliable and effective vaccine has been developed. Until then, restrictions should stay in place.	SUSAN D WADE	945 13TH ST N APT A	SAINT PETERSBURG	33705		swade3231@gmail.com	2020-09-14 12:19:45
Mask mandate	Please keep the mask mandate order in place. Without it we will surely see a terrible spike. They are already predicting a terrible fall and winter. Florida will soon have snowbirds and people from all over. Please help protect us.	Ellen Craig	1259 S. Hillcrest Avenue	Clearwater	33756	7273661970	ellmcf@aol.com	2020-09-14 12:16:17

Mask mandate	<p>Pinellas Commissioners’</p> <p>As a citizen and resident of Pinellas County, I DO NOT believe we should discontinue masks on Oct 1st as we go into flu season. Please DO NOT discontinue mask wearing as it will put ALL in danger. While it may not feel wonderful wearing a mask, it is the only protection we have right now. When and if a vaccine becomes available removing masks can be addressed. Please do not put our citizens in harms way by removing the requirement of masks in ALL public places.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Jeryl Parra</p>	Jeryl Parra	841 4th Ave N., #27	St. Petersburg	33701	7275995702	STI_Jeryl@icloud.com	2020-09-14 12:11:57
Who do you listen to?	<p>“In all the history of respiratory-borne viruses of any type, asymptomatic transmission has NEVER been the driver of outbreaks.” Dr. Fauci</p> <p><a href="https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0MuMQ34ixT26uVqWiCouE58CpvPX6wcy6ngFCLt09dNuh1m8v6SxUViW4&amp;feature=youtu.be&amp;v=vrAvjU2LBkg">https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0MuMQ34ixT26uVqWiCouE58CpvPX6wcy6ngFCLt09dNuh1m8v6SxUViW4&amp;feature=youtu.be&amp;v=vrAvjU2LBkg</a></p> <p>FREE PINELLAS COUNTY!</p>	Sheryl Evarts	707 182nd Avenue E	Redington Shores	33708	7274346182	sheryl.evarts@gmail.com	2020-09-14 12:11:27
Face coverings	<p>We want to make sure we have our say. We want the face covering mandate prolonged. Javed and Georgina Ata 3151 San Jose St, Clearwater 33759</p>	Javed and Georgina Ata	3151 San Jose St	Clearwater	33759	17277261565	inaposada@verizon.net	2020-09-14 11:31:49
Dr. Fauci	<p>“In all the history of respiratory-borne viruses of any type, asymptomatic transmission has NEVER been the driver of outbreaks.” Dr. Fauci</p> <p><a href="https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0MuMQ34ixT26uVqWiCouE58CpvPX6wcy6ngFCLt09dNuh1m8v6SxUViW4&amp;feature=youtu.be&amp;v=vrAvjU2LBkg">https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0MuMQ34ixT26uVqWiCouE58CpvPX6wcy6ngFCLt09dNuh1m8v6SxUViW4&amp;feature=youtu.be&amp;v=vrAvjU2LBkg</a></p> <p>Quarantine the sick, not the healthy!</p>	Sheryl Evarts	707 182nd Avenue E	Redington Shores	33708	7274346182	sheryl.evarts@gmail.com	2020-09-14 11:12:58
SOE	<p>End the SOE this week at your meeting. There is no justifiable data to continue any mask mandate.</p> <p>Commissioner Welch says he won't be swayed by the loudest voices. Don't be. You should be swayed by data but you ignore that and make up your own. The comments regarding the spread of the virus at the Sturgis bike rally were wildly inaccurate and misleading. Please confirm data before spreading misinformation.</p> <p>Commissioner Gerard, sure, keep asking your maskers to phone in and make their opinions heard. They're just opinions and again, not based in any factual data.</p> <p>The data is this:</p> <p>In January Dr. Fauci stated "In all the history of respiratory-borne viruses of any type, asymptomatic transmission has never been the driver of outbreaks. The driver of outbreaks is ALWAYS a symptomatic person." The WHO wanted to walk that back, but in August this study was published</p> <p><a href="https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-2671">https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-2671</a></p> <p>Reiterating everything Dr. Fauci said.</p> <p>Could we employ simple common sense for a moment --</p> <p>If you're standing on a bus and two people have a cold and one man sniffles slightly while a woman is coughing, sneezing, and blowing her nose, WHO DO YOU THINK IS MORE CONTAGIOUS? Masks are not for the asymptomatic people to protect others because the threat isn't there!</p> <p>END THE MASK MANDATE.</p>	Michelle Harmond	330 3rd Street S	St. Petersburg	33701		michelleharmond@gmail.com	2020-09-14 11:08:19

Extending Mask Mandate	<p>For the upcoming agenda item for extending the mask mandate I ask that you continue to consult and adhere to the direction of the CDC and NIH as to the effectiveness of spreading COVID-19 in the general public. I applaud you for your bold and decisive action to mandate face masks and it has proved that it helps to stopping the spread of this disease. Pinellas County now has one of the lowest positivity rates in Florida. Suspending this mandate will only lead to more cases being spread which then leads to more deaths. We should not stop a process now that has been very effective in slowing this disease.</p> <p>My husband and I are 70 and we are being very careful and wear masks when out in public. I finally feel safe to go into stores for a small amount of time and it's comforting to see everyone with a mask on.</p> <p>I have lived in Pinellas County since 1954 and I vote in every election, large and small. Please do not take this as a threat, only that I pay attention to the news and current events, local and nationally and vote responsibly.</p> <p>Thank you for listening,</p> <p>Janet Deane janetdeane@yahoo.com</p>	Janet H Deane	6289 28TH TER N	Saint Petersburg	33710	7273470347	janetdeane@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 11:02:03
Mask ordinance	<p>Please keep mask ordinance in place. It's working and we must not back slide. It is such a small sacrifice to make to keep us safe.</p> <p>Thank you</p>	Guy Boero	5266 26th Ave	St Petersburg	33710	813-785-4407	guyboero@gmail.com	2020-09-14 10:54:59
Mask wearing	<p>I am appalled that the county is considering changing rules for mask wearing.</p> <p>I am a 78 year old and need to be protected for covid 19. Please continue the ruling that everyone needs to wear a mask at all indoor stores and areas</p>	Marcia Friedman	90 Pinewinds Blvd FL	oldsmar	34677-4200	17277890095	mfriedman_suntrust@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 10:34:03
respiratory-borne viruses	<p>"In all the history of respiratory-borne viruses of any type, asymptomatic transmission has NEVER been the driver of outbreaks."</p> <p><a href="https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0MuMQ34ixT26uVqWiCouE58CpvPX6wcy6ngFCLt09dNuh1m8v6SxUViW4&amp;feature=youtu.be&amp;v=vrAvjU2LBkg">https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0MuMQ34ixT26uVqWiCouE58CpvPX6wcy6ngFCLt09dNuh1m8v6SxUViW4&amp;feature=youtu.be&amp;v=vrAvjU2LBkg</a></p>	Sheryl Evarts	707 182nd Avenue E	Redington Shores	33708	7274346182	sheryl.evarts@gmail.com	2020-09-14 10:33:16
Do we still need masks? Yes!	<p>Please stay with the scientific evidence and do not prematurely end the requirement to wear masks in public while in close proximity to others. Do not let a vocal minority dissuade you from basic public safety measures.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Bruce Nissen	253 SUNLIT COVE DR NE	SAINT PETERSBURG	33702-3229	7862080017	brucenissen@gmail.com	2020-09-14 10:31:15
Mask Ordinance	<p>Let's see. The schools are open. The beginning of the flu season begins in October, which is when you are voting to possibly repeal the mask ordinance. At the same time, respiratory viruses will be taking off, along with strep throat and colds. Can you picture all these people lining up for tests worried that they might have the covid. Does repealing the ordinance make sense? Of course not. Do the right thing. Thank you, David and Sharon Keene</p>	David and Sharon Keene	1744 grove valley ave	palm harbor	34683	7273865908	dkeene6@tampabay.rr.com	2020-09-14 10:22:44
Mask Ordinance Recission	<p>I, for one, would like to see the Commission follow the recommendations of the CDC and local health officials by keeping the local mask order in effect. I have not seen any problems in my interactions with others because of the mandate, and I find it a simple and effective way to minimize the chances for spreading what to some can be a deadly virus. Let's not politicize what is simply a public health emergency!</p>	Jon Rosenbluth	11269 Harborside Dr.	Largo	33773	727-452-8281	jonsurose@aol.com	2020-09-14 10:22:43
Re: Lifting mask mandate	<p>Please vote to allow SOE expire and lift the mask mandate and leave it to the residents to wear one if they can /want to for their own personal reasons.</p>	Christina X	1235 Darlington Oak Circle Ne	St Petersburg	33703	7276417755	christina_battaglia@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 15:23:32
state of emergency	<p>I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency expire</p>	Roger R. Ibbitson	1658 Paloma Lane	Dunedin	34698	7273662229	rogeribbitson@gmail.com	2020-09-14 15:23:08
Mandatory Mask Ordinance	<p>Thank you for working with the citizens of Pinellas County to end the mask ordinance. The data clearly shows that it is time.</p> <p>When the mask ordinance was originally made, Commissioner Eggers asked during the meeting how the ordinance could be rescinded. Attorney White stated "Yes could waiver notice and do some of the things you are doing here tonight..." This is from the June Vote Recorded Video, time stamp 5:26:27.</p> <p>You have the power to end the mask ordinance this week. You can also let the state of emergency expire, but I understand that is tied to funding.</p> <p>You do not have to advertise the mask ordinance, as was misstated in the last meeting, and drag this out longer. The mask ordinance has brought out the worst in people, as you have left it up to word of mouth.</p> <p>And as Commissioner Peters asked, where are all the signs that Remind People of "Good Hygiene" as you did during the H1N1 outbreak. This needs to be what you spend our money on, not pictures of children on sand with a Dirty Cloth Mask on, again something Commissioner Peters Schooled this board on the unsafety of. And you laughed at her as I have saved before Time Stamp 5:52 of first June meeting when Face Covering voted in.</p> <p>Private entities will still be free to wear masks after the ordinance is ended, choice!</p>	Ross Kevles	1594 Franklin Way	Dunedin	34698	8505295976	rkevles1@gmail.com	2020-09-14 15:16:23

The Mask Ordinance	<p>Please don't listen to the loud voices of those who claim their right not to wear a mask. Base your decisions on science, not complaining.</p> <p>Covid-19 is on the rise again mostly worldwide already. Since we still don't test those without symptoms, we have no idea who may be carrying it asymptotically. And also because we have not really made efforts to trace the contacts of those who have it, find out where they got it and who got it from them. Without these components, to allow people to remove masks in indoor public spaces is extremely foolish.</p> <p>Evidence proves that wearing masks is the most effective way to remain safe. Washing hands and social distancing help, but the virus is carried as an aerosol, not just droplets, and aerosols can float anywhere in a room. An effective mask is the only way we have to prevent breathing it out if we are infected, or breathing it in. And we keep learning that there is no predicting how deadly or debilitating it will be for any of us to catch it. Or for how much of their life they will suffer it's ravaging consequences.</p> <p>Please. This is not about comfort or vanity. This is about life or death.</p>	Moon Reilly	4355 84th Avenue N, #407	Pinellas Park	33781		mooniepie@hotmail.com	2020-09-14 15:15:54
State of Emergency Rescind Request	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I respectfully request that the State of Emergency for Pinellas County be lifted.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Robin Thompson	3699 Cuernavaca Ct	Largo	33771		alphabetpie@gmail.com	2020-09-14 15:14:05
Sate of Emergency/ Mask Mandate	I am writing to expression that I think that it is time to rescind the state of emergency. I think that the general public is fully capable and intelligent enough to make common sense decisions for themselves. Given the information that is available that includes the fact that the virus is not as deadly as once believed (see the greater than 98% survival rate of cases) and the therapeutic medicines that are working, we can normalize our lives. Thank you for considering giving Us our Liberty back.	Michael Williams	3174 Beecher Dr E , Unit A	Palm Harbor	34683	4104580047	mkwilliams44@gmail.com	2020-09-14 14:53:03
Plea	Please let the state of emergency, and mask requirement expire.	Eliza Jensen	5301 33rd st s	largo	33774		mrsjensenmom@gmail.com	2020-09-14 14:48:52
I wouldn't have believed it...	<p>I wouldn't have believed it if I hadn't seen it with my own eyes. This is a quote from Pat Gerard on a Facebook page supporting the mask mandate.</p> <p>Pat Gerard said "Thank you all for voicing your opinion. Please continue to express yourselves. Yes, it is ridiculous we have to do this every week, but (please forgive me) "it is what it is" "</p> <p>Pat Gerard and the rest of Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners represent or should represent ALL residents of Pinellas County. I don't believe in your position that you should feel you owe any certain group any special attention. Instead, do your homework, gather data and facts to make informed decisions in the best interest of ALL residents of Pinellas County.</p> <p>If Sturgis is going to be used as an example, gather facts. Do not insult Kristi Norm by regurgitating false reports, as Welch did last week. Go out with your dignity intact.</p> <p>Stop the charade, think for yourself.</p> <p>Thank You Councilman Eggers for at least considering and exit strategy.</p> <p>Thank you Councilwoman Peters for being a voice of reason. Strengthening our immune system is our responsibility and a reminder of the simple things we can do is always welcome.</p> <p>I am saddened that I spent money outside of Pinellas County this week. I will continue to do so and encourage others to venture out as well.</p>	Tiffany	33713	St Pete	33713	717 309 7710	tiffanythomasholmes@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 14:44:25
End the state of emergency now!	It is past time to end the state of emergency and lift the mask mandate.	Sheryl Evarts	707 182nd Avenue E	Redington Shores	33708	7274346182	sheryl.evarts@gmail.com	2020-09-14 14:32:42

We the people request and end to the State if emergency and the mask mandates!	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>The people of Pinellas county have had enough of the mask mandate and the supposed emergency surrounding COVID. The numbers continue to decline, just yesterday the entire state of Florida reported 18 deaths linked to COVID. The CDC has now declassified the event from a pandemic to an "Outbreak" and many suggested protocols from CDC and WHO have been removed. On top of all this, for every 1 study showing masks work against viruses, there are 100's that show they do not. Even the CDC does not recommend masks for COVID on their medically backed study pages, only on the COVID-19 propaganda pages.</p> <p>The mask mandates and fear around this virus are contributing to depression, suicide, and many other emotional health issues for residents. These mandates and campaigns are making people choose not to visit here and not to spend their money here. You are hurting both businesses and residents by keeping these restrictions going.</p> <p>There are multiple options on the table to make this right. Ending the state of emergency and mask mandate together and not reopening a SOE would be preferred. We are no longer in a pandemic and this would be the boldest move to help ease fear. You could also choose to end the mask mandate. This would be a huge step in the right direction. The other possibility I see is to end the current SOE, which has the mask mandate tied to it, and then reopen a new SOE without the masks ordinance.</p> <p>Whichever path you choose, the people of the county are watching and we will take back our freedoms soon enough. Please consider, at the least, removing the mask mandate and helping to ease the fear in this country instead of stoking it over a virus that is one of the least deadly things we experience daily.</p>	Justin Lisenby	7024 124th Ter	Largo	33773	3342245872	jdlsenby@gmail.com	2020-09-14 14:32:24
Exit Strategy - part 5	<p>We are approaching 90 days since you mandated mask wear. Gov DeSantis just covered the states' stats on the cold bug. What is end date for mask mandate in Pinellas County? What metric(s) are you using? EVERY metric listed by the Governor and CDC is declining rapidly. Is your intent to mandate masks forever? Seriously, you do have a plan to end this right? Since you continue to not reply to my emails - which I forward to the Governor's office, my Congressman, and both Senators - I was recently asked whether I have ever received a reply to my questions from the commission. Of course the answer is - "no, never". That's fine, ignore me. You will hear from all of us soon.</p> <p>BTW lots and lots of TRUMP PENCE 2020 signs around the county. Hope you liked the boat parade too!</p> <p>All Lives Matter</p>	Grant Rutlin	5 Summit Ln	Safety Harbor	34695		ggr747@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 14:27:33
Time to restore our Constitutional rights	<p>"In all the history of respiratory-borne viruses of any type, asymptomatic transmission has NEVER been the driver of outbreaks." Dr. Fauci</p> <p><a href="https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0MuMQ34ixT26uVqWiCouE58CpvPX6wcy6ngFCLt09dNuh1m8v65xUViW4&amp;feature=youtu.be&amp;v=vrAvjU2LBkg">https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0MuMQ34ixT26uVqWiCouE58CpvPX6wcy6ngFCLt09dNuh1m8v65xUViW4&amp;feature=youtu.be&amp;v=vrAvjU2LBkg</a></p>	Sheryl Evarts	707 182nd Avenue E	Redington Shores	33708	7274346182	sheryl.evarts@gmail.com	2020-09-14 14:16:08
Ordinance 20-14 Face Covering	<p>No more!!!! Pat Gerard;  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=110806277433747&amp;set=gm.327481045168733">https://www.facebook.com/photo?fbid=110806277433747&amp;set=gm.327481045168733</a></p>	Virginia Frizzle	14956 Crown Drive	Largo	33774	7273513192	vdassler@gmail.com	2020-09-14 14:07:12
I respectfully request that you let the state of emergency expire	Thank you	Samantha	9951 frank dr e	Seminole	33776	4106032380	samantha.renick@gmail.com	2020-09-14 14:05:09

SOE	<p>Please let the existing State of Emergency expire this week, and make your mask objectives a voluntary recommendation vs. an ordinance.</p> <p>I have been in touch this week with both the Governor's office, and the State Attorney Generals office in light of your refusal to answer questions which should be required under Florida Sunshine laws. The topics I am now asking the State Attorney General to look into include :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Your refusal to provide a medical determination or specific criteria by which you would rescind your State of Emergency and tethered mask ordinance</li> <li>2. Your reliance on medical professionals whose departments are the beneficiaries of the emergency spending to determine when the emergency is over, without requiring tangible metrics or quantifiable scientific data to eliminate what otherwise would be looked at as a direct conflict of interest</li> <li>3. Your refusal thus far to provide specific accounting details on the \$55.9 million dollars allocated in CARES funds to the Pinellas health department</li> <li>4. Your refusal to provide transparency of accounting for ALL spent monies with the special privileges afforded to the county administrator under your local State of Emergency</li> <li>5. The fact that your Visit St. Pete / Clearwater illegally blocked me from their Facebook page after I requested using FOIA data on their \$2,000,000 facemask promotion</li> <li>6. The fact that the Visit St. Pete / Clearwater campaign itself is harmful to the community based on the way they portray mask wearing. Odd that your "local medical professionals" are asked to consult on just about everything excluding this dangerous and ham handed campaign and taxpayer funded debacle</li> </ol>	Don Bithell	11260 142nd St	Largo	33774	310 463-4616	dbentinc@gmail.com	2020-09-14 14:01:26
End the mask mandate and let the state of emergency expire	Please end the mask mandate. It should be optional and most residents will continue to wear one. No one should be forced to wear a mask if they don't want to or can't. I've listened to the weekly meetings and I know you are aware of all the evidence that backs up the fact that masks don't work as should be a personal choice like every other medical intervention. Face masks ARE a MEDICAL device. Who's liable for damages and injuries caused by facemasks? Get rid of them now otherwise residents will start to stand against them anyways enough is enough!	Jessie K		St Pete			jkomhomes@gmail.com	2020-09-14 13:44:34
Mask Requirement Continuation	As I read in the Tampa Bay Times recently, the requirement for masks in Pinellas County is going to be re-visited at your next commissioners' meeting. PLEASE DO NOT be anxious to remove this requirement. Pinellas County and St. Petersburg, the city that I live, was very early in enacting this requirement and it has been a valuable tool in the battle against Covid-19. I feel confident to be able to go grocery shopping and other necessary trips outside of my home without having to worry about people sneezing or coughing all over things. And, everyone seems to be compliant in wearing masks at this point. And, the flu and cold season will be upon us soon, there's even more reason to have coughs and sneezes contained. So, please do not make any rash decisions that will endanger the health of our Pinellas County citizens. We are nearing the 200,000 mark of deaths in the U.S. due to the inexcusable behavior of Donald Trump who did not issue a country-wide mask ordinance and would have saved many lives by doing so. Please be the smart leadership that is lacking from our president.	Marilynn Myers	6949 12 Terrace North	St. Petersburg	33710	727-345-8790	smyers1@tampabay.rr.com	2020-09-14 16:19:13
Masks	Keep the mask ordinance. The fly season is on us and we will all be safer.	Ron Regan	960 Starkey rd	Largo	33771		Ronregan@aol.com	2020-09-14 23:21:38
Mask ordinance	Please keep the mask ordinance in Pinellas County. Wearing masks is important to keep the spread of Covid19 down. I will not support businesses who do not require masks.	Tammy Ely	1846 Melanie Way	Palm Harbor	34683	5126590158	tsc.ely@gmail.com	2020-09-14 22:49:04
Mask ordinance	<p>Please keep the mask mandate in place in Pinellas County. As of tonight, 194,000 people have died in the United States from COVID-19 in 6 months. In addition to how deadly this novel coronavirus is, some people who have survived are now struggling with numerous health issues and complications. The people suffering are of all ages, including people who were previously healthy. Masks reduce the viral load and may even help with immunity. <a href="https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/science-and-disease/face-masks-could-giving-people-covid-19-immunity-researchers/">https://www.telegraph.co.uk/global-health/science-and-disease/face-masks-could-giving-people-covid-19-immunity-researchers/</a></p> <p>With schools in session and bars now open, it seems necessary to keep the mask mandate in place to protect the residents of Pinellas County.</p> <p>Please keep the mask mandate in place.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>	Christine Rohan	2519 N McMullen Booth Rd, 510-1	Clearwater	33761		kmhomeschool@gmail.com	2020-09-14 22:30:07
End The State Of Emergency And Mask Mandate	End this farce of a SOE and mask mandate. You have infringed upon our freedoms long enough and your constituents are OVER IT. #ENOUGH	Karen Ford	2739 Via Capri, Unit 1028	Clearwater	33764	7274017087	designerdish@gmail.com	2020-09-14 22:11:22
End The State Of Emergency And Mask Mandate	We, the people fought for our freedom once and now, in 2020, you are forcing the issue again. There is NO emergency and NO reason to wear a mask that even the manufacturers of said masks state on their boxes -"Not Effective Against COVID-19" yet the mandate has continued. Unwarranted and Unnecessary! End It NOW! #ENOUGH	Karen Ford	2739 Via Capri, Unit 1028	Clearwater	33764	7274017087	designerdish@gmail.com	2020-09-14 22:10:16
End state of emergency	Please end the mask mandate!	Steve	4501 17th ave s	Gulfport	33707		momore1@gmail.com	2020-09-14 22:08:52



End The State Of Emergency And Mask Mandate	End This SOE and Mask Mandate or we, the people will let you know it is US that you work for. The curve is flat and there is NO emergency - except the urgency to reclaim our FREEDOM! #Enough!	Karen Ford	2739 Via Capri, Unit 1028	Clearwater	33764	7274017087	designerdish@gmail.com	2020-09-14 22:07:18
End State of Emergency and Mask Mandate	As a citizen of Pinellas County, I am asking that you end the State of Emergency and mask mandates. We are tired of it and we aren't going to take much more of this. I can tell you that I have never voted before, but this year I registered and I registered as. Republican and I will vote you out. Enough is enough. You work for us, you answer to us and we are tired of this. No More!	JoAnne Campbell	637 Greenglen Lane	Palm Harbor/Pinellas	33684	727-288-7136	jocampbell1983@gmail.com	2020-09-14 22:06:10
End The State Of Emergency And Mask Mandate	We the people of Pinellas county are demanding an END to the absurd SOE and mask mandate NOW. Months of this is too much especially in light of you telling us it was only for a short time -remember back in Feb/March? End this or you will all reap the consequences and be voted out. We want our freedom and you have NO RIGHT to infringe upon it! #NoMoreMask	Karen Ford	2739 Via Capri, Unit 1028	Clearwater	33764	7274017087	designerdish@gmail.com	2020-09-14 22:05:41
Mask mandate	Hello, Please end the state of emergency which will then end the mask mandate. This has been very hard for me because of a medical issue (that is not visible). I am unable to wear a mask due to something that happened to me when I was younger. This mandate has stirred up some old emotions for me and I'm not one to show it but it's been very hard. Please consider people like me. I feel as though we have been judged, called names and uncared for. No one knows what someone is going through. Please have a heart. Thank you.	Lynn		Saint Petersburg	33711		lynndenise@gmail.com	2020-09-14 22:05:20
End The State Of Emergency And Mask Mandate	There is NO Emergency and there never was. People are not dying. There is NO logical and TRUTHFUL reason for the SOE and ridiculous, freedom-stripping mask mandate to continue. People are over it - enough killing businesses and taking the joy out of our everyday lives. #NOMORE	Karen Ford	2739 Via Capri, Unit 1028	Clearwater	33764	7274017087	designerdish@gmail.com	2020-09-14 22:03:16
End The State Of Emergency And Mask Mandate	We, the people are here to tell you that we are reclaiming our FREEDOM! No more 'emergency' as there truly ISN'T ONE and it is a personal choice to wear a mask or not - You do not have the authority to remove our God-given constitutional rights. The curve is flat - the masks are unnecessary and useless. #ENOUGH	Karen Ford	2739 Via Capri, Unit 1028	Clearwater	33764	7274017087	designerdish@gmail.com	2020-09-14 22:00:11
End The State Of Emergency And Mask Mandate	The curve is flat - People are not dying from COVID-19 - Its time to reclaim our liberty! No More Masks! #Enough	Karen Ford	2739 Via Capri, Unit 1028	Clearwater	33764	7274017087	designerdish@gmail.com	2020-09-14 21:57:01
Mask mandate	I feel wearing a mask should be voluntary not mandatory.	Benita R Langley	7922 Sailboat Key Blvd S, Apt 402	South Pasadena	33707-6342	7048778042	ben97har@aol.com	2020-09-14 21:41:39
Mask Mandate/ Emergency Order	Hello, As a citizen of Pinellas county, I am compelled to write you in regards to the Mask Mandate as well as the Emergency Order. With Empty beds in Hospitals, a miniscule death count, and virtually No One Sick! Its time to end this Madness! Its Obvious to many there has got to be a political agenda for some commissioners to keep this going. This agenda is at a detriment to the tax payers and voting citizens of Pinellas county. It has been noted who is at the helm of the continuance of the ridiculous mask mandate and emergency order. The Ad Campaign for Pinellas Cty Tourism is a depressing disgrace. I would like to Express my distaste for these ads ... at the cost of tax payers (2 million dollars) to show a guy all alone in a Kayak with a mask on in the Florida hot temperatures. This is not only an embarrassment to our community, but sheer Insanity. Who in their right mind will see that and want to come here for vacation. Looks like a bad dream to me.. Please come to your senses and end this Mask Mandate and Emergency Order. I certainly will have my complete senses at the voting polls and vote against those who continue to push their own Agenda!	Sandra Carhart	2481 NE Coachman Rd,	Clearwater	33765	7277239871	yato.foo@gmail.com	2020-09-14 21:25:04
Masks	Please keep the mask requirement in place. We have improved so much since this mandate began and we still have a ways to go.	Norma Wright	12233 104th Av	Seminole	33778		norma1880@gmail.com	2020-09-14 21:18:19
.I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency expire	Dear Commissioner Welch Thank you for working with the citizens of Pinellas County to end the mask ordinance. The data clearly shows that it is time. When the mask ordinance was originally made, Commissioner Eggers asked during the meeting how the ordinance could be rescinded. Attorney White stated "Yes could waiver notice and do some of the things you are doing here tonight..." This is from the June Vote Recorded Video, time stamp 5:26:27. You have the power to end the mask ordinance this week. You can also let the state of emergency expire, but I understand that is tied to funding. You do not have to advertise the mask ordinance, as was misstated in the last meeting, and drag this out longer. The mask ordinance has brought out the worst in people, as you have left it up to word of mouth. And as Commissioner Peters asked, where are all the signs that Remind People of "Good Hygiene" as you did during the H1N1 outbreak. This needs to be what you spend our money on, not pictures of children on sand with a Dirty Cloth Mask on, again something Commissioner Peters Schooled this board on the unsafety of. And you laughed at her as I have saved before Time Stamp 5:52 of first June meeting when Face Covering voted in. Private entities will still be free to wear masks after the ordinance is ended, choice! I am planning to play the audio of Commissioner Eggers asking the question and Attorney White answering so that we can all hear it on record, and there will be no question that this is a mechanism by which the ordinance can be rescinded. Thank you.	mike Harkins	1418 N. Hibiscus St	Clearwater	33755		harkins@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 21:15:31

Public Gatherings	Dear Commissioner Welch: Are there any current County orders regarding the size of public gatherings? My neighborhood association is planning a block party for late October. They plan to close off a cul-de-sac area on one of our streets and have a band, food and alcohol with about 100 neighborhood residents in attendance. The Department of Health has a Public Health Advisory on its website that gatherings should be limited to no more than 10 people. That is just an advisory. Are there currently any legal restrictions on the size of public gatherings?	Andrea Nation	7840 2nd Ave S	St Petersburg	33707	7273684498	andreanation@tampabay.rr.com	2020-09-14 21:07:53
End the State of Emergency to End the Mask Mandate	Please allow the State Of Emergency to expire. We need the mask mandate to end in our county. Thank you.	Aden Barnes		Largo			adenlynnbarnes@gmail.com	2020-09-14 21:05:08
I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency expire"	I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency expire"	John Hartman	212 Nestlebranch Drive	Safety Harbor	34695	7278084343	johnhartm@gmail.com	2020-09-14 21:04:00
I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency expire"	I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency expire"	Melissa Smith	283 Woodlake Wynde	Oldsmar, FL	34677	9416268189	mlynns89@gmail.com	2020-09-14 21:02:44
Citizens rights	It is time to restore our constitutional rights. Let the state of emergency end and lift the mask mandate.	Sheryl Evarts	707 182nd Avenue E	Redington Shores	33708		sheryl.evarts@gmail.com	2020-09-14 20:57:42
Mask Restrictions	Please do not lift mask restrictions in Pinellas County. There are too many people who are already vulnerable to this hated disease. Travel restrictions are beginning to relax, Pinellas "snowbirds"soon to be arriving in addition to flu season, the County will again become an incubator without the protection of masks.  Please understand I am not in favor of never lifting the ban I would just say wait until the New Year to ensure cases of COVID level off.  Thank you.	Danica M Krewsky	3697 45th Way N	St Petersburg	33713	7275468693	dkrew@msn.com	2020-09-14 20:57:19
Mask ordinance please vote to keep it active!	I am a registered and active voter in Pinellas County. I understand you may soon be voting to repeal the mask requirement for indoor public places. I urge you NOT to repeal. Thank you. Wendy Belkin	Wendy Belkin	2173 Lakeview Rd	Clearwater	33764	7274304955	wkb_gator@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 20:50:54
I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency expire	I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency expire. You have the power to end the mask ordinance this week. PLEASE DO SO.	Dr. Theresa Hartley	2653 Ulmerton Road	Clearwater	33762	7276230992	drtheresa@hartleychiropracticcenter	2020-09-14 20:47:18
Keep Mask mandate	Hello, I'm writing to you hoping you'll decide to keep the mask mandate in Pinellas County for the near future. Even though our COVID-19 case numbers are in the right direction and decreasing, we're still faced with a lot of challenges. I consider wearing a mask our closest strategy to a vaccine, to protect ourselves and others against getting infected. Thinking if masks were not required, the amount of school teachers and their students getting infected will sky rocket, as well as their families and other contacts. Same with all front line workers dealing with hundreds of people a day. If we have to wear a seat belt to protect ourselves we can definitely wear a mask. I hope with your hard work following science and facts you will come to the right decision to protect the citizens of Pinellas county.	Dr. Salma Abdelaal	100 Windrush Blvd , Apt 3	Indian Rocks Beach	33785	6082197526	madcitypharm@gmail.com	2020-09-14 20:30:46
Please rescind the mask mandate	Dear Commissioners:  Please rescind the mask mandate. I've been following along with the news that it will be up for discussion this Thursday, September 17th. I think that is great, and that you're doing the right thing. I think you've been careful in watching the numbers from school opening, and now is the right time to move forward with revoking the order.  Thank you, Peter	Peter Thompson		Oldsmar	34677		FLPhotographer989@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 20:17:17
Mask Mandate	Good Evening, I am writing to appeal to your human compassion and request that you be a part of change in allowing the residents of Pinellas County to have their civil liberties back. If some people get a false sense of security from masks and want to continue to wear them then so be it. The rest of us want to breathe, not have anxiety, not get headaches and enjoy the freedoms that we have been afforded by our forefathers.  Thank you, Nicole L Alexander Harris	Nicole Alexander Harris	1654 S Evergreen Ave	Clearwater	33756	7273654568	nalexanderharris@gmail.com	2020-09-14 20:07:35
Mask Mandate	Good Evening, I am writing to ask that we let the Emergency Order expire so that we can drop the mask mandate and allow it to be voluntary by those residents with health issues that feel more secure with a mask on. We have to start taking care of ourselves and taking back our rights as free citizens.  Thank you, Nicole L Alexander Harris	Nicole Alexander Harris	1654 S Evergreen Ave	Clearwater	33756	7273654568	nalexanderharris@gmail.com	2020-09-14 20:02:15

I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency expire.	<p>Dear Commissioner Gerard;</p> <p>Thank you for working with the citizens of Pinellas County to end the mask ordinance. The data clearly shows that it is time.</p> <p>When the mask ordinance was originally made, Commissioner Eggers asked during the meeting how the ordinance could be rescinded. Attorney White stated “Yes could waiver notice and do some of the things you are doing here tonight...” This is from the June Vote Recorded Video, time stamp 5:26:27.</p> <p>You have the power to end the mask ordinance this week. You can also let the state of emergency expire, but I understand that is tied to funding.</p> <p>You do not have to advertise the mask ordinance, as was misstated in the last meeting, and drag this out longer. The mask ordinance has brought out the worst in people, as you have left it up to word of mouth.</p> <p>And as Commissioner Peters asked, where are all the signs that Remind People of “Good Hygiene” as you did during the H1N1 outbreak. This needs to be what you spend our money on, not pictures of children on sand with a Dirty Cloth Mask on, again something Commissioner Peters Schooled this board on the unsafety of. And you laughed at her as I have saved before Time Stamp 5:52 of first June meeting when Face Covering voted in.</p> <p>Private entities will still be free to wear masks after the ordinance is ended, choice!</p> <p>I am planning to play the audio of Commissioner Eggers asking the question and Attorney White answering so that we can all hear it on record, and there will be no question that this is a mechanism by which the ordinance can be rescinded.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Brittany Parsons	12375 4th street East	Treasure Island	33705	8137676362	brittanyrae26@gmail.com	2020-09-14 19:52:40
Mask ordinance	I would like to keep the mask ordinance. I am a long time resident and feel this has helped our county stop the spread of the virus. I have a family of 5 and some of my kids have asthma and other health concerns . This helps us feel safe when having to leave the house . Please keep this order in place.	Ronald craft	7131 orpine dr n	Saint Petersburg	33702	8134161402	rcraft1984@gmail.com	2020-09-14 19:51:49
Mask Ordinance	<p>It is not yet time to repeal the mask ordinance. We have no vaccine, and no serious plan for ridding ourselves of this virus yet. It is reckless at this time to risk the precious gains we've made-- which makes everyone safer-- just to allow the more careless and carefree among us to galavant around like there is no health risk, while others are cautiously careful and mostly stuck at home for six months now, doing everything in our power to protect ourselves, our healthcare providers, and our community. My two sons have sacrificed at least a year of campus life at University of Florida and UCF to keep themselves and others safe. My own mother who lives with us is 88 years old and is on chemotherapy for leukemia, has been nowhere but to the doctor. Our family minimizes our comings and goings and diligently mask if we do go anywhere. We will continue to do so until there is a vaccine, regardless of what this Commission decides. Our actions and those of others that care about the lives and health of our fellow citizens, and listen to the science, will continue to have a beneficial protective effect for all. However, it is not fair for some of us who to bear the greatest burden when we are ALL best protected by ALL of us acting in concert to minimize infections.</p> <p>In countries that have contained this virus, they have employed UNIVERSAL masking mandates. They follow the science.. We know how to do this. They have shown us the way.</p> <p>If you prematurely repeal the mask ordinance, it will only cost lives and make our community less safe for everyone. If the impetus to repeal this mandate is economic, I promise you it will have the opposite effect as responsible citizens will feel less safe and hunker down. Though I'm sure some businesses might benefit, please remember a business can be rebuilt. A life gone can never be replaced or resurrected.</p> <p>DO NOT REPEAL THE MASK ORDINANCE UNTIL WE HAVE A PLAN TO KEEP EVERYONE SAFE FROM THIS VIRUS. And let's ALL participate and bear responsibility in the meantime for following science,, and doing the best we can to protect each other.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>	Pamela Haengel	3160 1st Street N	St. Petersburg	33704	7272449064	phaengel@gmail.com	2020-09-14 19:47:34
Mask ordinance	I am in favor of keeping the ordinance. I have lots of health issues and I feel much safe going out knowing everyone is required to wear a mask. I don't have help so I have to run my own errands. I believe this ordinance has helped our community keep numbers down. I have been a pinellas resident for 30 years and I hope you can keep this in place to help us older residents remain safe.	Skye crudele	11795 park Blvd	Seminole	33772	7276864273	crudele6@aol.com	2020-09-14 19:45:13
State of Emergency	I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency expire.			Treasure Island			michelledav78@gmail.com	2020-09-14 19:42:02
Face Masks	<p>Please continue to support the wearing of face masks in Pinellas County. The mask requirement has greatly reduced illness and deaths in the county. With schools open and bars opening this week, we need to stay vigilant in our duty to protect each other and continue to eliminate this horrendous virus.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration in this matter.</p>	Shawn M. Ulrich	140 15th Ave N	St. Petersburg, Fl	33704	727 898-8119	sulrich@tampabay.rr.com	2020-09-14 19:41:54

Mask ordinance	Hi I would like to keep the mask ordinance in pinellas county . I am a pinellas resident and I believe this ordinance has helped our county tremendously. I have children in school and I have asthma. The masks ordinance helps us feel safer about having to go out.	Ariell craft	7131 orpine dr n	Saint Petersburg	33702	7272399133	ariellc21@gmail.com	2020-09-14 19:39:42
Mask Mandate in Public Spaces	I am shocked to learn that Pinellas County would even consider removing the current mandate. I work in a recirculated air controlled environment. My only protection is a mask on my face and the on the faces of the public. Florida is far from safe from this airborne virus. How could the Board even consider repealing this mask mandate? I don't think my Mother currently living in a nursing home would appreciate her only living child take unnecessary health risks because the current Commissioners are afraid of public outcry.	Janet McGinnis	2101 Sunset Point Road 701	Clearwater	33765	7274423597	janetmcginnis@gmail.com	2020-09-14 19:39:17
Mask ordinance in Pinellas county	I understand you all may be considering dropping the mask ordinance. Please don't. We have cases in schools and dropping the ordinance would allow the schools leeway to follow suit. It's too soon. Please wait until we have had 14 days with no new cases before considering any lessening of the order. Thank you.	Tammy Folstad		Dunedin	34698		tallharper@Hotmail.com	2020-09-14 19:37:19
Data for Mask wearing decisions	Dear Commissioners,  In addition to the recent email I sent encouraging keeping all safety measure in place including mask orders for all public, I wish to share this website. Please find some trusted data from FL DOH, CDC, WHO, And Johns Hopkins or other science responses to ake your future decisions for the county.  <a href="https://projects.tampabay.com/projects/data/coronavirus/en/county/pinellas">https://projects.tampabay.com/projects/data/coronavirus/en/county/pinellas</a>  Respectfully, Julia Herbst	Julia Herbst	1132, Elmendorf Trace	Tarpon Springs	34689	8144792919	herbstsonne5@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 19:27:19
Mask mandate	I implore you to continue the mask mandate in Pinellas County. As a 67 year old member of the county prior to the mask mandate my husband and I felt trapped in our home. Once most people complied it started bringing down the number of cases. It is very premature to eliminate the requirement now particularly with the start of school, Labor Day and the opening of bars. It is far too soon to see the impact of these changes and we do not want to be trapped in our home again to feel safe. States that have low numbers continue to require mask wearing and they are wise. We count on your wisdom as well.	Nancy Millichamp	5535 Williamsdale Ct	Seminole	33772	7274204910	mill15325@gmail.com	2020-09-14 19:25:35
Make Safety a priority using science not opinion - MASKS until safe for ALL	Dear Commisioners,  I write to urge you to keep all safety measures of physical distance, limited group size and Masks for all in all public spaces when within 2 meters of anyone besides immediate family in place until it is safe to change the policy.  Using public opinion, and residents preferences is not a sound measure to protect public health, or to shorten the economic impact of this virus on businesses. Please use trusted data from Public Health experts to determine the safe time to life Mask mandates. Data like incident rate, percent positive for multiple weeks below 5%, as well as testing process and quantity and significant advances to contract tracing should be the RULER you use to make this life decision.  A LOT of business can be conducted with masks, and when it is normalized for all we MAY begin to see a decrease in the DATA that Must be used for this decision. I urge you to find a threshold of science that can be used to guide your safety precaution orders, in alignment with health professionals. Share and promote that science based threshold widely instead of continuing this biweekly public debate on unfounded opinion.  I and my family and friends refuse to patronize an establishment without masks properly worn and we will advertise places without masks as safety threats. School is just starting and case are rising from that, too.  We can get out of this more swiftly, and with less economic harm only when we are consistent, masked and do not allow gatherings, for the long term!  Thank you, Julia	Julia Herbst		Tarpon Springs	34689	8144792919	herbstsonne5@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 19:20:22
Keep the Mask Ordinance	On behalf of my close family that includes four adults and three children, if mandatory mask wearing is lifted, we are likely to limit our trips to various establishments even more and opt for shopping online. The children are already in virtual school and will continue to be so until the situation with Covid-19 is significantly better than it currently is. Just wished to let you know that this family feel it's too early to be considering lifting mask requirements. In fact, I'd rather it was the opposite, as many stores say they cannot make customers wear them, so allow stubborn customers to walk around with chin strap masks or masks under their noses (which entirely defeats the goal). Stores should insist upon mask wearing, the same way they insist people wear a shirt and shoes. Thank you.	Simon Faulkner	2043 Buford Blvd	Clearwater	33763		simonfaulkner@gmail.com	2020-09-14 19:12:37

End State of Emergency and Mask Mandate	It is time to stop using the advice of individuals who receive funding due to this virus. It is a conflict of interest and does not allow for new studies that show mask wearing is detrimental to physical and mental health. Your voters are suffering! Businesses are closed forever, people are severely depressed and there is a spike in suicides nationwide! We are social beings and human contact is needed for good mental health. I do not wear a mask and I have never gotten sick based on proper handwashing and extra vitamins. We the citizens have had enough, and demand to return to live as the Constitution of the United States intends for us to live.	Christina Strutzenberg	39248 US Hwy 19 N lot 178	Tarpon Springs	34689	7272479553	mdssweet@gmail.com	2020-09-14 19:09:36
Mask Ordinance	I am writing to express my concern regarding the mask ordinance. I would like to make it known that I fully support a mask mandate in the county and science shows that it has proven effective. There is even new data indicating that mask wearing may in fact increase immunity to covid 19 due to aspects of viral load theory. Please follow the science and let our county thrive both from a health and economic perspective.	Megan Woodrow		Safety Harbor			megwoodrow@gmail.com	2020-09-14 19:03:44
Please do not reverse the mask mandate!	I am asking that you do not cave under pressure to reverse the mask mandate! Masking up has worked in reducing the spread of this virus throughout Pinellas County, undoubtedly. In order to keep our economy in recovery - especially our restaurants and other small business that are suffering, we all need to do our part and wear masks to prevent the spread, especially while our children are in school and the weather becomes cooler and drier this coming fall/winter season. Please, please keep this mandate in effect! 🙏🙏🙏	Diana Cook	1041 Bella Vista Dr. NE	St. Petersburg	33702	7276419558	dianacook11@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 18:59:44
Mask Mandate	Please do not reverse the mask mandate. It's far from over. Thank you	Frances Elliott	6700 150th Ave N, # 728	Clearwater	33864		redsfran@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 18:59:03
Mask ordinance	Please do not cave to the anti-science, anti- reality anti mask brigade. Please keep the email ordinance.	Kimberly Magee	5062 54th way N	St. Petersburg	33709	728-643-4978	kmazing@icloud.com	2020-09-14 18:57:46
Mask Ordinance	Hello, I am an Essential Worker at Whole Foods Market in Clearwater. We as grocery workers feel substantially safer with the mask ordinance in place. I have also spoken with many customers about this issue and they feel much more at ease shopping since masks have been mandatory. The store as a whole is much calmer and people have settled into this requirement. If the ordinance is removed Me and my teammates would be forced to work in a dangerous environment or stay away with no pay or just quit none of these options would enable me to continue supporting my family. I beg , PLEASE KEEP THE MASK ORDINANCE !!!!!	Kelli Slaughter	2640 Enterprise E. # B23	CLEARWATER	33759	4078084174	kellislaughter@ymail.com	2020-09-14 18:56:56
Mask mandate	Please continue the mask mandate to help stop the spread of Covid-19. To do anything otherwise flies in the face of public health and safety.	Amy Hartigan	2689 Sabal Springs circle, #201	Clearwater	33761		amyhartigan92@gmail.com	2020-09-14 18:56:31
Masks	The thought of you all stop in the math ordinance makes me sick to my stomach and makes me terrified. You just open the bars you just opened the barn did I say it again you just opened the bars with the sheriff that says I'm not taking these people out. That's the owners responsibility you've got to be kidding me you just open the schools they're predicting the worst impact we've had so far of this virus and you are considering taking away the only protection that we have because these lunatics are pressuring you and maybe somebody won't get voted for? Please please please save lives and do not succumb to these lunatics pressure	Katharine MacAlister	1801 East Lake Rd, Apt 21 E	Palm Harbor	34685	6039691372	kmacal8@gmail.com	2020-09-14 18:49:54
Support for continued mask mandate	Please do not rescind the county mask mandate! We are doing so well slowing the spread, and masks are an integral part of that.	Erin Eichenbaum	240 Brightwaters Blvd NE	St. Petersburg	33704	5613500311	erin.eichenbaum@gmail.com	2020-09-14 18:39:33
Take Mask Mandate Away	During times of panic, opportunistic politicians in positions of power will always latch on to desperate and regressive ideas to infringe upon liberty, while packaging them as some sort of enlightened advancement in technology or understanding. Surgeon General Jerome Adams punctuated the point about the counterproductivity of wearing masks in public in March. Masks don't work. Your using CDC guidelines even though the CDC has not been right in any their predications yet. The CDC said at the beginning, masks do not work for Covid. It is just to make people FEEL safer. Only the people that are worried of getting Covid should wear masks and not burden the rest of us. 99% of the population is being mandated and controlled because of the 1% of the population that got Covid (even though most recovered). What your website should say is how many people do not have Covid AND how many have recovered, but that would not fit your fear agenda. My guess is as your meeting nears the numbers will trend upward to aid in your already made decision.  <a href="https://www.theblaze.com/op-ed/horowitz-lied-to-dramatically-about-masks?utm_source=theblaze-breaking&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=20200910Trending-HorowitzMask&amp;utm_term=ACTIVE%20LIST%20-%20TheBlaze%20Breaking%20News">https://www.theblaze.com/op-ed/horowitz-lied-to-dramatically-about-masks?utm_source=theblaze-breaking&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_campaign=20200910Trending-HorowitzMask&amp;utm_term=ACTIVE%20LIST%20-%20TheBlaze%20Breaking%20News</a>	Jeffrey Ehrhardt		Largo	33774		thecurbappealguy@verizon.net	2020-09-14 18:38:19
COVID -19 Mask Wearing to REMAIN IN PLACE!	I would believe in the Best interest of the citizens of Pinellas County, is to keep into effect the wearing of face masks . It is obvious, to most, that our numbers have decreased because the public is continuing to wear their face masks, along with trying to keep the Social Distancing. I feel, if this is revoked, then we WILL SEE an increase of Covid 19 cases rise again!! It will be a backward flow of progress for our community. Why let the cow out of the barn, if all is going in our favor to keep the public healthy, because a few people find it inconvenient and uncomfortable. Thank You. Betsy S.			St. Petersburg	33703		shillbee@aol.com	2020-09-14 18:31:47
Mask Mandate	I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency to expire and the mask mandate to end.	Dan Hott		Madeira Beach			dhott75@hotmail.com	2020-09-14 18:22:17
I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency expire	We are asking that the state of emergency is allowed to expired and therefore lifting the mask mandate.			Clearwater			mrs.danielclay@gmail.com	2020-09-14 18:20:17

Masks	The more we learn about COVID-19, the more apparent it becomes that this disease is unlike any we have seen before. Even those with "minor" cases who were never hospitalized are developing organ damage, brain fog, fatigue and a host of other troubling symptoms. The latest study I read indicates this virus may be able to enter the brain and directly infect brain cells. In addition, a large percentage of transmission of done by asymptomatic carriers. Without universal rapid testing, no one can know if they are carriers. The only way to keep Pinellas citizens safe is to continue requiring masks. Until a vaccine or effective treatment is developed masks are our best weapon. They are not difficult to wear. They do NOT make you sick. Even health care workers with asthma wear them with no difficulty. Masks can allow more freedom of movement and help more businesses stay open. That is real freedom. Please put science first and continue requiring masks	Terrie Weeks RN, JD	7301 8th Ave N	St Petersburg	33710	7277935939	tkweeks01@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 18:03:24
Mask mandate	Commissioners, Please keep the Pinellas County mask mandate in place. We are making progress in Pinellas County, but we are not out of the woods yet. Thank you.  Jason Green Pinellas County resident	Jason Green	3160 SUNSET DR N	ST PETERSBURG	33710		jason@jason-green.com	2020-09-14 18:02:02
No more masks	Please do not extend the State of Emergency.	Nancy Kelley-Dods	8001 Sailboat Key Blvd S, Unit 406	St Pete Beach	33707	727-289-5527	nancyeastham@aol.com	2020-09-14 17:59:21
State of Emergency order	Please let the state of emergency order expire.	Nena Andrews	8021 Sailboat Key Blvd S #403	St Pete Beach	33707	3608015159	nenafrenchandrews@gmail.com	2020-09-14 17:46:02
Please allow SOE to expire.	I respectfully request that you allow the SOE to expire.	Desirae Hack	5722 13th ave S	Gulfport	33797		desirae.hack@gmail.com	2020-09-14 17:37:59
mask mandate	Because of the mask mandate, we are seeing a decrease in all indicators for the covid virus. Please do not relax the mandate. According to the scientists, wearing masks is our best defense against the virus. I am 71 years old and feel comfortable going to the grocery store when everyone is wearing a mask. Masks not only protect us, but they encourage people to safely go out which helps the economy.	Patricia Waite	4710 Bay St NE #111	St. Petersburg	33703	7275220603	pat.waite@gmail.com	2020-09-14 17:23:59
Sharon Williams input on mask wearing requirements	Dave and Karen, I have three items to bring to your attention on this issue as I read that there will be a discussion and possible vote on discontinuing the requirement to wear a mask in public places around Oct. 6. 1) I went into Cricketers restaurant in Dunedin Sunday, sept 13th to pick up a carry out order. The place was packed, all tables full and bar seats full, shoulder to shoulder, watching the Buc's football game. Lots of noise, no one wearing a mask except wait staff and me. If this is happening thru out the county, with all 3 pro teams, it WILL increase the infection rate within the next few weeks.  2) Clearly, as we have all learned, the probability of Covid exposure goes up significantly when inside as the particles are spread thru the AC system, especially when in an enclosed space for an extended time. My husband worked for years with Pinellas Co schools on air quality issues and ventilation and how to get fresh air into classrooms. He is NOT at all confident that the school systems HVAC systems and damper systems to bring in fresh air can effectively ventilate the classrooms to keep the children and teachers safe.  3) I am aware that Tampa General is forecasting a possible sharp increase in Covid hospital admissions during the First 2 weeks of October due to a number of factors. You may want to see what Pinellas Co hospitals are planning.  For these reasons, I urge you to not vote to remove the requirement for mask wearing inside during the month of October and possibly longer. Wait, let's be patient and err on the side of caution to save lives and Save our economy in the long run.  Sharon Williams Dunedin, FL	Sharon Williams	1891 Del Oro Ct	Dunedin	34698	727 -480-8956	floridasooners@gmail.com	2020-09-14 17:21:06
Mask Ordinance	Dear Commissioners:  I stand with many other concerned citizens about maintaining the mask ordinance. This is the safest protection we have right now while the virus is still so prevalent.  Thank you for hearing us and hopefully acting accordingly.  Respectfully, Terry Lubotsky	Terry Lubotsky		Clearwater			terryheart@aol.com	2020-09-14 17:19:42

Pinellas County Mask Mandate - Please do NOT lift the mandate	<p>I was very concerned after reading this article in the Tampa Bay Times on 09/12/20:</p> <p><a href="https://www.tampabay.com/news/health/2020/09/11/pinellas-commissioners-to-discuss-repealing-coronavirus-mask-ordinance/">https://www.tampabay.com/news/health/2020/09/11/pinellas-commissioners-to-discuss-repealing-coronavirus-mask-ordinance/</a></p> <p>Please do NOT lift the mask mandate. Numbers are declining and leveling out *because* of the masks. If you lift this mandate, especially just after bars have been allowed to reopen, you will undermine Pinellas County's ability to navigate the pandemic once flu season gets into full swing. Not to mention that despite COVID case totals, snow birds with properties down here will likely come down anyway in the next couple of months to escape the winter weather, so now we are talking about people from all over the US walking around Pinellas without a mask.</p> <p>My husband just recovered from COVID-19 after testing positive for *six weeks*. I do not wish this virus upon anyone. He was absolutely miserable, quarantine while we have a 5 year old was near impossible, and loss of income from missing work put a strain on our finances. And we were one of the lucky families.</p> <p>Please, please don't do this. Please keep the mask mandate in place until at the very least the end of November, if not until the end of the year. I know keeping the mask mandate in place until there is a widely available vaccine is not realistic, but please keep it in place until our numbers are at a place where we have consistently kept our positive rate at or below 2% for at least 30 days.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jillian Freeman</p>	Jillian Freeman	12448 93rd St	Largo	33773	7276570607	bejillian@yahoo.com	2020-09-14 16:54:35
Outbreak or Pandemic?	<p>"In all the history of respiratory-borne viruses of any type, asymptomatic transmission has NEVER been the driver of outbreaks." Dr. Fauci</p> <p><a href="https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0MuMQ34ixT26uVqWiCouE58CpvPX6wcy6ngFCLt09dNuh1m8v6SxUViW4&amp;feature=youtu.be&amp;v=vrAvjU2LBkg">https://m.youtube.com/watch?fbclid=IwAR0MuMQ34ixT26uVqWiCouE58CpvPX6wcy6ngFCLt09dNuh1m8v6SxUViW4&amp;feature=youtu.be&amp;v=vrAvjU2LBkg</a></p> <p>The CDC now calls this an outbreak.</p>	Sheryl Evarts	707 182nd Avenue E	Redington Shores	33708	7274346182	sheryl.evarts@gmail.com	2020-09-14 16:50:58
Masks on- number of infected and dead go down	<p>Dear Commissioners,</p> <p>Seems like the proof is in the numbers, AND now that bars are open PLEASE do not throw more fuel on the virus fire. Leave the mask mandate just like it is. In the next month, schools, bars and influenza will be our new vectors. Please this is working, I work in a public building and wear a mask all day. I want those citizens coming into my space to wear a mask and socially distance. Please. I doubt that will happen in the bars and the poor schools.</p> <p>Like Fauci says "wear a mask!"</p> <p>I would suggest doing like they do in NY. Every receipt from a restaurant or bar guest, get the contact info for one guest so you are actually collecting info to contact trace.</p> <p>Thank you for your leadership.</p>	Linda Lee Miller	410 San Jose Dr	Dunedin	34698	4065904417	lee3miller@gmail.com	2020-09-14 16:48:45
I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency to expire.	I respectfully request that you allow the state of emergency to expire.			Pinellas			wonderlywoman17@gmail.com	2020-09-14 11:08:00