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It is imperative that we protect the public health. We are now almost back to the level of infection when we did the shutdown. We need to stop the spread, and facemask mandates have got us back from the horrible levels in July. Keep the facemask mandates in place so that we can get this epidemic under control and get back to normal. Prior to the outbreak, I ate out 75% of the time, but I haven't been to a restaurant in 6 months, and I won't until things are under control. If we get back to 10-20 new cases per day in Pinellas County, we should be able to contact trace, and feel reasonable safe to return to normal activities. If we let up on the facemask mandates and we start going in the wrong direction, then there is no way any of us will be eating in restaurants again for the remainder of the year. You have a very solemn responsibility and I don't envy you, but I certainly hope you will do the right thing. We can live with the inconvenience of facemasks, so long as we are on the path to normalcy.

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