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> Dear Mr Eggers
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> I have previously corresponded with Mr Welch, cc'ed in, who has been enormously helpful and always replies.
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> I try to watch your virtual meetings to stay informed on Facebook but I always have to turn them off. The comments are flooded with aggressive, angry people who shout about masks infringing on their rights, as well as an array of other topics that have nothing to do with the topics at hand. They are a vocal minority. It's distressing. Frankly, it makes me ashamed of our county. It's irrational - a shouting match.
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> Here in Kenwood, in St Pete, we wear masks so that we can support businesses, live our lives, respect each other, and keep our communities safe. And now that the bars are reopening, it's more important than ever. Just ask Representative Latvala and Sheriff Gualtieri. Ask the Doyle family of Belleair.
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> If you remove the mask mandate, especially now that bars are reopening, county infection rates will go shooting right back up to five figures. Our current daily four figures is still nowhere near acceptable.

> The shouting minority may be vocal, but the silent majority want to be "adults" - and protect others and ourselves. We want to support the economy. You remove mask mandates, most of us will stop going out. People in service will lose their jobs again. Masks are the necessary medium for now. And it's really not a big deal to wear one. Just ask your surgeon. Or my mother - a surgical nurse.
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> Watch Europe. Watch the UK now - it's my second home. I am a dual citizen. Because that will be us weeks after, if you all vote to prematurely remove the mask mandate. It's not political. It's common sense.
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> Please be a bit more patient. I went to Clearwater High School. My classmate, now a senior epidemiologist at the CDC who headed up the Smithfield case in SD, said last night that she anticipates a vaccine by December. That was a pleasant surprise.
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> Thank you.
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