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Good Afternoon:

Please do not vote to remove the mask mandate in Pinellas county. As a healthcare professional, I feel this is a mistake. The virus is airborne. There is no science to show that if numbers are lower we should randomly stop a mask mandate despite this virus being airborne.

We are entering flu season. Stopping the mask mandate will only allow for the possibility of overwhelming the healthcare system during these next few months. The healthcare system is still not recovered from the initial effects of sars-cov2. It is still challenging to find a specialist as a new patient. If COVID takes more of a medical priority again, patients will be waiting forever for routine, but important care.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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Jeanette Rodríguez