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From: NIKOLE MADDUX CPDT-KA <kolem26@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:57 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: No to mandatory mask!

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As a Jacksonville resident I am absolutely against the mandatory mask.

China was masked before their outbreak and they were hit hard. Masks don't work.

A rise in covid cases with a low death rate is a great thing not a bad thing.

How long will this go on? How long are you expecting everyone to wear a mask?

I truly hope you are paying attention and do not decide to try to take our freedoms away.

Thank you,

Jacksonville resident

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From: Trista <osuchica1284@aim.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:57 AM  
To: GovernorRon.Desantis@eog.myflorida.com; Mayor Lenny Curry; gibson.audrey@flsenate.gov; Danford, Joyce; jonathan.satter@dms.myflorida.com; CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Jacksonville resident, newly Covid immune and today is my first day off of 2 week mandatory home quarantine - why must I wear a mask in public as per Mayor Curry's new order?

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To whom it may concern,

I'm curious as to why people who have recovered from Covid (like me) have to also partake in future contraceptive measures (like this new mask order from Jacksonville mayor Lenny Curry) when by modern medical / immunology teachings, I can no longer be a Covid carrier?

And to validate my understanding of viral infections and the body's immune response, News4Jax posted an article two days ago where local medical professionals try to explain why some Covid infected pop negative results over multiple tests before finally showing a positive -> <https://www.news4jax.com/health/2020/06/30/heath-official-explains-why-some-people-have-coronavirus-symptoms-but-test-negative/>

According to medical experts logic in that article the negative test results stem from infected persons who don't have enough viral load to register on a test. Eventually the infection progresses (viral replication) where it can be detected in the mouth / nasal cavity.

So it stands to reason that if the virus needs to replicate in order to be in great enough quantity to even register on a mouth / nasal swab, then someone who has antibodies to Covid cannot actively infect others through respiration. My immune system now prevents Covid from increasing in numbers where it can leave my body.

Again, why should I be required to wear a mask when I can no longer be contagious?

Another thing that doesn't make sense to me is now that my quarantine is over, I can go back to work if I don't show any symptoms for 72hrs?? Why am I not being required to take a test to show I'm actually negative?

Thank you,

Trista Fravel

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From: suzyqz913 <suzyqz913@aol.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:54 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: No mandatory masks!

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> This is absolutely atrocious! Let those who want to wear masks wear them. But trying to making everyone is not acceptable!

> Not only does the CDC keep changing their minds about what does and doesn't "slow the spread", but masks only work if they're worn properly (which 98% of the time they aren't), and you sanitize you and everything you touch. Wallet, car door, steering wheel, keys (nobody does this)....

> No mandatory masks!

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From: susanna leftwich <simplysusannafitness@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:53 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: No Mandatory masks

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- > Mandatory masks not only are a sever overreach of power, but a complete violation on "my body my choice"!
- > It is not your job to protect my health. It's my job.
- > I will not be participating in this!
- >
- > Sent from my iPhone

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From: Beckie Grimage <mommaoffun@icloud.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:40 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Mask mandate

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I am all for the mask mandate! I think Mayor Curry is doing the right thing to protect our citizens! Just would love some clarity on the age requirements 6 and older? 2 and older? And also the different able citizens such as autistic or SPD citizens? Thanks for all y'all are doing!  
Beckie Merritt  
Sent from my iPhone

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From: cc ryder <cc\_ryder@bellsouth.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:37 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Face mask

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To Mayer Curry and City Council,

Why do you continue to cave to the pressures from others who intend to skew the facts. We were bound to have more cases of covid19 with all our testing. Why is this any different than any other flu where thousands have died also and never was our country shut down and looking like we are living in China, Korea, Taiwan, or Japan? I am an American, damn it. We do not wear masks and we do not cower. Immunity will come to humanity as it has for millions of years and we will emerge a stronger people because of it. If you are sick or compromised, stay home and let the rest of us hold down the fort. Keep our city moving in the right direction. Fact is deaths are decreasing and that is all we need to know. NO MASKS PLEASE.

Cheryl and John Lewis  
Mandarin

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From: Dwayne Clark <dwayne@lawboat.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:30 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Masks please mandate them broadly and strongly with enforcement.

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Please make the mask policy as strong and restrictive as possible for the protection of Jacksonville residents. Please enforce it too.

We favor masks at ALL times indoors and outdoors without exceptions for social distancing.

All medical providers (and many Republicans) now favor this approach.

Please do the right thing for all of us.

Wearing a face covering is easy and helps others.

With ALL due respect.

Dwayne Clark

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From: Kate Hicks <katehicks22@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:29 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Doesn't have to be read at meeting: Thank you for the mask mandate!

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

This doesn't need to be read in the meeting, I just wanted to state my support for the mask mandate!

As a person who is the primary person to shop for at-risk parents and who is the care giver for a toddler, I want to say thank you for the mask mandate.

I went to the store after 5pm on Monday and there was already a HUGE increase in mask wearing. Having read so much information from science based research saying that masks are the number 1 way to decrease Covid without a vaccine, it was always disheartening to go to the store (the only place I go and only when necessary) and see less than half the people wearing masks.

Thank you for the mask mandate!

-Kate H.



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From: Casie Zerbe <casiezerbe@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:28 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: No MASKS

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I strongly disagree with the mandatory mask requirement. I have strong faith in our society to do right when given the opportunity. If a member of the community is sick with what appears to be covid symptoms there has been many measure put in place for that individual, including free testing.

A mask that is tossed in a car, in a purse and all around most likely not regularly washed nor of material that would be used in a clinical setting is useless. I've never once in my life been coughed or sneezed on by a stranger. Why then is there this idea that sudden societal norms have changes?

Please show me the study in which an asyptomatic carrier brought on wide spread death.

I would support those in leadership encouraging people to eat health fruits, veggies, meats, etc. and lessen sugar while getting adaqueate sleep.

I am looking for freedom to chose what is best for my family, mandates mean YOU have chosen what is best for my family.

Sincerely,  
Casie Zerbe  
St John County Resident (1 year)  
Duval Resident (3 years)

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From: Reba Davis <rebagatordavis@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:27 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: FACE MASKS

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I HAVE TO RIDE MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICES. MY INSURANCE COMPANIES. USE LOGISTIC CARE. THEY HAVE SENT OUT CHECKER CAB ,ZTRIP. AND LYFT DRIVERS. THAT DON'T WEAR MASK. I WEAR GLOVES AND MASK. THEY THE DRIVERS STATES THEY AREN'T GOING TO WEAR MASKS. THESE ARE SHARED RIDES SOME OF THE OTHER PASSENGERS DON'T WEAR MASKS. THEY BE SMELLING, COUGHING. SO WHAT IS THE CITY OR STATE GOING TO DO ABOUT THAT.IF THESE TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES AREN'T ENFORCING THE POLICIES. MY HEALTH IS IN DANGER. THERE ARE CERTAIN APPOINTMENTS I HAVE TO GO IN PERSON TO. LOGISTIC CARE DOESN'T CARE ABOUT BLACK LIVES MATTER .PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THESE LYFT AND UBER AND CAB AND ALL TRANSPORTATION COMPANIES. SERVING MEDICAL PATIENTS. GOD BLESS YOU. REBA DAVIS IN JACKSONVILLE FLORIDA.

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From: Geoffrey Pike <geoffreyg.pike@comcast.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:26 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Mandate

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I am a resident of Duval County, and I vehemently oppose any mask mandate imposed by the government. If a business wants to mandate a mask for customers, that is up to them and that should be their right as the owner of the property. The government has no business interfering with the voluntary transactions between individuals and businesses. Mandating masks is a violation of liberty and property rights. The establishment-backed science that has gotten so much wrong over the last few months is not even clear on this, and many people believe that wearing a mask has more harmful impacts than benefits.

We have gone from "flatten the curve" in March to "everyone has to wear masks" in June. It is amazing how people have accepted tyranny so quickly and easily. Now we just get a bunch of executive orders from governors and mayors with no actual laws. If the flu gets bad next year or the year after, I guess we will be back to following the whims of governors and mayors. Or maybe everyone will just have to wear a mask for the rest of their lives. After all, there is always somebody out there with a virus that could potentially spread it to someone else in vulnerable health.

Please strike down the mayor's unlawful and ridiculous orders to wear masks in Jacksonville.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Pike  
14740 Bulow Creek Drive  
Jacksonville, FL 32258

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From: Gregory Hamilton <gregorytrzeciak94@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:16 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020; Becton, Daniel; Mayor Lenny Curry  
Subject: Mask Mandate Comments and Questions

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good day and thank you for taking my comments into consideration for the upcoming meeting(s):

As the mask mandate went into effect, I was finally comfortable shopping again. In one weekend day I spent nearly \$250 into the local economy, the bookstore, the local grocer, and the furniture store. I have not done any non-essential shopping until this time, except online, and can only imagine the thousands of dollars in regular purchases I make, not being put into the local economy. On a larger scale, there are millions of dollars being spent digitally rather than locally in our city alone. Without the mask ordinance, Jacksonville will lose valuable tax revenue through the coming months. Coupled with the big impact on the budget via CoVid-19 we will run into serious trouble economically in rapid time.

I also fear that the ordinance will not be implemented by businesses who want to stay on the sidelines on the issue. Could we implement a hot-line for non-compliant businesses? I saw many employees and customers not compliant at the stores this weekend. One approach to limit the financial impact of this would be to record the non-compliant businesses eligibility for future city projects rather than send city workers to enforce directly.

I understand the excitement for the RNC celebration (Republican National Committee) and its possible revenue input into the city but am fearful up-river political pressure may force the city council and Lenny Curry to lift the mandate prematurely in order to save political face. I would appreciate this issue of a virus not turning political and the safest and most scientific approach be taken.

Thank you for your time.

**Greg Trzeciak**  
*Teacher and Consistent Voter in all elections*  
*South Jacksonville Resident*

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From: Belinda Tarber Boyd <tamiane1588@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:13 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Consideration for Special Needs Children

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To Whom It May Concern:

As a mom of two autistic kids who frequents Jacksonville, FL for services, please take into consideration those with intellectual disabilities while writing the mask mandate.

Many of these individuals (including my children) will not tolerate wearing a mask, thus shunning them from public places. Many families of special needs children have the need to run quick errands, such as grocery shopping, and requiring the child to wear a mask puts great stress on these families. Again, I ask you to take this community into consideration when enforcing the mask mandate.

Sincerely,

Belinda M. Boyd

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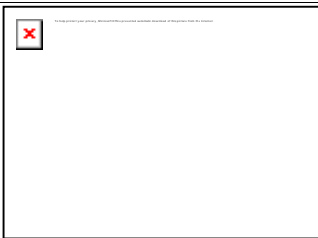
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From: Audri Bevis <abevis@svrrealtyfl.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:07 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Mandate

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I do not agree with issuing a mandatory mask order under any circumstances. Wearing facial coverings is against my Christian beliefs. In the bible women veiled their faces when they were being punished for acts of shame. Adultery. Speaking up for themselves. My daughters and I will not be wearing a shame veil on our faces.

People who wish to wear a mask have that right already. Those of us who do not wish to wear a mask should not be forced to. I have asthma and sinus issues. Wearing a mask makes me feel like I am being smothered. How can you mandate that I must feel suffocated in order to buy groceries?



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From: ddabreu <ddabreu@comcast.net>  
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To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Face masks

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I am deeply concerned about the requirement to wear face masks and the health risks. Our bodies are not designed to function this way and the ongoing use of masks in itself can put us at more risk as our body loses it's own ability to fight germs.

A million + Chines have been wearing face masks long before Covid-19 and they still got Covid - what does that prove? We have a new flu outbreak on the way , again from China and they all wear masks - what does that prove? The mask does not help, it weakens the body immune system. Masks should be reserved for the unhealthy/high risk individuals. Aside from this it should be a personal choice and supermarkets should not be allowed to refuse to serve you if you choose not to wear a mask.

Close the Bars- alcohol consumption is. It a necessity. Open the beaches, people need somewhere they can go and smell the fresh air.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Wendy Parish <southboundspirit29@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:05 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask mandate

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The mask mandate is something I can understand but those of us who are conceal carry permit holders we cannot wear a mask and carry at the same time this is a federal offense that would include jail time how is the mayor gonna fix this for us who have a license to conceal carry and not have to worry about breaking any laws?



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From: Jay Adair <adair\_j99@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:03 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mandatory Face Masks

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Greetings,

I am a resident who suffers from asthma. I have tried to wear my mask, but every time I end up having an asthma attack. I have great difficulty breathing the first few minutes, then I go into severe distress after about 5 minutes.

Due to the announcement Monday, business all over town have put up signs to not enter without a mask. What am I to do? What are others in my position to do? Does the city really want us to take our shopping money elsewhere? Am I to live as though I am on house arrest? Is the city going to pay for me to have everything delivered because I can't enter a retail or grocery establishment as a result of this order?

I maintain social distancing, and when I am going to pass by someone with less than a six foot difference, I turn my head away from that person six feet before I reach them. From hand washing to taking my temperature, I do everything possible short of staying home to avoid infection. This mandate is an undue and unfair burden on myself and others.

Jayleen Adair  
Unhappy Constituent

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From: Shannen Murray <slmurray13@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:01 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Mandate Comments and Suggestions- Thank you!

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,

First and foremost, I would like to say thank you so much for implementing this mask mandate. I think that it was the best decision that could have been made during these times to keep businesses open, and to keep people safe. All of you city leaders have been working so hard to come up with plans that not only protect us citizens, but also ensure the economic livelihood of our city that we all love so much. I cannot imagine your job being simple or easy, especially in times like these, and I speak for myself and most Jacksonville residents that I know when I say we appreciate you and all your hard work.

Masks have been shown time and time again to protect people from this virus by reducing the spread of particulates, usually released during talking, coughing, or even breathing. Anyone who claims that wearing a mask does not do these things, and that masks hurt more than help, are not looking at science. I know you city leaders are well versed on this, so I will not bore you with links to scientific studies. Instead, I would like to give you my personal account on how masks not only help the people of this city feel more protected, but can actually contribute to our economic recovery.

As a teacher, I have the summers off, and have not worked since the middle of march (I work in St Johns County, but live in Duval County). There have only been a few instances where I have travelled outside my home to do anything other than grocery shop or go to the beach (9 am on a Tuesday is the best time to go to the beach, since there's only a few others there), but I would love to contribute to the city and businesses within it economically. Prior to this pandemic, my boyfriend and I would go shopping at the Avenues Mall, St Johns Town Center, or one of the many other fantastic shopping centers in the county on a very regular basis.

However, since the pandemic we have not done this, simply because we do not feel safe. Even though most businesses follow the capacity rules and claim to enforce social distancing, far too often we find ourselves way less than 6 feet away from someone not wearing a mask. This makes people like me, and many of my friends, feel anxious when we go out in public because we do not want to contract the virus and spread it to others.

On Tuesday, after the mask mandate was implemented, we decided to give shopping a try again, and it was such a wonderful experience! I felt safe since the vast majority of customers and employees were wearing their masks (properly), and am very excited to go back out again, spend money, and contribute to the economic development of the city of Jacksonville.

I believe the mask mandate will help our city recover quicker- in regards to the economy and the virus. However, I feel without proper enforcement it will slowly slide into ineffectiveness. So, I have a suggestion to open an "anonymous tip line" or email address where citizens who observe people not following the mask mandate, or businesses not enforcing the mask mandate, can report these, and have a fine issued. The fine doesn't have to be a lot, but should serve as a warning and as a wake-up call to those who do not care about endangering the health and safety of others.

I am not going to tell you how to do your job (because you have far more expertise in this area than I do), but I feel as though some sort of reporting mechanism could create some accountability, and reduce the workload on police and

code enforcement. Thank you so much for your time and consideration, and also for all of your incredible work in leading our city in this absolutely wild year.

Have a great day,  
Shannen Murray

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From: MARY ROMAINE <maryacup@aol.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 11:01 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Masks

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There are numerous articles about the danger of breathing co2.  
And there are numerous articles about the masks NOT protecting the wearer.

I believe masks do not help and the restaurants etc that do not enforce proper distancing need to be dealt with instead of mandatory masks.

Mary Romaine

Sent from my iPhone

From: Kevin Bohacz <kevin@kbohacz.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:57 AM  
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Cc: Dana Brett  
Subject: The Sunshine State is sinking. We need a mask mandate with teeth and far more...

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Due to an absence of leadership from some of our state and national elected leaders, almost every large city in Florida has been forced to mandate mask usage on their own. These mayors did this because they can read the coronavirus writing on the walls, CDC bulletins, and geometrically growing infection graphs. They can see the rocky shoal our ship of state is heading toward and want to avoid total disaster. They know wearing masks will result in a quicker recovery for their cities in both health and dollars.

Other states are now requiring Floridians quarantine for 14 days after arrival. How much death and illness and financial damage will it take before our absentee elected leaders start acting like the courageous leaders we need?

Coming from all around the state and country, I've heard rationalizations that only young people are getting ill. Before that, I heard rationalizations that spiking infection rates were only due to increased testing. But what I really hear is the sound of us slowly incrementally being sucked deeper into quicksand while denying the obvious deadly fact. Dr. Fauci and virtually all other public health experts have consistently warned that increases in hospitalization and deaths trail infection by weeks. If this holds, soon death and hospitalization will follow as the younger people infect more vulnerable people, while some of the younger people grow seriously ill and die. Even asymptomatic people may have a 57% risk of lifelong lung damage, as reported in a new scientific study published in June in Nature.

Why are masks not mandated statewide and nationwide? The excuse we are given by some of our elected leaders is that a mandate would be unenforceable. This is as illogical and nearsighted as it sounds. We have seatbelt laws. We have smoking laws. We have texting while driving laws. We do not need the police to run around and constantly enforce these laws to benefit from them. Spot enforcement is more than enough. Why? Because people largely respect the law. Make mask wearing a law, and far more people will comply. Spot enforce, and even more will comply. Many will take mask-wearing far more seriously just because it is a law. They will sense greater importance in their guts because it is a law.

The other excuse we are hearing from some of our elected officials is that they need to give "flexibility" to states and local governments to make decisions that best suit their locale. This kind of thinking makes sense if you are talking about a problem that respects the political borders of a city, county, or state. It makes no sense for an unthinking virus that is little more than a killing machine spread by breath and wind. Not making a statewide or nationwide executive decision, and instead giving "flexibility" to local leaders to make bad medically uneducated decisions that affect the health of the entire land is, in itself, making an executive decision, and a bad one.

Forcing mayors and governors to act on their own is resulting in a hodgepodge of rules that is confusing and far less effective than it could be. People acting smarter and sacrificing for the good of all will have their hard work sabotaged by neighboring towns and cities where people are acting foolishly.

It is hard to understand how something so common-sense and lifesaving as a mask, became a loony political trophy and wedge-issue-weapon. However it happened, the end result is equally disappointing, disgraceful, and deadly. This is especially true in my home city of Jacksonville. It was a terrible national look for Jacksonville, the largest city in Florida, to be the sole mask mandate holdout of all large Florida cities. Was this failure to issue a mask mandate coming from politics, reasoned indecision, or something else? Who knows, but I do know it makes my home city feel like an insane asylum instead of a community. I am grateful that a mandate has finally been issued, but without fines it is toothless, and feels like too little, too late. The community has been too lulled into complacency and needs more.

A trip to any retail location, beach, or other crowded outside area in Jacksonville, reveals that most people are not wearing masks and not socially distancing. I suspect one of the reasons the people of Jacksonville are not wearing masks or socially distancing is that up until now, Jacksonville has been miraculously spared the worst that this coronavirus can do. This lack of prior-per-capita infection also means Jacksonville lacks any significant herd immunity. So we have a city of a million people lulled into lowering their guard combined with almost no herd immunity. This makes Jacksonville fertile ground for a nasty outbreak. Add in an RNC convention, like a gratuitous kick in the gut, and we have the makings of a horrible disaster movie that no one would think has a realistic plot. I can imagine the audience saying, "No one would be inviting more people to board a ship that is sinking instead of manning the pumps and ordering passengers to put on their life vests."

When will our holdout national and state elected leaders do more than pay lip service to wearing masks and social distancing? I fear when it is far too late, and our ship of state and country is going down. I get the feeling too many of our highly educated leaders from the top on down are closing their eyes, covering their ears, and screaming wishful-thinking from their mouths to blot out what they know deep down in their gut is really going on. This kind of willful denial has and will result in more people maimed and killed and further wreckage of our already wrecked economy. It's not too late. The time is now to take action and reverse course. The next looming disaster ground will be our schools. Strong medicine is needed there too. We can't reopen them in the middle of this pandemic for short-sighted economic reasons that will economically backfire in the long run. The pandemic is real. This is no joke. We need to start acting like it. The American people can and do forgive past mistakes when heroic apolitical action is taken to correct those mistakes. What the American people cannot and will never forgive is continued failed absentee leadership in a time of crisis.

Kevin Bohacz

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**Kirkus:** "There is enough power in the premise to leave readers reeling. A novel that will surprise fans of science-fiction and doomsday scenarios..."

**Sci-Fi Reader 4 Star review by S.J. Higbee:** “This book manages to do what all the best sci-fi does—provide a thought-provoking, alternative viewpoint on the business of existence. I recommend you give it a go...”

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To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: unconstitutional and infringes on residents' rights

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From: Andrew Kittrell <akittrell1.ak@gmail.com>  
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To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Unlawful Mask Mandate

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Dear Jacksonville City Council and Mayor Curry,

As one of your constituents, I am very disappointed and concerned with the Mayor's recent decision to sign an executive order for the mask mandate. I understand the covid-19 pandemic must be a very difficult issue to try and lead a city through, but this mandate is an extreme overreach to our civil liberties as American citizens. Not only is it an overreach, but there is no significant data that shows wearing masks will reduce or stop the spread of the disease. In fact, there are many studies that show the negative health effects that wearing a mask can induce on healthy people (OSHA, CDC and WHO all have made this statement). The recent uptick in cases, as you very well know, is due to much more testing being available and does not accurately show the true numbers. From all accounts that I have read, hospitalizations and more importantly deaths are way down. The current trend to try and flatten the curve and or reduce the spread is showing to be detrimental to the City, State and Country's economy. We cannot avoid this disease and it is not going to just pack up and leave. The best defense is herd immunity and that will only be obtainable by exposure so that the general public can build their immunity to the disease. With a less than 1% death rate it is ridiculous to create this panic and cripple the local economy. It's pretty simple to me that if you are sick stay home, if you are high risk stay home but the rest of us should carry on as normal. I urge you to ask the Mayor to recall this mandate and allow the city to start picking up the pieces that the overreaction to this disease has created.

Sincerely,

Andrew Kittrell  
[akittrell1.ak@gmail.com](mailto:akittrell1.ak@gmail.com)  
(904)813-3822

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From: Andria Dostaler <adostaler@aol.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:54 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Facemasks

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Please reconsider mandating the wearing of facemasks. It is Unconstitutional. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: lisa barbarito <lisa\_barbarito@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:51 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: You have created great concern

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Dear Mayor Curry,

I am greatly concerned that you just mandated that we must wear masks in public. Requiring masks for healthy people is not only harmful to our health (see below for numerous studies), but it is also illegal in our state as per F.S. 876.12 <https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2011/876.12>. There are already lawsuits occurring in many counties across Florida in regards to this issue.

In addition, requiring us to wear masks goes against our own governor's recommendations of saying masks should simply be voluntary. (<https://floridapolitics.com/archives/342399-ron-desantis-says-masks-should-be-voluntary>)

I am extremely opposed to mandating that we must wears masks. Please revoke this order.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Lisa Barbarito  
904-465-5550

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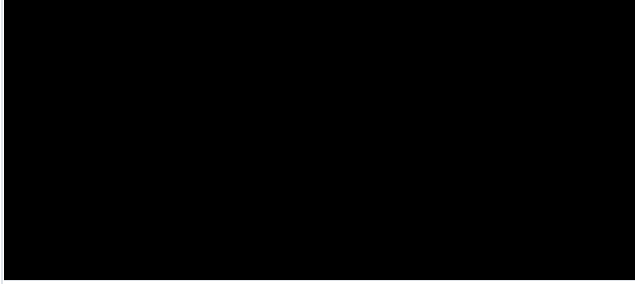
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[Cloth masks: Dangerous to your health?](#)



Cloth masks: Dangerous to your health?

Respiratory infection is much higher among healthcare workers wearing cloth masks compared to medical masks, res...

PS- Don't get me started on the removal of confederate statues...



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From: Toni Schoening <amschoening@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:51 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: NO MASK MANDATE

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Please do not mandate masks within Duval county. It is hot, it is humid and it is against all legality !!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

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From: Hessam Rabiei <sammyrabiei@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:47 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Work from home orders

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Will the work from home orders be reimposed? 2 of my co-workers have tested positive for covid19 thus far and all of us have the ability to work from home, we did so successfully at the end of March and for all of April, but we are forced to continue coming into the office unless the mandate is reinstated.

I think it's a no-brainer to reinstate the work from home orders as it limits our interactions with others, thereby reducing the chances of spreading the virus. I personally take more than the required precautions but I cannot say the same about my co-workers. I take care of my elderly mother and I am filled with anxiety every day that I'm in the office. If I infect her I will never forgive myself.

Please do what is right and reinstate the work from home orders (if you can work from home).

Thank you for the consideration.

PS Please don't share my email address in the meeting.

Thank you again.

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From: Jack Haynes <jackrhaynes@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:47 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Order

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What about people with chronic breathing disorders or who otherwise have difficulty breathing with a mask - does the City intend to override medical advice in this regard? Are you going to take the liability associated with this? Will you cover medical costs associated with any complications? How long has the City had a medical dictate.

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From: M J Wheeler <mjwheeler@bellsouth.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:44 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Hostages

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear Mayor and Duval City Council,

Kindly do not force us to wear masks:

In our car, out in open spaces, or our homes. Do not further task parents or caregivers to mask small children. Do not force asthma sufferers or sinus sufferers to be masked if it hampers their breathing.

**AND DO NOT ENTERTAIN DEFUNDING OUR POLICE FORCE!!!!**

Thank you, Melinda Wheeler

Clements, Jeff

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From: Christine Knight <psalm42girl@aol.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:43 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Cc: Christine Knight  
Subject: Masks

EXTERNAL EMAIL: This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good morning council,

My name is Christine Kish. My husband has 3 autoimmune diseases and is on a biologic. I have severe asthma and almost died from asthma once. I am in favor of mandatory masks for all. I think it should be a national mandate. Yes, people have rights I get that. It's hard to enforce I get that also. I have rights also, the right to go in public and not have to worry others are putting my family and I at risk. What I want you to know is with no mandate I have trouble even getting groceries. I'm dodging people not wearing a mask and no one respects the six feet rule when they are not wearing a mask. Yesterday I had to grocery shop. I went to 2 different stores and guess what, most of the people were staying the distance and wearing the mask. All they needed was the mandate and suddenly even today people in public are taking it more seriously. The mandate helps the majority. Do you need to threaten fines probably. Because you will always have that one person who pushes things to the extreme and in that case it needs to be able to be enforced. But that's not the majority. The majority just need good leadership to say "hey, this is serious enough that we need to make it mandatory". Thank you for taking the time to consider my opinion.

Thank you,

Christine Kish

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Valerie Britt <valeriebritt76@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:42 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020; Mayor Lenny Curry  
Cc: Brown, Cheryl  
Subject: Request clarification of mask requirement or waiver as to medical conditions

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To Mayor Curry & Jacksonville City Council,

I hope the medical condition issue of mask wearing will be cleared up. Under the mandate, are people allowed to go inside crowded public places just by *claiming* they can't wear a mask/facial covering due to a medical condition?

1. News4Jax reported: "There's only one exception which applies to people who have a breathing condition that could worsen if a mask is worn."

And,

2. Posted on the Nextdoor app by City Staff was a statement: "You do not need to wear a mask if you have a medical condition that prevents you from wearing one..."

I have asthma. I do **not** agree that those who can not wear a mask should be exempted from a mandatory mask policy if there are other ways to make accommodations and provide services temporarily.

It is my personal assumption that most who truly have breathing problems that prevent mask wearing probably need to avoid or limit exposure to the virus themselves rather than being given permission to go without face coverings into public places where social distancing is not effective to risk exposing others as well as increasing their own risks.

If the City is ordering face coverings out of necessity for public welfare, I question why those who can not wear masks should be allowed to risk exposing others. Also, many who can't wear a tight fitting mask can manage a loose fitting face covering. Please consult medical experts as well as businesses and the City's attorneys to clarify your policy related to those who say they can not wear masks. (*Until a few days ago when I 1st went out to use no contact curbside deliveries and brief masked special accommodations this week, I have been self isolating since early March and — other than the excessive accumulation of boxes—found using various no contact home delivery and errand services and phone & computer contacts very effective alternatives so far in avoiding exposure.*)

**It is my personal opinion that a mandatory City mask/face covering order will be rendered ineffective if anyone can opt out and come in close quarters indoors just claiming a medical reason not to wear a mask.**

With such an exemption, I believe you will surely see a flurry of fake ADA medical cards flashed by many who are simply anti-maskers. I believe the City needs to be cautious and specific if it chooses to include a medical waiver to allow those claiming they can't wear a mask to enter inside public places mask-less where social distancing is difficult or impossible.

——>>>> Instead, I refer you to and ask you to adopt the **ADA guidelines** on mask wearing.

It is my understanding that the ADA explanation as to mask wearing requirements and directions to businesses has consistently been: When a customer of a business establishment asserts that he or she has a disability that prevents the individual from wearing a face mask or covering, the owner, manager, or employer of the business establishment may exclude the individual, even if they have a disability, as they pose a direct threat to the health and safety of employees and other customers, even if asymptomatic, and shall accommodate the disabled individual in a manner that does not fundamentally alter the operations of the business establishment nor jeopardize the health of that business's employees and other customers, such as providing curbside service or delivery or other reasonable accommodation.

It remains critically important concurrent with any mask requirement that businesses and public agencies provide delivery, curbside, takeout services and make other special accommodations for those whose breathing problems prevent mask wearing, and for seniors, those with underlying conditions, the disabled, those who need to be quarantined and for those who for other reasons are not going inside public places during the pandemic.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Valerie Britt

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From: Desiree Read <Desiree.Read@fssnf.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:30 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Work from Home Encouragement

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Mayor Curry,

Are there plans to encourage offices to have their employees work from home when the outcomes are not effected in any way? There are offices having their employees come in without any good business reason and these employees could do their full job at home and help stop the spread of the disease without any negative consequences.

Sincerely,  
Desiree Read



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From: Roland Szukhent III <rolandszukhent@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:28 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Mandate Failure

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Forcing people to wear a mask is a violation of their right to medical privacy. To tell someone to wear a mask or leave is a HIPAA violation and also discrimination, the city or officer can and WILL be sued to a minimum of \$78,000 all the way up to \$1,500,000 per year by a single person. The officer may also be sentenced to 1-5yrs in prison. If your city can afford that type of lawsuit over and over again, continue what you're doing. You have a spineless mayor anyways, it'd be a good way to run your city into bankruptcy. Good job! Keep it up, and get ready to pay up!

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

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From: Minna Reid <minnareidfl@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:21 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: NO MASK MANDATE!

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Stop the unconstitutional mask mandates now!

The city of Jacksonville has been effectively managing spread of coronavirus and hospitalizations and deaths are way down. Attempting to force the masses to wear masks is unhealthy and a violation of our constitutional rights. The mask mandate is nothing but political pandering. The people of Jacksonville are not your political pawns! Furthermore, forcing business owners to enforce this mandate puts them in a position of having to police the public, and forces them to violate ADA and HIPPA laws and assume the liability of such action.

The mask mandate will only serve to further stoke the current state of civil unrest.

**END THE MASK MANDATES IMMEDIATELY!**

*Minna Reid  
Associate Broker*

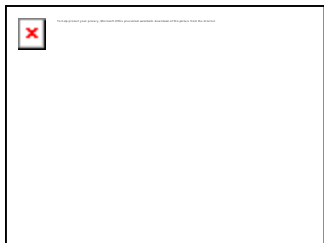
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From: William <williamgetzan@att.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:21 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Push back.

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It's time for all Americans to stand up and push back. 1. Stand up for our police departments. 2. Stop removing History just to satisfy a few people that know very little about True History. 3. We fully support our police department. Our Mayor and City Council needs to get a backbone And listen to all of our citizens. All lives Matter.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Emily Holland <mleejeen@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:21 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Mandate

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City of Jacksonville,

I do not consent to my right to choice being stripped away by this city councils decision to place beautiful Jax under a mandated mask order. In as much this email falls upon deaf ears, as a voter I know who voted in favor of this mandate and come November my vote will place my voice into action.

I sincerely hope that this email and others are taken into consideration. Especially since Mayor Curry went back on his word that he would not mandate masks.

Sincerely,

Jax and Florida lover, freedom fighter

From: Jen Kress <jkress143@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:19 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: No mask mandate!

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Good day,

This mandate will do more harm than good for the community. This mandate is not about health but control. This is a step in taking away our freedom and our rights. This is just helping put more fear in people and add to the chaos. Furthermore the mask, again will do more harm than good. What we know from OSHA is that not only are they ineffective at blocking the pathogen but they also contribute to other health risks such as oxygen deprivation, carbon dioxide toxicity and they are a breeding ground for virus, bacteria, and mold.

The masks that we are seeing people wear were never intended to prevent person to person transmission of disease. The paper masks were meant for surgery to protect against large debris and liquid spatter into the surgeon or nurse's face. The N95 and P95 masks don't filter the air going out so it is the same as someone breathing directly into your face. The cloth masks, trap moisture and therefore are a breeding ground for the growth of pathogens. Viruses, bacteria, and mold like dark moist places.

The masks provide less than OSHA's acceptable oxygen requirements for a safe work environment leading to dizziness, faintness, headaches, and fatigue.

If people want to make the decision to wear the mask, that's their right and freedom to do so and the ones that don't that's their right and freedom to make that decision. It is very sad this decision was made and should be revoked. The hospitals are NOT overwhelmed, the death rate is down, testing has increased, That's a real good direction. The mandate cast a dark shadow on the city of Jacksonville.

Thank you.

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From: Sabine Embry <sabinespeedy@aol.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:19 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Masks

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Wanted to ask if customers had wear a mask when ENTERING a restaurant even when social distancing is available ?

Thank you ,  
Mary Moore

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From: Mary McCormick <mary@reddiarts.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:16 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: face masks

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I am part owner of Reddi Arts located in San Marco. I would like to address the new law requiring face masks in all public locations. I agree everyone should be wearing masks, however, I do not agree it should be a law. You are putting the burden on local business at a time when small businesses are already struggling. We do not need the burden to be enforcing this resulting in disturbing and angry scenes within our businesses. While I wish all our customers would wear masks and already had a sign encouraging them to do so, please do not put us in this difficult situation.

Thank you,

Mary McCormick  
Reddi Arts  
1037 Hendricks Ave.  
Jacksonville FL 32207

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From: Gretchen Woodward <gundy002@icloud.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:14 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: mask mandate

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So all the data is flawed in reporting cases. Thus all the mandates are based on bad data and are utter nonsense. So why does the Council insist on mandates not supported by good data? The CDC just admitted to flawed data today and there are reports of multiple counts of the tests. where are the true number of Covid deaths reported on a weekly basis?

Sent from my iPhone



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From: tsnl120808 . <tnl11242002@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:14 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Overreach Mask Mandate

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I'm very disappointed in the Jacksonville leaders who have instituted this mask mandate. I understand many people are scared. I know I'm anxious myself, but over the government overreaches and citizens coming against each other in fear. Has it been considered that this started in China, a country that all ready required citizens to wear masks? If they were in fact effective in stopping the spread, wouldn't it have made a difference there?

We've been getting told by officials to get testing. Therefore, increased testing has been done. Yet, that doesn't seem to be taken into account as reported numbers rise. It also doesn't account for all the overinflation of reported cases and deaths we know have been going on. Additionally there are many reports of false positives and deaths remain low. Yet our leaders across the nation, and now in Jacksonville, are perpetuating the fear with these measures.

This will not help slow the virus that already has a low infection and rate, but instead pin citizen against citizen. With the state our nation is in, it seems better to encourage peace rather than take people's rights away and create more anxiety. These mandates do much more harm than good. If health was truly the goal here, why are leaders in our great country not encouraging building our immune systems? This would do far more in fighting this virus with an already high recovery rate and it wouldn't add to our citizens fears and anxieties. Please reconsider this unjust mask mandate. Instead, encourage steps to actual healthy measures and highlight the positives instead of possible and overinflated negatives.

Thank you for your time.

Laura Carter,

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From: Jenni Ross <jennigogreen@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:13 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Reject mask mandate

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To whom it may concern,

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In addition, requiring us to wear masks goes against our own governor's recommendations of saying masks should simply be voluntary. (<https://floridapolitics.com/archives/342399-ron-desantis-says-masks-should-be-voluntary> )

I am extremely opposed to mandating that we must wear masks. Please revoke this order. As long as this mandate is in place I will not be shopping in Jacksonville, I will travel to surrounding counties who still have a respect for individual liberty.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Jennifer Ross  
[jennigogreen@gmail.com](mailto:jennigogreen@gmail.com)

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From: Lou <louiii888@aol.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:12 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Question on mask mandate

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Mayor Lenny Curry,

The OSHA regulation on Hazardous levels of oxygen for working conditions as listed below:

**OSHA 29 CFR 1926 Subpart AA, Confined Spaces in Construction; State of Florida Governor's Executive Order 2000-92 regarding enforcement.**

"Hazardous atmosphere means an atmosphere that may expose employees to the risk of death, incapacitation, impairment of ability to self-rescue (that is, escape unaided from a permit space), injury, or acute illness from one or more of the following causes:

- (1) Flammable gas, vapor, or mist in excess of 10 percent of its lower flammable limit (LFL);
- (2) Airborne combustible dust at a concentration that meets or exceeds its LFL; Note: This concentration may be approximated as a condition in which the combustible dust obscures vision at a distance of 5 feet (1.52 meters) or less.
- (3) Atmospheric oxygen concentration below 19.5 percent or above 23.5 percent; "**

When an oxygen detector meter is inserted inside an installation mask the oxygen level drops to 17, which is highly unacceptable.

We are advised to abide by these standards whenever we enter a manhole, tank, elevator pit, electrical vault, etc.

Please explain how this is a safe and an acceptable policy when wearing a mask resulting in low oxygen levels is in direct violation of the OSHA regulation?

Concerned Citizen of Jacksonville,  
Louis J. DePetris  
2106 Brighton Bay Trail West  
Jacksonville, Florida 32246  
[louiii888@aol.com](mailto:louiii888@aol.com)

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From: KIRK KILLEBREW <kirkkillebrew@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 10:08 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Violation of medical and constitutional rights

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To whom it may concern,

That would be every citizen and guest in Duval county. Mask are not a medically proven solution to abating the spread of this or any virus, unless those mask meet strict standards. The mask ordinances are placebo at best then. At worst, at current value, the mask are a violation of our medical and sovereign rights. To force businesses to enforce these violations would add a subsequent layer of violation. The citizens and businesses in Duval county are either free to engage in commerce and indoor/outdoor expression, or under tyrannical mandate with threat of fine or imprisonment, obliged to secure their freedom with an equal and opposing threat. The city can not afford to risk the revenue generated from tax payers with this mandate. The only bonafide response from the city to this virus is educational, logistical with inside/outside aid, and relief from the pressures of external political forces to subjugate the people in an unconstitutional regime. If the council makes an unconstitutional decision, there will be political and financial ramifications. The silent majority is watching closely, vote accordingly.

Best Regards  
Kirk

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From: laney farris <laneyvfarris@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:58 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Special needs

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What exemptions will you make for individuals with autism and other intellectual disabilities?

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From: K Hal <khaley622@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:58 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Please do not rescind this mandate!

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We will never get this virus under control without masks. It is absolutely horrific how many individuals actually believe this virus is a hoax. Think about the lives you will be saving, and the lives you will be responsible for if you remove this mandate because of politics.

At this point in time, many are resident of Jacksonville and state wide that are unimpressed with the actions or lack thereof, taken by Gov DeSantis and Mayor Curry. Please renew our faith in your ability to do the right thing. The humane thing.

Sincerely,  
Kim Haley  
Sent from my iPhone

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From: Mark Spencer <mark@thedatacage.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:56 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Data, pragmatism, and common sense, please.  
Attachments: Duval Flu deaths.JPG

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Hello. I'll be brief as possible.

We need the City of Jacksonville to allow it's citizens and visitors the same pragmatism that the City has in enacting laws. The CDC has very strict guidelines on alcohol consumption, but the city does not enforce.

In 2014, 156 people died of the flu in Jacksonville. In 2018, over 220 people died of Urinary Tract Infection. 6 months into 2020, the presence of Covid-19 has only been present in the death of 64 people. I word it that way because multiple deaths have occurred with people having Stage 4 cancer. More people over 85 have died than under 65, and the co morbidities on a vast majority of the deceased shows they were extremely ill, with less than a year to live. To be considered a "flu" death in Florida, there must not be another co morbidity. The list of death by flu only dwarfs the list of death by 'Covid' only.

At some point, pragmatic thinking must return, and we must stop pretending people don't die of things.

This email will cover 2 things:

1. The CDC has years of studies regarding this very issue. I included their findings below
2. A CDC "recommendation" is not science. It is a recommendations (normally born out of political pressure). Science is science. I have other CDC "recommendations", is the City of Jacksonville prepared to implement ALL of the CDC's recommendations? Or is the City of Jacksonville only going to implement recommendations that fit the need for political expediency?

1)The CDC has studied and discussed mask usage for Respiratory Virus infection spread for many years. It specifically addresses the question on 'non healthcare' setting mask wearing. This is exactly what your discussion is about.

[This is link live on CDC's website. It has not been 'retracted' or 'redacted' in any way. These are scientific findings of their study dating back to 2008.](#)

## Nonpharmaceutical Measures for Pandemic Influenza in Nonhealthcare Settings—Personal Protective and Environmental Measures

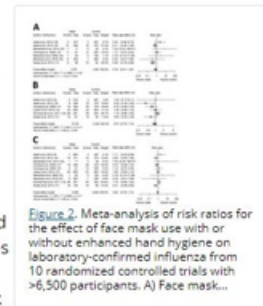
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Here's the summary of their findings regarding face masks. It clearly explains the reason medical professionals wear them in health care settings, admits the use by the public in non healthcare settings to help slow the spread is "theory", and also mentions the incorrect use of masks by the public "might increase the risk for transmission". All their findings are footnoted, and scientific.



## Face Masks

In our systematic review, we identified 10 RCTs that reported estimates of the effectiveness of face masks in reducing laboratory-confirmed influenza virus infections in the community from literature published during 1946–July 27, 2018. In pooled analysis, we found **no significant reduction in influenza transmission with the use of face masks** (RR 0.78, 95% CI 0.51–1.20;  $I^2 = 30\%$ ,  $p = 0.25$ ) (Figure 2). One study evaluated the use of masks among pilgrims from Australia during the Hajj pilgrimage and reported no major difference in the risk for laboratory-confirmed influenza virus infection in the control or mask group (33). Two studies in university settings assessed the effectiveness of face masks for primary protection by monitoring the incidence of laboratory-confirmed influenza among student hall residents for 5 months (9,10). The overall reduction in ILI or laboratory-confirmed influenza cases in the face mask group was not significant in either studies (9,10). Study designs in the 7 household studies were slightly different: 1 study provided face masks and P2 respirators for household contacts only (34), another study evaluated face mask use as a source control for infected persons only (35), and the remaining studies provided masks for the infected persons as well as their close contacts (11–13,15,17). None of the household studies reported a significant reduction in secondary laboratory-confirmed influenza virus infections in the face mask group (11–13,15,17,34,35). Most studies were underpowered because of limited sample size, and some studies also reported suboptimal adherence in the face mask group.



Disposable medical masks (also known as surgical masks) are loose-fitting devices that were designed to be worn by medical personnel to protect accidental contamination of patient wounds, and to protect the wearer against splashes or sprays of bodily fluids (36). There is limited evidence for their effectiveness in preventing influenza virus transmission either when worn by the infected person for source control or when worn by uninfected persons to reduce exposure. Our systematic review found no significant effect of face masks on transmission of laboratory-confirmed influenza.

We did not consider the use of respirators in the community. Respirators are tight-fitting masks that can protect the wearer from fine particles (37) and should provide better protection against influenza virus exposures when properly worn because of higher filtration efficiency. However, respirators, such as N95 and P2 masks, work best when they are fit-tested, and these masks will be in limited supply during the next pandemic. These specialist devices should be reserved for use in healthcare settings or in special subpopulations such as immunocompromised persons in the community, first responders, and those performing other critical community functions, as supplies permit.

In lower-income settings, it is more likely that reusable cloth masks will be used rather than disposable medical masks because of cost and availability (38). There are still few uncertainties in the practice of face mask use, such as who should wear the mask and how long it should be used for. In theory, transmission should be reduced the most if both infected members and other contacts wear masks, but compliance in uninfected close contacts could be a problem (12,34). Proper use of face masks is essential because improper use might increase the risk for transmission (39). Thus, education on the proper use and disposal of used face masks, including hand hygiene, is also needed.

2) Here are the CDC recommendations on alcohol consumption. They are very clear. Is the City of Jacksonville going to mandate that ALL alcohol sales include a filling out of a questionnaire, with the list of each person's medicines cross checked for influence on alcohol? They also specifically mention "harm to others" here. Why is the city allowing people to make

## What is moderate drinking?

The *Dietary Guidelines for Americans* defines **moderate drinking** as up to 1 drink per day for women and up to 2 drinks per day for men.<sup>4</sup> In addition, the *Dietary Guidelines* do not recommend that individuals who do not drink alcohol start drinking for any reason.

However, there are some people who should **not** drink any alcohol, including those who are:

- Younger than age 21.
- Pregnant or may be pregnant.
- Driving, planning to drive, or participating in other activities requiring skill, coordination, and alertness.
- Taking certain prescription or over-the-counter medications that can interact with alcohol.
- Suffering from certain medical conditions.
- Recovering from alcoholism or are unable to control the amount they drink.

By adhering to the *Dietary Guidelines*, you can reduce the risk of harm to yourself or others.



For Women, up to 1 drink per day



For Men, up to 2 drink a day

If you enact any form of mandatory face masks without also mandating all restaurants and retail location strictly adhere to the CDC recommendations on alcohol consumption, then it is clear your mandate on masks is politically motivated.

Mark Spencer  
Jacksonville, FL



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From: Laney Farris <lfarris@mainspringacademy.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:56 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask for special needs

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What exemptions will you make for individuals with autism and other intellectual disabilities?

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From: Elizabeth Worrell <elizabeth.k.worrell@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:56 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask mandate consideration

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Dear Jacksonville City Council,

Please take into consideration those with intellectual disabilities while writing the mask mandate. Many of these individuals will not tolerate wearing a mask, thus shunning them from public places. Many families of special needs children have the need to run quick errands, such as grocery shopping, and requiring the child to wear a mask puts great stress on these families. Again, I ask you to take this community into consideration when enforcing the mask mandate.

Thank you,  
Elizabeth Worrell

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From: livelife675@icloud.com  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:56 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask mandate

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This mask mandate needs to stay in place.

Our numbers are spiking too much and city moved to fast in opening up. Mask prevent known carriers from spreading virus and unknown carriers wearing them help in preventing from contacting virus.

I also feel like there should be a fee associated with being caught in public without a mask , businesses should be fined as well for allowing patrons to enter without mask.

Mask mandate is only going to help and for the ones that don't want to wear mask or thing it's unfair should go back on lockdown before city prematurely opened up economy.

People want to live but don't want to do the things of take to prevent them from possibly dying.

Mayor Curry please put people lives/health before economy and money. These are the same lives that voted and out you in office. Never forget that

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Daleana Pearson <cdvfd911@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:55 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Opposed to Masks in public places

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To whom it concerns,

I am opposed to wearing masks in public places.

Thanks,  
Daleana Stewart

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From: Charles Meacham <charliem2icl@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:55 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask meeting

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It appears the requirement may violate constitutional protections according to legal advice. WHAT IS THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL FEEL ABOUT THIS AND IF LITIGATION FILED HOW WILL TAX PAYERS BE PROTECTED

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From: Kaye Byrnes <kayekbyrnes@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:54 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Duval county COVID

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For what it's worth this constituent approves of the city-wide mask mandate. Let's not follow the feckless President and become the next epicenter.

The RNC convention is a horrible idea. We should not encourage tens of thousands of people from all over the country to come here with their crazy "it's my freedom" refusal to protect themselves and others.

Stiffen you're spines and do what is in the interest of public health.

Thank you.

Karen Byrnes  
33205

Sometimes in the winds of change, we find our true direction.

Sent from my iPhone



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From: Anthony C Marotta <acm731@msn.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:53 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Cc: Anthony C Marotta  
Subject: Mask mandate

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Hello. Thank you for finally setting this mandate. I have limited my travel to stores because in the few to which I've gone, people were walking around like nothing was going on. Somehow though, there has to be some sort of compliance responsibility. Yesterday we watched people going in and out of a restaurant to pick up food and most wore no mask. And in Publix an older couple walked in and while the wife put on a mask, the husband did not. When a worker approached him the man sternly told him he was not going to have his God given right to freedom taken away. Sadly, there are so many people out there like this. No consideration or respect for others. If everyone wants businesses to survive, then places must be made to feel safe for the rest of the people, like myself, who are not comfortable going out. Being able to follow through on the mandate and ensure all people in the businesses are wearing a mask would help to get us to feel safe enough to patron businesses and thus help keep them in business.  
Thank you. Anthony

Sent from my iPhone  
Anthony C Marotta  
904-318-1213

Please do not send any email correspondence to my iCloud email address. For Business send communication to: anthony@anthonymarotta.com, and for Personal please send to acm731@msn.com. Thank you.

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Anthony C Marotta  
904-318-1213

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From: Courtney Richmond <richmond.m.courtney@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:53 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Requirement

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Hi I would like to oppose the mask requirement for Jacksonville city. There is no scientific data that says a cloth mask protects against COVID.

This is a political stunt that is an infringement of individual rights.

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Courtney Richmond  
Cell: 801-906-3927

*"Always do your best. What you plant now, you will harvest later." ~Og Mandino*

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From: John Peters <john.peters@MoneySolver.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:51 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: I am opposed to the mask in public places.. please vote the measure down!!

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## John Peters

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From: Ted Busetto <tbusetto@comcast.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:47 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: masks

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

Wading through all the scientific information it seems like wearing a mask is the best we have right now to stop the virus, so lets go three weeks where everybody wears a mask in public and maybe we will be surprised how it may help us get back to normal otherwise we will just have people keep infecting others for months and maybe years to come, so 3 weeks is a very small price to pay for the best chance of getting this pandemic under control.

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From: Larry H. <larryh123@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:45 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Re: Automatic reply: Input For Meeting Concerning Masks

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This input is for the 4pm meeting July 1, 2020 at 4pm local time - not the future July meetings.

Peace  
Larry Hadrava  
Psalm 46:10 Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!

On Jul 1, 2020, at 9:29 AM, CCMeeting07282020 <[CCMeeting07282020@coj.net](mailto:CCMeeting07282020@coj.net)> wrote:

Your email to the Public Hearings and Public Participation mailbox for Committee Week of July 20 and Council Meeting on July 28, 2020 Council has been received by the Jacksonville City Council Legislative Services Division and will be made part of the public record and shared with the City Council Members. This message was generated automatically as an informational response. Please do not reply to this email. Thank you for your comments and participation.

Thank you

Clements, Jeff

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From: Amy Bolt <amyalanebolt@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:40 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Concealed carry

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Since it is illegal to cover your face while concealed carrying, will you suspend that aspect of the state law?

Sent from my iPhone

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From: will@willregla.com  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:38 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Please don't rescind the mask mandate

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As Florida and the country see COVID cases spike, please stand with science and do not rescind the new mask mandate. We need to be doing all we can to prevent the spread of this deadly disease. Also, please reconsider hosting the upcoming RNC convention which has the potential to be a super-spreader for our city.

Thank you and sincerely,

Will Regla

Clements, Jeff

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From: Alex Larch <yotaboyy91@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:38 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Guns and Mask mandate

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What about the people who carry a concealed firearm. Is there not a law stating that you cannot have your face covered by a mask while carrying a firearm?

Sent from my iPhone



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From: Gary Isaac <gary.isaac@moneysolver.org>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:36 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Cc: gary.isaac@hotmail.com; Daleana Stewart  
Subject: I am opposed to the mask in public places.. please vote the measure down!!

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From: laura forquer <lauramts08@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:34 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Fwd: Meeting re: wearing masks

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## JaxReady's Post



### **Danielle Walker**

**The average size of a coronavirus is 0.125  $\mu\text{m}$ . The facemasks a lot of people are wearing aren't rated to filter down to that particulate size. The trendy cloth face comfort masks that even the CDC is recommending filter out even less. However, it does decrease oxygen intake down to about 17.4%, which is not even deemed sufficient to work in space according to OSHA**

**more harm than good.**

**Yes, I agree that people that immunocompromise, obese have respiratory issues, or other underlying health concerns should protect themselves. However, we should not be closing our city, attempting to force people to wear masks, sending our kids back to school or shutting down our government because of this haven't shut down the government for decades and have the flu virus that takes more people and has more**



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From: laura forquer <lauramts08@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:32 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Meeting re: wearing masks

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**more harm than good.**

**Yes, I agree that people that immunocompromise, obese have respiratory issues, or other underlying health concerns should protect themselves. However, we should not be closing our city, attempting to force people to wear masks, sending our kids back to school or shutting down our government because of this. We haven't shut down the government for decades and we have the flu virus that takes more people and has more**

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From: Dana Digsby <danakdigs@aol.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:30 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: NO MASKS!!!!

EXTERNAL EMAIL: This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

You people really need to get your balls back. You cannot force people to wear a mask in public. Time to realize that this is a big political agenda & we the people are tired of being told what we can & cannot do! Business will fail bc of your poor decisions.

GET IT TOGETHER!!!

If people don't feel safe going to stores bc they can't wear masks, I assure you the masses of us who disagree with this nonsense will keep those doors open! I refuse to go into any building I am told I have to wear a mask! Absolutely bollocks!

Sent from my iPhone





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From: Melody Morris <MelodyM@AllStateElectrical.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:30 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Mandate

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

We have conflicting evidence that masks do more harm than good.  
How can you mandate something that could be harmful to people?  
As an adult with asthma and a parent with COPD I don't think any  
Of you know what you're doing and in typical government fashion  
You feel like doing something (even if it's wrong) is better than  
Doing nothing. This is the week we celebrate our freedom. I'm  
Not feeling very free.

Melody Morris  
4480 Deerwood Lake Pkwy #552  
Jacksonville, FL 32216

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From: Larry Hadrava <larryh123@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:30 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Input For Meeting Concerning Masks

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello;

Hope you are doing well.

I am concerned about the wearing of masks - specifically the pushback.

I fully support the Mayors new mask policy. It is overdue in my opinion.

Please weigh in the bigger picture in these discussions and decision making processes.

The wearing of masks should not be treated as a political issue. It is a public health issue. I have not seen a study showing where the COVID19 virus asks your party affiliation before infecting you.

When thinking about masks beIng mandated, think about why we have to do this.

We can't trust many (not the majority) to follow the simple guidelines as laid out by the Florida Department of Health and the CDC.

If wearing of masks should be considered a human rights issue. I have the right to be protected by our local, state and Federal governments.

If someone has a problem wearing a mask - the question is WHY?

Is it just something they don't want to do? Is it something they think infringes on their rights? Many that say that cannot make an argument based in fact that could show this violation of rights as defined by law. What about my rights?

Your decisions WILL have a DIRE or positive outcome. My life is in your hands. My children's lives are in your hands. My parents lives are in your hands. My grandchildren's lives are in your hands.

**THE LIVES OF OVER 1 MILLION PEOPLE ARE IN YOUR HANDS.**

Remove political bias and think of the people FIRST.

Please keep his in the forefront that when a person doesn't want to wear a mask - they aren't really doing anything good besides for their ego. They can easily become infected, show no symptoms AND spread the virus = where we are today.

Something else to consider is the planned gathering of 10's of thousands of people coming in for the RNC.

If we can't go to a high school graduation because of crowd size - how do we justify this to our kids?

My grand daughter was directly affected with the graduation issues.

When she asks why they had such a hard time while the state and city are allowing this type of activity - I will direct her to your and the mayors offices.

Their is a bigger picture to be considered than just people that don't want to wear a mask.

\*\*\*\*Of course, people with conditions where wearing a mask isn't medically recommended are to be given special consideration.

As with my input to any elected servant - I have no expectation that it will be seen by any of the council members, the mayor, the governor, representatives or senators.

I will at least know I tried and Dan show my children I tried.

Please be able to tell your chidren, grand children parents and grand parents that as well.

Peace  
Larry Hadrava Jr

*"When the Gospel of Jesus Christ is presented with authority - quoting from the very Word of God - He takes that message and drives it supernaturally into the human heart." - Billy Graham-*

Clements, Jeff

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From: Kiel Jaynes <kjaynes@fastmail.fm>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:27 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Rescind Jacksonville Mask Mandate

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To whom it may concern,

I'm a resident of Clay County, yet work in Duval County and am strongly against the face mask mandate. As an employee that has been designated essential, it's been business as usual since this started back in March. No one at our company contracted the virus. The mandate on Monday was a punch to the gut in the sense that local governmental reaction is going backwards in relation to the actual threat of this virus. This is on top of the extremely negative economic consequences many had to face during the lockdown. Lives and businesses have been utterly destroyed in Northeast Florida only because of government overreach and not some novel virus. Hindsight is 20/20, but we to stop this experiment and not continue to perpetuate it.

Today, the natural human immune response to this infection is working. I also know of no example in human history that required healthy people to wear masks to stop an infection. Fact of the matter is germs, bacteria, and viruses always exist and will always exist. A more rational mandate would be to implement strategies that increase individual health/immunity like eating healthy food, getting exercise, and going to church. Eliminating stressors like fear-inducing media/television would probably help a lot too.

Ultimately, I agree with Governor DeSantis in that this virus isn't as harmful as it was earlier. If the hospitalization and death rates don't increase with the positive infection cases, then either the virus is dying off or our immune systems have figured out how to fight this better. In either case, requiring healthy people to wear masks to limit the virus' spread seems like will only help exacerbate the infection rate into the fall/winter during normal flu season due to masks preventing the spread of antibodies. I don't imagine our local economy would survive another lockdown at that point either.

Please rescind the mask mandate.

Regards,  
Kiel Jaynes

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Kiel Jaynes  
[kjaynes@fastmail.fm](mailto:kjaynes@fastmail.fm)

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From: Sean Steele <seansteele2010@aol.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:26 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask mandate

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City Council members:

The mask mandate from Monday was a good first step but after a couple of days I think it's clear more is needed.

1) There must be a penalty for non compliance.

2) masks must be worn at all times in enclosed spaces including gyms. Not just upon entering building. Only exception could be while actually eating in a restaurant.

I would urge the city to also consider closing the beaches for the holiday weekend and also suspending alcohol sales in restaurants as well as the bars.

We must get this spread under control and the time for minor adjustments has passed. Thank you for your efforts on behalf of all of us.

Sean Steele

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From: Kathleen Smith <abcs4cats@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:25 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: MASKS REQUIREMENT

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

We will remember you come election time!!! You stated no masks and then changed your mind. If people want to wear a mask/gloves for the rest of their lives, let them! The rest of us refuse to live in fear!!!!

Kathleen Smith

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From: Chris Zosel <chris.zosel@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:25 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Masks

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I think only politicians should wear mask ! To protect us from the bullshit and lies that spew from there mouths !!  
Sent from my iPhone



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From: Kathleen Smith <smithnotaryservice@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:24 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: FORCED MASK WEARING

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,  
How dare you mandate masks after you stated you would not!! We will remember this come election time!!!  
If people who are afraid of the coronahoax19 than they should wear masks/gloves for the rest of their lives!!  
I refuse to buy into this coronahoax19 and REFUSE TO WEAR A MASK!!!!!!!

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Thank you for your business!  
Smith Notary Service  
Kathleen Smith and John Chismar

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From: Megan Harbison <meganjharbison@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:19 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Masks - Please, Please, Please Do the Right thing

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Hi Council.

Please do the right thing. Please listen to the science. Please know people are out here scared and worried. My family and I have been very diligent about following the science since March. We've followed the rules. My children (4, 4, & 8) understand that we need to do what's best for others - not just ourselves.

I want my kids to go to school NEXT MONTH. I want life to return. And the only way that can happen is if we keep a mask mandate in place.

Thank you  
Megan Harbison  
4703 French Street, 32205

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From: Dina Parisi <dinabparisi@icloud.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:16 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: masks for children with intellectual disabilities

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To whom it may concern,

I am the proud parent of a 15 year old young man who is diagnosed with autism. He is on the more profound end of the spectrum. Professionally, I am the Head of School at Mainspring Academy, a private Special Education school near Belfort Road.

I believe that most should be wearing masks, I wear a mask in public, and require my employees to wear a mask. However my son, and the vast majority of my students will not comply with wearing masks. Many of them have sensory integration issues that make it very hard for them to ignore the uncomfortable feeling that mask wearing may cause. Others simply do not understand the purpose for the mask as social interactions and issues with appropriate social behavior is an issue for them.

My question to you is: How are we addressing individuals with autism and Intellectual disabilities, particularly children and the unlikeliness that they will wear a mask? Are we to just shun them from society for an undetermined amount of time? And when school starts, how to you expect for schools to enforce this with the special education students? These children are very prone to regression even with small breaks from routine, my fear is that isolating them anymore then what has already happened is going to result in severe and possibly lifelong consequences in their progress and potential to live as independently as possible.

Thank you,  
Dina

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From: Barnes, David <David.Barnes@jax.ufl.edu>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:12 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: YOUTH MASKS

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good day,

I was just wondering and very concerned about children planning youth sports especially football. Since young people are more susceptible then bringing home to the parents. Kids are afraid not to play cause how they will be frowned upon and how the coaches will treat them. Is there be something going forward with youth sports. Thank you for your time.

David L. Barnes

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From: Robbie Sweat <rj57redd@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:10 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Robbie

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Robbie Sweat If you continued to read through statute 876.155, you would see that statute only applies when concealing the face is done with the intent of committing a crime. Do you think police are rounding up people who wear hooded raincoats?

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From: Bilyana Linton <bilyanalintonmail@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:09 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Clarification on restuarants

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I'm concerned how this mask mandate applies to restuarants. I understand you must wear a mask into and out of, but not at your table. That's a problem. One cannot practice safe mask practices this way unless you have at least 2 masks with you. You cannot reuse masks. Once you take it off you must throw away disposables or bag washables for laundry. This mandate is encouraging lack of good mask hygiene. People just don't walk around carrying multiple masks. Why Mayor Curry are you encouraging elevated mass contamination? If you are mandating masks, why are you allowing on site dining? Conversely, if you are allowing on site dining, how can you seriously mandate masks?

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From: Jenna Rex <swagacct@mail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 9:03 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Citizen Input

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I ask that the mask mandate be repealed. I have a breathing condition where I can only use 1 nostril (due to an accident a long time ago) combined with asthma. This already limits my air intake. I actually cough and go into an asthma attack when I have something over my face longer than a minute or two. Due to the mandate, I now have to do my indoor business in Nassau County or else be denied entrance in Duval County businesses. I have also be yelled at by customers who think I am "choosing" to not wear a mask here in Arlington.

If Jacksonville cares about my patronage, especially since I live in Arlington, please repeal the mask mandate. Just mandate 6 feet and limit building capacity. If capacity is limited, we CAN keep 6 feet apart.

Thank you,

Jenna Rex

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From: Junkypop <junkypop@comcast.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:59 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask ordinance

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Council,

As a local business owner I am very pleased that a mask ordinance finally went into effect. Shoppers are more comfortable going out and about and I had double the customers yesterday!

However, I went into my small local mailbox shop last night and there were 8 customers and 3 were not wearing masks. This is an essential business for me. We should make it clear that businesses will be held accountable when they do not enforce the ordinance. It is very easy to require masks of your customers. I've been doing it for a month.

Please inform the residents of Jacksonville how to wear a mask. It needs to go over their noses as well as their mouths.

There also needs to be clarification about wearing masks on a crowded sidewalk.

Thank you



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From: Bradley Tomlin <btomlin92@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:55 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Question revised

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How can the general public verify these C-19 numbers?

Why has underlying health issues in folks that CANNOT wear a mask been addressed?

Why has multiple medical professionals come forward saying these cases do not exist in our Jacksonville hospitals?

Why have Citizens been forced to cover their face in clear violation of a Florida statute?

Why has more killings in Jacksonville happened, yet no one can be identified that commit crime?

Why Has Black lives matter not been denounced as a "Marxist organization?"

-Bradley

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From: Bill Miller <osprey67@msn.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:48 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020

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We will not be marked as slaves by wearing masks. You fools need to know that.

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From: Bradley Tomlin <btomlin92@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:48 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Question

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Why has underlying health issues in folks that CANNOT wear a mask been addressed?

-Bradley

From: msindel3 <msindel3@zoho.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:48 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: A Medical Professional's response to the local mask mandate

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Thank you for the opportunity to publicly comment.

**END THE MASK MANDATE AND END THE LOCKDOWN NOW**

Facts, and not opinions, from a medical professional:

What is indisputable in all of this is that the government response, rather than the number of people being killed by the disease, has caused severe problems across our society and other societies around the world:

- Hundreds of our firefighters in Jacksonville are prevented from saving lives every day because of mandated quarantines even if they are having no symptoms at all
- Recreational opportunities to let out stress (movies, sports, bars, etc.) are all shut down, consequently domestic violence and drug overdoses are both up at least 20% in Jacksonville, suicide rates are also increasing with increased depression and anxiety (1,2)
- Schools are shut down
- Innumerable businesses are closing their doors locally, many of them forever
- Cancer screenings have been delayed and cancer patients have had radiation therapy delayed because it is "elective" (i.e. not immediately life threatening)
- Unemployment rates are reportedly the highest since the great depression

All of this from a government response to a disease that is reported to have killed less than 70 people over the last 6 months in Jacksonville.

Masks do not prevent the spread of COVID-19 (except perhaps PAPRs and gas masks) as even the 0.3 micron filtering N-95 masks which are good for bacteria do not filter out 0.1 micron human coronaviruses (3).

In published, peer-reviewed studies by researchers with the CDC and NIH, Coronaviruses have been proven to be capable of remaining present and infectious in the air for at least three hours after someone coughs (4). This means someone can cough, leave the room, and hours later someone can enter and become infected. Social distancing does not stop COVID-19 transmission as people don't have to even be in the same building at the same time to become infected.

Human coronaviruses have been shown to stay infectious for up to nine days on surfaces according to a study published in the Journal of Hospital Infection (i.e. fomite transmission) (5). Did you disinfect the hamburger you put in your mouth? How about each individual French fry? The container they came in? How about the cash you paid for your meal with, the change you received from the cashier, the napkin you used to wipe your mouth, the handles at the sink and the soap dispenser you used to wash your hands at before eating your drive through meal?

As of today, roughly 500,000 people have reportedly been killed by COVID-19 around the world (6). Annualized, that comes out to about a million people. Roughly 50% more people (1.5 million) were killed by Tuberculosis worldwide in

2018, and this number has been decreasing every year for at least the last 20 years according to the WHO (7). Tuberculosis kills more people and is more infectious than COVID-19, yet we never shut down society and common sense because of the risk it poses.

Looking at the graph put out by Johns Hopkins, there is no significant "flattening of the curve" of confirmed COVID-19 infections worldwide with either lockdowns or the lifting of those lockdowns; rather, it is following the same, roughly 45 degree trajectory that it has been since spreading throughout the world in mid-march (8). If anything, the numbers would be going down rather than up as the available testing has increased exponentially since mid-march. This indicates that the disease is spreading significantly via other routes than what is being addressed by lockdowns (i.e. airborne and fomites).

As a medical professional who previously has performed healthcare missions work with OCMC in rural Africa, treated tuberculosis patients in full PAPR respirator gear at Flagler hospital in St. Augustine, been a member of both ebola outbreak response and hazardous materials teams at local hospitals, and been a medical provider for over 3,000 inmates at both the local juvenile and adult detention facilities at a time at the height of the COVID-19 crisis internationally (and before a single case of COVID-19 was found among them), I will reiterate what I said previously: these restrictions are worse than, and harm more people, than the disease itself.

Marvin Sindel, FNP, APRN, CEN

- (1) <https://www.news4jax.com/news/local/2020/04/16/jacksonville-sees-increase-in-domestic-violence-during-a-pandemic/>
- (2) <https://www.news4jax.com/news/local/2020/04/14/jfrd-jacksonville-overdose-calls-increased-by-20-in-march/>
- (3) <https://slate.com/news-and-politics/2003/04/do-surgical-masks-stop-sars.html>
- (4) <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.03.09.20033217v1.full.pdf>
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- (7) <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/tuberculosis>
- (8) <https://gisanddata.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

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From: southernwithgrace <southernwithgrace@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:46 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask mandate

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good morning!

I'm asking that you don't make this mandate political. Masks have been proven to help stop the spread of the virus. When you make this virus and mask wearing political, you are downplaying the virus and endangering our lives. Put your political leaning aside and do your job to protect the public. Enforce the mandate and allow for fines to be given for violators. The mayor has no teeth. He refuses to protect this city just so he can keep his RNC in August while numbers are climbing. In the past few months we have seen stories after stories of people coughing in other people's faces putting lives at risk. Making the wearing of masks political, makes you no better than those type of people who willingly endanger lives. Unfortunately with the misinformation that has been spreading since the beginning of this virus, we have to have mandatory masks. With the stories online of JSO brushing off citizens who call for help when they get coughed on by these misinformed/psychopathic people, we citizens need this mandate to stay and be enforced. The mayor might want to stop catering to these people before he kills most his city. Keep and enforce this mandate! Don't let unhinged and misinformed people be involved with this mandate. They are dangerous to this city and this state.

B. Billings

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

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From: LORI LEE <leela64@comcast.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:45 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: I support the masks as long as the RNC is help accountable too

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good Morning,

While I believe bring the RNC to Florida is a HUGE error in judgement and will impact my future voting decisions, I am fine with the mask mandate.

I will be very upset if this is not mandated to all visitors, present and future, to our state. I want to stay healthy. I have a grand daughter and elderly parents to worry about. While I will not attend the RNC I cannot be sure that I do not come into contact with those who do.

Masks are not the be all end all but they are a deterrent to stopping the spread of COVID. If someone is unwilling to wear a mask we have many delivery services who can ensure that they never have to leave their house.

I went to the doctor and had to wear a mask. I went to the hair dresser and had to wear a mask. I didn't stop breathing and it wasn't a horrible experience. It was the responsible thing to do.

Please consider that Florida is the butt of so many jokes because of the ignorant behavior we have exhibited. Please be the grownup in the room and do the right thing. Masks help.

Thank you,

Lori Lee

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From: Melody Nieves <mellymel1675@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:44 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: MASK MANDATE

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What Medical conditions are exempt from this?

Is this an act of  
Disability Discrimination?

Are you concerned for people that suffer from Mental Illness?

Are you ready for suicide rates to go up more than Covid19? On your watch.

If mask work, Why did you wait so long?



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From: Jacob <sarvis90@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:41 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Mask

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If science says it works to slow down the virus, then we wear it. If the mask is that hard to wear then you should definitely stay home as you are most likely high risk for COVID to do more serious damage.

Don't like it? Don't leave the house.

It's easy.

Mic drop.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: anatbat@gmail.com  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:41 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: We need a strong mask mandate

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I am in full support of this mandate. Indeed, I think the city needs to supply masks especially for poverty impacted area. We also need more briefing re the need for masks and social distancing.

Thanks, Cindy Battie O'Sullivan

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From: lisa renckley-futch <oreolady@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:40 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Need to know

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Is This True ???

A Mayor does NOT have the authority to mandate you wear a mask. He is NOT a legislative body. Any Executive Order must be specific and substantiated. Wearing a mask as mandated by the Mayor is neither. We have Constitutional Rights of both FREE SPEECH and Peaceful Assembly (Protest). Therefore, WE have the right to protest this order based on OUR Constitutional Rights. The CDC states that a mask should be worn if 1-YOU ARE TESTED POSITIVE OR 2-YOU ARE TREATING A PERSON WHO IS TESTED POSITIVE. Walking in public is NOT a substantiated reason to mandate a mask being worn. THEREFORE, i will exercise my right of protest and free speech by NOT wearing a mask and will ignore a Mayors Order that infringes on those rights. Yes a business can refuse me and I will refuse to patronize them when its over with as well. So I am in PROTEST MODE as of 5PM today...

Unhappy Duval Resident

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From: David Sandlin <dsandlin7@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:40 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Indoor Mass Gatherings

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I appreciate the mayor's desire to put Jacksonville on the map and bring a needed economic impact by hosting the RNC. I also appreciate the new mask order from this week, which gives businesses some leverage when dealing with self-centered and stubborn individuals who are unwilling to take the safety of people around them into consideration when they are in an indoor environment.

However, I have concerns with a mass gathering taking place without a clear communication from this point forward stating that for the safety of attendees and people around the city of Jacksonville, masks will be required for that event. There will be people flying in from all over the country and staying in hotels all over the city. At the moment, it is also unclear how the mask order is going to be enforced.

Regarding mass indoor gatherings, the [Boston Globe published an article](#) in March in which a doctor compared mass indoor gathering (in that case an indoor soccer match) to biological warfare during our current pandemic, "...the head of pulmonology at a Bergamo hospital recently described the Champions League match as "a biological bomb."

I think it is irresponsible to not be forthcoming regarding the plan for masks at an event like the RNC where social distancing will not be an option. Let's be very clear: the virus will not be gone at the end of August.

It would be a shame if local businesses made major preparations with the assumption that the community's safety was going to come first and then they ended up closing the week of RNC due to hazards involved with people from RNC spreading their germs to others at the convention and all over town.

If stating that there will be a mask requirement for the RNC is going to be a dealbreaker for the GOP, let the deal be broken. If a caveat is needed in such a statement, the statement regarding masks at indoor gatherings could say, "If the current circumstances of our city, state, and country are a reflection of what the pandemic could look like at the end of August, masks will be required at the RNC."

In conclusion, I'd love for the mayor to address the following:

1. How is the current mask order going to be enforced?
2. When pushing for Jacksonville to host the RNC, was a commitment made that there would not be a mask requirement?
2. What is your official statement when it comes to masks at the RNC?

Thank you,

David Sandlin

From: Jeri DeVries <jeri@5stargeeks.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:39 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Masks

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I think it is a horrible rule. I know the media does not want to report accurately the statistics that are coronavirus today. I know that very few people are being hospitalized and very few people are dying. Most people do not even appear to have symptoms or even know they have the virus. Also, I don't know how people are expected to wear masks when it is between 90 and 100° almost daily. My family from Ohio is rethinking their decision to come to Florida for vacation this summer due to the mask rule. I can't help but think that a lot of people are rethinking their decision to vacation in the state as well. We have hurt small business enough this year already. I know you think people are not taking this seriously but most people I talk to say they would rather get coronavirus and get it over with than wear a mask. I understand there are people who could die from coronavirus but I am not sure that most of us don't believe that they should be wearing a mask and taking precautions to not be exposed to the virus. Most people that I've had this discussion with do not believe that masks are effective anyway. I think most people have lost faith in Dr. Fauci. It is hard to take advice from people who apparently have some financial stake in the vaccine and therefore benefit from terrifying all of us.

Last but not least, most people I have talked to do not even know anyone who has had the virus, And if they have had the virus, they they didn't even know they had it. It is starting to feel like it might have something to do with the fact that it is a reelection year. Why does politics have to control everything in this country lately?

I don't feel that anything that has this many questions surrounding the rules, and what works and doesn't work, should be a mandatory rule. You cannot control us all the time. There are so many personal and private places that people are gathering and not wearing masks. We have barriers now, more work at home jobs, shopping online, food and grocery delivery, etc. and if we all are practicing good hand washing, (as we should have always been), I believe that we have to let this virus run its course and get on with our lives. Anything that has this much debate around it is probably not a good idea.

Jeri DeVries

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From: Amber <ahearman@att.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:38 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Mandate

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Good Morning,

I feel it is against my constitutional rights to force myself and my family to wear a mask. Especially when living in FL with as hot as it is wearing a mask. It's outright ridiculous when we were told our Mayor would not mandate it. What kind of society are we living in? Forcing people to do something against their will. I know several Nurses who do not wear masks outside of work as they feel they do not help. I would listen to them before the Government. And I will continue to refuse wearing a mask.

Amber Hearman

Sent from my iPhone

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From: apwilliams242 <apwilliams242@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:36 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: What is the guidelines of wearing or not wearing a mask in the gym?

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Sent from my Sprint Samsung Galaxy S9+.

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From: Rebecca Gresch <jaxgresch@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:29 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Mandate

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Dear Council Members:

I pray for your wisdom and sound judgement at this meeting today. I ask you to quiet all of the voices that surround you that try to sway you one way or another. I ask you to be still and let Wisdom speak to your hearts and to your minds.

I ask you not to have a spirit of fear. Instead, let Love prevail. Love of freedom, Love of our city and all who reside in it. Love of diversity, but not division.

We the people need you to be strong and to stand in the face of adversity. We need your minds to be clear and your hearts to be pure. Jacksonville is a blessed city, but there are forces at work that seek to kill and to destroy.

I ask that you "be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against spiritual forces of evil in heavenly realms.

Therefore put on the whole armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.

In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one." Fellow citizens of our great city, and brothers and sisters in Christ, I appeal to you today to walk by faith and not by sight. Other cities in our nation are falling to the siege that surrounds them. Let us stand, united and convicted by truth. This is the week for celebrating our nation's freedom and independence. Let us not fall prey to any schemes that seek to undermine that precious freedom.

Respectfully yours,

Rebecca Gresch  
Local business owner;  
Jacksonville resident



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From: Tylor Willhite <tylorandrew91@icloud.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:23 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Hello

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Hello my name is tylor from duval co. If people do not start using mask where it is mandated to have to have them are we going to have them on longer or are you going to start issuing fines because they are not listening?

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From: N Scott <treehugger5694@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:23 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020

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To city council members,

The mask mandate goes against our rights as American citizens. It is infringing on our freedoms.

This virus needs to run its course just like any other virus. It will not disappear overnight or even in a few weeks because we hid in our houses or put masks over our faces. Masks don't protect you from this it has even been on warning labels of boxes, it was told to us by Dr Fauci and other's at the beginning, and even OSHA says (when you read about masks and what each one does) they don't protect against. And some of them just cause more harm than good. If someone feels the need to wear a mask then it is their right to do so just as it is our right not to.

As a resident of Jacksonville for the past 30 years if it continues to be mandated here in our city I will continue to take my business elsewhere, Clay county and St John's county for example.

Thank you for your time.

-Nicole Scott

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From: William Campbell <flast939913@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:22 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Wearing the Masks

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To Whom it May Concern

In order to properly enforce the mask mandate I highly recommend setting it up quite like the seat belt policy: if see while indoors you will be fined! Get a dollar about to this mandate to make people listen. Crack down hard on the mandate early and you can always loosen the leash a mandate with no consequence make you look like a joke to all and will surely reflect that in upcoming votes.

Sincerely, William Campbell

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Esther L <estroid@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:21 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Question re mask mandate in Jax

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To Mayor Curry and City Council,

I have two questions:

Will the RNC be required to wear masks and social distance?

And

Can this event be moved to an outdoor venue to maximize safety and minimize risk?

Best,  
Esther Lee  
Duval County resident

Clements, Jeff

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From: Myron Hammond <myronhhjr@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:21 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Evidence based research on use of mask  
Attachments: Rancourt-Masks-dont-work-review-science-re-COVID19-policy.pdf

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<http://ocla.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Rancourt-Masks-dont-work-review-science-re-COVID19-policy.pdf>

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Lauren Pilkinton <lwpilkinton@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:19 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Work From Home Order - Reinstate

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It seems w the rise in cases and the new face masks requirements a logical step would be to be reinstate the work from home order. This would help keep people at home. Some companies immediately went back into offices when they could still be working from home. These are non-essential businesses who only started working from home because it was mandated, and not because it's the right thing to do. It seems wreckless at this point to not have that in place.

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From: Kat Murphy <tymags1421@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:18 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Mandate

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Greetings,

My input for this mandate, is to allow us the AMERICAN RIGHT OF FREEDOM to make the decision ourselves. I suffer from claustrophobia, I am literally wearing a very thin cloth over my face because of this mandate, and I am forced to do so. We should not be FORCED to wear a mask, it should be a solid choice, for each individual. Please end the mandate, and stop the spreading of fear over this nonsense!

My Body, My Choice!!

Regards,

A Very Frustrated American!

Kathryn Murphy

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From: searightshauna <searightshauna@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:17 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Masks question

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Since it is mandated that we have to wear masks what happens if you cant afford them? So we cant go into a store because we cant afford to purchase masks we have a big family.

Sent from my Metro By T-Mobile 4G LTE Android Device



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From: Paul Duff <pmadisonduff@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:16 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Cc: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: COVID-19 mask mandate

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Hello,

As a Duval county resident I strongly urge an overturn of the mask requirement mandate. Though there is an exhaustive list of reasons requiring masks is not helpful and infringes on our constitutional rights there is one specific reason that is not spoken about.

It is July. The heat index is well above 100. Though the masks are not required outside, to get into a public place you need your mask on. It takes time to cool down after being in the A/C.

I wear a mask everywhere but I do not believe the city has the authority to make masks mandatory for a virus that clearly does not pose as large of a threat than originally thought.

Thank you

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Carol Romano <clromano197@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:15 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020

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I feel like our constitutional rights are being taken away from us we should be able to choose whether or not to wear a mask. There are those that should wear a mask and those who should have the choice to wear a mask. I'm not sure why we're celebrating the Fourth of July because I feel like my Independence has been taken away.

We need to stop and think before putting some of these rules and mandates in place. The businesses are open people have the right to choose to go or not to go and to those businesses. If you're afraid you may catch something you're more than welcome to wear a mask I don't like my free agency taken away by telling me I have to wear a mask indoors of a business or any place else that's public and I can't keeps six feet away from somebody else I shouldn't have to keep 6 feet away from my friends or family. This whole thing is crazy the rest of the world is laughing at America because of how weak were being instead of showing how strong we are. How about showing us how many people test negative every day compared to how many test positive everyday nobody ever sees those numbers seems like you just want to keep everybody in a panic for no reason. I personally think we need to not ignore this but focus on some of the real things that are going on in our city the real crime the true people who are out there helping I don't understand why everything always has to be negative around here that's why we have suicide the highest grade that they've been in years it's not ever and nobody wants to say why people weren't meant to be kept in cages even if those cages are their own home people's mental capacities are dropping people aren't meant to be living like this rethink this whole thing please.!!!

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From: Danielle Dyess <daniellefloridacrstaterep@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:14 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Comment for Emergency Meeting

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good Morning, As I was reading the news this morning I saw where we can email you guys. I am very, very concerned with the growing numbers of positive cases and feel the city is not taking it seriously. The city shut down quickly when the numbers were alot less. I dont want to see our city shut down, but the growing numbers needs to be addressed. People are NOT wearing masks even with it mandatory. The schools are only allowing elementary go back daily, these kids need school! They need there education and social skills!!!

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From: Lauren Collins <lmc523@icloud.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:14 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask

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Mask should not be required. Gyms and outdoor places especially. The CDC recommends on a negative COVID test NOT to wear them. Plus with all the false test and asymptomatic people you're creating more fear over nothing. Kids are not getting it they should not have to wear a mask to go to school neither should the teachers.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: ChalkItUp <chalkschoolpsyc@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:14 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Mandate

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Please keep the mask mandate and strongly enforce it. Also please make sure the RNC knows this is a requirement for the convention. Lastly, please close the beaches for the 4th of July weekend. Cases are getting out of control, and we will need to go back to lockdown if effective measures are not taken immediately. If things keep going as they are, there is no way we should be opening schools for face-to-face instruction in August. Thank you.

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From: kfernon@frontier.com  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:11 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Support Mask Mandate

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I would only like to point out a couple of items regarding the mask:

1. By wearing a mask, you are allowing and helping a business to remain open. It also protects that business from not having to shut down with sick employees and sanitizing the store that would add to their expense.
2. By wearing a mask, your business can receive more visitors and not just a chosen few who refuse to wear one. It is very clear that they aid in our protection against the virus. It only makes sense.

If you don't get folks on board with wearing a mask, business will continue to suffer, employees will continue to be out sick, medical personnel will be strained, and some may die because of a careless act of spreading this disease. Jacksonville needs to lead by example and reduce the spread.

Everyone would like to be able to go out and enjoy themselves feeling comfortable and safe. However, those who refuse to wear a mask are forcing others to remain at home. Therefore, this impacts all local business.

Mrs. Fernon

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From: Anne Hartman <annehartman@icloud.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:05 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Masks

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About time the mask mandate rule was passed! As a doctor there is no medical reason why someone can't wear a mask. They do not change your oxygen levels unless you're wearing the mask incorrectly. Drop the waver for this rule on this point. It puts store owners/employees/managers at risk given it will promote abuse.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Tommy Johnson <johnte1641@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:03 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020

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Jesus Christ leave us alone and let us as Americans live with our rights and live our lives. If u want to wear a mask that's ones choice if I don't that's my choice. Again leave us alone.



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From: Jillore@gmail.com  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 8:04 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Make masks mandatory through year end

EXTERNAL EMAIL: This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Dear City Council:

Please require everyone to follow the CDC guidelines until there is a vaccine to:

1. Require Masks
2. Keep a 6' distance
3. Hand washing

We need contact tracing. We need more transparency about where the disease is active. We need to know what stores, restaurants and neighborhoods are impacted so we can take more precautions. This is not political or infringing rights. This is public health and stopping this disease from harming more citizens.

Thank you

Joanne Lilore  
9831 Del Webb Pkwy  
Jacksonville FL 32256

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From: Jax Professional <jaxprofessional@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:59 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: July 1st Mask Policy Meeting - To be part of public comments

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Mayor,

I am a 58 year white professional with a Master's Degree in Business, so when reading below don't dismiss me as some uneducated raving lunatic.

Your mask policy essentially says, You must wear a mask, unless you don't want to. That is so stupid. One: You have given exemptions, as if children under two won't die if they catch the disease. Two: You aren't enforcing the law.

The excuse 'high risk people should stay home' is bogus. I have two mom's (mine and my wife's) living with me: One had a stroke, the other has Alzheimer's and Parkinson's. They stay home. But if I or my wife catch it and bring it home, THEY WILL DIE! When we have to go out, we wear masks, but the biggest spread is the person who is infected, not the person who may catch it. The infected person may sneeze and get it on food, clothes, etc.. While wearing a mask helps prevent us from getting it, it has been proven that the most effective prevention is for people with COVID-19 to wear masks to stop the spread. People don't know who has it and who doesn't, so everyone needs to wear a mask.

Requiring people to wear a mask is less restrictive than requiring people to wear a seatbelt. At least a person not wearing a seatbelt is only risking their lives, a person not wearing a mask is risking the lives of others.

You want business and the economy to improve. Then make people wear masks!! As long as they don't, the virus will continue to spread and the economy will not be able to fully re-open. Wearing masks is the most important tool for allowing the economy to re-open.

If you fail to make it mandatory, I would like to invite you to the funerals of my mom and mother-in-law. You should also attend the funeral of any person who dies of COVID-19. You can use it to justify how the 'right of people to not wear a mask' is more important than the right of people to live. How many people are you willing to kill?

Under your policies, I had 'essential' business door-to-door salesman come to my door without masks. So we are not safe even under, 'stay at home and be safe'. They are threatening the lives of my moms by doing so. Question: Under your no mask required policy (because it is not enforced) I can't do anything to protect my moms lives but yet they are allowed to come to my house and threaten our lives. Really??

I personally know of a restaurant worker who was around another person who has the virus. He refuses to get tested because he needs his job. Yet he goes to work and doesn't wear a mask!

How would you feel if someone you know has the virus and came up to you and stood next to you and sneezed and coughed all over you, your clothes, your desk? Or maybe it is just a cold or allergies. Who knows? But they don't have to wear a mask. Hopefully, if you catch it you will survive be able to come to my moms' funerals.

Sincerely,  
A family of 5 but soon to be 3 as our moms die.

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From: Von Berner, Debbie <dvonberner@cntre.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:57 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Masks

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It would be a total injustice to all residents to ignore this situation as it has been for too long. We opened too early, too fast and got complacent, and look what happened. It should be similar to other health posts, something like: "No shirt, no shoes, no mask, no service" if all businesses required face masks that would be great. I know enforcing masks it outside could be an issue.

What are you going to do, wait until we in the situation New York was in, or Arizona and southern FL are in now? Personally I don't want to have to be told...sorry no ER rooms available, they're all full of the idiots that wouldn't wear masks. Because a few complain, don't let it sway you, you are not taking away their constitutional rights. If you are going to enforce school children to wear them when they return to school, now would be a perfect time for ALL adults to set an example.

Thank you

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From: Veronica Skelly <skellygirl3@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:52 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mandatory Masks

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Hi how do you make businesses accountable to follow this rule? I went into a gas station yesterday with my mask on and half the people going in didn't wear one. I asked the clerk how it was enforced and her exact word were "we cannot say anything to them"

Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

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From: angie brown <tommyswifeeeee@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:51 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mandatory mask

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It's seems ridiculous to say mask are mandatory without any consequences for people or businesses that aren't enforcing the order. Fine people/businesses that are ignoring the order or drop the mandatory mask order!

Sent from my iPhone

Clements, Jeff

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From: Steve CLIFTON <stevelaurie@bellsouth.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:49 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Meeting today

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Mr. Mayor and Council Members,

We are writing to express our disapproval of the mask mandate. As adults and residents here for 25 years we have freedom to care for our health and we should be able to exercise that freedom. We should have the right to choose if we want to wear one or not as we have the right to choose if we smoke, causing cancer and other maladies, drink alcohol, causing drunkenness and drunk driving and sorosis of the liver, or eat too much or wrong foods, which causes overweight and cholesterol issues and heart attacks and strokes. All of the choices we make in life effect us and others. You are not considering the mental aspects of these choices. Many people have depression and panic attacks from having something over their face. Some have had their faces covered while being assaulted and this brings that back to their memory. With breathing problem issues and breathing in our own CO2 wearing masks is harmful to our health and will make us sicker in the days ahead.

Please remove the mask mandate.

Also, please furnish us with a list of the physicians that have written to you the famous letter that influenced your decision on this matter this past weekend. Please do not make this a partisan issue and by doing so attempt to regulate the RNC coming to Jax. We need them here for the meeting and the money our city will get from the meeting. Look around downtown these days. It is looking dilapidated and a homeless haven.

This request comes to you under the Sunshine Law. Our email for you response is stevelaurie@bellsouth.net

Thank you,  
Steve and Laurie Clifton  
7863 Spring Branch Dr S  
Jacksonville, Fl 32221

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From: JOANNE TOMLINSON <magic24racer@comcast.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:47 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Question on Mask Mandate

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Good Morning,

I would like to ask how can you require people to wear masks when the letters that are sent with COVID test results have a specific paragraph that states the CDC does NOT recommend that healthy people wear masks? I feel that my rights are being violated with this mandate. I feel claustrophobic when wearing a mask and get short of breath. I CAN'T BREATHE!!! What, am I supposed to go and spend \$50 for a Dr's note because of this???

Wearing a mask at this point is like putting on a condom after sex!! I would like to ask that you reverse this mandate and allow WE THE PEOPLE to CHOOSE what is in OUR best interest. OUR BODIES OUR CHOICE.

Thank you for your time.

J. Tomlinson



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From: Karl Rogers <karlrogers3849@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:43 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Mandate

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Yes, yes, yes!!!!

Why it took Curry so long is beyond me but folks are not doing all they can to mitigate the spread of the virus.

In the scope of public health and safety, please keep the mandate in place for all of our well-being.

Thanks for listening!

Sent from my iPhone

Clements, Jeff

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From: Patrick Shields <pshields7686@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:37 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Wearing mask while conceal carrying

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Can I still conceal carry while wearing a mask?

Below is from the Florida Senate website.

Thank you!!

876.12 Wearing mask, hood, or other device on public way.—No person or persons over 16 years of age shall, while wearing any mask, hood, or device whereby any portion of the face is so hidden, concealed, or covered as to conceal the identity of the wearer, enter upon, or be or appear upon any lane, walk, alley, street, road, highway, or other public way in this state.

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From: Brian Nicholas <brianmnicholas@comcast.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:34 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Masks

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The wearing of masks indoors should be mandatory. The virus is out of control in Florida and NE Florida. The protection of all citizens should be the top priority, and should take a backseat to 'civil liberties'. It is a civic duty to wear masks in times of a pandemic.

Sent from Xfinity Connect Application

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From: marfarr9@aol.com  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:33 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Masks

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As a US citizen I have the legal civil right to choose to wear a mask or NOT, it is up to the individual NOT the government what I wear or put on or in my body, I have respiratory disease and for me wearing one is NOT even an option, it restricts oxygen to my lungs and causes more stress to my body. We are becoming a communist society when we start dictating what a US citizen can and cannot do to their own bodies in disguise of "Safety". This virus has run it's course it is moving on as all the millions of other viruses do each and every year, time to move forward and open this economy completely and stop living in FEAR. thank you

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From: Randy Joos <rwjoos@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:31 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Masks

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Since you want to mandate that masks be worn in public, can you please provide us with some sort of medical literature or fact based evidence that states wearing masks out in public can actually stop the spread of COVID-19, and also answer the same on the long term effects of breathing in ones own CO2 and germs for an extended period of time?

Sent from my iPhone

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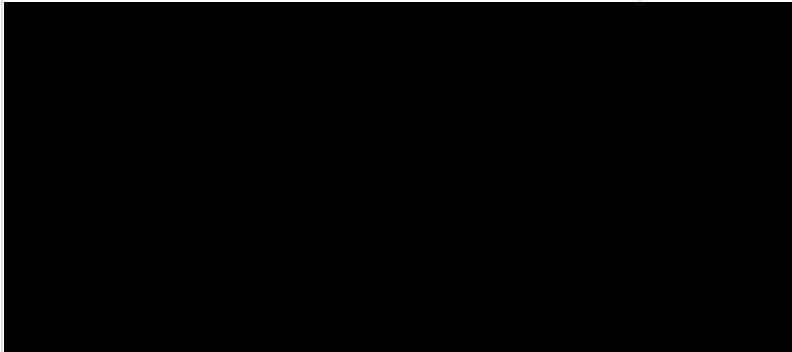
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From: rob tilman <rob.tilman@att.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:28 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Ordinance

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Please review this well-referenced article and rescind the mandate for wearing masks. Thank you.

[Masks Don't Work: A Review of Science Relevant to COVID-19 Social Policy](#)



Relevant to COVID-19 Social Policy

There is little evidence to support mask-wearing and in an absence of knowledge, governments should not make po...

Rob Tilman Margaritaman Jacksonville, FL 32266 904-241-0225

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From: Robert McKenzie <rbmckenzie81@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:28 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Facemask Mandate

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Why are we forcing people to wear facemasks that the manufacturer will tell you "provide No Protection against COVID19" ?

Why are we forcing healthy people to wear face masks when the CDC and medical professionals recommend that "people who are well do not wear a face mask" and "facemasks should only be worn by healthcare workers or those who show symptoms"

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From: Mary Monsanto <marymonsanto03@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:28 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask meeting

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Please do the right thing to protect the citizens of Jacksonville and continue requiring that individuals wear masks in public. Please provide specific requirements . It has been proven to be an effective way to prevent spreading this virus. We all want our city to reopen but the health of the people is more important. Even Mike Pence is saying to wear a mask. We are not winning. Do the right thing

Thank you  
Mary Monsanto  
Registered voter



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From: Jordan Luckin <jordan.luckin@aol.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:25 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Mask mandate

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Good morning!

I feel very strongly about the citizens of Jacksonville wearing masks. I am an essential worker and would feel much safer having the mask mandate be enforced and around for a while. I fail to understand the point of the mandate, but then leave it up to the people to enforce it. I am also in my early 20's and lots of my friends tested positive, but because they are asymptomatic they continue to go out to businesses and restaurants. We must be able to stop the spread and go back to normal life and that will only happen with a heavily enforced mask mandate.

Thank you!

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From: Ande Bluett <ande.bluett@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:23 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Masks

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I do not think it would be fair to have business enforce mask wearing in there stores. We have suffered enough the past few months and to asks them to make customers wear masks is ridiculous. If you don't plan on enforcing then why expect anyone else.

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From: Katie Hammill <katiehammill@me.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:21 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Support Masks

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Good Morning,

I am writing to support your recent mask mandate. It is proven that masks help slow the spread of this virus and it's impact on the elderly and immune compromised. It is a small inconvenience to pay for the good of our city and our medical workers.

I am concerned of the onus you have put on local businesses to enforce and feel it is cowardly. This is setting up business owners as the scapegoat and likely will result in unfavorable altercations with their staff and customers.

Those that prefer not to wear masks have the option of being outdoors or staying home. This is not forever and we need to lead by example.

Thanks,  
Katie Hammill  
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From: Ali Hall <alihalljax@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:21 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask requirement

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Good morning I am a Neptune Beach resident and I am emailing my support of the mask mandate. Although I do not feel it is anyone's business for someone to have to explain a medical condition or trauma that prevents them from wearing a mask I think it is the business owners right or responsibility to enforce or not. The amount of residents at the beaches who are refusing to wear masks and now making it a political statement to purposefully "fight the mandate" is significant and dangerous.

The other alternative is to roll back the capacity at businesses. We opened fast and people immediately sought out bars and social situations but we aren't ready to have everything open at full capacity.

If we are not going to have to wear masks then I think the conversation about wearing masks during the school year is dead as well as the plastic protectors that were approved. Do we need to protect ourselves or not?

Thanks,  
Ali Hall

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From: Jennifer Kowkabany <koriru@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:18 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Requirement

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Dear City Leaders,

Masks help slow the spread of disease. It was noble of you all to require this of Jacksonville despite the opposition some have to public health. This requirement, however, is missing teeth. There needs to be fines or a tool to help with enforcement. Putting it solely on businesses to enforce the requirement is cowardly on behalf of the city. You have put so much on them already in this crisis and the half-response given by the city is setting them up for altercations and unpleasant situations.

I appreciate your time.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Kowkabany

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From: Monica Pharr <monicapharr@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:15 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask meeting comment.

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Good morning,

As a Jacksonville resident with 2 children and small business owner of 6 years, I wanted to submit my letter of support for mandated masks. The science behind mask wearing is solid.

Without the mandate people will blame businesses for enforcing safety rules for staff. For a small business this can be very harmful for business reviews and retaliation.

Common sense for people is not prevailing and they need leadership.

I very much appreciate the mandate as a parent and small business owner.

Thank you,  
Monica Bodnar- Pharr

Monica Bodnar-Pharr  
Co-Founder Bay & Bee  
Baynbee.com

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From: Michele Raulerson <raulerson0513@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:14 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Masks

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How is this gonna be enforced ? I went to orange park mall yesterday and seen several people with no mask on Sent from my iPhone

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From: Miranda Schreur <miranda.schreur@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:11 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Masks

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I'm seeing many post of Florida statutes that make it illegal to conceal your face in public as well as concealed carry while wearing a mask. Am I to break other laws by following this mandate? Or is my 2nd amendment right (during civil unrest) being taken away?

Additionally, how can we trust this mandate? When Covid19 first came, we were told masks were ineffective. Now they are? How am I to afford multiple disposable masks? Or purchasing masks for my entire family and then having to buy multiple or wash them every day killing my electric bill? Amazon wants \$20 a mask. Local businesses are selling them at \$20 as well. What is the city going to do to ease this financial burden?

Thank you,  
Miranda



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From: Terry Wilkinson <loving-life-2008@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:10 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask question

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

How can a Mayor mandate someone to wear a mask in public? Please show me the law that was passed by the city council or the city ordinance.

It should be left up to the store owner to set a store policy on mask not the mayor.

Terry Wilkinson  
Jacksonville FL resident

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From: Josh Vissman <j\_vissman@hotmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:09 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: 7/1 Meeting Questions

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Hello -

Questions for today's meeting:

When can we expect the mask mandate to end?

Do you think it is fair to ask business owners/managers (civilians) to enforce a government mandate? Seems unheard of in the USA.

Has it been considered that the government needs to provide these mandatory masks to all all residents in the city?

Do you all plan to give an unbiased update of COVID-19 statistics (i.e. recovered cases, hospitalizations, available hospital beds, death rate)?

I am grateful for your diligent effort to provide safety for our community!

Kind regards,

Josh Vissman

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From: John Campgana <johncampy1943@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:06 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Face masks

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Face mask is our only defense left. Young people will find a way to get together whether it be a bar or somewhere else. Most will not show symptoms and continue to spread covid without masks. Masks will protect all and may even be effective enough to allow bars to reopen. I would actually feel safer with open bars provided everyone wears a mask. I see future business closures unless all get on same page and wear masks

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From: Jay Mackey <jaymackey@bellsouth.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:04 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Palms Preschool Not Making Masks Mandatory

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Palms Preschool and Child Care Center in Jacksonville Beach, FL is not making masks mandatory for employees or children over the age of 6. Even after the citywide mandate.

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From: Nicholas, Brian <Brian.Nicholas@truist.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:04 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Masks

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Given the out of control infection rate of C-19, the wearing of masks should be mandatory in public buildings. Not to do so, put at risk your fellow citizen.  
Stop the madness on masks.

Sent via Email+ secured and managed by BB&T.

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From: Marsha Roberts <sassyfl1952@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:02 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Face Masks

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To Whom It May Concern,

I work for a major retailer and we employees wear masks but not all customers who enter the store are wearing a face mask. Why can't the Mandate be stricter?

Thank you, M. Roberts

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From: Jodi Bogers <jodibogers@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:02 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: 34yo, invisible illness, supports masks

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I am a 34 year old female with a pre-existing condition. I have been home alone since [March 15th](#). I used to have two jobs and now only have one which I cannot work at full capacity to make income as before Bc masks aren't required and the risk is severe for me. Working at all is an extreme risk but what should not also be a risk is getting groceries or other basic needs to survive. When masks were mandated I cried tears of joy bc I have been praying people would do their part to protect the elderly and people like me with invisible illness. I see so many comments on social media where people say "if you're sick don't go out!" Or "if you're scared of getting sick stay home" however nobody considers we must go out to get essential needs and food. Even during special shopping hours that some stores provide there's an elevated fear bc people aren't wearing masks to keep the groceries sanitary. I pray the mask mandate stay in place in all public spaces as they are around the world. Why is this a question or politicized here in Florida when it's not in places around the world? I hope you would look at what restrictions are being implemented in countries that have successfully contained and controlled this outbreak. Florida stands a chance to turn this around! The elderly and the invisibly ill do not always have family or caretakers to help them. Delivery services cost extra money which we don't have having lost our jobs. If masks are enforced not only can I go to the store with ease and less concern but I can also take more clients at work knowing I'm not increasing my risk of exposure by simply doing my job to survive. I am not ready to file disability! I want to work, I want to get groceries safely. What will my law makers do to protect me and my ability to work?! MANDATE MASKS!

I beg for the invisible ill, the elderly and disabled that you mandate masks in all public spaces STRICTLY bc if you don't we won't have a fair chance to fight this virus. We also cannot get groceries and goods without risk. We have been stuck inside fighting hunger, lack of accessibility to needs and severe Isolation/depression as the world around us has shrunk and shouted their hate for us While demanding we just stay home?! Healthy people get to choose to wear a mask, being ill or elderly we do not. Don't we deserve a fair chance at life to survive this?

I want to remind you that wearing a mask prevents an asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic person from spreading the virus! This is extremely crucial to Duval county controlling the spread of the virus and keeping its citizens safe! This is our chance to be a role model to Florida so we don't end up like the southern part of our state! I hope and pray that we matter enough even if just one person that this becomes local mandate! This is extremely crucial to Duval county controlling the spread of the virus and keeping its citizens safe! **Every life should be protected and no measure should be considered too great or uncomfortable to implement when the outcome prevents death! Masks save lives!**

Invisibly ill, praying for protection so I might be able to take care of myself and continue to work safely. Please require masks!

Jodi Bogers  
904-521-3829

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Jodi Bogers <jodibogers@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 7:01 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Please read! Masking for invisibly ill

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904-521-3829

Sent from my iPhone



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From: Jodi Bogers <jodibogers@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 6:59 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Supporting mask mandate

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From: Michael Shaw <shaw\_md@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 6:56 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: A list of locations in Jacksonville where masks are available for purchase.

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Please publish a list of locations in Jacksonville where masks are available for purchase.

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From: Candice McKendree <mikescandice@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 6:55 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020

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Mandating masks is unconstitutional. Reverse the mandate.

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From: monteroyoannis@yahoo.com  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 6:55 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Comments

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Florida has a surge in numbers and I personally believe it can't be scientifically possible that the mayor cities that has experiencing Caos and looting and protesting in masses will have lower Covid numbers . I believe that as a Floridians it is our personal decision how we react to the current Covid-19 situation , because so far nobody is mandating anything to the protesters and they have been protected . I believe Covid 19 mask wearing should be an individual decision and not a mandatory measure .

Sent from Montero's iPhone X

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From: eric yost <ericyst01@yahoo.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 6:52 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Citizens Questions

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If masks work why release prisoners?

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From: Caroline Nicholas <katiecaroline85@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 6:52 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask Mandate

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I believe to keep everyone safe masks should be worn. I am an essential worker who is pregnant and it would make me feel safer and more protected. Also 75% of our customers were not wearing masks yesterday because you have decided to mandate but not enforce, I do not understand the point. People who care are already wearing masks.

Thank you  
Caroline  
Neptune Beach

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From: Scott Von Berner <sdvonjax@comcast.net>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 6:45 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Face Masks

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

Please keep the mandatory masks in place. What are we waiting for, our numbers to reach 500,000 rather than the 7,000 now in Duval? If you don't people will totally ignore it as they have then we will have a real problem (bigger than we already have) on our hands. If anyone cares at all about the residents then keep the mandate. It would be an injustice all if you don't and a total wuss out.

Debbie von Berner

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From: robert ryan <bobby.ryan23@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 6:37 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Question for covid-19 meeting

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

The survival rate for covid-19 is 99.7%. We originally shut down over fears that it would be much worse but fortunately that wasn't the case.

Can you explain how your perspective justifies shutting down the economy, putting families out of work, business closing and homes lost?



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From: Misty Haywood <haywomi1974@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 6:28 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: No mask mandate

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Hello,

Please consider reversing the mandate of masks; my daughter is Autistic and cannot wear one.

Thank you!

Misty Haywood

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From: lynn cosentino <lynncos@icloud.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 6:27 AM  
To: CCMeting07282020  
Subject: Masks

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At what point is everyone going to realize that either a family member, neighbor or friend or themselves are positive for covid 19 and that they are all fine? The flu clearly has a higher mortality rate and we don't behave this way. People don't even get their flu shots. Mandatory masks are ridiculous. Let people make their own choices.

A concerned healthcare provider

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From: Heather Lee <whatever61807@gmail.com>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 01, 2020 2:06 AM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Opposed to mask mandate

**EXTERNAL EMAIL:** This email originated from a non-COJ email address. Do not click any links or open any attachments unless you trust the sender and know the content is safe.

I am opposed to the mask mandate. It is not effective when half of Florida is not wearing the proper masks or they do not wear them properly. It is about compliance and providing a false sense of security for others. It is not about safety. Quit blowing this ridiculous virus out of proportion and let us get on with our lives. Those that want to wear a mask can. However, the mandate is absurd and ridiculous!

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From: Toy Calderon <toycalderon@icloud.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 11:18 PM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: No to illegal mask mandates

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Dear Mayor Curry,

I am greatly concerned that you just mandated that we must wear masks in public. Requiring masks for healthy people is not only harmful to our health (see below for numerous studies), but it is also illegal in our state as per F.S. 876.12 <https://www.flsenate.gov/Laws/Statutes/2011/876.12> . There are already lawsuits occurring in many counties across Florida in regards to this issue. Also excluding disabled individuals is against the law. There will be many lawsuits.

In addition, requiring us to wear masks goes against our own governor's recommendations of saying masks should simply be voluntary. (<https://floridapolitics.com/archives/342399-ron-desantis-says-masks-should-be-voluntary> )

I am extremely opposed to mandating that we must wears masks. Please revoke this order.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

[My name & phone number]

If you would like to read additional studies about mask efficacy and their negative impact on health, here are a few of many studies you can read:

Over 3 times the risk of contracting influenza like illness if cloth mask is used:  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4420971/>

Penetration of cloth masks by particles was almost 97% compared to medical masks with 44%:  
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/04/150422121724.htm>

"The surgical mask is a bad fit for risk reduction"  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4868614/>

"Effects of wearing N95 and surgical facemasks on heart rate, thermal stress, and subjective sensations"  
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7087880/>

Both surgical and cotton masks seem to be ineffective in preventing the dissemination of SARS-CoV-2 from the coughs of patients with COVID-19 to the environment and external mask surface.  
<https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-1342>

"These guidelines need to be updated to reflect the higher infection risk posed by cloth masks, as found in our study."  
<https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2015/04/150422121724.htm>

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From: Rachel Hanes <rachelhanesrealtor@gmail.com>  
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2020 10:57 PM  
To: CCMeeting07282020  
Subject: Mask mandate feedback

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To Whom It May Concern,

I am a tax-paying, law abiding citizen. I will not be criminalized for my HEALTH choices. Mayor Curry is completely ignoring the truth that Covid numbers have gone up because of testing and the death rate has plummeted for the same reason. I have 3 friends who have been diagnosed with Pneumonia for having to wear masks all day for their jobs (this is according to their DOCTORS).

The CDC states that Asymptomatic people are HIGHLY UNLIKELY to pass the virus. The CDC also states that there is no conclusive proof as to the efficacy of mask wearing to prevent the spread of Covid.

Because of your "mandate" our county is further divided. People feel a license to be ugly and disrespectful to people simply for THINKING DIFFERENTLY about the issue.

This pandering to the fear culture will be remembered come election time!!

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Good afternoon,

Thank you for letting me comment in regards to mandate of masks.

However, masks do not prevent any illness from spreading. Also, was any part of the disability community thought about when it comes to a mask.

Cause some certain disabilities their lungs are compromised and cant breathe well as it is. Furthermore i have a deaf hard of hearing brother that has conversations with people just by reading their lips. That is also clearly impossible when you have to wear a mask.

I highly disagree with the mandate of masks.

Thanks for your time!

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