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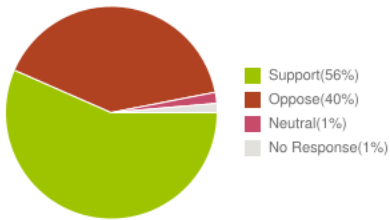
eComments Report

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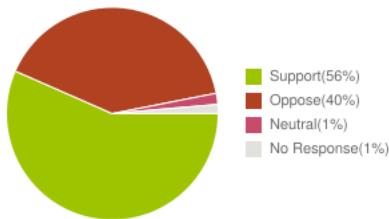
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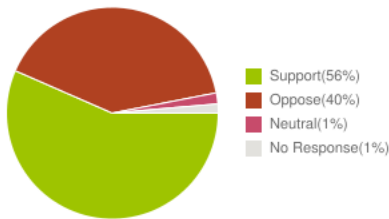
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Agenda Item: eComments for 1. 200344 Communication relating to a citywide masking policy.

Overall Sentiment



Emily Sumner

Location:
Submitted At: 7:59am 07-02-20

Please use common sense. We know there are outbreaks from prolonged exposure indoors without masks (or bars and restaurants). Increasing capacity without a fask mask ordinance is reckless.

Natasha Veal

Location:
Submitted At: 7:59am 07-02-20

As a medical technologist at one of the largest hospitals in the Milwaukee area, I cannot stress enough the importance of masks. I handle hundreds of covid specimen samples a day for testing, and I firmly believe the reason no one in the lab has contracted covid19 is because of our mask policy. Essential work rs should not have to put their lives in danger because others choose not to wear a mask because they don't feel like it. A mask is a simple face covering, not a shackle on freedom. Wearing a mask is simple, but just requiring a face covering is

not enough. Education must follow suit.

Leslie Kaiser

Location:

Submitted At: 7:56am 07-02-20

If 99+% of people who get Covid do just fine why not let those that are not worried about it go out and do so without masks. Those that are scared are welcome to wear masks. Encourage those that are elderly, infirmed, or immunocompromised to stay home. Why infringe upon all liberties to protect those that should be using common sense and staying home. Currently, the increase in cases identified are increasing, due to testing vume increases and the separation we have endured that has weakened our immune systems, but hospitalizations are decreasing as was theorized at the initial shutdown.

Jane Monfre

Location:

Submitted At: 7:53am 07-02-20

I strongly support this policy - masks have been shown to prevent the spread of Covid in asymptomatic carriers, and it has been proven that pulse ox levels do NOT drop when you're wearing a mask vs. not wearing a mask. This is a case of individual responsibility for the good of the community and everyone doing their part to helping slow the spread of Covid. If you cannot wear a mask for whatever reason, there are many, many avenues in which to get essentials delivered to your door. Please support this policy, it is a public health matter.

Louisa Diliberti

Location:

Submitted At: 7:53am 07-02-20

We NEED a mask policy. Virus transmission can happen quickly, easily and silently. As an individual, wearing a mask only provides me minimal protection. I am provided far more protection if those that are infected wear a mask. However since spread can occur before symptoms occur and even without any symptoms at all, the only way to ensure that all infected individuals wear masks is to make sure everyone wears a mask. - This is basic public safety - Plus, the lack of a mask policy disproportionately limits the freedom of many including the elderly, which is a protected class under federal law.

mf mf

Location:

Submitted At: 7:52am 07-02-20

oppose

Sukanya Lodh

Location:

Submitted At: 7:51am 07-02-20

Wearing proper mask limits the spread.

Mike Brenner

Location:

Submitted At: 7:50am 07-02-20

I graduated high school. Took a couple science classes. While I wish god would protect me, he hasn't done much for Florida, but then again, maybe he's a snowbird and will help us here.

Tammi Savic

Location:

Submitted At: 7:50am 07-02-20

I strongly SUPPORT the wearing of masks. Health experts say the evidence is clear that masks can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and that the more people wearing masks, the better.

Carrie Hildeman

Location:

Submitted At: 7:49am 07-02-20

Please follow the science! A mask policy is so simple and could save so many lives!

Brigette Breitenbach

Location:

Submitted At: 7:47am 07-02-20

Wearing a mask is internationally recognized by the medical community as effective in spreading COVID-19. Why wouldn't we do something so simply to make Milwaukee a safer place during this unprecedented health crisis?

Dre Day

Location:

Submitted At: 7:45am 07-02-20

Strongly oppose. This is a slippery slope. What will be mandated next? This also violates bodily autonomy, the right to self governance over one's own body without external influence or coercion, which is a fundamental human right.

Mary Zander

Location:

Submitted At: 7:41am 07-02-20

I strongly oppose this measure. Not only is it unconstitutional to require people to wear masks, there is a lot of information out there showing that they are visually useless in protecting against the transmission of viruses. It is like "putting up a chainlink fence to keep out mosquitoes". Please see the attached article from infection control to read more about the issue. Thank you.

<https://www.infectioncontroltoday.com/view/cloth-masks-are-useless-against-covid-19>

tanner musgrove

Location:

Submitted At: 7:40am 07-02-20

If we have the ability to make our community safer by wearing masks, why wouldn't we take that opportunity? Masks have been proven to work and it has also been proven that they don't affect our breathing. Individualism will not stop/ minimize the spread of Covid, taking the necessary precautions will. This isn't about taking away our rights, it's about looking out for our neighbors.

Brett Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 7:40am 07-02-20

Strongly oppose! Masks do little to nothing to stop the spread, and can do harm. Some legitimately cannot wear them and they are shamed & tormented. Masks have become a twisted social badge of honor that supposedly shows you care about others and has inflamed divisiveness. The vast majority of people I see wearing masks do so incorrectly with nose & often mouth out. This does zero good. They give a false sense of security. Hand washing is the best protection. Focus on good health & building immune system. Please DO NOT force this on people. Thank you!

Annemarie Kaiser

Location:

Submitted At: 7:37am 07-02-20

I strongly oppose a city ordinance requiring people to wear a mask

Sharon Kevil

Location:

Submitted At: 7:36am 07-02-20

Dr. Raymond of the medical college has been suggesting people wear them, and our r-rate is up over 1 again this week. Mandate everyone must wear them. Very small children and those with sensory issues like autism could be given a special opt-out, and we'd still be better off at combating the spread.

KG Byrd

Location:

Submitted At: 7:22am 07-02-20

Oppose. Common masks reduce your level of oxygen in your bloodstream and recirculate bad stuff through your system setting up long-term negative effects -- all while not stopping viruses from passing through. Particularly harmful to children.

Janet Heck

Location:

Submitted At: 7:22am 07-02-20

I believe wearing a mask in public will help curve the spread of Covid - 19. Things are getting out of control with all the non social distancing that is going on in public. We are dealing with a virus that needs to be brought under control. Wearing a mask is the answer! Otherwise we will be in for yet another lock down, which will not only effect our mental health, but will also effect our economy. Wearing a mask in public still gives everyone the ability to be out and support our economy.

Meghan Suchomski

Location:

Submitted At: 7:22am 07-02-20

I strongly oppose any such mandate. There is no research supporting the efficacy of homemade masks, which is what most people are wearing. Your homemade mask may make you feel safe, it may make you feel cute, it may make you feel socially responsible, but in reality it is nothing more than a germ-infested rag that is very likely contributing to the spread of COVID-19. Such a mandate feels awfully like a showy political move and not at all like a genuine effort to protect our people.

Amanda Gilioli

Location:

Submitted At: 7:06am 07-02-20

Please allow families the choice to decide whether or not to wear masks. In my family sensory processing disorder and anxiety makes mask wearing not possible for some of us.

Michelle Sh

Location:

Submitted At: 7:01am 07-02-20

Err on the side of freedom. Government is overstepping its bounds to mandate that people wear masks everywhere. Mandating mask wearing outdoors is especially ridiculous and unnecessary. You will drive people away from this city!

Rick Braun

Location:

Submitted At: 6:45am 07-02-20

Medical personnel are still being required to wear the same masks for a week when they are supposed to be one time use. A mandate puts a terrible strain on the ability to supply our frontline workers with the necessary PPE to fight this pandemic without exposing themselves.

The masks have to be worn properly in order to be effective. They also need to be worn at all times while near other people to be effective. Which won't happen in a restaurant or bar.

Also take into account the law of unintended consequences. People will just go outside the city to eat and ruin these businesses.

Sara Vondrachek

Location:

Submitted At: 6:40am 07-02-20

It is imperative that MKE leaders look to what's happening in other states and take action. We are not Florida or Texas...yet. But we will be if masks are not mandated. We know many people will not willingly wear one. They are a minor inconvenience compared to the protection they will provide to the people of the city of Milwaukee. Support legislation requiring a mask in public spaces.

Jolene Hall

Location:

Submitted At: 6:36am 07-02-20

I am opposed to mask wearing in public places in a broad sense. I don't have a problem if a business wants me to wear mask, but I do have a problem if I have to wear a mask when I take a walk with my family outdoors! Although this seems mostly focused on businesses, I have heard that it would also mean any public space. I am opposed to wearing a mask in an open, public space!

Cheryl Mealey

Location:

Submitted At: 6:33am 07-02-20

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Lynne Trochlil

Location:

Submitted At: 6:29am 07-02-20

Mask wearing should be a personal preference for both the individual and the business. The Safer at Home did not mandate mask wearing; it encouraged only people who were sick to wear a mask in public, not everybody..

Ben Looney

Location:

Submitted At: 6:17am 07-02-20

There is so much scientific evidence out there that shows masks help. A simple thing we can do to protect employees is require people to wear masks. We cannot expect business owners to protect their employees. If we take this simple step now and require masks we can start doing more things sooner.

andrew smith

Location:

Submitted At: 5:46am 07-02-20

There is a lot of evidence that the commonly available masks for the public are useless, even harmful. I have no intention of wearing one giving the ambiguity of the issue.

<https://archive.is/RuA5z>

Robert Blaski

Location:

Submitted At: 4:00am 07-02-20

"The science on face coverings is clear, as they help stop the spread of COVID 19 and save lives. When you wear a face mask during this pandemic, you are demonstrating care for our community," Alderwoman Dimitrijevic said.

FACT CHECK: The science on face coverings is NOT clear.

"Many REPUTABLE physicians and SCIENTISTS have said they are worthless and potentially HARMFUL!" -Dr. Ron Paul

Andrew Jungwirth

Location:

Submitted At: 1:43am 07-02-20

Please make people wear a mask inside public buildings. It's the least we can all do to protect the most vulnerable. Not everyone is there by choice. Not wearing a mask is akin to not washing hands after using the water closet or driving very drunk. It can affect those around you more than yourself.

Jessica Baumann

Location:

Submitted At: 1:15am 07-02-20

A masking policy needs to be in place during this public health crisis. If we don't follow this simple task we could risk the lives of so many people in our community & beyond. With reopening & warmer weather I've seen many more people going out without masks. Strangers are quick to judge those that are wearing masks & feel they can approach to tease/harass them for wearing one. Sources on what is safe has varied so much over the past few months that many people are getting misinformation or have given up on following what is necessary to decrease the spread. Please help protect Milwaukee.

Sarah Strahler

Location:

Submitted At: 1:06am 07-02-20

Our city spread rate is about to increase due to how casual people have become with seeing their friends and not wearing masks. Workers required to be in public spaces are in danger because of this trend. Masks protect workers. I support this policy.

Megan Anstett

Location:

Submitted At: 12:55am 07-02-20

Wearing masks is a simple task that can have a huge impact. Many studies have shown the chance of transmission is significantly lower when both individuals are wearing masks. Many states are seeing surges and experiencing shut downs again. If we plan to open things back up we need to be more careful. It is also not fair to workers who need to be out in public and exposed to others who don't see the importance of wearing a mask.

Matthew Schmitt

Location:

Submitted At: 12:53am 07-02-20

I strongly oppose. While masking absolutely has a place in this pandemic, even the WHO cautions against mandates that require healthy people to wear masks in community settings. "Advice on the Use of Masks in the Context of COVID-19" from April stated that "the wide use of masks by healthy people in the community setting is not supported by current evidence and carries uncertainties and critical risks" Currently businesses can issue their own mask requirements. If this mandate is passed those in opposition will take their business out of MKE County.

Alyssa Schall

Location:

Submitted At: 12:06am 07-02-20

Bars and in-dining should not have reopened. The decision was not in accordance with the phasing of the Badger Bounce Back Plan. Owners received less than 24-hours notice to open (not enough time to prepare safety protocols). CDC, "recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings" and is supported by 19 studies on its website. The states of Florida, Arizona, California, and Texas had to reclose and this is where Milwaukee is headed; the cases are rising again. While eating and drinking you can't wear masks anyway, and service workers should not have to risk their health.

Winnie Hitchcock

Location:

Submitted At: 11:56pm 07-01-20

There is so much scientific evidence proving that wearing masks reduces the spread of COVID-19. Wearing a mask is not something that should be up to an individual to decide when it comes to public spaces. People are already putting their lives at risk to leave their homes and go to work. It is important that we protect workers and civilians by requiring masks.

Nickolas Mueller

Location:

Submitted At: 11:44pm 07-01-20

The mask mandate should be strongly opposed. The businesses should and can set their own policy to require masks. As a consumer, I would be required to comply with those businesses mask policy without a mandate from the city. This also would hurt the city economically due to consumers leaving Milwaukee for the surrounding businesses without a mask mandate and it would save the city money from the potential (if not eventual) lawsuits to follow. Lastly, this would nullify the State of Wisconsin's Concealed and Carry permit and place individuals in violation of state law.

Jaceleen Latin-Kasper

Location:

Submitted At: 11:41pm 07-01-20

A city wide mask wearing policy is necessary to protect everyone's safety.

Robert Townsend

Location:

Submitted At: 11:41pm 07-01-20

Be careful what you ask for, you might just get it. Adopt a citywide masking policy and watch commerce within the city limits evaporate. It's a short drive to the suburbs for a night on the town, to dine out, take in a show, shop or whatever. The unintended consequences of a masking mandate will devastate commerce in Milwaukee. I will have no compunction about taking my business to the suburbs where businesses and individuals decide masking policy and I will have zero compassion for the struggling businesses that support this nonsense when they close their doors forever as a result.

David Panlener

Location:

Submitted At: 11:39pm 07-01-20

My fellow leaders of the districts of the city of Milwaukee. I have to express my grievances towards the mandate for all civilians to wear masks both in public places as well in businesses and say it will not work. This would be trampling on the rights we have in the constitution of the United States. Worst of all the masks that we have cannot protect us against the virus. Cloth masks have pores that are 20-100 microns, but the virus is 1000 times smaller than the pores of the masks and can still pass through the mask. It would be like trying keep out mosquitoes with a chain length fence.

Perla Jimenez

Location:

Submitted At: 11:31pm 07-01-20

100% approve this measure as time has proven that people will not have personal responsibility unless is mandated. This is a health emergency and until there is evidence that people will be responsible I would agree that we need some sort of mandate as this is not an infringement of anyone's rights. If people want to counterattack this mandate I would think a face mask would be similar to clothing as I believe people are not allowed to be naked in the streets.

Kushal Desai

Location:

Submitted At: 11:22pm 07-01-20

This is not the governments place, nor is it going to have the intended effect. Milwaukee will be one of the only cities with a mandate. In Wisconsin, one can easily cross city lines and frequent businesses or parks without a mask. As a consumer, I can make my own decisions. Businesses have every right to require their patrons to wear a mask, and they should be the ones to make that decisions. It should be up to individuals to decide if they want to support a business that doesn't require masks vs one that does. A mandate would be a blow to Milwaukee's economy. Waukesha can have my money.

Amy Oeth

Location:

Submitted At: 11:18pm 07-01-20

My spouse and I support developing this policy. Wearing a mask is an easy way for us to help keep each other safe. We live in a dense neighborhood and wish we saw more people wearing masks.

Also, would this affect shared spaces (elevators, entrances, etc.) in apartment and condo buildings? While these are not public spaces that accessible for everyone, as apartment dwellers, we are concerned how not wearing masks creates more risk, especially for the more vulnerable residents, in multi-family buildings. (This represents my view as a Milwaukee resident and not as a city employee)

Terri Williams

Location:

Submitted At: 11:16pm 07-01-20

Thank you for doing this. I have an autoimmune disease and my 3 year old daughter has a heart defect. While the virus is mild for many, for us it would mean a 3-month hospital stay. When we venture to doctors offices and parks my fear is not that we will encounter someone who is actively ill but someone who is asymptomatic and unaware.

The mandate makes good sense for service industry workers, who would be able to return to work more safely and with less anxiety of having to have multiple close individual interactions with unmasked patrons to explain their business's masking policy.

Mary Tarantino

Location:

Submitted At: 11:15pm 07-01-20

Strongly support. If surgeons can wear masks for hours on end while performing surgeries—we can all wear them for the 5-45 minutes we're in a store. Do it out of respect for those who have no choice but to risk their health and work through these conditions.

Bridget Morawetz

Location:

Submitted At: 11:08pm 07-01-20

100% opposed. People can/should make their own decisions.

Samuel Sutton

Location:

Submitted At: 11:06pm 07-01-20

Stand for something or fall for anything.

We'll make it together if we follow all the same rules together. Wearing a mask shouldn't be a political litmus test. If the staff wear a mask for your benefit, you wear a mask for them.

Nicholas Elert

Location:

Submitted At: 11:04pm 07-01-20

For the health and safety of all essential and service industry workers. Duh. SUPER DUH.

Kelvin Olin

Location:

Submitted At: 11:03pm 07-01-20

The absolute easiest way to reduce disease transmission and therefore deaths. Absolutely in support.

Thomas RYAN

Location:

Submitted At: 10:55pm 07-01-20

Strongly oppose

1 not all can wear masks due to medical reasons

2 our body our choice

3 wearing masks doesn't mean everyone will wear them properly

4 Government shouldn't be in our personal lives this much

5 If Milwaukee is at Phase 4 why are masks being required as more people will be visiting businesses. The fear doesn't Justify a Phase 4

Tina Schendel

Location:

Submitted At: 10:54pm 07-01-20

As a local restaurant employee I have witnessed first hand the complications of issuing our own mask wearing policy. I've watched my owner get SCREAMED at, I've seen tables leave, one man said "I will never dine at your restaurant again." It's disheartening to try to heed medical experts advice and lose business at the same time. A city wide mandate would allow restaurants and bars to do the right thing, something they may have been afraid of because they can't afford more loss in sales.

Outbreaks are currently occurring across restaurants in all of the hip areas of Milwaukee.

Whitney Mcallister

Location:

Submitted At: 10:40pm 07-01-20

I support mandatory wearing of masks in Milwaukee.

Nick Dalzell

Location:

Submitted At: 10:39pm 07-01-20

It's really not much to ask of customers to simply help keep restaurant employees safe.

Mariah Beck

Location:

Submitted At: 10:37pm 07-01-20

Don't allow more people to die for the sake of vanity.

Erin Harrington

Location:

Submitted At: 10:35pm 07-01-20

Take action now or suffer the terrible consequences.

August-Lain Weickert

Location:

Submitted At: 10:32pm 07-01-20

I completely support masks being worn in all businesses. Without enforcement, there are plenty of people who are selfish enough to remain maskless and potentially harm countless others. This is not only a necessity for public health, but it protects the workers who are already at high risk through the necessity of work for survival.

Joshua Torres

Location:

Submitted At: 10:31pm 07-01-20

It is difficult to give an opinion without seeing any official language on the mandate. However, to use LA as a template is a poor choice due to the differences in population density. While I support indoor mask wearing, I am unwilling to support a mandate defined in such vague terms as public spaces. This committee must draft more specific language to achieve the 'clear mask requirement' before gaining my support.

Lisa Wierzbinski

Location:

Submitted At: 10:19pm 07-01-20

I support that masks should be worn in all public places. Let's do our best to keep Milwaukee safe

Belle Bergner

Location:

Submitted At: 10:14pm 07-01-20

Masks need to be required for anyone entering a business in Milwaukee until there is a COVID19 vaccine that

has been given to the majority of US citizens.

Abby Teuscher

Location:

Submitted At: 10:09pm 07-01-20

This would alleviate service industry workers from having to enforce different rules restaurant to restaurant. Plus it would protect us and help keep us healthy!

Kat Gould

Location:

Submitted At: 10:06pm 07-01-20

I believe that if one wants to go in public in the state of a global pandemic, it shouldn't be an option to be a caring citizen by wearing a mask. Humans used to not wear pants, but that was eventually "mandated" and accepted. A face mask to allow our city to run safely should not be an argument. It's a piece of cloth over your face. You'll be okay. However, if you or someone gets ill from COVID they will not be, let's care about the each other.

MS Meer

Location:

Submitted At: 10:04pm 07-01-20

I oppose the mandate. Businesses can set their own policies.

Mary Repka

Location:

Submitted At: 10:04pm 07-01-20

There is no scientific evidence that wearing masks makes any difference at all. Further, this is a free country where I had understood we could wear what we wanted, when we wanted. If this is being considered because of a recommendation from Milwaukee restaurants, please advise them that they have just killed their own businesses. Milwaukee cannot on the one say we're entering Phase Four (fewer restrictions) and then turn around and add a new mandate-what logic is there in that? Let the city re-open for those citizens who aren't afraid to live their lives. The others won't be out anyway!

Marissa Dieringer

Location:

Submitted At: 10:00pm 07-01-20

I do not agree to wear masks for a virus that has a fatality rate under 1%. This is unnecessary.

Tamara Hartley

Location:

Submitted At: 9:53pm 07-01-20

I have been an essential worker working with some of the more chronically ill in our city. The citizens of this city are not showing adequate concern for the risk of this pandemic escalating without firm guidance. I don't want to see our city become another statistic in this crisis. Better to ward off an unmanageable spike before its too late.

Andrew Gricar

Location:

Submitted At: 9:50pm 07-01-20

I feel like this is a no brainer, this is the same principle as making your employees wash their hands after taking a poop.

Crow Sullivan

Location:

Submitted At: 9:49pm 07-01-20

wearing a mask is the right thing to do, ya dumbs. listen to people who spent their lives studying this subject and protect yourself, your loved ones, and your community!

Jenna Mo

Location:

Submitted At: 9:49pm 07-01-20

There are a lot of very smart doctors recommending that we wear masks to slow the spread of Covid 19, and too many people are not taking their very qualified advice.

414 Denizen

Location:

Submitted At: 9:48pm 07-01-20

Leaving this up to each individual is not working. Not enough of us are wearing masks, and the ones wearing masks are regular mocked and bullied by dangerously misinformed citizens who believe they are either harmful or useless. I am a city employee with regular public contact and no one around me is wearing a mask, making it so much more difficult for me to protect my immunocompromised family. A mandate is the only way to make mask usage widespread enough to be effective.

Deborah Kern

Location:

Submitted At: 9:45pm 07-01-20

We need the City to help enforce the CDC guidelines to keep us safe. As owner of MOD GEN, we require masks but need the City to back us up.

Micah Buck

Location:

Submitted At: 9:44pm 07-01-20

I own a bar in the Bayview neighborhood of Milwaukee. I fully support the mandatory wearing of face masks inside of public places. It will save lives. It will save the economy almost 1 trillion dollars according to Goldman Sachs. It will help keep our city or lie neighborhoods and our neighbors safe.

Michael DeLong

Location:

Submitted At: 9:34pm 07-01-20

You do not have the right to force the citizens to wear a mask. You don't get to pick a dress code for the American people. Some people have a real hard time breathing, get claustrophobic, or depressed when wearing a mask. Uh do not get to make everyone suffocate because of a 0.26% fatality rate. All this will do is force people do do their business and their shopping outside of the country, putting even more financial stress on the local businesses and their employees. This is absurd.

Doc Tor

Location:

Submitted At: 9:33pm 07-01-20

This virus is going to spread wither you wear a mask or not. Everyone that wears a mask constantly touches their mask to move it. Now your hands are contaminated and so is every surface you touch. Let's not even talk about reusing the same contaminated mask multiple times. Wearing a mask will not stop anything. Not to mention in a bar or restaurant where you eat and drink! So what you constantly touch your mask over and over again between each bite? Numbers are "spiking" because of the amount of testing they are doing. But remember it is not the deaths spiking! That is the important number!

Jenny O'Boyle

Location:

Submitted At: 9:28pm 07-01-20

In full support of this ordinance! We need to keep each other safe!

Eric R.

Location:

Submitted At: 9:26pm 07-01-20

I really enjoy calling the police on black folks and THIS right here is gold. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE pass this so

I can call the police on offending black individuals. I hope for escalation once they arrive to enforce these things.

Thanks to city government for enabling people like myself. You may think I'm kidding, but I'm not. I am 100% legally justified calling the police on every unmasked black face in violation of these rules.

kathryn lochmann

Location:

Submitted At: 9:24pm 07-01-20

I support a city wide mandate to mask in public.

Chris Fleissner

Location:

Submitted At: 9:22pm 07-01-20

Please do not make a mandate. Allow individuals and businesses to make their own decisions.

Colleen Kroll

Location:

Submitted At: 9:19pm 07-01-20

I support a city wide mask ordinance for everyone's safety.

Jill Marie

Location:

Submitted At: 9:18pm 07-01-20

People should not be forced to wear masks <https://www.meehanmd.com/blog/2020-06-12-healthy-people-should-not-wear-face-masks/?fbclid=IwAR2-wX1WhPzH2YIXDUInkRBpliH-tjrxmG5F0YCuo9Wi6RG6Y9ZVmr-0foc>

Todd Leech

Location:

Submitted At: 9:15pm 07-01-20

Our co-op requires masks and our staff, members and customers appreciate our concern for the safety of our community. Please pass this and make it easier for all businesses to enforce mask wearing in their establishments.

Bre Lin

Location:

Submitted At: 9:08pm 07-01-20

No public mandate. Let businesses decide for themselves

Emma Taylor

Location:

Submitted At: 9:07pm 07-01-20

The CDC and top medical experts around the globe encourage the use of masks. There is no question about its effectiveness. Please keep Milwaukee safe

Brenda Ann

Location:

Submitted At: 9:04pm 07-01-20

I very strongly oppose a mask wearing policy. I believe that it should be your choice to wear one. People should not breath in the air that they have exhaled. Rebreathing CO2 can lead to increased blood pressure, headaches, muscle twitches, rapid heart rate, chest pain, confusion, and fatigue. Each business should be able to make a decision as to whether or not the want to require a mask. This is America - home of the free- and this is infringing on my civil liberties.

Kara Mannor

Location:

Submitted At: 9:04pm 07-01-20

COVID-19 needs to be taken very seriously, especially given its impacts reflect deep racial inequities in the city. However, I'm concerned about how this will impact marginalized people: How will the mandate be enforced? How will it impact on people without PPE access, or people who need support in adopting a new practice like mask wearing? Will enforcement lead to ticketing or jailing? Will enforcement lead to financial consequences that result in jailing - further increasing spread in the city? Will MPD murder a black man because he wasn't wearing a mask, or because his mask was suspicious?

Patricia Sanger

Location:

Submitted At: 9:02pm 07-01-20

I am against mandate mask for Milwaukee City. The government should not be telling businesses what they have to do to stay open, it should be up to said business what requirements they issue for their employees/patrons. If there is a business that wants only masked patrons then so be it, but you telling everyone what to do is not part of our FREEDOMS!! Leave us alone, this is a virus that will never go away just like the common cold, flu, pneumonia, etc. Let us the people decide for ourselves what we feel is appropriate for ourselves and our families!! Land of the Free & Home is the Brave

Scott Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 9:00pm 07-01-20

This is a temporary measure, based on science, that will protect customers and workers alike. Everyone wants to get back to a sense of normal. This is a small inconvenience to achieve that goal.

Peter Williams

Location:

Submitted At: 8:59pm 07-01-20

As a STEM student, I urge Milwaukee to be on the side of science, reason, and empathy. Let us join other developed nations in taking strides to protect our city and the people we love. Masks save lives.

Garrett Burke

Location:

Submitted At: 8:52pm 07-01-20

I'm not convinced that Covid-19 is the plague we once thought it was. I've seen mortality rates as low as 0.2% from the CDC. Wearing a mask should be a choice not a citywide mandate.

Dolly May

Location:

Submitted At: 8:51pm 07-01-20

Unless you are willing to stop collecting for taxes, licenses, etc you need to leave what businesses choose to enforce up to them. Plenty of businesses are requiring masks & that is their RIGHT as is a person's CHOICE to patronize them. Stop with the control & treating adults as children. Unless you have a SOLID plan & are willing to GIVE everyone adequate masks, just STOP already. You should have done this 4 months ago, not going into phase 4. What happened with the curfew? Was that enforced? We don't need more gov control. How about getting our crime under control. People are getting killed DAILY.

Thomas Ladendorf

Location:

Submitted At: 8:42pm 07-01-20

Please support a mask policy. It will save lives.

Rebecca Silber

Location:

Submitted At: 8:37pm 07-01-20

I'm against a mask wearing mandate, per se. However, I do think that the City of Milwaukee should offer an

incentive & push for businesses to require masks. Businesses should absolutely require their employees & patrons to wear masks, but I don't see why a mandate is necessary, or who would enforce it. If businesses had signage stating that they require masks, & enforce their policy, then wouldn't that be enough? The City could keep an easily accessed directory of businesses that have mask wearing policies. Being listed could even be the incentive for these businesses to require masks.

Nicole Meifert

Location:

Submitted At: 8:33pm 07-01-20

I strongly oppose a mask wearing policy. I believe that it should be each person's decision as to whether or not they would like to wear one. People should not breath in the air that they have exhaled. Rebreathing CO2 can lead to increased blood pressure, headaches, muscle twitches, rapid heart rate, chest pain, confusion, and fatigue. Additionally each business should be able to make a decision as to whether or not the want to require mask wearing in their business. This is America after all, LAND OF THE FREE and HOME OF THE BRAVE.

Joy Kowald

Location:

Submitted At: 8:31pm 07-01-20

Just wear a mask. It's the least we can do. If everyone did it voluntarily then ordinances wouldn't need to be passed. So let's all suck it up, grow up, and mask up, so we can maybe sometime actually open up.

Steve Kaufman

Location:

Submitted At: 8:27pm 07-01-20

Yes, masks suck. But people dying sucks more. Naysayers stop being selfish!

Russ Goodman

Location:

Submitted At: 8:22pm 07-01-20

This is government overreach, plain and simple. None of this makes any sense since according to your own data COVID-19 deaths and positive cases are falling, not rising. I am completely opposed to a mandate. If people aren't comfortable they should stay home. End of story.

Julia Lazarski

Location:

Submitted At: 8:17pm 07-01-20

Everyone deserves to feel safe in public. Wearing a mask is a small ask for the greater good of public health and is supported by empirical data.

Mallory McConnell

Location:

Submitted At: 8:16pm 07-01-20

If you need a refresh on the topic of caring about others, there are some Mr Rogers and Sesame Street episodes streaming. Wearing a mask is such a small inconvenience - why not do what you can to stop the spread of this disease? Think of the essential workers providing for your needs. Think of the healthcare workers putting in overtime caring for a massive amount of patients. Wearing a mask is not just about you. It's a global crisis...and you can help slow its growth.

Courtney Baumann

Location:

Submitted At: 8:16pm 07-01-20

I support a city wide requirement to wear masks for those who are safely able to do so. It is a small gesture that can make a large impact if widely adopted. It should not be seen as an infringement on your freedom but rather respect for the health and well being of yourself and those around you.

Milena Walker

Location:

Submitted At: 8:11pm 07-01-20

Yes, we should be required to wear a mask for everyone's safety.

Iris Mendez

Location:

Submitted At: 8:08pm 07-01-20

My body. My choice.

Ryan Law

Location:

Submitted At: 8:04pm 07-01-20

No RCT study w/verified outcome show mask effectiveness against viruses. No exceptions. There are many studies showing that they do cause harm though. "Face Masks Pose Serious Risks To The Healthy"

tinyurl.com/y9cw9dky

"Study Finds That Cloth Masks Can Increase Healthcare Workers Risk of Infection"

tinyurl.com/ybrloefg

"Face masks to prevent transmission of influenza virus: a systematic review"

tinyurl.com/whturbc

When wearing a mask, exhaled viruses will not be able to escape & will concentrate in the nasal passages, enter the olfactory nerves & travel into the brain.

Russell Blaylock, MD

Lindsey Tauber

Location:

Submitted At: 8:00pm 07-01-20

I support a requirement that everyone who is able wear a mask in public. Medical professionals seem to agree that this is a relatively simple thing that can be done to significantly decrease community transmission. We should follow the science and do what we can to keep our community safe.

Meghan Keyes

Location:

Submitted At: 7:52pm 07-01-20

I support a city-wide requirement to require mask wearing for those who are able to. Mask wearing reduces the spread of COVID and protects others when you are out in public. We need to do more to reduce the spread of COVID and wearing masks is a simple way to do that.

Richard Protasiewicz

Location:

Submitted At: 7:49pm 07-01-20

Data Against masks:

No difference b/t wear/not wear mask contract/prevent flu/viral infections:[http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf10.1111/jehm,12381](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf10.1111/jehm.12381)

Masks (incl.N95), no protection from covid:<https://www.news-medical.net/news/20200315Wearing-masks-may-increase-your-risk-of-coronavirus-infection-expert-says.aspx>

Mask cause headaches, 81% users:<http://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32232837/>

Mask + Hyoxia:<http://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/18500410> <http://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/26179900>

Mask + cancer hrt attack & stroke: <http://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/17332479>

Mask concentrate covid, drive into brain

Noel Traum

Location:

Submitted At: 7:42pm 07-01-20

You didn't have to storm the beaches of Normandy - do your part to stop the spread of Covid-19. Over 100K people dead. I support a city-wide requirement to wear a mask in public places.

Myra Medora

Location:

Submitted At: 7:38pm 07-01-20

I fully support making everyone wear a mask mandatory. We have seen mask wearing become political and it is not! It is medical! Covid rates are going up because people won't wear a mask. It is not about your "comfort" or political views, it is about keeping people alive. This is actually a life or death issue.

eileen luther

Location:

Submitted At: 7:37pm 07-01-20

I support a city-wide requirement to wear masks. They lower the rate of COVID and we all need to be banding together to overcome this.

Curtis Wech

Location:

Submitted At: 7:35pm 07-01-20

I support a citywide masking policy for public spaces, mandating mask wearing for those physically able.

Jarred Nonnemacher

Location:

Submitted At: 7:33pm 07-01-20

Wearing a mask protects people around you way more than it actually protects you. Every person that comes near you without wearing one is risking your health regardless if you are wearing one or not.

It's unfair that I wear a mask at a grocery store or corner store or work to protect them while others won't do the same for me. This is a pandemic and it isn't always going to be easy or fun. If we keep doing what we're doing or further open the city without requiring masks it's just going to close again once covid gets out of control.

Paula Mason

Location:

Submitted At: 7:33pm 07-01-20

My family and I strongly support mandating mask-wearing, especially given the risks we know about transmission. As a front-line worker myself, it's incredibly disheartening to see so many Wisconsinites disregard science and put other's lives at risk for their own sense of civil liberty. It's clear that the states that require mask-wearing in public will better contain the spread of this disease. Please act swiftly on behalf of our entire community's health and well-being. It will ultimately allow us to move forward towards re-opening our economy in the safest way possible and save lives

Logan Anderson

Location:

Submitted At: 7:22pm 07-01-20

I literally get a headache anytime I have to wear a mask for more than one minute. The company I work for requires us to wear a mask when we are walking around the facility or when we are talking with someone closer than 6 feet away. This seems reasonable as it allows for social distancing without causing people unnecessary health problems (there is research showing that wearing a mask for long periods of time is detrimental to EVERYONE'S health, not just people that have health issues). I don't think it is reasonable to require people to wear a mask in public.

Jennifer Sweetland

Location:

Submitted At: 7:20pm 07-01-20

I support a mask ordinance. Locally, state-wide and nation-wide, we already make small sacrifices of comfort (that are mandated by law) to protect ourselves and others. Mask-wearing during a pandemic should be no different.

Sara Deacon

Location:

Submitted At: 7:14pm 07-01-20

My personal health choices should never be mandated. It should remain a personal choice.

Jen Gubbin

Location:

Submitted At: 7:09pm 07-01-20

I strongly support the mask policy indoors, if outdoors is needed too i support that also.

Andy Mori gello

Location:

Submitted At: 7:01pm 07-01-20

No masks please, it should be a choice. This is America after all.

Hanna Cardona

Location:

Submitted At: 6:54pm 07-01-20

I strongly support a mandated mask policy across the city of Milwaukee. Masks have been proven to help lower the likelihood of infection and, when used properly with good social distancing, can be immensely helpful to the population as a whole. You do not wear a mask for yourself, you wear a mask for everyone around you, your children, your parents, your friends and family. While I definitely understand and sympathize with those who cannot wear one due to legitimate health concerns or trauma, the idea of refusing because "freedom" or discomfort is completely reckless and careless.

Ms Growth

Location:

Submitted At: 6:44pm 07-01-20

It's the right thing to do

Mollie Kiesewetter

Location:

Submitted At: 6:42pm 07-01-20

I fully support this. We need to care for our community.

Sara Caron

Location:

Submitted At: 6:39pm 07-01-20

I support a city wide masking policy. The city is reopening not because it's safe to do so but in order to push low wage and other vulnerable workers off of unemployment. If service industry and essential workers have to choose between a paycheck that pays their rent, supports and feeds their family and their health the least we can do as a community to protect them is to wear a mask.

Sarah Talaska

Location:

Submitted At: 6:38pm 07-01-20

Masks are essential to ensuring the safety of everyone, especially retail/grocery/food service employees who are struggling to deal with people who still refuse to wear masks and abide by store-mandated rules. There is no personal risk involved in wearing a mask. Science supports this. However, there are too many conspiracy theories circulating to detract from the obvious fact that yes, masks DO prevent transmission by catching respiratory droplets. People are being stubborn and selfish. Please implement a citywide mask policy.

Jessica Ganiere-Breiling

Location:

Submitted At: 6:30pm 07-01-20

I strongly oppose a city ordinance requiring people to wear a mask.

David Acker

Location:

Submitted At: 6:28pm 07-01-20

I fully support. Please show one ounce of consideration for others. Wearing a mask saves lives. It is such a minor inconvenience it's hard to believe this is even being debated. It's already difficult enough for workers who have to deal with the public on a daily basis. Have you met the public? They're the worst!

If you oppose this you are then inferring that you would rather people risk sickness and or death than for you to wear a mask which is both extremely selfish and ignorant.

STOP IT. This shouldn't be political. Please just listen to the scientists and medical professionals.

Jamie Baird

Location:

Submitted At: 6:22pm 07-01-20

I wear a mask to protect you, you wear a mask to protect me. This isn't an independent, isolated decision when your decision can make others ill. There is no "right" to jeopardize the health of others. Asymptomatic infected don't know they are spreading virus. How is this different than personal or business insurance and licensing laws and mandates, health department requirements, clothing and shoe requirements in public, seat belt laws, smoking bans, etc? The research and science are there. If 80% of this country wore masks, we would see a significant decrease in infection. We need this.

Samantha Stiehm

Location:

Submitted At: 6:18pm 07-01-20

Risks < Benefits

Don't be selfish.

Patrick Blaney

Location:

Submitted At: 6:14pm 07-01-20

Listen to Dr's and Scientists who are all SAYING THE EXACT SAME THING. Wearing masks makes a huge difference! no brainer.

Jordan McClone

Location:

Submitted At: 6:14pm 07-01-20

I serve people at my café everyday without masks on, and I would like more peace of mind knowing I'm coming home healthy to care for my grandmother. Making masks mandatory would definitely help me with that.

Darci Curwen-Garber

Location:

Submitted At: 6:11pm 07-01-20

For those at risk, there is only so much that we can do to protect ourselves without the support of the community. My mask gives me some safety, but the masks of others provides me much more. Are masks annoying? Yes. Our elders, neighbors, and community are without doubt worth the inconvenience of a piece of cloth. How little do we value human life if we're not willing to use a mask to prevent pain and death? As police presence continues to disproportionately harm communities of color, there must be deliberate consideration in how this policy would be enforced as to not cause more trauma.

Jennifer Houston

Location:

Submitted At: 6:06pm 07-01-20

The public complies with many laws meant to protect their health and wellness including seatbelt laws and hygiene and food service regulations. Being mandated to wear a mask during a global pandemic is no different.

We have seen that without intervention many will not take the proper steps to keep their fellow citizens safe by social distancing or wearing masks voluntarily. Doing this now gives us a chance of opening schools in the fall and avoiding an otherwise inevitable second shutdown.

Ryan Olds

Location:

Submitted At: 6:03pm 07-01-20

This is should be a no-brainer.

Jolena Corona

Location:

Submitted At: 6:03pm 07-01-20

Wearing a mask has proven to help slow the spread of Covid-19. I believe we all have a responsibility to protect not only ourselves, but all our fellow Wisconsinites and wearing a mask in public spaces seems to be the bare minimum.

Sue Petoskey

Location:

Submitted At: 5:59pm 07-01-20

Absolutely not.

Dave Ward

Location:

Submitted At: 5:56pm 07-01-20

The recent & probably many future decisions of our city leadership is in serious doubt and are making decisions by the seat of their pants. They have been uninformed & knee jerk reactions to perceived issues without looking at the big picture. City leadership just keeps on adding to the reasons why we do not want to raise a family in this city. Proposed additional & already enacted police budget cuts, failing public schools (yet pumping more tax money), high crime, high taxes, fees for cars, water, garbage & snow removal..now this mask mandate? NO MASKS!! Dang out of characters, so much more.

Emily Bralick

Location:

Submitted At: 5:52pm 07-01-20

I think this is so important. As a citizen of Milwaukee who is immunocompromised it has been very anxiety-provoking to go anywhere knowing that there was nothing in place that required mandatory mask-wearing. To protect the people of Milwaukee this needs to happen. Not just in government/public establishments but all establishments: grocery stores, other stores, restaurants, banks, museums, pharmacies, healthcare facilities, etc. To actually "flatten the curve" we need to mandate mask-wearing. It is necessary that we do. This is about public health during a pandemic, not so-called "freedom."

Kathryn Keller

Location:

Submitted At: 5:49pm 07-01-20

Oppose. Should be up to the individual.

Rebecca Rabatin

Location:

Submitted At: 5:48pm 07-01-20

There are misunderstandings as to face mask requirements and persons with disabilities' (PWDs) rights under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). 1. The ADA does permit denial of goods and services to a PWD if it would pose a direct threat to the general public. The ADA acknowledges reliance on guidelines from CDC and state and local health authorities in determining a direct threat. 2. Screening criteria to deny service is not permitted unless it is applied to all. 3. Businesses should look at amending their policies and procedures to reasonably accommodate a PWD, ie. curbside service.

Stuart Rudolph

Location:

Submitted At: 5:48pm 07-01-20

Need to do the best we can for customers and staff so we can stay open!

Katrina Valente

Location:

Submitted At: 5:48pm 07-01-20

This should not even be up for debate. Wearing a mask is not just for you but for the safety of those around you. If you want business to open back up, you need to support those who make that happen. Masks may be inconvenient and uncomfortable, but what's more uncomfortable is watching someone you love fight for their life, or die alone in a hospital room. This is not "taking away your freedom" but merely asking for a simple act of kindness and consideration that requires no sacrifice other than to have a piece of fabric over your mouth when in public. This should not be a difficult decision.

Katrina Cary

Location:

Submitted At: 5:44pm 07-01-20

The health and safety of our community is of the utmost importance. Wearing a mask is one of the few tools we have to fight this. I am in full support of the mandatory mask policy. In order for it to be effective, we must all do our part and wear one.

kelly Andaloro

Location:

Submitted At: 5:35pm 07-01-20

the science is not proven that they are safe and effective. not to mention the potential long term effects. please let people and business decide - this should not be a government mandate as the science is just not there to back it up. check out what a leading expert in the field has to say. https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/covid-19/podcasts-webinars/special-ep-masks?fbclid=IwAR2hN7jZ6yQv51ijKRSI-0L4KEDy0Lxx7iji9x-Vif9Qpa_kn-ITHBmqywc

Alexa Nutile

Location:

Submitted At: 5:33pm 07-01-20

I support the immediate implementation of this policy. Everyone needs to wear a mask consistently in order for them to be highly effective. We urgently need you to take action to prevent the continued spread of this virus. It is the responsibility of the city to ensure all citizens are able to remain safe and healthy and implementing public health policies such as this, that have been proven to be effective elsewhere in the world be a step in the right direction.

Marisa Hernandez

Location:

Submitted At: 5:32pm 07-01-20

I fully support the mandate to wear masks in public. It is a fact that wearing a mask prevents the spread of illness. Having worked with the general public for many years I can tell you a lot of people suck and enacting this mandate may help with the stress of dealing with an uncooperative person.

Paul Zerkel

Location:

Submitted At: 5:31pm 07-01-20

For the health of our citizens and the recovery of the local economy.

Rex Lendo

Location:

Submitted At: 5:26pm 07-01-20

The city of Milwaukee has a responsibility to protect people, specifically service sector workers, from those who

do not believe in COVID 19 or don't care about spreading it. I am a service sector worker at a prominent coffee chain in the city and at my location a customer who refused to wear a mask invaded the closed dining room, seated herself and demanded to be served. When asked to leave she became violent and threw a metal sign at my co-workers, injuring both. People like this are emboldened by the fact that the city has done nothing. Protect us Common Council members! It is your job!

Cari Griffiths

Location:

Submitted At: 5:21pm 07-01-20

As the mask box states "does not prevent Covid-19"

Kyle Bond

Location:

Submitted At: 5:15pm 07-01-20

There is nothing stopping businesses from enacting their own mask policies, which people have been respecting throughout the city. There is a multitude of data in support of the idea that asymptomatic spreading is not a common means of transmission. Enacting a universal mask policy assumes that asymptomatic transmission is driving the spread. Public health initiatives should focus on urging symptomatic people to self-isolate, contact tracing, raising awareness for at-risk people to take measures to protect themselves, and other social distancing measures that have already been put in place.

Anne Stadler Vaillancourt

Location:

Submitted At: 5:15pm 07-01-20

I support this citywide masking policy.

Liza Cohen

Location:

Submitted At: 5:14pm 07-01-20

I fully support the mandate to wear mask in public setting. It is imperative to do so to protect our communities health and well being.

Michael Solovey

Location:

Submitted At: 5:13pm 07-01-20

I fully support The idea of making masks mandatory for people out in public in Milwaukee

Anne Samata

Location:

Submitted At: 5:12pm 07-01-20

I strongly support a city ordinance requiring mask wearing. This is NOT something that should be left up to the individual. Masks protect other people much more than the mask wearer. So, it is a limit to other people's freedom of movement for some individuals to chose not to wear a mask. Allowing some people to choose not to wear a mask, is akin to allowing some people to chose to drive drunk. When someone makes that choice, they are putting the people around them in danger, not just themselves. There is virtually no cost to wearing a mask. As such this must be implemented immediately.

Dana DiBerardino

Location:

Submitted At: 5:10pm 07-01-20

It's ludicrous at this point to debate whether or not a city-wide mask ordinance needs to be put in place. For the health and safety of every citizen (even those who refuse to acknowledge the obvious seriousness of the virus), there needs to be a mandatory policy for wearing masks. Do the right thing and protect your community. Everyone concerned about their "rights" being taken away needs to be educated further on the subject, and it's unfair to put those at risk in danger due to the ignorance of others.

The Sabatkes

Location:

Submitted At: 5:07pm 07-01-20

Just wear a mask. Until a vaccine is available to all, this is the best option. I lost a family member to Covid19, they were young and healthy. If we want to continue to keep moving forward with life, wearing a mask is a small ask.

Robby DeGraff

Location:

Submitted At: 5:07pm 07-01-20

Study after study has proven that facemasks drastically reduce the spread of this crippling virus. This is not a violation of one's rights or freedom. This is not a political issue. This is a ridiculously simple effort that can save lives. We have to work together on this to protect those in our community who are vulnerable. Wearing a mask for a few minutes in a grocery store or crowded public place is nowhere near as "dramatic" as a nurse/doctor wearing full PPE for hours, trying to save and help someone whose been sickened with COVID-19. It's common sense and common good.

Glenda DeLisle

Location:

Submitted At: 5:06pm 07-01-20

I strongly oppose! This should be a personal decision as masks pose hazards for healthy people and infringe on constitutional rights for all but especially the hearing impaired!

Tim Sluga

Location:

Submitted At: 5:04pm 07-01-20

Support a city-wide mandate to wear masks in public.

Allie Barke

Location:

Submitted At: 5:03pm 07-01-20

I am a homeowner in the Third Ward. I strongly oppose a mandate. There is no evidence that masks prevent spread of virus, with the exception of a properly fitted n95. There are many doctors who believe that healthy people should NOT wear masks & furthermore that they are dangerous.

I recently dined at 3 restaurants that signed the letter. These restaurants are not currently mandating masks. Why do they request a mandate when they currently allow customers in without masks? Hypocrisy. Businesses have the right to require masks and I have the right to not dine there. It should remain a CHOICE.

Sarah Schlict

Location:

Submitted At: 4:58pm 07-01-20

Oppose. Masking absolutely has a place, but the WHO cautions against mandates (from 4-6-20) "the wide use of masks by healthy people in the community setting is not supported by current evidence & carries uncertainties & critical risks."

Currently businesses issue their own rules & we choose whether to comply or shop elsewhere. W/a mandate those opposed can only choose to take their business out of MKE cty.

What an incredible waste of time/money to attempt to enforce this. Already most mask incorrectly, negating any benefit! Like now those who want to mask will, those who don't, won't.

Henry Trimbach

Location:

Submitted At: 4:58pm 07-01-20

Wearing masks is a population-level solution that is only fully effective if the population at large is participating. So far, the population at large is not participating. We need to enact policies and legislation in order to save lives.

Wearing a mask is not a big sacrifice, people!

Carey Kammel

Location:

Submitted At: 4:47pm 07-01-20

Mask wearing indoors or when social distancing is not possible, must be mandated. The federal and now state government have let us down in all protections from the spread of COVID-19. Don't allow the city to fail as well

Brenna Kempf

Location:

Submitted At: 4:43pm 07-01-20

With compassion for every citizen of Milwaukee, I support the movement for citywide masking. We have the research to support and enact this ruling for the care and protection of all.

Ann Hanlon

Location:

Submitted At: 4:42pm 07-01-20

I strongly support a mandate to wear masks in public spaces in Milwaukee, including stores, bars, and restaurants. This is a clear measure that can be taken to help to keep the people who work in and patronize Milwaukee establishments safe. The CDC clearly states that wearing a mask that covers your nose and mouth helps to keep others safe, and is especially important given the possibility of asymptomatic spread of the virus.

Cat Jones

Location:

Submitted At: 4:35pm 07-01-20

Whole heartedly support. It's clear that a significant number of people won't wear a mask if it's optional, it needs to be mandated.

Zhanna Slor

Location:

Submitted At: 4:33pm 07-01-20

I strongly oppose! This is still a free country! Making people wear masks that may or may not even be effective is tyrannical at best. Wem don't have that many cases here. Let the businesses decide.

Andrew Miller

Location:

Submitted At: 4:29pm 07-01-20

As an owner of multiple restaurants and an employer of many employees in Milwaukee, I urge support of this legislation. If we are required to close or interrupt business for a second time this would be catastrophic for our businesses and may legitimately have to close them permanently.

Je OI

Location:

Submitted At: 4:28pm 07-01-20

Strongly oppose. If this happens, I will be sure to not do any further business within city limits as long as this remains in effect.

Martha Davis Kipcak

Location:

Submitted At: 4:22pm 07-01-20

For the protection of ALL Milwaukee residents, wearing a mask indoors, as recommended by health experts, is the least we can do in order to open the economy and respect one another. I don't believe a mask is necessary when biking or running outdoors. But it does make sense to be respectful with physical distancing when around other people and keep the 6 ft distance in mind.

Sam Ek

Location:

Submitted At: 4:18pm 07-01-20

Support. It's idiotic that we need to debate this. Maybe if we didn't rush a reopen we would have used common sense right away.

Lenore Burger

Location:

Submitted At: 4:10pm 07-01-20

I support a reasonable indoor mask mandate. I support the use of a mask while getting seated at restaurant/bar being visited & removing it once you are seated with your party so you can eat/drink. Taking it on&off several times would increase touching of your face & be counterproductive. I'm am strongly opposed to mandatory masks while outdoors, especially while exercising. This is unnecessary. Im strongly opposed to mandating them in gyms following CDC guidelines for class size, cleaning, & social distancing. Outdoor workouts should also be exempt. Be reasonable to avoid pushback

Desiree DiBerardino

Location:

Submitted At: 4:08pm 07-01-20

As a service industry worker, I strongly support this measure. I have seen customers who choose not to wear masks come in to my store, cough into their hand, and then use that same hand to attempt to give me their money. COVID-19 has not gone away simply because people wanted it to, and our policies must reflect that. Best case scenario is that it helps stop the spread of a virus that is literally infecting and killing people at an alarming rate. Worst case scenario is that wearing a mask is a mild inconvenience to some.

Daniel Jacobs

Location:

Submitted At: 4:02pm 07-01-20

As a restaurant owner in the city of Milwaukee, we need to take this most basic step to preventing the further spread of Covid-19. Outside of Staying at Home, wearing a mask and practicing social distancing are the two most important things we as citizens can do to promote a happy healthy Milwaukee moving forward. Wearing a mask in a restaurant shows how much you respect those inside serving you and it shows what a good person you are. Let's keep Moving MKE Further! Wear A Mask!

Emily Jane Laak

Location:

Submitted At: 4:01pm 07-01-20

Emphatically support and should be integrated with the overall phased recovery/re-opening. More importantly, public assistance to obtain PPE must be included. Fabric masks average \$10-15 each and must be washed/sanitizer after each use. At MINIMUM, a week's worth of masks for a family of 4= \$280-420 invested. Plus they must be replaced over time/use. You must provide/subsidize access to appropriate PPE for individuals/families that can't afford this investment. In order for this to be successful, ALL of MKE's residents must be able to participate without fear of how they'll pay for it.

Jay Gray

Location:

Submitted At: 3:50pm 07-01-20

Strongly oppose. The ordinance is based on a Los Angeles ordinance which has been in effect for weeks. LA is a COVID hotspot, so clearly, the ordinance was not effective. The decision whether to wear a mask should be left up to individuals and businesses. We do not need a city ordinance especially when none of the surrounding suburbs have anything in place.

Patricia Bowne

Location:

Submitted At: 3:49pm 07-01-20

This will relieve individual vendors from having to determine and justify policies.

Thomas Hansberger

Location:

Submitted At: 3:47pm 07-01-20

I strongly support a citywide, mandatory mask ordinance. Every day that we do not take coordinated public measures to stop the spread of coronavirus, the virus spreads and becomes more difficult to bring under control. We need a mandatory mask policy now so that we can reduce cases to the point where contact tracing is enough to control the pandemic. The longer we wait to enact a mandatory mask policy, the more people will be infected and suffer.

Kristina Thompson

Location:

Submitted At: 3:42pm 07-01-20

I strongly support this. The evidence is clear- wearing a mask reduces the transmission of COVID-19. We have an opportunity to avoid an alarming rise in cases, which we are seeing in other locations throughout the country right now. Appropriate action should be taken to keep people safe, especially since it is known that wearing a mask can significantly impact the spread of COVID-19, in a good way.

Erica Steib

Location:

Submitted At: 3:41pm 07-01-20

I support a city wide mandate on masks. This is the minimum that needs to be done to prevent further spread of COVID19 if local workers are forced to go back in these unsafe conditions. There is already sufficient scientific evidence that universal masking helps prevent COVID19. Also, if public health is not enough of a motivation, think of the economic benefit of preventing the spread - nobody wants a second shut down. Please pass this mandate to ensure Milwaukee's health and safety! Please remember there was a time when seatbelt laws seemed ludicrous and tyrannical - masks are no different!

Jacqueline Wilson

Location:

Submitted At: 3:39pm 07-01-20

I am a licensed health care practitioner and I strongly support this measure. Masking has been shown to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. When people enter businesses without masks they put the people who work there as well as other patrons at risk. Without a mandate employees must choose to risk their health or possibly lose their job. Mandating masks is not a violation of freedom, it is a protection of public health such as being required to wear shirts or shoes or for employees to wash their hands. Please lead wisely and protect the public.

Kristy Gember

Location:

Submitted At: 3:36pm 07-01-20

I strongly support this initiative! It is a great way to protect patrons, employees and the families of workers. Contrary to the naysayers, masks have shown to be effective against covid. Furthermore, if doctors, hospital staff, the head of the FDC, CDC, etc. are recommending it then we need to pay attention. It is one of the easiest tools we have right now to help curb the spread as cases continue to increase.

Elizabeth Robinson

Location:

Submitted At: 3:28pm 07-01-20

I support this mandate!

Elizabeth Bur

Location:

Submitted At: 3:27pm 07-01-20

I strongly support this in order to keep our community safe. It especially keeps safe workers who have no choice but to leave their homes in order to serve or care for the public in order to keep their jobs and pay their bills.

Peter Murphy

Location:

Submitted At: 3:24pm 07-01-20

I support this but do not want to see the mask requirement become a guise for unfair/unequal policing, so I wonder what forms enforcement will take. The folks advocating for personal freedom and common sense seem to ignore the evident failure of common sense to stifle the spread of the virus, which has claimed 120,000 lives in the US.

Ashley Nault

Location:

Submitted At: 3:20pm 07-01-20

Strongly Oppose! There is little evidence to support the effectiveness of face masks to reduce the risk of infection

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4868614>

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4420971>

<https://academic.oup.com/cid/article/65/11/1934/4068747>

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Jeffrey Lewandowski

Location:

Submitted At: 3:10pm 07-01-20

Strongly disagree, since masks are removed anyway, to dine.....

Stephen Polacheck

Location:

Submitted At: 3:08pm 07-01-20

This is ridiculous

Cassandra Papesh

Location:

Submitted At: 3:00pm 07-01-20

As someone who works in the service industry I fully support this. I already know that if one person on staff gets sick it spreads itself around, this happens every flu season. But now the stakes are higher with a virus we are still grasping to understand. What some seem to fail at grasping is that if labor is not protected businesses will fall. What is important is that we be able to continue functioning, which means having healthy people working. This isn't just about health, it's about the longevity and stability of our economy. If we have the ability to lower risks we should.

Katherine Neubauer

Location:

Submitted At: 2:59pm 07-01-20

Please vote yes to support and protect the workers of our community who are falling victim to others' refusal to wear masks. I'm astounded that this has become a political issue; it's simply about caring for others who are vulnerable.

Dan Nowak

Location:

Submitted At: 2:57pm 07-01-20

Support!

Kellie Thiel

Location:

Submitted At: 2:56pm 07-01-20

I strongly oppose this mandate!

Ian Olvera

Location:

Submitted At: 2:56pm 07-01-20

I support a citywide mask policy. With businesses continuing to reopen while cases rise it feels shortsighted to not have one in place. Let's have one now and get through this safer and sooner together. -Ian, Dist 14 resident.

Maura Ross

Location:

Submitted At: 2:52pm 07-01-20

I strongly support the mandate to wear masks. Masks have been shown to be effective at stopping the spread of the virus, but only when everyone is wearing them. We've given people the opportunity to do the right thing and look out for each other. People have consistently shown they are unwilling to do so. People have consistently shown they don't care about the health and safety of their neighbors. I have been shocked by the lack of masks I've seen around my neighborhood (Bay View). I am an essential worker. Please help protect us since our neighbors won't.

John Buchel

Location:

Submitted At: 2:52pm 07-01-20

I support a citywide mask policy as a way to save potentially tens of thousands of lives, manage and mitigate the risk, and set us up for a speedy economic recovery. I applaud these businesses for leading where others have failed to do so. Milwaukee has one of the highest per capita of independent restaurants in the country. They cannot withstand another shutdown. Without this simple and common sense measure, we risk losing a vital chunk of employment base and our culture.

Teresa Hammer

Location:

Submitted At: 2:47pm 07-01-20

To anyone claiming their resistance to masking is rooted in "health risks" (CO2 retention, hypoxia, etc), I am an RN on the team that operationalized the COVID surge plan for our largest hospital. When you contract COVID from refusing to mask in a crowded restaurant or bar, the nurses and doctors who will save you have been wearing masks door-to-door for every 12+ hour shift they've worked since mid-March. They are doing just so perfectly fine that I can't even describe it. Have a shred of empathy and consideration for the world outside yourself, as we all will suffer for your selfishness.

Britany Gunderson

Location:

Submitted At: 2:47pm 07-01-20

A citywide masking policy is absolutely necessary if we are to get the spread of COVID-19 under any sort of control. After a week of Wisconsin's highest positive cases, we have already seen many businesses NOT following the arbitrary restrictions of 50% capacity or a person every 30 square/ft because there has been no enforcement of it. Businesses have also not been reporting positive cases at their locations. Requiring masks to enter businesses would greatly reduce the risk for workers and other people attending those businesses, and give people a very easy guideline to follow.

Chase Allen

Location:

Submitted At: 2:45pm 07-01-20

Mandated public masks will do more harm than good. It's unlawful to legislate health; we are not obligated to protect our neighbors against potential threats to their well-being at the expense of our own, and there is enough published science to suggest that mask-wearing is not a one-size-fits-all situation.

<https://medcraveonline.com/JLPRR/effects-of-long-duration-wearing-of-n95-respirator-and-surgical-facemask-a-pilot-study.html>

<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32232837/>

<http://scielo.isciii.es/pdf/neuro/v19n2/3.pdf>

Nicholas Iannone

Location:

Submitted At: 2:45pm 07-01-20

Milwaukee is far too large of a metropolitan area to be capable of either continuing to quarantine successfully or to avoid further COVID breakouts without some sort of a mandatory masking policy. We should've learned this lesson from the Spanish Flu, but somehow, selfish and ignorant people continue to put others' lives and health at risk. I had an indeterminate respiratory illness back in November, and it nearly killed both myself and my fiancée, and caused me slight lung damage ever since.

Amanda Kroll

Location:

Submitted At: 2:44pm 07-01-20

The CDC numbers show that this disease is no more deadly than any other we face every day. We need to focus on our own personal health through diet, exercise, rest, etc. Masks can cause the spread to worsen due to poor fit, increased face touching, and decreased oxygen to the user. They are unnecessary at this point.

A T

Location:

Submitted At: 2:35pm 07-01-20

I am already deeply troubled by the city's rushed and sloppy re-opening as the cases surge in our city. Mandating masks in public indoor spaces is a bare minimum step we can take to help protect ourselves and others -- especially essential workers who have been forced to put themselves on the line since the beginning of this crisis. The willful ignorance on display will continue to come at a deadly cost if the city does not intervene with this legislation.

Gregory Leon

Location:

Submitted At: 2:33pm 07-01-20

support 100% - Its time the city does something to protect all the restaurant employees

Caitlin Cullen

Location:

Submitted At: 2:33pm 07-01-20

With Milwaukee small businesses already in jeopardy of permanent closure, taking the decision making of a mandatory mask policy out of their already full hands is the best road to successful reopening and survival. Regardless of a person's opinion on masks' efficacy in preventing the spread of Covid-19, small businesses rely on a diverse set of patrons to keep money coming in and much needed jobs in the market. 50% of patrons may not go out without a mandatory mask policy, while 50% may boycott businesses that independently choose to require them. Milwaukee needs to make the decision for them.

Will Wisniewski

Location:

Submitted At: 2:33pm 07-01-20

A mask requirement is critical if we want to significantly lessen the amount of Coronavirus cases in our city. We have seen what happens in other states when they rush the reopening process. Having the requirement in place will allow businesses to continue to stay open and contribute to our economy while protecting the health of our community. It's a win-win. Wearing a mask is easy, claiming that enforcing this simple measure in the midst of a pandemic is somehow government overreach is short-sighted and selfish.

Carol Blonien

Location:

Submitted At: 2:31pm 07-01-20

As a RN and former public health nurse I strongly support mandating masks in the city of Milwaukee. It is one of the few tools we have to minimize the virus transmission in the community. I agree with our Mayor, we should

follow the science. Let Milwaukee be a leader in protecting citizens and businesses.

Andrea Neuser

Location:

Submitted At: 2:18pm 07-01-20

As for me and my household, we VEHEMENTLY OPPOSE such a ridiculous, overreaching, and unnecessary mandate. We live in America, the greatest country on earth, and because of this were afforded freedoms and constitutional rights. How about you wear your masks and allow the rest of us with common sense and immune systems live without further intrusions on our freedoms and intelligence. NO to nonsensical mandates, NO to big government, and NO to political games that wreak havoc on our lives!

Ellen Suhr

Location:

Submitted At: 2:14pm 07-01-20

Opening the city this early is incredibly irresponsible as is, given the huge surge in cases over the last week, mandating masks is a necessary step to prevent mass infection and transmission. Masks should be required to enter any indoor spaces—businesses, city buildings, and university campuses. This should not apply to public spaces like parks where social distancing can be maintained. The health of the city hangs in the balance and risky actions now will cost Milwaukee lives in the future.

Christine Ceranowski

Location:

Submitted At: 2:12pm 07-01-20

I will Not conform to this evil antichrist agenda.put me in jail!
Already purchasing a home outside this demonic Democratic cesspool city of Milwaukee....

JMM Misch

Location:

Submitted At: 2:07pm 07-01-20

Strongly oppose! I am a 66 yo with some health issues. I rarely get the flu or a cold. I eat healthy, get sunshine and take a natural vitamin. I also strongly oppose any vaccine _ "they" come up with. Follow the \$ to see who will profit from this.

Andre Robitaille

Location:

Submitted At: 2:06pm 07-01-20

We have hated corporate personhood and influence in politics, yet with this resolution the mayor and council are doing the opposite, touting the 70-business letter as important. Those businesses state there must be a mandate otherwise people will go to competing businesses without mask policies. This premise is based on benefiting BUSINESSES by BURDENING THE PEOPLE. This is made even more restrictive by Ald. Dimitrijevic stating that she wants masks in outdoor public situations ("will closely resemble [Los Angeles]"). If going to bars/restaurants/events is the problem, then only restrict them.

Scott Cook

Location:

Submitted At: 2:05pm 07-01-20

Strongly oppose. If the group of businesses want to require masks in their establishments, fine. But don't expect the rest of the City to do the same. Governor Evers has said that a statewide mandate would not be possible due to the state court ruling. If anything, this would drive people out of the city to spend their money.

Ryan Kulp

Location:

Submitted At: 2:04pm 07-01-20

Masks are not political. We've proven that people are mostly self-interested; in the interest of the *community as a whole*, mask use should be mandated to support minimum loss of life.

AMBER Br

Location:

Submitted At: 2:03pm 07-01-20

I strongly oppose mandatory mask-wearing. Government overreach.

Scott Margetta

Location:

Submitted At: 2:00pm 07-01-20

Mask have been proven to be ineffective, as the covid virus is too microscopically small to be stopped by any of the mask. this farmers is not going away, mass, social distancing, and staying at home is not going to stop it. We must let it run its course as we do with H1N, SARS, and influence. And in fact covet has a better survival rate than any of the four mentioned viruses..

McKenna Baxter

Location:

Submitted At: 1:57pm 07-01-20

No way! We are not in a Communist Country! Stop with the tyranny! Masks do not work! If you want to wear one, or is your choice. We can not be forced to do anything in America!

Zoe Idarraga

Location:

Submitted At: 1:56pm 07-01-20

Masks have been scientifically proven to lessen the spread of COVID-19. All claims that masks negatively impact o2 saturation and respiratory health have been categorically disproven. COVID cases continue to rise in WI as people flock to bars, restaurants, and social gatherings with neither masks nor social distancing. We as citizens need to protect our economy from another shutdown and protect our most vulnerable; a mask is one of the easiest and least invasive ways to do so. If Milwaukee refuses this ordinance they condemn their citizens to yet another lockdown and more and more deaths.

Samantha Holt

Location:

Submitted At: 1:54pm 07-01-20

With the recent UW Department of Medicine study that found only 41% of WI residents wear face coverings at the grocery store, it seems that a face covering mandate in all public spaces is necessary in order to proactively slow the spread of COVID-19. Sadly, many individuals are not protecting themselves and others from COVID-19 voluntarily, so we must require face coverings to protect our community. The effectiveness of masks coupled with social distancing is indisputable. This is not a civil liberties issue, but a public health crisis and we must come together and protect one another.

Kaitlyn R.

Location:

Submitted At: 1:51pm 07-01-20

When faced with a virus in which people can be asymptomatic and pass it along to much more susceptible and vulnerable people, a mask has been proven to greatly lessen the chance of it being contagious. If Milwaukee wants to protect its citizens, then everyone should be required to wear a mask.

Laken Schoessow

Location:

Submitted At: 1:46pm 07-01-20

From the beginning, all we heard about was flatten the curve, which we did! We didn't want hospitals overwhelmed. Which they never were! We were lied to from the start! The shutdown was tyranny and so is this. We can't live under this type of control. It was never meant to be until this was cured or a vaccine was created (which I will never get) we have flattened the curve. We lost jobs because of it. We lost our sanity because of it. Drug abuse and divorce rates are higher due to it. We will NOT comply and not lose our freedom anymore. You did it once, NEVER AGAIN!

Samantha Fink

Location:

Submitted At: 1:46pm 07-01-20

Masks should be mandated, all people able to wear one should. This is beneficial to businesses and individuals. Lowering the risk of Covid-19, while keeping our businesses running is important. Our smaller businesses cannot stay open when people unknowingly bring the virus into the location, but if they self mandate they risk losing customers who a mask inconveniences. We need to stand by our vulnerable citizens and businesses.

Carly Mae Derezinski

Location:

Submitted At: 1:43pm 07-01-20

Masks should be mandatory until we see significant reduction in infection numbers. I am a preschool teacher working every day in close proximity to very small children, and I am scared for my health and the health of the vulnerable kids in my care every time I have to run an errand or commute to work by bike and see most of the people around me without a mask. Masks have been proven to reduce transmission rates. Masks are not infringing on our rights, and anyone who says so is honestly an idiot. Make them mandatory, protect your citizens from themselves.

Megan OHalloran

Location:

Submitted At: 1:40pm 07-01-20

I strongly support mandatory masks. It's a critical part of risk mitigation until we can find a vaccine. My elderly father wears one. My children wear them. We know that doing what's best for the community is best for us. I just hope the requirement isn't used punitively. Please don't make penalties that will disproportionately affect poor and marginalized communities. (I live in Ald. Spiker's district)

Rose Stempski

Location:

Submitted At: 1:38pm 07-01-20

If a business wants to require a mask they're free to do so and I'm free to not wear one in public. It should be a guideline and not a mandate. Not everyone can wear one.

Anne Rapp

Location:

Submitted At: 1:36pm 07-01-20

Please prioritize the Common Good and make mask-wearing required in public in the City of Milwaukee. Per the CDC, there are multiple studies and emerging evidence that suggests mask wearing can help slow the spread of Covid19, whereby infected persons (symptomatic or not) wearing masks will be prevented from spreading respiratory droplets into the air. This is especially important in places of business, and in places where 6 ft of distance cannot be maintained. Everyone who CAN wear a mask SHOULD, to protect those who have conditions that prevent them from being able to safely wear a mask.

Jack Davidson

Location:

Submitted At: 1:33pm 07-01-20

I support a masking mandate. The politicization of this issue into one about personal freedoms is absurd. When you choose to ride a motorcycle without a helmet, you're only putting yourself at greater risk; when you choose not to wear a mask, you're putting me and my loved ones at risk. It is not the same. Individual rights extend out only to the point where they conflict with other people's rights or public safety. Not wearing a mask during a pandemic conflicts with both. A masking mandate will save lives, resources and allow us to open up our businesses and schools that much sooner.

Matthew Pedersen

Location:

Submitted At: 1:31pm 07-01-20

It's more about control than it is about safety. And terrible things have been done for both. Taking this to a logical

conclusion, we would be able to be arrested for not wearing a loose fitting cloth on our faces, which is absolutely absurd in and of itself, even while ignoring the science that proves they don't work.

Laura Koenig

Location:

Submitted At: 1:28pm 07-01-20

I strongly oppose! Masks do not help, look at China!

Katlynn Watters

Location:

Submitted At: 1:28pm 07-01-20

Multiple reputable studies have indicated that proper and consistent mask usage can reduce Covid-19 transmission and prevent the spread through the community. If the city is going to be open, it is in the interest of public health to encourage mask use to prevent spikes.

Debra Gould

Location:

Submitted At: 1:27pm 07-01-20

Strongly oppose! We as Americans and adults can make our own decisions. If masks were so helpful to stop the spread, we would have been forced to wear from day one, not 4 months into this!

Cylest Brooks

Location:

Submitted At: 1:22pm 07-01-20

In the strongest possible terms, I urge the council to pass this policy.

I have an autoimmune disease (AID). My immune system has identified a part of my body as a foreign enemy, and it fights that fake enemy 24/7. Because of that, it's too weak to fight off real enemies and sicknesses.

A few years ago, I got Strep Throat and the virus migrated to my legs, causing large, open, black wounds on my feet and legs. For months my body decayed from the inside out. It took a dozen doctors to save me. The pain was unimaginable.

COVID-19 would likely kill me. I need people to wear their masks.

Doug Ramthun

Location:

Submitted At: 1:20pm 07-01-20

I strongly oppose what you are attempting to impose. As a US Citizen and an adult, I am able to make my own health and safety decisions. I know how to keep myself and others safe and will do so at my own discretion. This mandate is infringing of my Rights and a true demonstration of Government overreach!

Donald Gasser

Location:

Submitted At: 1:19pm 07-01-20

No studies have been done to demonstrate that either a cloth mask or the N95 mask has any effect on transmission of COVID-19. As a matter of fact, research published in the Annals of Internal Medicine at the first of April indicated that "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. Wearing a mask to keep out this virus would be comparable to building a chain link fence to keep out Mosquitoes.

Gary Witt

Location:

Submitted At: 1:16pm 07-01-20

I own and operate the Pabst Theater Group. My business books and promotes over 700 shows a year in Milwaukee. A city mask rule is critical to the survival of my businesses. Without a city mandate, many customers

will not be willing to come to our businesses and our employees can't be assured of a safe work environment. Taking this measure will prevent us from becoming like Houston or Florida. These areas opened up without public masking policies and have seen spikes in cases and even regressions in re-opening. With Wisconsin seeing an increase in Covid-19 cases, now is the time to act.

Chelsea Obermann

Location:

Submitted At: 1:08pm 07-01-20

People think wearing a mask infringes on their freedom and it's quite the opposite. The more people wear masks, the sooner we will be free to do more! It's just a piece of fabric people, it's the least we can do.

Mary Dean

Location:

Submitted At: 1:07pm 07-01-20

Healthy people wearing masks is dangerous to our health. When wearing a mask, you are breathing in carbon dioxide which depletes oxygen to the body and brain. Several physicians online have warned about this but the media keeps perpetrating lies to scare people into their agenda. Mandatory masks are also violating our Constitutional rights, so get ready for the City of Milwaukee to be bombarded with lawsuits if you persist in this lie.

Sarah Karasch

Location:

Submitted At: 1:07pm 07-01-20

I strongly oppose any mask mandate. This is yet another ridiculous overreach of government. When will it end?? What will be next? Mandating the fast tracked vaccine? NO. We will not comply.

Olivia Underdah

Location:

Submitted At: 12:55pm 07-01-20

Wearing a mask is a simple, effective, and scientifically sound way to prevent the spread of this deadly virus. It not only protects you, but also those around you, especially essential workers who are putting their own health and safety at risk to serve the Milwaukee community. The false narrative surrounding the 'danger' of masks is alarming, as is the amount of people spreading misinformation and claiming that this protective health measure amidst a global pandemic is 'infringing upon their freedoms' and 'harming the economy.' Without healthy citizens there's no economy left to worry about.

Celia Zeidler

Location:

Submitted At: 12:53pm 07-01-20

As a Sherman park resident I STRONGLY oppose this Order and violation of liberties. Im embarrassed to live here and never so strongly considered leaving. Businesses have the right to enforce mark orders should they do choose and citizens have the right to either use those businesses or not. Stop abusing your power and wasting tax dollars

Erica Samz

Location:

Submitted At: 12:46pm 07-01-20

Please pass the mask mandate and prevent us from becoming the next hot spot. I work in Milwaukee schools and if we want schools to be able to open this fall we need to keep the virus from exploding in our city.

Jack Campbell

Location:

Submitted At: 12:46pm 07-01-20

People do not have the "freedom" to "choose" to infect and add to the alarming number of deaths and permanent complications that could have been reduced with proper precautions. Failure to act is complacency in harming your constituents. Do not make us look like fools in the history books.

J. Leigh Day

Location:

Submitted At: 12:46pm 07-01-20

If the government or any business wants to continue to force unsolicited medical advice on nonconsenting citizens they will start assuming the financial and medical liabilities for such harmful, unscientific, and unconstitutional measures. "Face coverings" do not stop the spread of this man made biological agent or any virus. There are NO RCT OR MEDICAL STUDIES PROVING OTHERWISE. They are not "saving any lives", they are endangering all lives. Masks reduce health and safety by reducing respiratory exchange, increasing viral load, and creating an environment ripe for disease proliferation.

Alyssa Flandermeyer

Location:

Submitted At: 12:45pm 07-01-20

We should listen to the experts, and they're saying that wearing masks helps prevent the spread of COVID-19. As more and more people want to "return to normal" requiring everyone to wear masks when out in public will help protect the public, especially those at high-risk.

Kiana Werner

Location:

Submitted At: 12:45pm 07-01-20

The US is 4% of the world's population but has 25% of the entire world's cases. We have examples of cities that have opened too early and without mask requirements whose infection rates are skyrocketing. We know that masks are most effective when everyone wears them. This is in the interest of protecting all citizens, and to fail to require them is nothing short of dangerous, selfish, and despicable.

Erica Nelson

Location:

Submitted At: 12:42pm 07-01-20

No mask mandates! No mandates for anything ever!

Michelle Leichtnam

Location:

Submitted At: 12:33pm 07-01-20

Masks are essential in slowing the spread of the virus SARS-CoV-2. The virus is primarily spread through the air from respiratory droplets and aerosols, from sneezing and coughing with the highest concentration to evenly breathing through the nose with the lowest concentration. The majority of infections have stemmed from pre-symptomatic people believing they are still healthy. The incubation period of the virus is 2-14 days, and people are contagious up to several days prior to showing symptoms. Any barrier that covers the nose and mouth significantly reduces the virus put into the air.

Dan Sebring

Location:

Submitted At: 12:32pm 07-01-20

As a Lyft driver I recently encountered an epidemiologist for GE Medical Systems. The topic of masks came up. This PhD epidemiologist said that COVID-19 is NOT an airborne virus and wearing a mask does NOTHING to slow its spread. DR. FOUCI himself has said that there is NO REASON to require EVERYONE to wear a mask. To say that 'the science is clear' is a flat out lie. In fact some scientists opine that the detrimental effects of healthy people wearing a mask outweigh any perceived benefits. Nothing is stopping businesses from implementing mask policies on their own without a gov't mandate.

Brook Ihde

Location:

Submitted At: 12:16pm 07-01-20

Experts have proven that if everyone wears a mask, they work. If not wearing a mask only harmed the person making that choice, then fine. But by not wearing one, the person could be spreading the virus and risking the lives of others. Individual freedom does not mean the right to infect and kill others. The "dangers" from mask-

wearing are misinformation. Masks are safe and don't impede oxygen intake. We have so many cases in the US because policies like this are not being mandated. If a masking policy is not enacted people will die; preventable deaths that you will be responsible for.

Molly Kiefer

Location:

Submitted At: 12:13pm 07-01-20

As a service worker, I strongly urge you to pass this ordinance. A citywide masking policy protects the well-being of service workers who are being required to interact with customers and the city as a whole. Wearing a mask is a trivial task everyone can do to prevent the spread. Introducing this policy NOW is critical in preventing the inevitable outbreaks that are yet to come.

Jessica Howard

Location:

Submitted At: 12:13pm 07-01-20

Please wear a mask. Rather be safe then sorry. Even if I'm not a carrier I don't want to risk getting you or your family sick. It's being a considerate human being.

Nolan D.

Location:

Submitted At: 12:13pm 07-01-20

Please help stop the spread.

Lydia Jarvis

Location:

Submitted At: 12:12pm 07-01-20

I support the mask policy. We should also dedicate budget toward supplying masks to every home and an education campaign on proper mask use.

Elfie Schneider

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 07-01-20

Scientific evidence shows this is not healthy for us.
[https://lbry.tv/\\$/download/masks-are-unhealthy-according-to-osha/4a97505ffc8aac9e1ce70c72c9b4e9b8ad442ea4](https://lbry.tv/$/download/masks-are-unhealthy-according-to-osha/4a97505ffc8aac9e1ce70c72c9b4e9b8ad442ea4)

Kari Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 11:57am 07-01-20

Please put a mask order in place. It's simply foolish to risk public health to preserve the intolerance of minor inconvenience of a few. It is quite clear that wearing a mask does not cause harm as healthcare professionals do so for extended periods as a matter of routine.

Alison Westermann

Location:

Submitted At: 11:55am 07-01-20

I'm a licensed RN and city of milwaukee resident. I oppose a mask mandate, everyone out wearing masks has not been educated on proper use and are wearing them inappropriately. At this point they are contaminating themselves and others, doing more harm than good. I've seen crocheted masks, bandanas and people wearing masks below their noses, touching their faces, contaminating everything. A mandate is not going to change that, move money out of the city (I will certainly put my money elsewhere as i'm already avoiding businesses with mandates) and risk the health and safety of milwaukeeans.

Anna Krajcik

Location:

Submitted At: 11:50am 07-01-20

Please put a citywide mask requirement in place. It's the easiest and most well documented step we can take as a community to keep each other safe while still balancing the need for people to work and support businesses in the service industry. Health experts have increasingly recommended this as a step we can take to keep the pandemic from continuing. Please do not listen to all the folks who have no idea how masks actually work and who ignore the medical science because of some belief that "the government is controlling us". The good of the many outweigh the ignorance of the few.

Krystine Lindemann

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45am 07-01-20

N95 masks only filter air coming IN. They don't filter air the wearer breaths out. They're meant only for being worn in contaminated environments. Masks are improperly worn (under nose, removed to take a drink, etc.) rendering them useless. The virus is also smaller than masks can filter. There is no need, other than control and fear based compliance, for a mask mandate. Those that feel they'd like to wear masks can CHOOSE to do so. No peer reviewed published study has shown masks rendered effective for the sake of protecting others. Don't tread on freedoms for something science has disproven.

Erin Hallinan

Location:

Submitted At: 11:43am 07-01-20

This is a time in which people are attempting to politicize a virus, we need to look past politics and listen to the experts, we need to protect all of our citizens, and stop putting these decisions onto the backs of business owners as it has left their employees in threatening situations by belligerent members of the community. Do what is right and make masks a requirement.

Jamie Koleas

Location:

Submitted At: 11:41am 07-01-20

There have been many studies indicating that widespread use of masks cuts viral transmission by a significant percentage. Scant months ago we were calling essential workers "heroes", and now they are being put at risk by an unwilling public. Please make use of masks a legal mandate, as people are generally selfish and will not wear them unless compelled.

Chloe Sands

Location:

Submitted At: 11:39am 07-01-20

This outcry is shameful. Wearing a mask is the easiest thing one person can do to protect others. The complaints about negative health effects aren't grounded in science and the complaints about it violating personal freedom are laughable. Having to wear pants violates personal freedom, too, but I don't see people wanting that revoked. There is zero downside to a masking policy: masks are easy to make, and easy to procure if you don't want to make one. They help keep our community safe. They will, in fact, increase the amount of freedom we can have. Please wear your masks.

Anne Kirschmann

Location:

Submitted At: 11:39am 07-01-20

Please require masks in order to make us all safer. Without them the virus could reoccur at higher levels making our economy weaker as businesses need to close and making it impossible for our children to receive their education.

Jessica Polacheck

Location:

Submitted At: 11:38am 07-01-20

This is a clear infringement of our rights. It is also a serious health risk, significantly limiting oxygen intake in hot weather conditions will lead to many injuries. It is an unfounded measure as the virus threat is extremely low at

this time.

Sarah DeGeorge

Location:

Submitted At: 11:27am 07-01-20

Masking only helps if everyone is on board and unfortunately it is clear that a segment of the public is unwilling to contribute to the public good unless mandated to do so. Beyond safety, it is vital for our economy that we get on the downslope of this pandemic as soon as possible. I believe a masking policy will help us get there, as evidenced by the slopes of countries that took stronger countermeasures than us.

Carly Sydow

Location:

Submitted At: 11:24am 07-01-20

There is already sufficient scientific evidence that universal masking helps contain the spread of covid-19. This virus is deadly and especially affects the most vulnerable in our communities. It is spread from people who don't even know yet that they are infected. Please pass this mandate to help keep Milwaukee safe and start a downward trend of covid cases.

Roxanne Dobbs

Location:

Submitted At: 11:22am 07-01-20

Please make masks mandatory. Cases are not going down and people are dying.

Kayla McNeil

Location:

Submitted At: 11:21am 07-01-20

Multiple research studies now indicate that masking policies made by government authorities drastically reduce infection rates! This study found that masking policies led to a direct reduction in viral transmission in the US: <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hlthaff.2020.00818>. This global study of masking policies found that masking not only prevented transmission, but economic impact via lockdowns: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/342198360_Association_of_country-wide_coronavirus_mortality_with_demographics_testing_lockdowns_and_public_wearing_of_masks_Update_June_15_2020

Lynn Kramer

Location:

Submitted At: 11:04am 07-01-20

This is overkill and violates my medical freedom. Don't treat us like we are lemmings and trusting the government to protect us without question. We will rebel!

Megan Oster

Location:

Submitted At: 10:52am 07-01-20

Many people have medical conditions that contraindicate the use of a mask. Mandating the use of masks, even if there are medical exceptions, will create additional barriers to those with disabilities and will greatly increase the level of harassment they receive from private citizens, essential businesses, and enforcement officers.

Tricia Dooley

Location:

Submitted At: 10:47am 07-01-20

I believe in the right to choose, and so did our founding fathers. If you want to wear a mask then wear one, if you don't then don't. There has not been enough research or studies done to prove wearing a mask, all the time, is not harmful to your health - look how well that turned out for cigarettes. I honestly wish you would start thinking about the economy and how all your actions are effecting the City of Milwaukee and it's decline. You have allowed protest, after protest, and now we see a spike, and your resolution is to impact businesses once again. Shame on you!!

Joseph Lukic

Location:

Submitted At: 10:47am 07-01-20

https://www.meehanmd.com/blog/2020-06-12-healthy-people-should-not-wear-face-masks/?fbclid=IwAR32q44U-3Dlh9yrxDk8EDv4ASYBxxpubphn46T0msyaDnfNjybL_D-skfE

Dana Detwiler

Location:

Submitted At: 10:46am 07-01-20

No masks!

Dore Rozwadowski

Location:

Submitted At: 10:40am 07-01-20

Masks are the only way to control this virus. I also think bars should be open it's too hard to regulate.

Alysa Eidmann

Location:

Submitted At: 10:35am 07-01-20

Until we have 100% concrete proof that masks are beneficial I feel it is irresponsible to force the majority of the public to wear them. There are experts on either side of the argument. It is wrong to take away an individual's choice regarding their own body when a variety of factors such as improper fit, improper placement of the mask and the holes of many of these masks being larger than the virus itself make the argument for protecting others through wearing masks dubious at best.

Rebecca Brack

Location:

Submitted At: 10:34am 07-01-20

Private businesses that wish to enforce a mask wearing policy are welcome to do so and customers can choose to support that or not by taking their business to those places or elsewhere. It is unlawful for the city to force its citizens to wear masks in public. There is still much debate about the actual efficacy of masks and not worth the harmful effects and psychological well being of the people being forced to wear them.

Joseph Stevens

Location:

Submitted At: 10:31am 07-01-20

I respect freedom of choice. For those who feel the masks do something for them they have the right to choose to wear them, and for those who oppose have the right to be without. I believe people need to exercise responsibility and accountability for THEMSELF. Forcing one's paranoia on another is unconstitutional.

Melissa Wolfgram

Location:

Submitted At: 10:18am 07-01-20

I will not support or go to any business that requires me to wear a mask.

Crystal Michaels

Location:

Submitted At: 10:13am 07-01-20

This mandate is a violation of my freedom as an American citizen. I am smart enough to stay out of other people's faces and stay home if I'm feeling ill. Masks have been proven to be ineffective and were at first discouraged by the CDC. We're fooling ourselves if we think this is the answer to our problems. When all is said and done the only way to build any immunity is to actually be exposed to the virus. I have confidence in my immune system and I have the brains to stay away from those that don't have a healthy immune system.

Renee Eisley

Location:

Submitted At: 10:12am 07-01-20

Masks do more harm to your health than good. There are studies showing asymptomatic people DO NOT SPREAD the virus like previously thought so masks should be reserved for those who are actively sick or for those that want to wear one to "protect" themselves. It should NOT be a mandate. Also, studies show children do not spread this virus easily either. Stop this mask nonsense! Support your immune system with diet, exercise, vitamins, fresh air, and sunlight!

Shelly Knapp

Location:

Submitted At: 10:11am 07-01-20

I don't support wearing a mask. They are more harmful than good. It does not protect you from getting the virus and you don't get enough oxygen wearing it.

Dominique Fischer

Location:

Submitted At: 10:08am 07-01-20

There's no research showing that masks do anything. Even CDCs "research" states that more research needs to be done. It's unconstitutional to tell people what they need to wear! People that want to wear one can wear one if they so choose!

Zoe Finney

Location:

Submitted At: 10:07am 07-01-20

Please make masks mandatory. As our city continues to "open," it should be a collective effort to keep our entire community, and all of our neighbors safe. Please also note that this change.org petition has over 8,000 signatures in support of this measure as of Wednesday morning. <https://www.change.org/p/the-city-of-milwaukee-should-require-masks-in-public-places-to-protect-residents>

Matthew Wichmann

Location:

Submitted At: 10:04am 07-01-20

Get this nonsense out of here, and vote for Jonathan Wichmann for Wisconsin Governor 2022.

Elizabeth Geilenfeldt

Location:

Submitted At: 10:01am 07-01-20

It is my understanding that the venues who are asking for this mandate do not want to set up their own mandatory mask policies in their businesses, so they want to take away the constitutional rights of all other Milwaukee residents. No mandatory masks! This is against my rights as an American citizen. Research also shows that masks are actually harmful to the wearer. If this is granted, will the City of Milwaukee be liable for any health repercussions, or will these restaurant groups be footing those bills?

Lorraine Greene

Location:

Submitted At: 10:01am 07-01-20

A face mask is a medical device. A government agency does not hold a medical license. You do not have the authority to issue such a directive.

Maja Cu

Location:

Submitted At: 9:54am 07-01-20

There's no research showing that masks do anything. Even CDCs "research" states that more research needs to be done. It's unconstitutional to tell people what they need to wear!

Eli Jansen

Location:

Submitted At: 9:52am 07-01-20

Make masks mandatory in public spaces. Those who wish not to wear them should stay home. This isn't a political matter, this is a public health matter.

Erin Korchagin

Location:

Submitted At: 9:51am 07-01-20

Absolutely unnecessary.

Sanne Laursen

Location:

Submitted At: 9:48am 07-01-20

Please require masking to protect our community within businesses and outdoor. Masks help and it helps keep each other safe.

Christopher Neal

Location:

Submitted At: 9:45am 07-01-20

I fear that those with anxiety and claustrophobia will be harmed by this ordinance. Also, masks are expensive and they City of Milwaukee does not have enough money to offer disposable masks to all Service Workers, Grocery Clerks and Hospital worker nor to the general public! So this is an impossible to enforce and expensive ordinance. Make them optional.

Pembrook Nahalik

Location:

Submitted At: 9:41am 07-01-20

I have PTSD from past trauma, making wearing a mask more of a risk to me than this virus will ever be. There are a lot of individuals just like me. Masks should only be worn by those who are susceptible to risk from illness, ANY illness, not just covid-19 - AND they need to remain optional. There is mounting evidence that masks do not do much for protecting from viruses anyway. If a person is immunocompromised, it is up to them to take safety precautions to avoid risk, not the job of everyone else.

Garret Pelischek

Location:

Submitted At: 9:36am 07-01-20

This is taking away freedom. Cases may be increasing but deaths are decreasing. No reason for masks and no reason for another shutdown.

MICHAEL THORSON

Location:

Submitted At: 9:33am 07-01-20

NO! Absolutely not. You've done enough damage already. We will always have viruses. They are a part of everyday life.

Kathleen Zwickl

Location:

Submitted At: 9:33am 07-01-20

We should not be forced to wear masks, it is our right to decide.

Dana Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 9:30am 07-01-20

Scientific review has found masks ineffective:

<https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-1342>
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4420971>

A study found COVID is not easily passed
<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7219423/>

There are several health conditions surrounding lungs and oxygen circulation through the blood that should not be hindered with masks, including respiratory airway disease, asthma, diabetes, lung cancer, smokers, heart conditions, lupus, Raynaud's disease;
According to HIPPA laws it is illegal to ask health conditions

Kathryn Swinney

Location:
Submitted At: 9:27am 07-01-20

I support the health and safety of my community, friends, and family.

Dawn Benedict

Location:
Submitted At: 9:25am 07-01-20

Absolutely NOT. Huge infringement on personal rights, and what ever happened to "my body, my choice"?

Amanda Czarnecki

Location:
Submitted At: 9:23am 07-01-20

You cannot tell us what to wear or how to care for ourselves. It is our right to make this decision for ourselves.
NO TO FORCED MASKS!

Kay Russow

Location:
Submitted At: 9:16am 07-01-20

Infringement on freedoms.

Keri Hessel

Location:
Submitted At: 9:13am 07-01-20

Absolutely not! Many scientific studies show no statistical benefit for wearing a mask during a pandemic. An individual is responsible for his or her health. So many people have complained about health issues from wearing masks, and the New England Journal of Medicine has stated - "The chance of catching COVID-19 from a passing interaction in a public space is therefore minimal."

Jenni Haan

Location:
Submitted At: 9:10am 07-01-20

Mandatory mask wearing is a violation of our American freedoms. No health care of any matter should be forced upon its citizens.

If someone chooses to wear a mask, then that is their right ad a citizen but should not be mandatory.
Please look at Sweeden for how they handled this pandemic.

Kathy Hungness

Location:
Submitted At: 9:09am 07-01-20

Absolutely not! It should be a individual choice not one mandated by a "local" political board.

Lena Mack

Location:
Submitted At: 9:08am 07-01-20

We were originally supposed to slow the spread, to prevent hospitals from being overwhelmed by a predicted high amount of cases requiring intensive care.

4 months of data later, we know it is contagious, but the vast majority either do not show symptoms, or have very mild symptoms. The rate of severe cases is like the flu. Our hospitals are not overwhelmed.

Are we supposed to never be sick again? This is unrealistic.

This is about individual rights, and if you start taking them away, they will never return.

If you are fearful, you have the RIGHT to make the CHOICE to wear a mask or stay home.

Matt Scholtes

Location:

Submitted At: 9:05am 07-01-20

I SUPPORT legislation to require mask-wearing in indoor public spaces.

I OPPOSE legislation that would give Police one more tool to crack down on peaceful protesters.

The devil is in the details. There is no legislation text here, and the reference to the LA law is ambiguous.

Jess Peli

Location:

Submitted At: 9:04am 07-01-20

100% against this. It is an infringement on individual rights and also discrimination against those who have medical, mental or other conditions that prevent them from mask wearing. There are numerous informative sites about the problems with mask wearing. Especially when related to the general public and the same mask being used over and over. The wrong type of masks being used. And the lack of evidence to support the need for and effectiveness of masks. It would be an over reaction and an overreach of power to require masks for all.

Robyn Kopsiske

Location:

Submitted At: 9:03am 07-01-20

I do not agree with this for all of the reasons others whom oppose it as well stated. No need to constantly reiterate what has been said. I do feel that it is the government's job to listen to ALL voices and not just the ones select ones whom agree with the agenda.

Mike Weimer

Location:

Submitted At: 9:00am 07-01-20

No comments required

Jared Kraft

Location:

Submitted At: 9:00am 07-01-20

There is scientific proof that a barrier reduces the spread. Let's not be individual minded but think of the citizens as a whole. If we can all wear a mask, hardly a sacrifice compared to previous generations efforts for our nation, we can aid in the slowing and ending of spread. Rather than think individualistically of 'its not comfortable' or 'I feel like an idiot' why not think of those who are vulnerable and try to help protect them. Can we all as a city come together to actually care about other people over ourselves? We are opening back up and the spread is going higher, come on.

Cortnie Pfarr

Location:

Submitted At: 8:55am 07-01-20

As cases continue to rise in our city and state, I feel it's imperative that we require people to wear masks. Wearing masks will help us avoid another shut down as we are seeing other states enforce. Let's keep our residents safe and businesses open by requiring a very simple fix.

Anthony LaPrest

Location:

Submitted At: 8:53am 07-01-20

There is NO proof masks help!! Masks are just a tool to control the people! I will NEVER wear a mask or have my rights violated. My life my choice!!

Mary Jo Brown-Arnold

Location:

Submitted At: 8:49am 07-01-20

Mandatory mask rules are not a solution. The economic disaster you and the mayor and governor have led this city and state into will require a miracle to recover. If a business wants to request masks for their customers, allow it. If a customer wants to wear a mask, allow it. But do not FORCE/ MANDATE others who have chosen not to wear one or have medical issue that prevent them from wearing one. Let's be realistic. This will never go away, just like the flu. Do we plan on wearing one for the rest of our lives? I know I don't. If it's that important, force all the protesters to wear one.

Tracey Lynn

Location:

Submitted At: 8:49am 07-01-20

Do not impose this! Let each individual make their own choice instead of unconstitutionally forcing us to wear masks.

Tabitha Benter

Location:

Submitted At: 8:48am 07-01-20

There is no solid scientific proof that face masks/coverings protect from viruses. There is actually more independent scientific proof that constantly wearing a mask can cause more damage and sickness due to bacteria and carbon dioxide being breathed in. We live in a free society and mandatory face masks is not medically or constitutionally appropriate.

Nancy Vogt

Location:

Submitted At: 8:37am 07-01-20

There is no evidence that masks that are not custom-fitted N95 masks are effective, and there is evidence many are not depending upon material used and fit. This is just a "feel good" measure that limits the rights of citizens to make their own choices. Also, while cases go up, deaths are going down. So the virus is losing its potency.

Kamie Boston

Location:

Submitted At: 8:37am 07-01-20

Let the people decide for themselves. I will not wear a mask. They restrict oxygen intake and they have never been proven to provide any protection against viruses such as COVID-19. If this policy is put in place, I will take all business outside the city of MKE.

William McLane

Location:

Submitted At: 8:31am 07-01-20

I support this legislation.

Me Su

Location:

Submitted At: 8:29am 07-01-20

Do NOT impose this! Make it up to individuals if they choose to wear one or not. This will only hurt to economy in Milwaukee even more than it's already hurting. This is a city that thrives on tourism and outside income. Not to mention it will push residents to other counties anyway.

Rachel Krueger

Location:

Submitted At: 8:27am 07-01-20

Please require masking to protect our community and those how have been forced back to work and don't have a choice.

Jonathan Wichmann

Location:

Submitted At: 8:11am 07-01-20

Do NOT pass this!

Katrina Shay

Location:

Submitted At: 8:10am 07-01-20

As a nurse practitioner who practices in our city, I urge you to make wearing masks in public mandatory. A review of 172 observational studies published June 1, 2020 in The Lancet found face masks were highly effective in reducing transmission of COVID-19. Virus transmission was reduced from 17.4% with no face mask to 3.1% with a face mask. Wearing masks can provide far reaching benefits to the community, especially by protecting those most vulnerable to this virus. It has benefits to the economy, as preventing transmission can avoid a future surge and safer in place order.

Sue Blaustein

Location:

Submitted At: 7:53am 07-01-20

Do not rely or impose upon hospitality and retail managers to enforce emergency public health measures NECESSARY to slow the spread of COVID. In business where "the customer is always right" is the guide, it's fantasy, and a recipe for conflict to expect this to work. I was an inspector for MHD CEH from 1991 till retirement in 2016, so I know the challenges. Controlling respiratory spread is far more complex than preventing food borne illness.

Kenneth Onken

Location:

Submitted At: 7:21am 07-01-20

This is tyranny to make masks mandatory. Besides that, how many times have the "pros" said masks don't work? Then say they work? Then go back and say they don't work? That's fishy and inconsistent. I will not fall for this. Nor will I fall for this social distance hoax. Everyone's immune except rioters and looters? Yeah okay. Naw.

Renee Hendrix

Location:

Submitted At: 7:08am 07-01-20

Please require all Milwaukee businesses to require face masks, as well as in public places. My employer has required all to return to work and we do not have to wear a mask. This is going to dramatically increase all of my colleague's exposure to Covid19, even for those who choose to wear a mask since some employees will not. My family has been self isolating for months and for what? Since so many businesses are putting profit over the safety of their employees, it is imperative this goes into effect ASAP.

Ashley Arnold

Location:

Submitted At: 6:32am 07-01-20

WE ALL NEED TO WEAR MASKS. It's incredibly disappointing how many people apparently need to have this decision made for them even though it's literally a matter of life and death. If there is no policy put in place the city is saying they're fine with letting more people die. A true civilization is where people take care of each other. Right now we are not living in a civilization.

Christine Gallo

Location:

Submitted At: 6:24am 07-01-20

This is a moral issue, not a political one. Masks work and can increase the safety of any workers who have to be exposed to others. Choose reason, safety and respect- not utter selfishness.

Jill Haas

Location:

Submitted At: 6:19am 07-01-20

Masks should be mandatory to protect public health inside businesses. This is the only way we can safely open businesses.

Doug McDonald

Location:

Submitted At: 5:59am 07-01-20

Please support a mask policy! This is an issue of science not politics.

Anthony Schwader

Location:

Submitted At: 5:39am 07-01-20

Hard support for wearing a mask in public. This should be a no brainer. I'm not going to provide any stupid links for you guys. I just want to continue living. Thanks.

Fred D.

Location:

Submitted At: 1:07am 07-01-20

Reason demands that this legislation be opposed. First, loose-fitting cloth and bandana-style masks have been show to work poorly (<https://aip.scitation.org/doi/10.1063/5.0016018>), so unless the legislation requires specific types of coverings, there will be limited benefit. Second, masks quickly become saturated with repeated coughing, reducing their usefulness even further (<https://aip.scitation.org/doi/10.1063/5.0015044>). Third, no one is going to confront the people wear their masks incorrectly (below the nose) or the protesters who don't wear them at all, making this unenforceable.

Olivia Dobbs

Location:

Submitted At: 12:17am 07-01-20

I wholeheartedly support the mandatory wearing of masks in all private businesses, especially those with indoor settings. It's our best shot at slowing COVID19, second only to shutting down again.

However, I worry that policing public and outdoor spaces will lead to unnecessary interactions between citizens and law enforcement, and to unequal enforcement of the rule. Will the enforcement mechanism be a fine for noncompliant businesses, punishment for individual offenders, or something else?

Please consider these concerns as you amend and vote on this policy.

Thank you,
Olivia Dobbs

Raul Vasquez

Location:

Submitted At: 12:08am 07-01-20

Opposed to mask mandate. Despite months of large protests, reopenings, and a big increase in people socializing without masks, both number of daily positive cases, as well as number of daily coronavirus-related deaths, continue to decline in Milwaukee. In Wisconsin and the US, daily deaths are also continuing to fall steadily, contradicting all the "sky is falling" warnings by health officials months ago. There is literally no reason to enforce this kind of divisive, unprecedented, and extremely contentious mandate now. This proposal is deeply offensive, intrusive, and it will be fought hard.

Anonymous Anonymous

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45pm 06-30-20

We should have the RIGHT to choose if we want to wear a mask or not. If a restaurant movie theater etc wants us to wear a mask while being in their facility that is the facilities right to request that BUT it is our choice not to attend those places because we dont approve of being forced to wear a mask.

Wearing a mask out in public should not be mandated and I ask that you not pass this. I am one who gets

headaches from them. Then in humidity I cannot breath and have anxiety on top of it. Mandating masks is risking peoples health and mental states. UNFAIR!

Christofer Garchow

Location:

Submitted At: 11:40pm 06-30-20

Mask efficacy isn't up for debate. Implement a mask mandate if you care for human life, respect our healthcare workers, and want the economy to be able to re-open faster.

Michele Crux

Location:

Submitted At: 11:33pm 06-30-20

PLEASE PRINT OUT + READ OUT LOUD AT MEETING

<https://www.rcreader.com/commentary/masks-dont-work-covid-a-review-of-science-relevant-to-covide-19-social-policy>

I highly oppose. Masks and respirators do not work. OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE IS CITED IN ARTICLE. There have been extensive randomized controlled trial (RCT) studies, and meta-analysis reviews of RCT studies, which all show that masks and respirators do not work to prevent respiratory influenza-like illnesses, or respiratory illnesses believed to be transmitted by droplets and aerosol particles. This is against our constitutional rights.

Richard Cohn

Location:

Submitted At: 11:29pm 06-30-20

I support an ordinance requiring mask-wearing in public places. Not enough is known about this virus, but we know that wearing a mask significantly decreases the spread of Covid-19. We all struggle with limitations this virus imposes. Living as if the danger does not exist will not make it go away. By wearing masks, we protect each other and we protect workers who provide services. The sooner we follow best safety practices, the sooner we can get past this very dangerous pandemic. Are we tough enough to win this fight? Quit whining and wear the masks.

Jerod gorsky

Location:

Submitted At: 11:28pm 06-30-20

No I'm absolutely opposed, why is it that we have to have our lives changed based upon no data and media hype? That is not effective Democratic policy. Masking is not based in scientific fact, or Reason and all it does is contribute to conflict among citizens no no no this must be voluntary

Margeaux Peterson

Location:

Submitted At: 11:24pm 06-30-20

I fully support mandating masks in public spaces. I work in a busy cafe and I also live at home with a high risk person. I fear everyday that I will bring the virus home from work from careless customers who do not wear masks.

jesse james

Location:

Submitted At: 11:10pm 06-30-20

I am absolutely opposed to mandatory masking it is abusive unconstitutional and just plain rude, it should be a choice we are free and American we should have a choice if we want to wear these or not, there is zero scientific evidence to prove that these masks do anything. included is multiple exhaustive studies showing that masking does nothing....

I urge strongly that the city council start listening to science

<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/epdf/10.1111/j.1750-2659.2011.00307.x>

Guy Dayen

Location:

Submitted At: 10:57pm 06-30-20

I strongly support the passing of an ordinance calling for the wearing of a face covering in public places in Milwaukee. It is an easy way for everyone to help contain the spread of the corona virus. Data clearly shows it is an effective way to slow the spread of the virus. Please don't capitulate to those who promote disinformation on this issue. We must all strive to protect those members of our community who are vulnerable and at risk. We can't afford to be negligent in our duties and become another Florida! Many of our childhood heroes wore masks. This is our chance to be heroes too.

Helena Ehlke

Location:

Submitted At: 10:38pm 06-30-20

PLEASE PRINT OUT + READ OUT LOUD AT MEETING ENTIRE WELL-DOCUMENTED LINKED ARTICLE

<https://www.rcreader.com/commentary/masks-dont-work-covid-a-review-of-science-relevant-to-covide-19-social-policy>

Masks and respirators do not work. OVERWHELMING EVIDENCE IS CITED IN LINKED ARTICLE. There have been extensive randomized controlled trial (RCT) studies, and meta-analysis reviews of RCT studies, which all show that masks and respirators do not work to prevent respiratory influenza-like illnesses, or respiratory illnesses believed to be transmitted by droplets and aerosol particles.

Jordan Morales

Location:

Submitted At: 10:26pm 06-30-20

I am strongly opposed to mandating masks in public. I think we should all be encouraged to wear masks, but for some they make them short of breath and they may need to come off for a time. They can also induce panic attacks and the extra heat can cause faintness. We don't need policing around masks. If people are extra concerned about it, they should stay home or take extra precautions. Please do not mandate masks in Milwaukee.

Karla Rock

Location:

Submitted At: 10:20pm 06-30-20

There is contradicting information regarding masks. There should be no mandate with these contradictions. Wearing a mask should remain a personal choice like all other health practices- diet, exercise, sleep, medication, treatment, surgery, etc. Unless healthy, clean eating practices will also be mandated to support true health, continue to recommend masks and require those who are vulnerable to stay home, distance, or wear a mask. Also consider the way cases and tests are counted as well as death counts. The inconsistency in these counts, makes it hard to compare previous and current data.

Leighann Orozco

Location:

Submitted At: 10:01pm 06-30-20

Please do not make a city wide mask rule. There are individual who can not wear masks for a number of reasons. Please allow individuals to make that decision and not be forced.

Jeff Bentoff

Location:

Submitted At: 9:53pm 06-30-20

I fully support a mask requirement in public places. It's the only way to ensure the health and safety of residents. Our residents and workers are not protected if others around them don't wear masks. This is no different than requiring people to stop at stop signs or to not smoke in public places. We don't just leave it to people to decide if they want to do the right thing in these cases -- it's required. If we want to stop the spread of the coronavirus and make us all safer, masks when in public places should be, too.

Steven Kraft

Location:

Submitted At: 9:21pm 06-30-20

This is a case of rights. The government shouldn't tell us what to wear in any case. As we approach the anniversary of this nation declaring independence and with such animosity towards law enforcement and authoritarian over reach, now is not the time to give the government more power. Rights surrendered to the government will never be returned. If they can tell you what to wear and when what power will they take next. Life is too complicated to say wear masks at all time when in public no matter what. If you feel unsafe stay home or wear your mask. Do not tell me how to live.

Kevin Isaacson

Location:

Submitted At: 8:50pm 06-30-20

Masks are a proven way to combat the spread of coronavirus. We need a citywide policy to protect the health of our citizens. Businesses should not be forced to choose between the safety of their customers and alienating those who won't wear a mask. Fighting a pandemic takes a collective effort and this ordinance will ensure we all do our part. Masks will help save lives and get us get back to "normal" more quickly.

Susan Robitaille

Location:

Submitted At: 8:08pm 06-30-20

There have been multiple studies that have shown that mask wearing does more harm than good, not the least of which is re-inhaling exhaled carbon dioxide which leads to low blood oxygen and headaches. Masks get dirty much more frequently than people are changing them, and the cost of switching out disposable masks several times a day can get very expensive. Also, for people who are hearing impaired, we rely on being able to read lips of people to hear clearly. How do we eat and drink at a restaurant if we are wearing a mask? The mask becomes dirty each time we touch it.

Angela Pollnow

Location:

Submitted At: 8:07pm 06-30-20

I feel mandated masks is anti-freedom. Requiring masks outdoors when not in a crowd would be silly. I do believe we should leave it up to each individual business to adopt a 'required mask policy' or not and that it should be respected. With all the options to purchase necessities, if someone is concerned about being exposed solely due to not wearing masks, they can stay home or shop at a business with mask policies.

Cliff Copass

Location:

Submitted At: 7:33pm 06-30-20

There are too many exceptional cases to make an across-the-board ruling. Settings involving food or drink are not practical. Settings requiring clear vision can have problems with masks fogging glasses. Outdoor settings require less social distancing than indoor settings. Masks should be STRONGLY recommended, but not absolutely required. There is no way all the exceptions can be anticipated.

Theresa Fandrei

Location:

Submitted At: 7:32pm 06-30-20

Less than 1% of the USA population has tested positive for COVID-19. That # is cumulative since 3/30. Mandating that 99% of the population act like they're sick makes no sense! If people feel like they might be sick, by all means do as you wish. It is unusual to make decisions with no peer reviewed research to support such a mandate. Here are some studies sharing why masks don't work
<https://www.rcreader.com/sites/default/files/Denis%20G.%20Rancourt%20PhD%20April%202020%20%22Masks%20Don't%20Work:%20A%20review%20of%20science%20relevant%20to%20COVID-19%20social%20policy%22.pdf>

Anne Landre

Location:

Submitted At: 7:28pm 06-30-20

Please support a citywide masking policy! By doing so, you will neutralize what has become a needless political issue. Wearing face masks, along with physical distancing, is the most effective way to slow transmission of Covid-19. Please vote with the science community on this issue and protect all of us.

Josh Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 6:55pm 06-30-20

Milwaukee needs to require masks in public spaces. There has been nowhere near enough testing to identify asymptomatic spreaders, so the only defense we currently have is to wear masks, and protect others from our potential infection.

A Donovan

Location:

Submitted At: 6:42pm 06-30-20

Please require masks in indoor public spaces. Places can reopen when protections are mandated. It harms our community and the economy to allow people to refuse to wear a mask. I will not shop anywhere that doesn't require all shoppers to wear a mask. This has meant leaving our county to go grocery shopping at Costco.

Sandra Liederbach

Location:

Submitted At: 5:38pm 06-30-20

Facial masks only protect the WEARER. I oppose this. See CDC mask types: <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/pdfs/UnderstandDifferenceInfographic-508.pdf>. Masks DO NOT slow or prevent the spread. What about those of us who already had this virus? I can't get it or pass it (the same strain)-that's science. If a person wants to feel safe in public, wear one, it needs not be mandatory. We slowed the spread to not overwhelm healthcare. This turned into something different. We have more positive tests BECAUSE MORE PEOPLE ARE SCARED OR FORCED INTO TESTING. This madness needs to stop. Wash your hands!

Zachariah Baum

Location:

Submitted At: 4:42pm 06-30-20

Please enact this legislation, making masks mandatory, and keep our city safe!

Sarah Pinkowski

Location:

Submitted At: 4:21pm 06-30-20

Facial coverings slow the spread of coronavirus - make masks mandatory. Those in our community must be protected while venturing to public places. Moreover, it would make most people feel safer when they do leave the safety and comfort of their homes to patron area businesses. Denying a mask mandate would only increase the already alarming rate of infection.

Heather Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 3:42pm 06-30-20

Masks help prevent the spread of COVID-19: <https://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2020/06/200612172200.htm> Requiring them is good sense and good public policy. If we want to re-open the city, please let's do it smartly...by requiring masks.

Aa Aa

Location:

Submitted At: 3:30pm 06-30-20

1. The strongest message CDC can muster on universal masking is "cloth face coverings may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others" based on "emerging evidence" from laboratory studies. Are you aware of any evidence that universal masking at the city level played a causal role in COVID

outcomes anywhere in the world?

2. If the thrust of the masking argument is "maybe masks help so just do it", and given that virus is always present in the population, is there any situation where universal masking is not appropriate? Will masking be required by law forever?

Stacy Osten

Location:

Submitted At: 3:28pm 06-30-20

Masking during a Pandemic is a matter of public safety, not personal opinion. Please support a mandate requiring masks for indoor public spaces. Thank you.

Jr Roberts

Location:

Submitted At: 3:23pm 06-30-20

Business needs to be able to choose if they want to require a mask or not. Surrounding areas do not and we'll just loose more business from Milwaukee to the outskirts. Also - what public spaces/places? Parks? The CDC still has 6 feet and 15 minutes for their risk exposure, walking or running past someone on a trail you would be within 6 feet for a few seconds, certainly nothing close to 15 minutes! Even in a restaurant, walking to your table, it is a few seconds too!

Rachel Germain

Location:

Submitted At: 3:01pm 06-30-20

Please vote for use of masks for people in public spaces. Please also clarify when individuals should be expected to wear masks outside.

Anne Steinberg

Location:

Submitted At: 2:13pm 06-30-20

I urge the City Council to act as quickly as possible to require masks in public spaces to protect the health and safety of essential workers and the public-- especially in stores and restaurants and other buildings. The only exception should be for people enjoying the outdoors who are able to physically distance.

Alice Bieszczat

Location:

Submitted At: 1:57pm 06-30-20

Please pass this ordinance requiring masks in public spaces to help protect the health and well-being of all Milwaukee residents.

Audra Stanislawski

Location:

Submitted At: 1:47pm 06-30-20

I support a citywide masking policy to help prevent the spread of Covid-19.

C L Lapworth

Location:

Submitted At: 1:41pm 06-30-20

Please keep us safe. This issue should not be political. If we want to stay open, we need to be masked.