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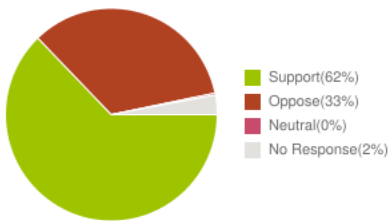
## eComments Report

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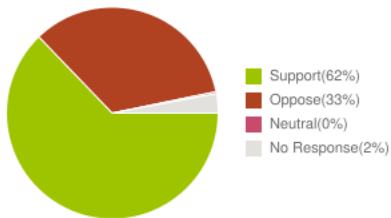
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
4. 200426 An ordinance relating to a requirement for face coverings in public spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic.	552	346	189	1
5. 200409 Resolution directing the Commissioner of the Milwaukee Health Department to establish a program under which all City residents may receive a face mask without charge upon request.	128	81	42	1

### Sentiments for All Agenda Items

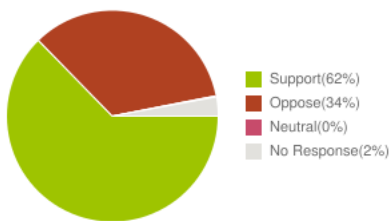
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#### Agenda Item: eComments for 4. 200426 An ordinance relating to a requirement for face coverings in public spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic.

#### Overall Sentiment



#### **Bart Chase**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:28pm 07-13-20

Please help protect our health. Support mandatory masks.

#### **David Gomez**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:25pm 07-13-20

Obviously what we've been doing hasnt been working!

## **Oscar Sprangers**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:21pm 07-13-20

Masks need to be mandatory, we are in a PANDEMIC. We need to look out for each other, and people aren't doing it on their own accord. We will never get out of this if we can't come together.

## **Victor Shakapopolis**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:21pm 07-13-20

I support a mask mandate for all people of the city of Milwaukee to wear when in public, as long as the city is prepared to discuss how certain neighborhoods and communities of color (who are already being disproportionately affected by this virus) may be unfairly targeted with fines or whatever the mandate may see as response to those in public without masks. I think the city should strive to give out masks to anyone who is seen without one

## **James Pierce**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:17pm 07-13-20

Businesses should be able to make the decision weather or not patrons need to wear masks. This is overreach by local government. Mask wearing outside and having 3 year old children wear a mask is ridiculous. This is 70 businesses using the local government to do their dirty work for them when they can just put a sign up on the door themselves. Strongly opposed to this.

## **Rick Lamb**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:17pm 07-13-20

The City Gov. should do what it can encourage people to wear masks, and this legislation is a good way to do it. For evidence, see: <https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2020/06/417906/still-confused-about-masks-heres-science-behind-how-face-masks-prevent>.

We---see "exceptions" in the legislation---should wear masks because it will likely save \*many\* people's lives, and it's only a minor inconvenience. Isn't even a small chance of saving someone's life worth a minor inconvenience? To avoid misunderstandings, please read the legislation before opposing/commenting. There's nothing draconian there.

## **Marta Monti**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:16pm 07-13-20

This should not be a political issue. Please follow the guidance of health experts and require face coverings in public. Do the right thing.

## **Jack Oppor**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:15pm 07-13-20

Strongly support the mask mandate being required in public spaces. There is a very clear correlation between the countries that have this disease under control and the wearing of masks in public. As someone who works in downtown Milwaukee with customers coming into the store frequently, it would make me more comfortable to know that everyone is going to be wearing a mask. Doctors wear masks for hours during surgeries and while seeing patients, not for their protection but for the patient's. People should be able to go in public without worrying that they'll be infected by someone in passing.

## **Erik Nash**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:15pm 07-13-20

Stop being selfish babies. If there was a hurricane coming and you were told you should board up your house, wouldn't you? Board up your faces, there's a hurricane hitting us.

**Zach Martinez**

Location:

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

At the very least it's a sign of respect showing that you care about the well being of those around you. A very minor inconvenience to have to put up with.

**Tammy Allen**

Location:

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

Wearing masks outside is ridiculous. If businesses want to mandate it fine. Probably won't be going to them. People with claustrophobia, asthma, COPD, etc have already had a hard time with this making it hard to live or work. If a person is wearing a mask and I am not, aren't they considered covered? If we all are wearing mask do we still need to be 6ft away. There are thousands of other killer diseases but we aren't changing those things are we? Just remember it should be a choice because some people don't want to make others sick but wearing a mask makes that individual sick.

**Jay Younger**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:10pm 07-13-20

From a bartender - our industry is what makes up a large portion of what Milwaukee is known for. My opinion on opening bars, jumping to 50% capacity within said bars with no clear reasoning from an epidemiology standpoint and the complete lack of forethought on regulations aside - we need more from you. This is a small request that would make it easier for bars to enforce policies that don't leave their employees feeling unsafe and helpless.

Please vote in support of the mandate.

**Ellen Drought**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:10pm 07-13-20

I support this proposal.

**rp rp**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:09pm 07-13-20

Do you wear your seatbelt? Wear a mask.... It's not that difficult.

**Jennifer Clinnin**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:09pm 07-13-20

Masks are not only beneficial in stopping the spread of COVID, they also provide a sense of comfort & reassurance to those who have had to go back to work in busier areas of the city. It doesn't matter if you're healthy or if you don't believe in it, this pandemic doesn't care. Everyone is at risk, & this is only helpful to all of us. Why fight safety?

**Brit Wachter**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:08pm 07-13-20

It is in the interest of our communities that the city pass and enforce a mandatory mask ordinance as soon as possible.

**Kaylee Bast**

Location:

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

I support this proposal because it is the minimum that we can do to help prevent the spread of COVID. Wearing a mask helps protect everyone.

**Eric Alseth**

Location:

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

As an essential worker my health, and the health of all the customers I interact with is contingent on people's ability to wear masks, which has been poor. A mandate would make me, all my coworkers and all the customers we serve safer. For example, in Missouri 100+ masked customers were served in a hair salon with COVID positive workers wearing masks and none of them contracted the disease.

**Jomaque Cannon**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:06pm 07-13-20

I strongly support an indoor mask mandate.

**Carly Serketich**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:06pm 07-13-20

Masks help to the spread and keep people safe!

**Gregory James**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:05pm 07-13-20

Strong, strong, strong support. We need this badly.

**Alysha Rendflesh**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:04pm 07-13-20

I support the mask mandate in efforts to keep our community safe.

**Joe H.**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:03pm 07-13-20

It's worth noting that the first real action of Marina as Safety Committee chair is to take away freedom. Freedom to choose. Has the Constitutionality of the ordinance been considered? The City will be on the hook for legal expenses. Consider the economic impact of people choosing to go to other communities for business or fun to avoid wearing masks. The City's budget is strained enough without the need to provide HUNDREDS of THOUSANDS of masks. If you believe in Milwaukee then you know we are well able to make the decision for ourselves. I strongly oppose this action. Vote NO!

**Becca Kacanda**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:02pm 07-13-20

We MUST required mandated mask wearing in public spaces, especially indoor settings such as stores, post offices, doctor's offices etc . There is overwhelming scientific evidence to support it's efficacy and it is VERY easy to do. No one should feel that they are risking their lives to fulfill their basic needs!

**Grace Oda**

Location:

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

Mandating masks is the very minimum we can do.

**Mary Shippee**

Location:

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

I am a nurse in a nursing home. My partner works in a grocery store. Please for the safety of ourselves and my

residents, mandate folks in the city of Milwaukee wear something that demonstrably slows the spread of a potentially fatal disease.

**S.R. Appel**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:00pm 07-13-20

Strongly Support!

**LeAnn Vance**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:00pm 07-13-20

With the understanding that certain businesses are essential and need to remain open, this mandate would be ensuring protection for essential workers as well as the general public. Cases are rising every day, masks will slow the spread.

**Rachel Perschke**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 07-13-20

I do not support this simply due to the outdoor mandate. If it was simply to mandate masks within stores and public buildings, I would reluctantly support it. However, requiring masks outdoors not only is difficult to impossible to enforce, it also puts many who are running, biking, and simply walking down the street in a position where they would be required to throw a mask on if they pass people on a sidewalk. In addition, documented cases of Covid spreading from being outdoors is little to none, and I feel this is an incredible overreach of government to mandate.

**Vinny Tunzi**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:58am 07-13-20

If I am forced to risk my life for a low paying job daily the least this city could do is enforce a mask policy to reduce risk of transmission. Especially on public transport

**Anne Steinberg**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:57am 07-13-20

It is the city government's responsibility to protect the health of its citizens. With all the confusing messages out there about what to do, it's important that the city provide leadership and science based guidance. In addition, local businesses are asking the city to pass this ordinance so they don't each have to try to enforce an individual rule. They want help protecting the health and well-being of their employees and customers.

**J H**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:56am 07-13-20

Strongly support. No more time to waste. Aside from individuals not doing the right thing by wearing masks there are essential businesses not masking staff and acting like covid doesn't exist. My son works at one such place. No one should have to choose between a paycheck and their health. This is a bare minimum we can all do to help each other. It's not about politics or freedoms - we shouldn't have the freedom to endanger others.

**Laura Krajacic**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:56am 07-13-20

Please make masks a public requirement. I worry about the health and safety of my family.

**Maggie Laughner**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:55am 07-13-20

This is not a political issue. This is a matter that health experts have time and time again spoken in support of. The more we discover about COVID, the more evidence there has been that masks are fundamental for minimizing the spread of COVID. Please listen to medical professionals and take the necessary steps to protect the people first, while also providing aid to Milwaukee's economy.

**Farzad Ghodsi**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:54am 07-13-20

Personal freedoms DO NOT APPLY TO PUBLIC HEALTH CRISES. If people aren't going to wear a mask on their own volition, THE BARE MINIMUM TO PREVENT SPREAD OF DISEASE, then a mandate is necessary. You know what infringes on personal freedom? DYING, REDUCED LUNG FUNCTION, NERVE DAMAGE, ORGAN DAMAGE. The sooner EVERYONE WEARS MASKS the sooner EVERYONE CAN GO BACK TO NOT WEARING MASKS. The people threatening to boycott Milwaukee if this passes, THAT'S GREAT KEEP YOUR COVID CARRYING BUTTS AWAY FROM MY CITY.

**Aimee Olson**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:52am 07-13-20

Please mandate masks. This is a healthcare issue. They have been proven time and time again to work despite one's 4 second google search. We are one of the only countries having issues getting it together, masks will help start to slow the spread. Antibodies do not stay in ones system very long so we can contract this virus MULTIPLE times.

**Sean Johnson**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:51am 07-13-20

I think this pandemic and has greatly hurt Milwaukee businesses and restaurants are alike, it is time to move on and stop damaging peoples finances, I can guarantee if this mandate passes I will not be shopping or attending any restaurants in the city of Milwaukee and take my business to the surrounding cities that don't mandate mask

**Anna Rardin**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:50am 07-13-20

I fully support the mask mandate. It is a very simple way to help contain the spread. This is not a political issue, this is a public safety and health issue.

**Dore Rozwadowski**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:48am 07-13-20

I am in full support of a mask mandate! Please make sure the people who are against actually live in the City of Milwaukee!

**Ryan Karasch**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:44am 07-13-20

I oppose any mandating of any face coverings.

**Matt Donath**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:41am 07-13-20

I strongly support a mask ordinance. Wearing a mask when out in public is a small price to pay to help slow the rate of infection. We are clearly seeing a second spike in cases, much earlier than was even predicted. This is not a political issue and needs to stop being presented that way. Our public health experts agree that wearing a mask helps to limit additional infections, refusing to take this basic step will result in more harm to Milwaukee's citizens and economy long term.

**Amanda Avalos**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:40am 07-13-20

As Wisconsin continues to surge again every day with new cases, this is the right next step. Also supportive of not giving any enforcement authority to MPD.

**Dana Gaertner**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:40am 07-13-20

I oppose the government mandating masks to be worn in public. People and businesses should be able to decide for themselves whether masks are to be worn.

**Whaley Barbara**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:39am 07-13-20

You need to speak with OSHA in regards to the recommendations and safety of wearing masks. you are getting onto dangerous territory by mandating this, There will be law suits and you can do more harm than good. I have lived in Sherman Park for 20 yrs If this passes I will be moving to Washington county. You will loose many businesses as well

**Scott McMahon**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:38am 07-13-20

Oppose - let businesses and individuals decide for themselves. A compromise could be to mandate masks at essential businesses prior to 9:00am so immunocompromised have an opportunity to avoid anyone that is not wearing a mask.

**Annelise Gehl**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:37am 07-13-20

Masks are a healthcare necessity for our community members, make the right decision and protect our community.

**Laura Chiglo**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:35am 07-13-20

If a mask mandate is put in place I will NOT go out and thus will not be spending money in the community. Small local businesses will again be negatively impacted! I am responsible and courteous to those around me. I keep the suggested distance and can still smile at people and so appreciate a smile back! Mask wearing should be a choice and I will wear one when I feel it is necessary.

**Zach McNamer**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:32am 07-13-20

Wearing a mask is not just for you, the mask wearer, but for everyone around you. The same thing can be said for pants. If we are both naked you can easily pee on me. If I'm wearing my pants. You can pee on yourself and me but I am more protected by my pants. If we are both wearing pants, you are just peeing on yourself and on your pants and I am safe. Now substitute pants with masks and pee with respiratory droplets. Think about it

**Ben Canniff**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:30am 07-13-20

Oppose, law suit coming if this passes. Complete infringement on peoples rights. This is an easy one. People that want to wear a mask can, those that don't want to don't have to. Keep government out of it.



**Cameron Whyte**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:30am 07-13-20

A mask mandate is a small price to pay for citizens of Milwaukee be as safe as possible. In addition, it will help small businesses avoid interruption if cases continue to rise and help limit cases on site that could lead to temporary or permanent closures.

**Emilee Dzierk**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:29am 07-13-20

Masks should be worn. We are in a pandemic!

**Jenna Erickson**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:29am 07-13-20

Support

**Denise Marciniak**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:28am 07-13-20

I am for wearing masks in public indoor facilities. I am opposed to mandating masks in outdoor spaces.

**Carly Sydow**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:27am 07-13-20

Yes we need face masks.

**Jackie Schult**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:27am 07-13-20

Your health is your responsibility, my health is my responsibility. The science behind the masks is ridiculous & constantly changing. We will no longer visit Milwaukee because of this ridiculous rule. This is a virus, not a death sentence for all. Please consider letting people make their own decisions for their own health. If you're worried, stay home.

**Teah Underwood**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:26am 07-13-20

it's been shown time and time again that wearing a mask helps stop the spread. i am fully in support of requiring masks to be worn.

**Amy Blanton**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:26am 07-13-20

I strongly oppose this measure. Let each business decide what they want to do. There is also no ending date, so we are opening a door to allow leaders to infringe on more and more of our rights. My body, my choice is fine for abortion, but not a paper mask? Healthy people do not need a mask and sick people should stay home. The science being followed to create this mandate is flawed and the city will be opening itself up to a lot more 911 calls for people passed out from wearing a mask. If this is passed, I will be taking my business elsewhere and so will many other people.

**Michelle Hess**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:25am 07-13-20

Many people are misinformed on why the masks are important and are not individually making responsible

choices at the detriment of everyone around them. Additionally, to preserve the ability of our healthcare facilities to treat the sickest members of our community we absolutely need to implement a mask mandate so the spread slows back down. We also need this to prevent more businesses from closing forever, they can't afford to keep closing and reopening when employees get sick.

**John Hess**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:25am 07-13-20

I fully support this mandate. As a resident of the 53211 zip code and as a parent. I wear a mask in public to protect others. It's disrespectful for others to disregard my family's health by not wearing a mask. You don't always know when you are contagious or sick. We need to fight this battle on the front line, and that front line is transmission. Life is more important than inconvenience. We need to protect our service workers, if we are going to have businesses open.

**Meagan McConnell**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:24am 07-13-20

Wearing a mask is a simple, easy, and evidenced-based method to reduce the spread of Covid-19. We should all be wearing masks.

**Alex Chiglo**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:24am 07-13-20

I believe masks face coverings should be an individual choice and not centrally mandated.

**Alyssa Schall**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:22am 07-13-20

I commented in support of the mask mandate last week. Time is of the essence after a three day spike. How is this not in place yet? It's already too late. I repeat what I said: like Florida and Arizona we are going to shut down again. It is not safe to be out eating and drinking, so the least we can do is wear masks if we won't stay home. It's CDC recommendation, it's science, it's empathy. It's not only about protecting yourself, it's about protecting others. It's not an infringement on freedom or a controversial political topic, but common courtesy. Love your neighbor, wear the mask!

**Hanna Norland**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:21am 07-13-20

Masks are for the common good. They work. It's a proven fact and it's the least we can do to keep the vulnerable and ourselves safe. Let's tackle the spread before this problem becomes unmanageable—again.

As someone who works in the service industry, we are working hard to provide you with the most safety in our restaurants. The least you can do is wear a mask and help do the same.

**Jennifer Olenchek**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:21am 07-13-20

Please vote yes to make masks mandatory in Milwaukee. This mandate is absolutely need to protect our community and help slow the speed of COVID, and is months overdue!

**Kate Tydeman**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:20am 07-13-20

This is the simplest way to help to reduce the spread.

**Gabriella Cisneros**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:20am 07-13-20

This is an essential mandate, for the health of our community and for our country as a whole. We have waited long enough already to enforce safer measures, but it isn't too late. Cities across the United States should require masks to be worn, especially when cases of COVID continue to rise and deaths continue to happen. If you haven't been affected personally by it, it may be difficult to understand how important it is to do everything you can to ensure others will not suffer from the disease. This is a simple step to take in the right direction right now.

**Kate Kent**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:17am 07-13-20

As a business owner who wants to stay in business (and keep other local small businesses open too!!), I support the mask mandate

**Brooke Slamka**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:14am 07-13-20

To those opposed: please READ the proposed ordinance before blindly denouncing it. Indoor public spaces and outdoors within 6 feet of others, with medical exceptions for those who can't, with a resolution for free masks. It's an easy, effective way to help reduce the CONTINUOUS increase of cases in WI. This minor inconvenience will help save an exponential number of lives from both symptomatic and asymptomatic (this is the problem) carriers with very minimal effort. I 100% support this ordinance because I care about the well-being of OTHERS, regardless of who they vote for/what they believe.

**Molly Kiefer**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:14am 07-13-20

As a service worker, I strongly urge you to put in place a mask mandate to curb the spread of COVID-19. Wearing a mask is a trivial task one can take to decrease the spread of COVID-19 and keep our communities healthy. Without a mask mandate, you are putting people who have no choice about whether or not to go to work in danger. You must pass this mandate to keep Milwaukee safe.

**Nicole Braun**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:14am 07-13-20

I fully support this mandate. Honestly, long over-due for our community. Entire states (IL) have been doing it for months now and it has become second nature. Enforcing masks would help protect our community, slow the spread, and truly show local businesses we hear them, support them and care about THEIR safety. Wearing a mask is such a minuscule inconvenience when you look at the big picture.

**Cristina Ossers**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:12am 07-13-20

As a Milwaukee resident that is registered to vote, and that lives and works in the 53204 zip code, I am in support of face coverings being required in public spaces.

**Annie Sachse**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:12am 07-13-20

The only thing guiding our response to this virus should be science. Health experts agree that face masks help slow the spread and keep people safe. Let's continue to be kind to one another and wear face coverings.

**Alyssa Santiago**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:12am 07-13-20

I fully support the mask mandate. Covid is spreading in Wisconsin at alarming rates. Some of the highest in the country. We should be taking the recommended safety measures to stop this and get our city back to normal. This is about our community not individual comfort.

### **Zach Chiglo**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:10am 07-13-20

Instating the mask mandate will not result in positive results. It will continue to hurt local businesses by reducing patronage at a time when they need to recover from the shut down. Citizens and private businesses have the right to determine the requirements for entering their establishment and creating a mask mandate is an abuse of power. It will only serve to create more difficulty for a large portion of your constituents, especially business owners. Instating this mandate will harm your chances of re-election, and drive your voters into supporting other candidates.

### **Liz Konkolowski**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:09am 07-13-20

Masks are a CDC recommendation. Why wouldnt we want to keep the public safe?

### **Amanda Schicker**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:05am 07-13-20

I fully support the mask mandate. It is sad that a proven means of preventing COVID-19 transmission is causing so much controversy. It is selfish to not wear a mask in public spaces, especially indoors. Even if it is not 100% effective it is still better than nothing and allows us to regain some control over this virus that has taken over everyone's lives. Wearing a mask to help prevent the spread of a deadly virus is not a violation of "your rights" it is a the right thing to do if you care about other people, especially those who are immunocompromised, elderly, or more vulnerable than you.

### **Jon Beck**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:04am 07-13-20

Noboby listened to the mayor's curfew or social distancing themselves from the riots, looters and thugs that defaced the city and damaged property, so leave law abiding citizens be free of this non sense. I will always take my money else where instead of Milwaukee.

### **Kylie Moehrke**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:04am 07-13-20

Best case scenario: save lives of our families, friends, and neighbors  
Worst case scenario: we wear a piece of cloth over our face for a while.  
Seems like an easy call to me.

### **Amanda Huckstorf**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:03am 07-13-20

I support this.

### **Jacklyn Carey**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:58am 07-13-20

I support the use of face coverings.

### **Tyler Leikam**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:58am 07-13-20

I believe healthcare is a personal responsibility. This can look like different things for different people, & might not mean wearing a mask for everyone. As individuals we must make this choice for ourselves.

I do not agree that the government forcing its citizens to wear masks in public is just in a free society. My health as it relates to my body is my choice.

If the committee should choose to mandate masks & my voice gets drowned out by my opposition, I would demand that the committee put into place a scientific measure that determines when masks are no longer needed.

Thank you.

**Kat Gould**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:57am 07-13-20

Please make this a mandate, everyone needs to be respectful to their community and wear a mask when necessary.

I am fearful when people aren't wearing a mask out. If you want to go in public wear a mask- it's simple.

**Caroline Gomez-Tom**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:55am 07-13-20

Mask wearing is a science-backed approach to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and will help protect essential workers and residents alike.

**Barbara Jakopac**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:54am 07-13-20

Just do it for the sake of the health of your constituents. If they are dead, because of your selfish reasoning, the economy in WI will not recover. Even businesses are in favor of face covering.

**Elise Coleman**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:54am 07-13-20

Wearing a mask is a simple, easy thing that everyone can do to try to keep others safe. I am shocked at the number of people that think a minor discomfort or inconvenience is really more important than someone else's life.

**Mary Johnson**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:54am 07-13-20

As a registered nurse that must continue to see patients, I feel it's in Milwaukee's best interest to mandate masks.

**Emilio Lopez**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:53am 07-13-20

These masks do not prevent the spread of any virus!! Surgeon General and Dr. Fauci have publicly stated that masks don't provide any protection. You're going to provide citizens with cloth masks that are going to do absolutely nothing. I suppose Dr. Kowalik has never studied other immune boosting things such as vitamins, minerals, sunlight, HUMAN INTERACTION, whole foods, and oh the importance of OXYGEN! We cannot allow them to infringe on our rights so people can have a false sense of security. This committee is an absolute joke. The fact this is even a topic shows how little you all know.

**A T**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:52am 07-13-20

This is an easy step that we can take to slow the spread of COVID.

**Madeline Seymour**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:51am 07-13-20

I support this proposal.

**Carly With**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:51am 07-13-20

I believe the mask do help. There have been numerous experiments or demonstrations done to show the effect of masks. This isn't a life time thing but we need to take action now.

**Anna Wainio**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:47am 07-13-20

I fully support this initiative. The U.S. has some of the highest numbers of COVID in the world and a mandatory use of a mask has been scientifically shown to decrease numbers. Illinois did a great job with enforcing this and I wish Milwaukee would have done this sooner. I also agree with fines for people who do not wear masks because they are knowingly not caring for the lives of other people.

**Danielle Nabak**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:46am 07-13-20

The Milwaukee Food Council Board of Directors supports this ordinance. Mandating face coverings in public spaces will help keep our essential food systems workers safe and healthy - particularly those that are employed at grocers, farmers markets, and restaurants whose businesses help keep our families fed.

**Ka Zielinski**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:44am 07-13-20

We need to get Covid under control.

**Bryce Kedrowicz**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:44am 07-13-20

I've been wearing a mask throughout r to he COVID-19 pandemic while at work and in other public places. It's not even a minor inconvenience anymore. It's something I've become accustomed to at this point. I'm in full support of a mandated mask ordinance. We must slow the spread if COVID, and everyone needs to do their part.

**Olivia Beauchamp**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 07-13-20

Cases are rising here to a disgraceful amount. Other cities who are requiring face masks have seen positive results. This needs to be done immediately!

**Cassidy Mulvey**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 07-13-20

I support the requirement for face coverings to be worn in public spaces. Wearing a mask is the easiest and most effortless thing we can do to keep others and in return ourselves a little safer during this pandemic.

**Cailey Moran**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:40am 07-13-20

We need to wear masks in public spaces in order to slow the spread of Covid-19. This is such an easy way for us to collectively protect each other.

**Marie Smith**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:38am 07-13-20

I strongly oppose this ordinance.

A private business has the right to require a mask to be worn by customers but the government does not have the right to force any such thing on the general public.

Small businesses are already hurting and a mask mandate will only drive more customers away from the city. I urge you to let reason, not panic dictate your decision.

**Nicole Kay**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:38am 07-13-20

We need to mandate masks in public spaces in order to keep our community safe. Not only does it keep our community healthy, but it will stop/slow the spread and allow our local businesses to remain open. The last thing we need as a community is another complete shut down.

**Jaime Bilicki**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:38am 07-13-20

Masks do nothing

**Hailey Proebsting**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:36am 07-13-20

Wearing a mask in the middle of an increasingly deadly pandemic should be the easiest thing we do. The choice to put on a mask unfortunately continues to highlight all of the individualists in the community who find themselves immune to the virus, putting many others at risk with the optionality. Ensuring masks should be one of those things we are universally on board with - so please put this ordinance forward in favor of your constituents' health.

**Mackenzie Chiglo**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:36am 07-13-20

I believe healthcare is a personal responsibility. This can look like different things for different people, & might not mean wearing a mask for everyone. As individuals we must make this choice for ourselves.

I do not agree that the government forcing its citizens to wear masks in public is just in a free society. My health as it relates to my body is my choice.

If the committee should choose to mandate masks & my voice gets drowned out by my opposition, I would demand that the committee put into place a scientific measure that determines when masks are no longer needed.

Thank you.

**Jake Jacobsen**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:34am 07-13-20

This ordinance will be a nail in the coffin for many businesses like mine. Please stay out of our private operations. Milwaukee will continue to struggle to keep small business when they do not understand them or make it easy for us to operate. The county line is too easy to cross. End this overreach!

**Steve Raasch**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:30am 07-13-20

COVID is the least of our worries at this point. We need to focus on opening up our economy before more lives are damaged. Requiring masks is a big step in the wrong direction, considering that the death rate is at its lowest and our hospitals have plenty of capacity.

### **Alyssa Richter**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:29am 07-13-20

If masks work so well, then why are places that have mandated it still seeing cases? We need to be able to get immunity. Hospitals are not overcrowded and we are not seeing increases in death. Please consider the fact that we need to be personally responsible for our own health, and not mandate a draconian restriction. I will attempt to file a lawsuit should this pass.

### **Barbara Ferrier**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:27am 07-13-20

It is unethical and unconstitutional to force healthy citizens to abide by measures that can result in physical and emotional harm and that impinge on their ability to abide by natural law and to follow their convictions to walk in faith and not fear. Mask wearing should not be universally mandated; measures that are meant to protect the community as a whole are ineffective if they hurt individuals in that community,

### **Karen Flanagan**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:25am 07-13-20

With understanding of airborne and non-symptomatic spread, evidence indicates that near-universal mask use helps reduce  $R_t$  to  $<1.0$ . Our bottom line –  $R_0$ , and masks are a way to that direction.

Masks for the common good of ALL. For the good of personal health and health systems, socioeconomic and economic health, and moral/cognitive/emotional health. This may be our Last Chance and Last Choice to impede transmission unless we go back to Start. Let's take the chance and make a choice for the common good. To contain the virus, masks must be worn in common by ALL -and may even unite us for good!

### **Susan Robitaille**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:24am 07-13-20

Government should outlaw cigarettes, they are known to cause death by cancer. Government should force people to wear condoms since they are shown to stop deadly STDs. Government should shut down all fast food restaurants since high fat foods lead to heart disease. Government should force citizens to exercise daily. Do these things sound obnoxious? So does government forcing individuals to obstruct their natural breathing with a piece of cloth that does nothing to stop the virus. Afraid? Wear a N95 mask and wash your hands.

### **Chris Garchow**

Location:

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

Face masks work. Period. It's not up for debate. Choosing political pandering and ignorance over health and science is extremely dangerous. Pass the measure. A lot of our population are toddlers and need their governmental parents to make them do what's basic decency and care for their fellow humans.

### **Jess Peli**

Location:

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

These was enough opposition the first time to know this is not a good idea. Take it off the table and leave it off the table.

### **KM Hojnacki**

Location:



Submitted At: 10:17am 07-13-20

PLEASE require face masks! Cases are spiking all over the country, ICU's are getting closer to capacity if they aren't already there, and healthcare workers are falling sick. Hospitals are once again requesting refrigerated semi trailers to store dead bodies because their morgues are full. Once everything started reopening and summer hit people started acting like Covid went away, but it hasn't. It's been shown that wearing masks will prevent the spread if you're infected, so if EVERYONE wears a mask new cases will decrease dramatically.

### **Christofer Garchow**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:16am 07-13-20

Face masks work. Period. It's not up for debate. Choosing political pandering and ignorance over health and science is extremely dangerous. Pass the measure. A lot of our population are toddlers and need their governmental parents to make them do what's basic decency and care for their fellow humans.

### **Tricia Davis**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:12am 07-13-20

I fully support a mask ordinance. We need to do anything we can to slow the spread of Covid in our communities.

### **Andrew Oppmann**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:11am 07-13-20

We are mandated to wear seat belts, we are mandated not to smoke in public spaces, we all agree to do things for the safety and well-being of those around us. Mandating the wearing of a mask in public during a global pandemic is not an outrageous proposition. For the time being, the least we can do is cover our mouth and nose to protect everyone's right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as well as our own. To those who oppose, this country was founded on a "Join, or Die" sentiment. We must be united.

### **Nicole Caliva**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:11am 07-13-20

Without people isolating in their own homes anymore, requiring masks in public spaces is the least that we can all do to stop the spread and flatten the curve of COVID-19. This is still a very real thing, if an individual wants to have a choice in this, they can choose to stay home if they don't feel comfortable protecting themselves and those around them.

### **Charles Koller**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:11am 07-13-20

This ordinance is unjust, truly unenforceable and is aimed at targeting those who wish to have the freedom of choice.

### **Lorenzo Cataldo**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:05am 07-13-20

If it was so important to have masks, why wasn't the demand first instead of shutting all the businesses down?? Start by getting free masks stations. Now Since We have tons of people unemployed I'm sure it'll be easy to find help.

### **Ka Koyama**

Location:

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

We seriously need a mask mandate. Like today.

### **Tim Askin**

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

Yes to masks.

### **Sydney Michuda**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:59am 07-13-20

I fully support this ordinance. Wearing masks in public spaces is a very easy and simple way to reduce the spread of the virus and save lives. Wisconsin is currently facing one of the worst spikes in the country. We need to wear masks to lower the spread.

### **Taylor Cowell**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:57am 07-13-20

As a nurse in the city of Milwaukee, I have seen how COVID-19 has become more rampant since the reopening of the state and the lack of face masks being worn by citizens. Please mandate this important ordinance and require the use of masks to protect others and yourself.

### **Jesse Nelson**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:56am 07-13-20

I strongly urge passage of the mask ordinance . If you look at what other places that controlled the outbreak have done this is a part of it. Let's follow their example!

### **michelle malkovich**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:56am 07-13-20

Please make masks mandatory at indoor and outdoor venues!

### **Arianna Wilson**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:54am 07-13-20

I support this.

### **Katie Robleski**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:53am 07-13-20

According to a source from National Governors Association; New York Times, demonstrated in the Philadelphia Inquirer - in states where mask use is mandatory, there was a 25% DECREASE in new cases between the first and second weeks of June. But in states where masks were recommended but NOT required, there was an 84% INCREASE in new Covid-19 cases.

Because health officials have determined that masks prevent the spread of Covid-19, please SUPPORT the ordinance that requires face coverings in public spaces until health officials indicate that it's safe to be in public without them.

### **Lilia Banrevy**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:50am 07-13-20

Please require masks outdoors when social distancing isn't possible. Otherwise, to curb the uptick in cases, you'll have to shut down the beaches, parks, bike trails, etc. because people are not taking social distancing seriously. I have seen and heard many comments from people who believe that they cannot get COVID-19 while outdoors, so it's completely safe to spend hours shoulder-to-shoulder in these public spaces. I think that educating people on this risk is also essential to having the outdoor mask mandate followed correctly. Yes, there is less risk, but it is still there.

**Mary Marren**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:40am 07-13-20

I support wearing masks in public. The CDC recommends all people 2 years of age and older wear a cloth face covering in public settings and when around people who don't live in your household, especially when other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain. COVID-19 can be spread by people who do not have symptoms and do not know that they are infected. That's why it's important for everyone to wear cloth face coverings in public settings.

**Anna Edwards**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:40am 07-13-20

Wisconsin is one of the fastest spreading COVID states in the US right now. What's an easy way to prevent the risk of transmission? Masks. Make it mandatory to be wearing a mask in public for the safety of Milwaukee residents and to set an example for ways other towns, cities, and states should be reacting to the virus.

**Robert Schaefer**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:37am 07-13-20

According to the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons masks do more harm than good. Please consider the unintended consequences of this mask-wearing mandate!

[https://aapsonline.org/mask-facts/?fbclid=IwAR1AFnST5qqXlhmjljPTYh7xdPB\\_67O4AfxcAVYldTyvjedmbAyG-0hFrp8](https://aapsonline.org/mask-facts/?fbclid=IwAR1AFnST5qqXlhmjljPTYh7xdPB_67O4AfxcAVYldTyvjedmbAyG-0hFrp8)

"Penetration of cloth masks by particles was 97% and medical masks 44%, 3M Vflex 9105 N95 (0.1%), 3M 9320 N95 (<0.01%)."

"Moisture retention, reuse of cloth masks and poor filtration may result in increased risk of infection."

"A contaminated cloth mask may transfer pathogen from the mask to the bare hands of the wearer."

**Nina Keizer**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:31am 07-13-20

I think this is the right and responsible thing to do. Places with strict mask policies, or where the majority of people agree to wear masks in public have been able to successfully slow the spread of the Corona Virus (<https://www.ucsf.edu/news/2020/06/417906/still-confused-about-masks-heres-science-behind-how-face-masks-prevent>). Since it's unlikely that everyone will participate of their own volition the city needs to make an ordinance. It's about public safety.

**Debbie Sajnani**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:31am 07-13-20

For the health and safety of us all we need to require face coverings in public spaces. Our numbers continue to rise as the city opens back up without such requirements.

**Griffin Gilreath**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:29am 07-13-20

Masks are a must! This is for the safety EVERYONE!!!! Please pass this!!!

**Cara Str**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:26am 07-13-20

Do not pass!

Give people a choice.

**Erika Kopp**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:25am 07-13-20

Require masks!

**Kelly Love**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:22am 07-13-20

No no no!!! Stop this controlling! Healthy humans should not be masked only sick ones! And 3yrs old and up!!! What the heck I is wrong with you idiots??? 3year olds can barely speak! You want to staple masks to their face!

This is all for the Corporations to run the banks and keep the poor even poorer and unemployed!

Stop allowing the government to control us, we are becoming China!!!

Open your eyes people, it's way deeper!!!

**Rebecca Zuehlsdorf**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:15am 07-13-20

Leave it up to the individual businesses to decide whether they want their patrons to wear a mask. If you don't want to wear a mask then don't patronize that business. I'm not sure how it would be enforced anyways. In order to eat or drink you would have to take your mask off because I'm not aware of a mask that allows you to do that. As far as wearing a mask outside... Absurd. Who is going to enforce this? Who is going to decide or look into whether the person you're with is part of your household. If you think the tension is high in Milwaukee now....

**Aaron Lang**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:14am 07-13-20

Based on the most recent information the WHO and the CDC is providing, masks are recommended to be worn as they are a simple and effective means of preventing the transmission of viruses. Without clear guidelines from the federal and state level, our city needs to step up to protect its communities from the spread of this virus. We cannot hope to recover economically without first addressing the public health crisis. I hope the policy is focused on businesses and not the individuals so this is not used as an excuse to punish our marginalized community members.

**Megan Anstett**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:14am 07-13-20

Masks are for everyone's safety and should be required in public spaces. The virus is spreading fast in Wisconsin and masks have been proven to reduce risk of transmission especially when worn by both parties. If we are going to reopen everything we need to take some precautions, starting with masks.

**Shannon Popp**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:14am 07-13-20

Require masks!

**Angela Rahm**

Location:

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

Support! Following what science recommends, so everyone can come out the other side.

**Gabriela Riveros**

Location:

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

Please pass this ordinance! We all need to do our part to protect at risk people.

**Rita Nokovic**

Location:

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

I fully support the Milwaukee mask mandate. This is an easy step in preventing COVID deaths in our community. This is the easiest step there is to prevent the spread and spray respiratory droplets. Please don't let us die.

**Tay Stram**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:12am 07-13-20

I do not think that masks should be mandated in Milwaukee. Police have better things to do like taking care of crime in the city than going around and ticketing people without a mask. Also it will just cause more issues and segregation within the community. Wearing a mask should be a recommendation, but not required. It should in no means be a fine. Masks are worn to protect others if you are sick and if you are not sick you should not be wearing one or you should just stay home. Mandating masks will not only be more stressful, but it will cause more divide in our community. Please do not pass

**Barbara Cooley**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:08am 07-13-20

PLEASE pass this ordinance, WITH the teeth in it. I'm 73 years old and don't have the freedom to enter places of business because I don't know whether I'll encounter people not wearing masks, even if the sign on the door asks people to do so. I also don't go any place outdoors where there might be groups of people not wearing masks. This ordinance will give many of us more freedom and can only help our economy.

**Nicole Gauss**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:08am 07-13-20

This is a huge public health and safety issue. It's important to listen to science not propaganda. Wearing a mask has no proven or suggested negative "side effects," and many people who have had to wear them daily for their professions have been fine. It is unfair to force employees to choose between their health and livelihoods – and possibly their lives. We need to listen to science and pass this ordinance if we ever want life to return to "normal"

**Celia Zeidler**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:02am 07-13-20

VOTE NO!

**Heather Adkins**

Location:

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

We need to do this together for MKE. Please get on board.

**J. Omar Andrietsch**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:52am 07-13-20

The lack of clear guidelines has cost lives and business!  
All scientific evidence points to masks being the best strategy for curbing viral spread, sparing the requirement to continue stay-at-home orders and further economic shut down. Leaving the decision up to individuals and establishments has thus far proven ineffective, as the re-opening of our community has been mirrored by a dramatic increase of cases, beyond a simple increase in testing rates. We have concrete evidence of the impact of loose re-opening measures leading to continued outbreaks.  
PLEASE secure our community!

**Tayler Varney**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:51am 07-13-20

I work in Milwaukee's entertainment industry, but my job has not been possible due to Covid-19; and it will continue to be impossible until we have the virus under control and can again gather safely. If mandatory mask mandates are what it takes to get the public to protect their communities and allow me to return to the career I love sooner, then I am in full support.

**Thomas RYAN**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:51am 07-13-20

Our bodies our choice. Further more once in restaurant and or bar individual takes mask off to eat or drink and it exposed to everyone else guess what the ordinance s now useless. If this passes i wont be shopping in the city of Milwaukee ill take my \$\$ to cities that don't care to infringe on our rights to choose. We are the Land of the free because of the Brave.

**Sarina Sepulveda**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:50am 07-13-20

Should be an individual business decision.

The New England Journal of Medicine says that the face coverings offer little, if any protection from infection. <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2006372>

Public health authorities define a significant exposure to Covid-19 as face-to-face contact within 6 feet with a patient with symptomatic Covid-19 that is sustained for at least a few minutes (and some say more than 10 minutes or even 30 minutes). The chance of catching Covid-19 from a passing interaction in a public space is therefore minimal.

**Lauren Croke**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46am 07-13-20

I am very much against this mask mandate. It is impractical, will not help contain this virus, and masks can be dangerous in the heat. I will not be spending my time and money in the city of Milwaukee if this passes.

**Josh Sawyer**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46am 07-13-20

I oppose. Let citizens use their freedom to make their own choices and accept their own risks, just like everything else. This is not black/white and many smart/expert people disagree on wearing masks

**Shane O'Neil**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:44am 07-13-20

Full Support

**Lauri Hoffman**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:43am 07-13-20

There is far too much evidence out there stating mask wearing is not good for the immune system or psychological wellbeing, that and more. Please STOP the madness. The numbers and deaths DO NOT WARRANT this action. I do not even know if this will be counted because of such deceit that is among the people.

You must do your research and see what a devastating effect this will have overall.

Give the PEOPLE the RIGHT to chose...

Listen to your heart.

**Erin Caffrey**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:42am 07-13-20

We need to be protecting our citizens. People out working right now don't necessarily have a choice whether they want to be there or not and 1/3 of all house holds are high risk. Mandate masks!

### **Logan Bayuk**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:37am 07-13-20

Please pass this ordinance. Public safety is at stake, and this is a simple and effective way to protect ourselves and others.

### **Ariel Budnik**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:36am 07-13-20

I strongly oppose. Research has shown that there are a number of possible risks associated with wearing masks - and requiring them outdoors makes no sense based on the available data. It is also very concerning that there is no mention of how exceptions will be dealt with. How is one expected to prove his exemption and what structures are in place to be sure those people aren't discriminated against? The rancor and judgement evident on the side of those who are pro-mask makes it likely that this will lead to some seriously negative confrontations.

### **Scott Lucey**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:34am 07-13-20

Yes to masks! Masks save lives!

### **Margaret Butler**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:33am 07-13-20

It is in the city of Milwaukee's best interest to require face masks in public spaces to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our city. COVID-19 cases are increasing again, largely in part to people gathering in groups without protective covering. The sooner we are able to mitigate the spread, the sooner our businesses can get back to normal. With a lack of guidelines and carelessness for how businesses were allowed to be reopened, we effectively made the spread of COVID-19 worse. Mandating masks is a logical step in the right direction.

### **Robert Sharon**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:32am 07-13-20

This should have been done ages ago

### **VALERI LUCKS**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:32am 07-13-20

I am 100% in full support of this as are all of the 47 team members at our restaurants. This mandate will make us much safer in our work and help to prevent further shut downs, please pass it!

### **Alexander Howe**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:30am 07-13-20

It is scientifically proven that wearing masks can significantly slow the spread of the virus. Please consider an indoors-only face mask requirement for the sake of the health and safety of all Milwaukee citizens. Cases have been surging, and if the Common Council blocks this ordinance, they will be doing their citizens a great disservice. Any who refuses to wear a mask, or opposes this ordinance, thinks only of themselves.

### **Christopher Premetz**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:30am 07-13-20

Strongly opposed

**Meghan Suchomski**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:29am 07-13-20

I strongly oppose this ordinance and will happily take all of my business out of Milwaukee if it passes.

**Kerri Santos**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:29am 07-13-20

Do not mandate masks.

**Andrew Yaspan**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:29am 07-13-20

Retail and restaurant workers are going to have to deal with the ire of people who are not interested in evidenced-based practices to protect the public health of OTHERS, and by extension themselves. Do not leave those who have the public's health in mind, especially essential workers, to fend for themselves when the people who oppose them will (whether they believe it or not) be putting them in literal danger.

Enforcement concerns are a straw-man argument because the enforcement is not the point. The point is that businesses who want to do the right thing will have leadership to cite.

**Jack Jenkins**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:23am 07-13-20

I strongly oppose this ordinance as it does not specify an end date or establish criteria to met for the ordinance to end. Also, bars and restaurants already have the authority to refuse service to those who choose not to wear a face covering and this ordinance pigeonholes those businesses who have chose to remain neutral on this issue.

**Ali Ward**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:23am 07-13-20

Please keep Milwaukee's health, and Wisconsin's future in mind. We all want things to return to "normal" but it must be done systematically and safely in order to be sustainable. Wearing a mask isn't difficult, it is simply a behavior change. I don't want to cancel my wedding for a second time due to covid restrictions.

**Kelsey Lamb**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:21am 07-13-20

All scientific evidence points to masks being the best strategy for curbing viral spread, sparing the requirement to continue stay-at-home orders and further economic shut down. Leaving the decision up to individuals and establishments has thus far proven ineffective, as the re-opening of our community has been mirrored by a dramatic increase of cases, beyond a simple increase in testing rates. We have concrete evidence of the impact of loose re-opening measures leading to immense and overwhelming outbreaks, as seen in Florida and Texas. PLEASE help our community avoid this same devastation.

**Jennifer Bradney**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:20am 07-13-20

Please pass this ordinance as it's one of the best and only options we have right now to help slow the spread of the virus while we wait for a vaccine. It's not ideal to have to wear a mask but it's a simple new part of daily life for the time being to help protect yourself and others.

**Jen Husz**



Location:

Submitted At: 8:19am 07-13-20

Strongly oppose. Let people decide where they want to go, what businesses they want to support. Government does not need to get involved. The initial goal was to slow the spread and we have done that. We have an empty facility at State Fair park that was never used. Stop the overreach of government.

### **NJ King**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:19am 07-13-20

Enough is enough. The US has recorded its SIXTH single-day record in 10 days with cases surpassing 68,000! In the world, the US accounts for almost 29% of the newly reported cases (per the WHO). Wear a mask. Wear a mask the life you may save may be your own or one of a loved one.

Partisan politics needs to stop. Walk across the bloody aisle and agree to to work together to pass a measure that will save lives. Forget your egos, the right vs. the left and make a decision that will ensure that people will survive this pandemic.

### **Jeremiah Nolte**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:15am 07-13-20

I am very concerned that wearing re-used facemasks is unsanitary. It seems to me that everyone agrees wearing them is to protect others and not yourself. This is noble but nearsighted. If my mask becomes a germ rag I put my immune system at more risk. I will likely get sick and the dominoes will begin to fall. If my neighbor feels healthy, I do not want them to jeopardize their good health because it might protect me if they are A-syptamatic. Their worsened health is guaranteed to affect me.

Do not mandate germ holders. Educate and trust our No. 1 health caregivers - OURSELVES.

### **Kaela Tidus**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:11am 07-13-20

Fully support

### **Jennifer Higgins**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:11am 07-13-20

For the sake of public safety and having a chance at making it to the other side of this pandemic, we need to listen to science and al do our part by wearing masks.

### **Dave Low**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:08am 07-13-20

Making masks mandatory outdoors under any circumstances is just stupid, unenforceable and just playing politics. The city didn't let the police enforce the curfew but now you want us to think the health department can enforce this, they can't.

### **Robert Riordan**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:08am 07-13-20

Please pass this mandate, it's long overdue and has the potential to ensure That we can continue our re-opening process without having to take backward steps (as we have seen in the south).

### **carole chabries**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:08am 07-13-20

please, please, please adopt this mandate. i am not excited to wear masks everywhere i go, and i bet most people aren't. but i want milwaukee to thrive, not be decimated by preventable deaths. i want our kids and

teachers to all be here. our essential workers. i want the economy to rebound. none of this can happen if our population is decimated. i want to live. i want my family to live. i want my neighbors to live. i want \*you\* to live. at this moment in the pandemic, wearing masks is our best strategy to keep more of us alive. thank you for showing us you care.

**Scott Kardell**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:07am 07-13-20

This is terrible public policy that has no relationship to good science. It is no secret in the scientific community that no mask offers anyone significant protection from any viruses, and may actually cause harm to some people.

Political correctness and virtuous feelings do not replace good science, and the public along with small businesses suffer as a result.

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

**ANNEMARIE KAISER**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:04am 07-13-20

I strongly oppose any government mandated mask requirements

**Lyn Ranta**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:02am 07-13-20

Wearing a mask is a small but powerful way to help us control the spread of COVID in our community. We need to make sure that we have an ordinance to help increase compliance with this important public health initiative and keep us all safe.

**Valerie Sichi-Krygsman**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:56am 07-13-20

Public safety is supported by mandatory masks in public spaces.

**Robert Nogrady**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:56am 07-13-20

I oppose this mandate as it should be an individual decision to wear a mask or not.If businesses want to require a mask that is their right and one can choose to shop there or go somewhere that doesn't require a mask.Ive been working maskless since the beginning following the 6 ft rule/hand washing and to my knowledge haven't gotten the virus.Again it should be and individual choice not an unconstitutional government mandate.We all personally responsible for our own safety and health as it should be.

**Rachel Krueger**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:54am 07-13-20

Please pass this measure to protect those who are essential workers and the immunocompromised.

**Dan Perch**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:47am 07-13-20

I absolutely condemn the mandating of masks. "Cases" of Covid-19 are on a rise only because of the unprecedented push for testing. At no other time would anyone get tested for a virus when they have no symptoms. The CDC has legitimately removed the banner of pandemic so stop treating it like it's more of a pandemic. This is purely political. Stop the fear mongering nonsense. If you're sick stay home. If you're afraid wear a mask. We are a country that is increasing unable to take any personal responsibility and wants the government to do it for us. Stop it.

**Allie Barke**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:39am 07-13-20

I strongly OPPOSE any mask mandate. This is an unconstitutional infringement on individual rights. It should remain a choice. Businesses can choose to require masks. There is very little evidence that masks prevent the spread of virus.

**Ava Bush**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:38am 07-13-20

Please pass this! All sound medical advice makes it clear that wearing masks is vital to all our safety.

**David Parzych**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:36am 07-13-20

I oppose outdoor mandate and will refuse to wear a mask while working, driving, or exercising outside. I support indoor use in public places.

**Emma Abes**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:34am 07-13-20

This is for the safety EVERYONE!!!! Please pass this!!!

**Amanda Theys**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:33am 07-13-20

STRONGLY oppose -

Viruses and pandemics have been around since the beginning of time. You cannot stop it. What makes this one different is the fear-mongering media and skewed numbers. People are responsible for their own health, NOT the government. If masks are mandates, then food choices and exercise might as well be mandated too, and I am positive that will not go over well. My body, my choice, right?

**Sonal Jain**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:30am 07-13-20

MASKS ARE A MUST

**Tamara Woods**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:30am 07-13-20

Masks are absolutely necessary

**Alaina Kallas**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:28am 07-13-20

Requiring masks has proven to be the most effective strategy for curbing this pandemic. Milwaukeeans have refused to take the necessary precautions on their own to protect their neighbors and THOUSANDS of your constituents are going to die as a result. They do NOT decrease oxygen whatsoever. Please save us and make a decision based on science in order to serve your constituents. Masks also must be given to low income areas free of charge; we must not use this time to further alienate an underserved area of our community. It's time to step up and serve your constituents. Signed, a voter.

**Holly LK**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:26am 07-13-20

Strongly oppose. Masks are not about health and safety. The holes in all materials used for masks are so much larger than the tiny virus particle, wearing one is like using a chain link fence to keep mosquitos out of your yard.

**Vesla Hoeschen**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:20am 07-13-20

I strongly support mandatory face coverings to prevent the spread of Covid-19. We do not want our community to become the next hot-spot like Florida.

**Betsy Perch**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:09am 07-13-20

Please please please. I will take my business, and my family somewhere else. It grosseS me out seeing people touching their masks every other minute- just a breeding ground for pathogens and it decreases oxygen within 5 min of wearing. Please No sweeping mask order, let the businesses choose to mandate masks in their establishment or not. I cannot breathe in a mask. I CANNOT BREATHE!

**James Blanchard**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:05am 07-13-20

Support this ordinance in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

**Keith Matzkanin**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:01am 07-13-20

I strongly support a mask policy indoors and support businesses that refuse service to people not in compliance . There are plenty of options for those that wish to not wear masks (online shopping, curbside/car pickup).

**Alec Muniz**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:57am 07-13-20

Strongly support

**T.S. Elliot**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:47am 07-13-20

Strongly oppose!

**Trent Ellis**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:32am 07-13-20

Masks should be recommended but never mandated.

**Eric Pitt**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:27am 07-13-20

There are too many people that are not considering the well being of their community. Too many think the pandemic isn't a problem for them or just don't care. Please put a mask ordinance in place.

**David Loken**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:27am 07-13-20

This need be mandatory to the maximum possible extent, indoors and outdoors (one only need look at Brady St. sidewalks and patios to understand why)

**Jolene Hall**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:25am 07-13-20

I am against this proposal, most specifically regarding the outdoor mandate. Also, the age needs to be increased to FIVE years old please!

**Ryan Larkey**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:12am 07-13-20

Please support this measure. It is the only tangible measure we have in our hands to collectively combat this virus. Please disregard the politicized and unscientific opposition to this common sense measure. Masks work if more of us use them.

**Andrea L F**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:10am 07-13-20

Strongly oppose. Stop infringing on my rights as a functioning member of society. I have the right to vote just as I have the right to my own health. Businesses can require it for entry into their establishment but it should be an optional choice per person. This is unconstitutional. And 7/10 times people do not wear masks properly (below their nose) which voids the entire concept of a mask. If you're high risk or scared wear them and stay isolated. This is inevitably pushing this out longer, and it's unsustainable. This is asinine.

**Aimee Ukasick**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:06am 07-13-20

Consumer-grade face masks do not prevent the spread of viruses. <https://www.greenmedinfo.com/blog/masks-dont-work-review-science-relevant-covid-19-social-policy-0>

Instead of debating a fear-driven mask policy, spend your time addressing why people have weakened immune systems. Air pollution; a water supply contaminated with heavy metals like lead and toxins like fluoride; pesticides in our food supply (ewg.org); toxins and carcinogens in personal and household products (ewg.org); unhealthy eating habits (high sugar consumption, bad fats, junk food). Terrain theory vs germ theory!

**Nunya Beeswax**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:03am 07-13-20

"One asymptomatic carrier rode an elevator alone, then 71 people got Covid-19. She did everything right. She had no symptoms, but she self-quarantined anyway after travel. She stayed in her apartment. She ordered-in food"

THIS MIGHT HAVE BEEN PREVENTED BY WEARING A MASK.

[www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c\\_id=2&objectid=12347495](http://www.nzherald.co.nz/world/news/article.cfm?c_id=2&objectid=12347495)

**Kaija Slaukstins-Byrkit**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:59am 07-13-20

I strongly oppose wearing face masks be made mandatory. If people choose to wear one they can

**Micharl Canter**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:43am 07-13-20

Stop the nonsense

**Lacy Landre**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:27am 07-13-20

To those opposed: actually READ the proposed ordinance before blindly denouncing it. Indoor public spaces and

outdoors within 6 feet of others, with medical exceptions for those who can't. Plus a resolution for free masks. That's it - pretty easy. This minor inconvenience will help get things back to normal faster and save an exponential number of lives with basically zero effort. My household and extended family 100% support this ordinance because we care about the well-being of others, regardless of who they vote for.

**Lori la**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:12am 07-13-20

I strongly oppose this. I have not worn a mask and I will not. This is a political scandemic and I refuse to give in to this fear porn. I do not support businesses that require a mask.

**Deborah Olson**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:38am 07-13-20

If you don't feel comfortable with somebody not wearing a mask then stay away from them.

**Meredith Jensen**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:31am 07-13-20

We need to pass a law mandating masks. The virus is not political. Asking people to wear a mask is not too much. Whether individuals agree or disagree (because apparently you can do that with an actual virus?), It's a necessary step towards getting the economy going and getting us out of this mess. The numbers speak for themselves. Let's be an example of success and not embarrassment. Let's present ourselves as an intelligent, compassionate, forward-moving city, rather than a backwards, ignorant clump of morons. Please, please please pass this ordinance!

**no masks**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:40am 07-13-20

do not become MASKNAZIS and force us to wear masks and if you do you need to pay for them out of your own pockets and let the people get the ones that they want and however many they need at your cost not the taxpayers this should be left up to the individual not bunch tyrants

**Zoe Ivanov**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:41am 07-13-20

I don't know why it's so hard for people to wear a mask when you know you're going to be around others. Cases are rising & not wearing a mask at this point is selfish. Make it mandatory.

**Anthony I.**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:07am 07-13-20

I oppose this Draconian order!

**Adam Mihojevich**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:52am 07-13-20

Public health is a human right

**Jaclyn Pachicano**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:51am 07-13-20

This is essential for fighting COVID-19. In the city and nation-wide, numbers are staying high or increasing. It is necessary to take big steps to ensure public health and safety. Face coverings should be required and provided for free to those without access to them.

**Erin Moss**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:45am 07-13-20

This would be so beneficial to the health of our city and community

**Anna Golembiewski**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:44am 07-13-20

Strongly oppose, especially as this has no defined endpoint. "Duration of the pandemic" is vague and subjective. Given the current statistics - 5.5% of the state population affected, 2.2% mortality rate - this is no longer pandemic. Businesses can choose to require masks and individuals can choose whether they want to go to those businesses or not.

**George Maillard**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:42am 07-13-20

I fully support a resolution requiring the mandated use of masks. Certainly nuance is needed, but we should take a proactive stance in looking out for the welfare of those in the city. Should a severe outbreak befall is, beyond just the health impacts would be economic impacts felt at every level.

This is a matter of public health, not partisanship. As the situation and scientific understandings progress, of course, it would be logical to update requirements accordingly.

**Fred D.**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:42am 07-13-20

The outdoor requirement is unenforceable.

The indoor portion has many problems and needs to be corrected to be effective. In its current form, the legislation is political, not useful. Two of these problems include

- 1) Not requiring certified masks. Many improvised masks are ineffective at controlling aerosol sprays.
- 2) Not restricting indoor dining. The city currently allows restaurants to serve customers indoors. This demonstrates a lack of seriousness on the part of the city. If masks are required, indoor dining should be banned. Also, requiring people wear something is creepy and offensive.

**Alex Smith**

Location:

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

Absolutely support mandating masks. Cases are rising and I, someone who is high risk, feel very unsafe in Milwaukee because of the lax attitude towards the virus.

**Angelo Vitucci**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59pm 07-12-20

I do not support the required masks.

**Juliana Edelen**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59pm 07-12-20

Our cases numbers are the highest they've been since the pandemic started. It would be incredibly foolish to continue to do the same thing and expect different results. This virus isn't going anywhere, anytime soon but we will have a fighting chance at avoiding another shutdown, if this goes into effect.

**De Goelz**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:56pm 07-12-20

Masks should never be required, not everyone is safe wearing one.

**Autumn Kaat**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:54pm 07-12-20

i strongly oppose! masks do NOT protect against covid19. if they did we would have been wearing them for years. this is strictly political and nothing more. this is not only a violation of our human rights but goes against the ADA. wearing a mask puts my husband and daughter at severe risk of sudden death since masks inhibit their ability to breathe the oxygen their body needs. masks have extreme risks for everyone, especially those with underlying health conditions and are only weakening our immune systems and lung function which is vital to fight off a respiratory infection.

**WE THE PEOPLE**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:53pm 07-12-20

Unconstitutional and I will petition to have the mayor removed from office

**Corrie Tritz**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:53pm 07-12-20

We all need to do our part to stop the spread of covid. Masks are a simple and low impact way to do that. It just makes sense. Passing a mandate will normalize the practice of maskwearing and apply social pressure to those reluctant to comply with public health practices to do the right thing.

**Dave Dub**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:41pm 07-12-20

Strongly support. The good of the community far exceeds minor personal inconvenience.

**Cheryl Mealey**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:35pm 07-12-20

Strongly oppose. I don't have words to describe how strongly. Do not do this.

**Samantha Kirchoff**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:34pm 07-12-20

Just make it mandated. It does no harm and helps so much. People will always opt for convince of doing nothing if given the option. And they are putting so many others at risk

**Keri Petski**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:31pm 07-12-20

I oppose mandatory mask requirements, especially outdoors and for people with disabilities or illnesses. During the summer how is it expected to exercise with a mask on outside. I believe in being cautious and not going out if sick, but does anyone think this being overly cautious is just weakening our immune system...it needs 'exercise' just like our bodies to stay healthy and effective

**Nathan Moore**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:29pm 07-12-20

I support. This is a proper response based on scientific fact.

**Charles Walker**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:28pm 07-12-20

Please make face coverings in public mandatory. We all need to get the spread of this virus under control!



**Stephen Wetter**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:23pm 07-12-20

Wear a mask to protect your community, it's not complicated. "Individual Freedoms" should not overrule the health, well being and LIVES of others.

**Nathan Stark**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:20pm 07-12-20

I strongly support the mask requirement as it is the only effective preventative measure we can take at this time

**Megan Oster**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:17pm 07-12-20

People with medical and physical disabilities will face increasing levels of harassment from the public if mask mandates go into effect.

Also, there have been no long term studies of the effects of masking children who still have developing lungs. The city and current council members could face massive lawsuits in 10-20 years if restricting oxygen is shown to have even the smallest negative effect on Milwaukee children's development.

**Zoe Phillips**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:17pm 07-12-20

I strongly support, it's the smart and right thing to do.

**nikolai mikkelsen**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:16pm 07-12-20

I oppose a mask requirement outdoors. I support an inside requirement. So if the requirement stands for both indoor and out then I oppose this as written till it is amended to only include inside mask requirements.

**James Miles**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:16pm 07-12-20

Strongly oppose

**Becca Bowen**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:14pm 07-12-20

I support this life saving measure. The science is in: masks prevent spread of COVID. Save Milwaukee lives and get the job done.

**Carly Wilson**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:10pm 07-12-20

Do the right thing. Save lives.

**Na Na**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:10pm 07-12-20

Strongly support.

**David Jonovic**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:56pm 07-12-20

I oppose a mask requirement outdoors. Madison and Shorewood are inside only. I see most people already practicing social distancing outdoors and this seems overly burdensome.

**Hanul Huh**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:55pm 07-12-20

If we had taken this seriously from the start and as a country had adopted mandatory mask policy, then we could be joining the rest of the world in beginning to reopen. The longer we wait to enforce mask wearing, the more people will die. Do the right thing.

**Jack Campbell**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:51pm 07-12-20

The number of cases continues to rise and nothing will stop it unless we take measures against it. If you won't have the courage to value human lives over "the economy" and shut down non-essential businesses, then masks are the bare minimum to mitigate this disaster from further spiraling out of control.

**Slaviša Radjen**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:36pm 07-12-20

Strongly oppose

**Jack Miller**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:26pm 07-12-20

I support the mask ordinance. Masks are important to limiting the spread of coronavirus and keeping local businesses open.

**Taylor Clausen**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:22pm 07-12-20

I support public face mask

**Brook Ihde**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:21pm 07-12-20

It is imperative that you require everyone to wear a mask and put consequences in place for those who do not wear them. This is a life saving ordinance.

**Melanie Adam**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:20pm 07-12-20

Unconstitutional

**Merisa Stacy**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:19pm 07-12-20

Support wearing a face covering in public

**Amy Teutenberg**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:16pm 07-12-20

Please require masks outside of bars especially on Brady Street and other outdoor patios

**Matthew Schmitt**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:16pm 07-12-20

Strongly oppose. While there are appropriate times to wear masks, the WHO cautions against mandates requiring that healthy people 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." I do not support the government taking away this freedom of choice and I will take my business elsewhere if the mandate is passed.

**Erin O**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:14pm 07-12-20

I support this ordinance.

**Sarah Schlict**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:12pm 07-12-20

I oppose. Clearly there is not true consensus on the efficacy or safety of face coverings, or this wouldn't be such a divisive issue. Without a single evidence-based reference, or specific end date, a measure like this could be a slippery slope as to what the government deems essential in regards to making decisions about our bodies. I strongly oppose.

**Alli Smith**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:10pm 07-12-20

I support the mandate for everyone's health and safety.

**Anna Miller**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:08pm 07-12-20

I strongly support this ordinance.

**Chris Guthrie**

Location:

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

Nobody wants to wear a mask outside and who knows when someone will be within 6ft of you. Policing this will be so frustrating and hard to do frankly. I think businesses reserve the right to require masks or not. That way the public can decide if it'll shop there or not(ex: Costco & Menards) Lets be honest most people have no idea how to wear a mask properly anyway which is worse in my opinion. Ultimately nobody likes being told what they have to do and I this is the case here. I wish we spent more time on hand washing vs mask wearing.

**Sara Caron**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:54pm 07-12-20

The widespread wearing of masks can save lives and we owe it to the people who are forced back to work not because it's safe but as an excuse to remove low income workers from unemployment to do so. How will the Common Council ensure that the enforcement of this mandate won't serve as one more excuse for MPD to harass BIPOC communities? What measures will be put in place to ensure accountability and oversight of the equitable enforcement of the masking policy?

**Mark Brodaczynski**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:52pm 07-12-20

I can understand the need for masking indoors but I think the outdoor rule is overreaching. More government regulations will not solve the issue. Personal responsibility and health education will. Get the government out of our personal lives and fix real problems with this city being overrun by criminals and poorly maintained streets,

things that should be the true function of government. Milwaukee is becoming more and more of a \_\_\_\_\_ hole that can't be fixed by more liberal democrats stuffing socialist agendas down the throats of otherwise law abiding citizens while criminals run amok.

**Elizabeth Wellner**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:48pm 07-12-20

There is too much mixed information on masks. You are about to further socially isolate and depress children like my youngster, who has sensory difficulties. He will absolutely not wear a mask. While other people do, and I do when he isn't with me, I can't when he is with me because he needs to see my facial expressions to feel safe. Further, masks will force us to breathe in more bacteria and CO2. We are going to create more problems. In addition, people wearing masks constantly touch and shift them, spreading more germs to anything else they touch. It causes more contamination.

**Julie Burmeister**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:47pm 07-12-20

I oppose this ordinance and support an individuals right to choose.

**Aliza Werner**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:47pm 07-12-20

Without leadership at the federal level, local communities are shouldering the burden to curb cases of COVID-19. Evidence shows that wearing a mask and practicing other safety recommendations, such as hand-washing and physical distancing, make a significant impact on rates of infection. This decision is not a political one, it is rooted in science. To responsibly open up our city and economy, we need to protect others and ourselves in our interactions.

**Larry Boyd**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:43pm 07-12-20

Unconstitutional

**Jenny Quirk**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:38pm 07-12-20

This is a matter of public health and empathy for each other. We've seen the evidence that both masks and social distancing are affective in halting the spread of this virus. Masks are to keep those around you safer. You have no idea what you're exposing people to. Why wouldn't you support the small gesture of wearing one in order to (literally) save lives?

**Kaylee Junk**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:34pm 07-12-20

I OPPOSE THIS ORDINANCE AND SUPPORT INDIVIDUAL CHOICE/FREEDOMS!!!

**Matthew Rutter**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:33pm 07-12-20

I care about children, and think it is unsafe to force coverings on the breathing passages of 3 year olds. Masks are not certified as child safe, and the mask presents a choking/smothering hazard for children. Furthermore, non-medical grade masks aren't certified as conferring any protection from Covid-19, so this policy is not science based. If you pass this ordinance I will just drive outside the city to do all my shopping mask free, and not pay any sales tax to the city. Then I'll buy a house outside the city, and not pay any property taxes to the city. I do not consent to forced masking.

**Liz Cordall**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:31pm 07-12-20

Businesses should not have to enforce laws and should not be penalized if individuals choose to not wear masks.

**Michelle Hill**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:29pm 07-12-20

I support this ordinance.

**Stephanie Bowers**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:26pm 07-12-20

Each business has the right to require or not require masks. This isn't your right to decide for all businesses. Individuals can wear masks or not wear masks and then decide which businesses they will support based on their business policies. Owners own the businesses, not you. Stop trying to control their rights as owners.

**Paige Rinker**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:25pm 07-12-20

I support the mandate for face coverings.

**Angellica Lopez**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:19pm 07-12-20

I support this

**Perla Jimenez**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:16pm 07-12-20

I support the mandate.

**Pam Halfmann**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:55pm 07-12-20

I support requiring masks. I tried to read the legislative text but when I clicked on the link nothing happened. I think citations should go to owners and organizations not individuals. We have done a TERRIBLE job containing Covid19. America has failed its vulnerable populations and its frontline healthcare and essential workers. People should try thinking about someone other than themselves. Sorry if this is a double post. I wrote before but I think it didn't go through because I didn't have an account yet.

**An Mal**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:47pm 07-12-20

There is limited

evidence that wearing a medical mask by healthy individuals in the households or among contacts of a sick patient, or among attendees of mass gatherings may be beneficial as a preventive measure.

14-23 However, there is currently no evidence that wearing a mask (whether medical or other types) by healthy persons in the wider community setting, including universal community masking, can prevent them from infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID

**Sarah Krchma**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:45pm 07-12-20

I support this!

**Ian McDonald**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:44pm 07-12-20

Masks are obviously only one of a number of necessary elements, but it might be an idea to look at pandemic responses in parts of the world that have been more successful than here, and where masks are regarded as a normal precaution. Japan has a population of approx 125 million with less than 1000 deaths to date, South Korea with a population of 51 million and 289 deaths. We have a population here in Wisconsin of 5.8 million and already 800 deaths.

**Abigail Sanders**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:38pm 07-12-20

Masks will save lives. While wearing a mask is a simple and painless task, unfortunately many still think it unnecessary. Mandatory mask wearing in public is an easy step to help stop the spread of COVID-19.

**Luke Miller**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:34pm 07-12-20

I strongly support this. Wearing a mask is to protect the health and safety of those around you. It is sad that it must be enforced, but I am sad and afraid when I walk around our city and see so many people not wearing masks. This is an easy, safe, and cheap way to save lives of those in your community and I see no reason why this should be a problem to implement.

**Helena Johnson**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:23pm 07-12-20

I oppose this proposal.

**Hannah Bergman**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:20pm 07-12-20

I am disturbed by the number of people who claim that being mandated to cover half of one's face is no big deal. This mandate is a very big deal for the social, emotional, and language development of children. Meanwhile, there is no science to support the use of masks by healthy people. Those who have seen some data, please don't be shy! There is certainly no basis for allowing flimsy, useless cloth coverings if health is our goal. Cloth face covers may even increase one's chance of illness for what I think would have been obvious reasons as recently as last year! I will not fear my neighbor.

**Nina Smith**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:18pm 07-12-20

It is unfortunate we have to mandate something that should be common courtesy. If people could respect others personal space, it probably wouldn't be necessary. However, this isn't the case, & the more people resist, the worse it will stay. We all have to suffer so that we can be safer. Let's work together & put our egos away for awhile.

**Willow Baillies**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:11pm 07-12-20

I support this bill. I am glad to see that reasonable exceptions are listed.

**Lars McFeely**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:01pm 07-12-20

I oppose as written. You have no authority to mandate mask wearing in outdoor spaces. "Experts" have all stated that you need longer exposure (10 minutes) for an increased chance of contracting it. I am ok with indoor mandates, but outdoors now you're overstepping your boundaries. Also the minimum age should be 5 not 3.

**Kati Schuda**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:58pm 07-12-20

People have shown that they can't be trusted to have enough common sense to not spread covid. Extenuating circumstances call for extenuating solutions. Forcing people to wear a mask will help keep the spread of covid low so we can get past this and enjoy going out again.

**Bill Gee**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:52pm 07-12-20

The outdoor mask wearing is a bridge too far. It's hard to believe Milwaukee could make the reopening worse than the lockdown but here we are

The science indicates that in passing one on the street that the chances of transmission are near zero. There must be "prolonged contact". What proponents term support is in reality is a forced recruitment of everyone into the same emotional mold regarding masks. We're everyone is told that we are all part of some great effort. This is an attempt to force submission on Covid unbelievers.

**Jeffrey Prichard**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:48pm 07-12-20

Oppose as written. I support the need, but no issues were fixed in the committee meeting. The minimum age needs to be raised to 5, and the exceptions clarified especially around eating and drinking.

**Natalie Wasek**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:44pm 07-12-20

I support an ordinance requiring face coverings in public spaces to help save lives.

**Chris Rauch**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:34pm 07-12-20

I do not support the ordinance. I am an adult and I know how to socially distance especially when outside. It is difficult to wear the mask while exercising.

**Emily Sumner**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:33pm 07-12-20

Why would we not do everything we can to protect our residents? It's such a simple concept. The ordinance will show that our leaders care for their residents, and that we should care for each other.

**Christina Lee**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:24pm 07-12-20

I work in a public space and right now customers argue with us and refuse to wear a mask to keep us safe. Putting this on businesses creates huge struggles while small businesses are already on the brink of extinction. If someone gets our staff sick by not wearing a mask, we will have to close down while we sort out who all got sick. Many places can't afford to close down once, yet alone repeatedly. Refusing to wear a mask is not only deadly for other people, it is awful for the economy. The longer this goes on the longer we shut down the city.

**Timothy Biggin**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:23pm 07-12-20

This is a good idea. Milwaukee is a major hot spot and people aren't taking it seriously in public spaces. I hope this passes.

**Mitchell Piacsek**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:21pm 07-12-20

The decision whether to wear a mask should be left to each individual. This is just an opportunity that the city is trying to exploit to take money from its citizens and increase "crime". The majority of people do not wear masks when visiting each other's personal residences anyway, rendering this mandate null. At the very least, any requirement should not be applicable to the outdoors.

**Marisa Seguin**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:16pm 07-12-20

I fully support requiring masks in public spaces. If the experts are right, then we are helping to slow the spread of Covid-19. If they are wrong, then we are wearing some fabric on our face for a little while. Big deal. It is the bare minimum that we can do to protect one another—especially essential workers.

**Emily Vega**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:14pm 07-12-20

I support this measure in hopes that my children can return to school safely and without the fear of another surge of cases. If we act now, we may have a chance to slow the virus down enough before school is scheduled to start.

**Savannah Bierma**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:11pm 07-12-20

Make mask mandatory

**Eileen Berry**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:09pm 07-12-20

I vote for a mask mandate. Please help keep us safe.

**Amanda Hsu**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:06pm 07-12-20

I support mandating people wear masks in public places both inside and outside. I know people have freedom to choose whatever they want. However, people shouldn't put the public health in risk just because to fulfill their own will which is very selfish. It has been proved in lots of countries such as Taiwan, Japan, Korea and even China that wearing masks in public places could greatly help control the spread of covid. For those who oppose to wearing masks, I beg you not just think of yourself, please act as a good citizen, help the community, the economy and the country back to normal.

**Andrea Leshok**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:52pm 07-12-20

This targets small business.

**Lara Abramson**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:50pm 07-12-20



I strongly OPPOSE wearing masks outdoors! There is no reason to wear a mask or face covering outside, unless you're at a "protest" or someplace that people are close together. You DO NOT need to wear a mask in your car (duh), you're the only one there (or you're with your own family). I refuse to wear a mask to walk my dog, to go for a run or walk. Also, it's a virus!!! It's not going away and we all will be exposed at some point. Stop taking away my constitutional rights to enjoy being outside WITHOUT a face cover. Controlling much? NO to masks outdoors!

**Hannah Rodenbeck**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:43pm 07-12-20

I support mandatory masks for the city of Milwaukee to slow and ultimately stop the spread of Covid-19.

**Aisha Coursen**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:35pm 07-12-20

The next month will be crucial in protecting the elderly, the immunocompromised, those with preexisting medical conditions, the pregnant, and the unknown number of people who might have an extreme immune reaction to the virus. An easy, simple way in which we can mitigate the spread is through widespread mask-wearing. Masks act not only as protective barriers when used properly, but also as a reminder that we are in the midst of a pandemic & need to act accordingly. It is a social signal to others that we care about each other & are prioritizing our community's safety.

**James Chandler**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:35pm 07-12-20

I don't support the mask requirement. I work in Milwaukee but if the ordinance passes, work is all I will ever do while in town. Judging from some of the comments I have read, I will not be alone.

**David Guzman**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:33pm 07-12-20

Wearing a mask is the RESPONSIBLE thing to do for the common well-being.

**Joseph Steiner**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:22pm 07-12-20

I support this measure to help stop the spread of Covid-19. It is important to value community and worker health through this simple precautionary requirement.

**Madeline Peckenpaugh**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:20pm 07-12-20

Strongly support!!!

**Hannah Steiner**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:15pm 07-12-20

I support this measure as a effort to protect public and community health.

**Madelyne Riley**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:12pm 07-12-20

Wearing a mask reduces the spread of Covid-19 substantially, it should absolutely be required.

**Nicole Meifert**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:50pm 07-12-20

I do NOT support the mask mandate. I should have a choice as to whether I want to wear one or not as should the various businesses. Last time I checked we still live in America, land of the free. People can choose to whether they would like to patronize a business or not based on their opinion on whether or not to wear a mask. Let people use common sense and wash their hands and keep their distance just like what we do when the cold and flu are going on.

### **Rachel Olson**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:25pm 07-12-20

I support a mandated ordinance

### **Schuyler Welch**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:09pm 07-12-20

While I do support wearing masks in public, I do not support a government mandate. My business has already enacted mandatory masks for both employees and customers. Why are we waiting on the government when we as a community can take the lead. This is nothing more than our newly elected public servants pandering to those who don't understand consequence. This mandate will only lead to fines for small businesses, and local profits spent at adjacent suburbs. While not unconstitutional, this mandate questions the autonomy of private business and the individual's ability to choose whom to support.

### **Wayne Rohde**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:04pm 07-12-20

I would like to register my strong opposition to any resolution calling for mandatory masking in the city of Milwaukee. Any such ordinance is unnecessary, inconvenient, and ineffective, according to numerous medical authorities. To impose such a mandate on children five years old and older is harmful to their health and mental well being. Such a mandate is also clear governmental overreach, which will result in numerous costly, and most likely successful, lawsuits, given the recent rejection by the Wisconsin Supreme Court of Gov. Evers "Safer At Home" order.

### **Scott Leblanc**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:03pm 07-12-20

People! This is NOT the plague! Or HIV. It is a common cold with a kick! The problem is the individual. The COMMON SENSE that they are lacking. For God sake, I've seen people piss right on a public sidewalk in broad daylight. Instead of the ridiculous proposal of mandatory masks, which nobody's going to listen to anyway, start teaching people to grow up and get some good hygiene and habits. Is it me or is washing your hands after going to the bathroom something that just started this year?

Do you make out with someone with the flu or a cold? No. So, learn something new for once.

### **Courtenay Kessler**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:00pm 07-12-20

I support the mask mandate legislation. As a health and public policy student/researcher, I believe it is critical for the Milwaukee community to take immediate action to protect our citizens from COVID19 and it's devastating consequences. As a Milwaukee resident, I have been wearing a mask with pride. I do believe the Council could go beyond this current legislation (to further mandate for within 6 feet). Wearing a mask is one way we can reduce the risk and continue to support local businesses and workers while keeping them, our neighbors, and our own families safe. Thank you.

### **Grant Gill**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:48pm 07-12-20

I support this mandate. Other than staying at home, this is the only other proven precaution one can take to prevent the spread of the virus. Additionally, mask wearing is only effective if all parties partake in the practice. It is also constitutional to mandate mask wearing: Jacobson v Mass 1905

### **Daniel Jacobs**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:34pm 07-12-20

As a business owner and employer of 60 employees, we need this more then ever. We need the city to back up restaurants and bars. We have enough on our plate dealing with the economics of how \$&@?ed we are. I cannot keep arguing about wearing a mask. Do it because wearing one is the most humane thing you can do right now.

### **Winfield Waggoner**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:23pm 07-12-20

First, this is unconstitutional & will not hold up in a court of law. Second, this will harm lower socioeconomic groups-those who can't afford a mask & those who can't afford a fine for not wearing a mask. Third, individuals are opposed to wearing masks will avoid doing business in Milwaukee until the ban is lifted causing millions in lost revenue for the city. Lastly, this shows a lack of faith in the individual by government. You can't legislate morality. Instead, I encourage the City to release a mask guideline for businesses to follow. Trust between government and the governed is at stake.

### **Phoenix Brown**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:19pm 07-12-20

We are all going to know someone who died from Covid if we do not make mask wearing mandatory in Milwaukee public spaces.

### **Nathaniel Davauer**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:10pm 07-12-20

I support the mask policy. I'm a bar owner and it's hard to keep my staff, myself, and my family safe. Anything that can be done to help control accidental spread is a tool we need to help us keep the economy going and the community safe.

### **Rebecca Riddle**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:04pm 07-12-20

Local business owner here. We strongly support a safe and healthy environment for our staff and guests. We, along with many other businesses, simply can't afford to have a gray area in regards to mask wearing. It needs to be a standard or, frankly, this public health crisis is going to go on much longer and eventually damage the likelihood of businesses surviving. Please make it a standard for wearing one inside public spaces.

### **Christopher Muetz**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:44pm 07-12-20

I strongly support requiring masks to be worn in public spaces, most especially indoor spaces. As a restaurant worker, I have seen firsthand the recklessness and idiocy with which the general population has moved around in public spaces. I have no choice but to interact with a\*\*holes who believe they are owed my time and service. My only other option is to quit my job and stop paying my bills.

### **Alyssa Anderson**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:24pm 07-12-20

We are in a pandemic and people have made it clear that they do not care about one another and would rather see people die than wear a mask. This is so disgusting and disappointing to me. WE MUST MANDATE MASKS. It is absolutely necessary and will save hundreds of people.

**Sarah Walker**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:11pm 07-12-20

This ordinance should not apply to young children or outside spaces. In stores where masks are required, I encourage my young children to wear them, but I remind them to replace/readjust their masks multiple times during shopping trips. If this ordinance passes, my family will have to do our shopping outside the city to avoid being penalized or excluded from establishments when my young children inevitably remove or improperly wear their masks. It's also unrealistic (and unsafe) to require people (especially young children) to wear masks outside for extended periods, while exercising/playing.

**Angela Wierzbinski**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:40pm 07-12-20

Masks save lives. As a business owner my life and livelihood depends on this. We have a responsibility to help to get this important piece of legislation get passed.

**Mark Baumgardner**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:37pm 07-12-20

First, the decision to wear a mask or require a mask on your property should be left to individuals and business owners, not government. Consumers can vote with their feet. If true public demand for masks existed, business owners would all adopt mask policies and this would happen organically. This is a good way to drive more consumers to suburban businesses, where no mandates exist. Secondly, in all of WI, there are only 264 COVID-19 hospitalized patients, compared to 446 in April, during full lockdown. COVID-19 is decreasing in severity, not increasing.

**Rachel Hausmann Schall**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:09pm 07-12-20

Implementing a mask mandate is absolutely vital to the survival of our community (especially BIPOC communities) and crucial to successfully overcoming and moving forward from the pandemic. Masks needs to be required, it's an easy, simple way we can literally save lives and stop the spread of the virus. It's not an infringement of rights, it's the way we can protect our public health.

**Tyler Schoen**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:58pm 07-12-20

It's vitally important to value the health and well-being of the community over the potential minor discomfort of a few. Masks aren't going to kill you but COVID can

**Riley Niemack**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:46pm 07-12-20

We must protect our public space workers including service industry staff.

**Jon East**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:46pm 07-12-20

We must pass this to save lives.

**Meghan Staszak**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:44pm 07-12-20

As a business owner, I strongly support this ordinance. Mask use = less infections = keeping our businesses open for business. If infection rates go up and we are forced to close our doors again, we (as well as many other businesses) will go out of business. We need to keep our residents safe AND keep the economy going. We have

the power to do both by mandating masks in public spaces.

I am all for protecting our individual rights as citizens, but there comes a time when an individuals poor choice affects the health and well-being of someone else. That's not ok. Masks = keeping us all safe.

**Claire Zankle**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:17pm 07-12-20

It's simple common sense. Protect Milwaukee and its civilians.

**Nick Dalzell**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:00pm 07-12-20

Please keep restaurant employees safe. It's not hard or inconvenient to wear a mask.

**Jordan Wold**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:47pm 07-12-20

If there's any chance that by everyone in the community wearing masks the number of positive reported cases can be lowered, this is a no-brainer.

**Kelsey Schoenknecht**

Location:

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

Masks should be mandatory in public settings. We need to prioritize taking care of each other and getting through this sooner. It is truly not that difficult to temporarily cover your nose and mouth while in public, near other people, running errands, etc. Let's not let conspiracy theories about masks get in the way of protecting the health and safety of ourselves and our loved ones.

**Sarah Adashek**

Location:

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

Wear a mask to protect your community!

**Emma Fisher**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:31pm 07-12-20

I support this mandate.

**Quinn Blackshere**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:18pm 07-12-20

I support a mask mandate! We as individuals have a responsibility to keep our communities healthy, as well protecting our families. There is no room for selfishness and slight inconvenience during a global pandemic.

**Melissa Riley**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:09am 07-12-20

Masks save lives

**Chenoa Garza**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:16am 07-12-20

I do not support face covering or masks as a requirement. This is in deep violation of our freedom and constitutional rights. The numbers of both deaths and cases of covid are inaccurate. Covid deaths: when an

individual has died from a clear alternative cause but also had covid at the time, the government is saying death by covid. Covid cases: when an individual goes into one dept. Of a hospital they are tested. When they go into another dept. They are tested again. If each time they were positive, each test would be counted as one person. Therefore now 2 cases of covid. Not 1.

### **Robyn Brown**

Location:

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

Contrary to common opinion, community mask-wearing does not prevent the spread of viruses. The Association of American Physicians and Surgeons put out a compilation of mask studies. Please follow the actual science, not emotional, science-free opinions. [https://aapsonline.org/mask-facts/?fbclid=IwAR3F66mIOUGrh7kusBb4EIWBHu3gOM9\\_tUgu1pRX-6qNhQxUuD3-YiK5bWo](https://aapsonline.org/mask-facts/?fbclid=IwAR3F66mIOUGrh7kusBb4EIWBHu3gOM9_tUgu1pRX-6qNhQxUuD3-YiK5bWo)

### **Joe Mucciolo**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:03am 07-12-20

I will be refusing jobs in Milwaukee if this passes along with looking for a new place of residence. The reasoning, the constitutionality, and the science are all questionable. Plus I am concerned about Milwaukee's commitment to protect me or allow me to protect myself from crime within their city limits.

### **Andy Mori gello**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:03am 07-12-20

Masks should be a choice. If someone has one on, there is no reason for someone else to have to wear one. There is also no reason to wear one outside.

### **Jonathan Wichmann**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:50am 07-12-20

Anyone who votes for this has been paid off or told to do so by the Deep State. This is un-American and anyone voting for this should have to resign from office.

### **Eleos Alatheia**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:40am 07-12-20

No civil magistrate has the authority to mandate the use of masks. It's a gross abuse of your authority. Such tyranny should be resisted by the people to keep their govt in check. I and many others will not comply with your lawlessness.

In addition, studies that came out long before Covid came on the scene have not shown masks to be the fail safe solution we've been led to believe they are and could in fact cause more harm than good when not used properly (which almost no one does). Not only do you not have the authority to mandate masks, it doesn't even make good scientific sense to do so.

### **Cameron Bates**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:00am 07-12-20

Masks should be 100% personal choice.

### **Milwaukee Resident**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:28am 07-12-20

Scientism may be all knowing, but science is certainly not. Clearly there is not true consensus on the efficacy or safety of face coverings, or this wouldn't be such a divisive issue. Without a single evidentiary reference, a measure like this could be a slippery slope as to what the government deems essential in regards to making

decisions over our bodies. I do not consent.

### **Deb Frydach**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:23am 07-12-20

Masks should be a choice. It discriminates against deaf and people with multiple health issues it should be your choice not government

### **Maja Cu**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:13am 07-12-20

Because the government has no right to tell me what I can and can't wear! Look up science to know that masks don't work!

### **Dana Detwiler**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:12am 07-12-20

No masks. Personal choice.

### **Katherine Stroud**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:03am 07-12-20

I strongly oppose. I will freely wear a mask when I am sick but not when I am healthy for the rest of my life. Stop trying to control people. I will not patron any business that requires I wear a mask. This is supposed to be a free country!

### **rika petri**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:32am 07-12-20

making legal requirements that force people to wear a mask is unconstitutional tyranny

### **Diana Rowland**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:55am 07-12-20

I strongly oppose. This attempt at control and infringement on our personal freedoms is unacceptable. If one feels that they need to wear a mask they absolutely should do so, without holding others accountable to their personal choices. There evidence to support mask wearing is contradictory at best, and has not been proven to be effective. This mandate is over the top and unreasonable.

### **SI Harris**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:37pm 07-11-20

I oppose this ordinance. I notice there is no END DATE in the ordinance, tell me what the END DATE is and what metrics are being used? You cannot pass this without a defined plan and goal. COVID is no longer considered a pandemic, death rates have decreased to the average # of deaths in America/day. If masks and being 6 feet apart are the solution why wasn't this implemented back in April? If this is the solution, I would expect that Milwaukee businesses will open up at 100% given that everyone is doing their part. Will that occur as part of this ordinance? Clear answers are needed.

### **Jesse Doiron**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:56pm 07-11-20

How is this even being debated? It might not be much but if we want to keep leaving our houses then science (please refer to how Brigham and Women's/Massachusetts General Hospital was able to stay open without any spread amongst coworkers) says wearing masks is our best shot. To quote Alexander Hamilton (so that everyone

knows that I'm not trying to destroy the foundation this country was built on, looking at you Trump) "It's time to take a shot...I'm not throwing away my shot." I suggest you mandate no one else does as well bc we only win if we're in this together. God Bless.

### **Daniel Richardson**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:12pm 07-11-20

Support mandated masks but not outside. Outdoor transmission rates are much lower than indoors and would halt increased physical activity momentum from quarantine era. Lack of activity is more widespread and will be around long after COVID is an afterthought.

### **Emily Bralick**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:46pm 07-11-20

This is so important, we shouldn't even be debating it. We need to require masks to be mandatory in ALL public/shared spaces. I support this as someone who is a believer in public health and science, AND because I am immunocompromised, as are so many others in our city.

This is not about "freedom", this is about curbing a dangerous, at times deadly, pandemic so we can finally get back on track.

### **gr Devlin**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:39pm 07-11-20

s/b voluntary It seems that the common council and others pushing mandatory coverings may be under informed about the status of the flu in the city of MKE. The medical community has had success with cures (in the case of early intervention), and few people are succumbing to Covid. Since June 18 daily deaths have been minimal, on some days zero. June 30 to July 3 had only 1 fatality. If the city of Milwaukee has 585,000 people, with working population (downtown) increasing those numbers during the day, the trend shows that 1 person in the city of Mke has 6 one hundredths of one percent chnc

### **Patricia Kind**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:44pm 07-11-20

They should not be mandated. Everytime I go out in public I see masks on the ground and more than half of people using them improperly. We should have a choice if we want to wear one or not.

### **Helena Ehlke**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:18pm 07-11-20

Masks UNHEALTHY for wearer+do nothing to protect others from microscopic virus; Masks HARMFUL TO humans. Wearing facemask reduces blood+tissue oxygenation-can be deadly-while increasing carbon dioxide levels. Masks increase risk of infection+spread of viral illness, hinder detox via exhale, impair immune system+cause many ailments physical+emotional. Positive "spikes" from falsely inflated computer models; CDC recognizes at this date Covid virus NOT a pandemic+at this time is NOT deadly threat to over 99.9% of populations; studies now indicate asymptomatic are definitely NOT any danger to spread it

### **Alexis McAdams**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:27pm 07-11-20

I support the mask mandate! We must wear masks to support and protect our neighbors and family. Wearing a mask is a small personal inconvenience that is proven to reduce viral transmission risk and save lives! It's the cheapest and easiest way to decrease the virus numbers in our city and our state. Pass the requirement for face coverings!



**Russell Fox**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:02pm 07-11-20

Wear the mask.

**Anthony Schwader**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:27pm 07-11-20

Again, I am in full support of this. Wear a mask! And again, I will not post any stupid links here, I just want to live. Thank you.

**Jarred Nonnemacher**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:27pm 07-11-20

Masks only work if everybody in the room is wearing them. It takes one person not wearing a mask to ruin it for everybody. The service industry is growing tired of serving people that are jeopardizing their health.

Most people who oppose say "if you're scared don't go out." but the reality is most of the people who are scared are working jobs serving people who refuse to protect people around them.

**Anna Deisinger**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:40am 07-11-20

Masks should be mandatory to help slow the spread of covid. I don't feel like my rights are being violated by wearing one because I'm not ignorant or selfish and I care about the safety of others. I wear a mask for 8 hours everyday I work and I'm still able to talk and breathe with one on. There's absolutely no excuse to not wear one. I don't want to see Milwaukee's covid numbers continue to rise and rise.

**Barry Keefe**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:37am 07-11-20

Requiring masks in public is the right decision. In Sweden, they chose not to require masks, thinking that the sensibility of their people would prevail. It did not work, and Sweden now has 40% more deaths than the United States per million people. Their economy has also suffered as a result. The coronavirus acts the same in Milwaukee as it does in Sweden. The city should support residents in meeting the requirement, and should enforce it equitably. If you want to protect the health of your constituents, and mitigate damage to the local economy, you need to require masks.

**Hannah Bonikowske**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:36am 07-11-20

Wearing a mask should most definitely be mandatory. As a dentist, I am now required to wear two masks when treating patients (N95 covered by a regular surgical mask). If I can handle this all day, people can surely handle wearing one while in a store or other public place. It's been proven that wearing a mask protects those around you, so it's the moral and unselfish thing to do. However, since so many people aren't doing the right thing on their own, I believe that there needs to be legislation making masks required.

**Tammy Austrup**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:52am 07-11-20

The public does not use masks properly. They are meant to be thrown away or washed after each use. Most people keep reusing the same mask for weeks. They get stuffed in purses and bags picking up bacteria and viruses along the way. My clients are constantly touching and moving their mask around adding more bacteria to their masks. Cloth masks are ineffective and give a false sense of security. Many people have a very hard time wearing a mask even briefly and get migraine headaches. We need to have the right to choose what works for our families.

**Shannon Haggerty**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:47am 07-11-20

I will not wear a mask. I'm essential worker I already wear one because its Mandatory, the violation of my rights is ridiculous! You can ticket me as u see fit, but I wont pay for a ridiculous ordinance. You as a city have better things to take care, do that instead. Clean up the city. Elect a new mayor. Stop the violence. feed the hungry. But leave me and my choices to me.

**Lisa Haessly**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:03am 07-11-20

Unconstitutional

**David Beyer**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:45am 07-11-20

Masks are going to be the only thing for the foreseeable future that will help us "return to normal" We need everyone to be onboard for the communities physical well-being, as well as for the economy's "health"

**Allison McKelvey**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:56am 07-11-20

I strongly oppose. This attempt at control and infringement on our personal freedoms is unacceptable. If one feels that they need to wear a mask they absolutely should do so, without holding others accountable to their personal choices. There evidence to support mask wearing is contradictory at best, and has not been proven to be effective. This mandate is over the top and unreasonable.

**M. Kenner**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:51pm 07-10-20

The masks are not scientifically proven to be effective. This is a way to control people and infringe on our individual freedoms. I strongly oppose and hope more individuals support the individuals right to chose what is right for them and their family. If you feel compelled to wear a mask please do so, but don't force your fears on every one.

**Mason Miller**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:46pm 07-10-20

I believe in science, I believe in comparison for my fellow man. Strongly support

**Peter Whelpley**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:58pm 07-10-20

I *strongly* support mandating face-coverings. There's strong evidence of facial coverings being effective, and even more study-based evidence showing increasing urgency for masks. The refusal to wear a mask is irresponsible, ignorant, and selfish. Mandating facial coverings will remove the possibility that someone can get me or my family sick because they think a piece of fabric infringes on their freedoms. Please, the burning passion for 'freedom' by these highly individualistic clowns is what brought this on us. Mandate masks now, and maybe we'll make it to 2021.

**Haley Miller**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:57pm 07-10-20

I strongly support masks being required in public spaces! There are many reasons why America has failed so miserably at containing the spread of COVID compared to other countries, & one of them is that many of our citizens are either too selfish or too uneducated (or both!) to simply mask up in public and help keep our

communities safe. I'm flabbergasted that there are people saying there is "no scientific evidence" to support this. Seriously? Google is free. America is already the laughing stock of the world - PLEASE do one thing right and make face coverings required in ALL public spaces.

**Terrence Timm II**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:47pm 07-10-20

This infringes on our personal rights and it's a very slippery slope. Strongly oppose this mandate!!

**Sarah Finn**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:43pm 07-10-20

I strongly support making masks required while being out in public. It will help keep us safe and slow the spread. I fear bringing home this virus to my vulnerable family members when there are so many people without masks and community spread of COVID-19 is so high. Many people are acting like this is over and as we've seen with huge spikes around the country that isn't the case. Please pass this ordinance.

**Allyson Portillo**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:41pm 07-10-20

I definitely support this order. I think requiring masks is necessary to reduce the transmission of Covid-19. Whenever I am in public spaces, indoor and outdoor, I notice the majority of people are not wearing masks. I am a resident of Milwaukee County.

**C L Lapworth**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:09pm 07-10-20

Please keep us open, keep us safe. Without one we cannot do the other.

**Emily VanHandel**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:17pm 07-10-20

This ordinance is essential to promoting public health and saving lives. I would feel much more comfortable working in the public, going grocery shopping, and riding public transportation if the city required everyone to do their part and wear a mask. Please do the right thing—this is common sense disease prevention!

**Mary Johnston**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:16pm 07-10-20

We need wide spread mask use to protect our community

**Brianne Marcum**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:03pm 07-10-20

Strongly support

**Molly Collins**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:51pm 07-10-20

Strongly support

**Mandy Denner**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:35pm 07-10-20

STOP BEING IGNORANT AND SELFISH AND WEAR A MASK.

**Deanna Sommerfeld**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:26pm 07-10-20

Wearing a mask is such a simple thing to do for many of us who are not working long hours or in hot temperatures. Since I have been going to grocery and hardware stores, I potentially could catch the virus. Therefore I wear a mask, just in case! People's lives are at stake. Many older people do not have access to internet or a smart phone to order everything for pick up or delivery so they are in the stores. Let's do our best to make sure they stay virus free.

**Paula Meyer**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:18pm 07-10-20

There is contradictory evidence about mask wearing. Some health officials claim wearing masks will help contain the spread of the corona virus while others claim with equal veracity masks are ineffective, and some officials even posit that wearing masks for prolonged periods may be harmful to health. As such, there is no overwhelming evidence to support mandatory mask wearing. Under such contradictory circumstances it is not sensible for elected leaders at any level to enforce a mask wearing mandate.

**Kelly Lowrey**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:13pm 07-10-20

Mask wearing is integral to stopping the spread of Corvid; a mask requirement will help and keep safe those most in danger, essential workers.

If business must reopen please insure that workers remain safe.

**Hecky Naw**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:02pm 07-10-20

Everyone should wear protection...

**Tom Richardson**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:58pm 07-10-20

I am appalled at the ignorance in some of these comments! In many other places in the world, where every action is NOT a matter of having one's liberty curtailed, wearing a mask during a pandemic is a NO-BRAINER! The mask is not to keep you from getting COVID. It is to help keep you from unknowingly giving it to someone else! We know that people can have COVID and not know it, and those people can infect others. Masks have been shown to cut the potential transmission of the virus by as much as 80%! It IS science, people! Wake up - people are dying!

**Alex Ebbers**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:29pm 07-10-20

Get rid of the outdoor requirement at the very least. Preferably the whole thing - people should be able to make their own decisions

**Eleanor Hazard**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:27pm 07-10-20

It is the right thing to do. Masks are scientifically proven to help stop the spread of coronavirus. If they want businesses to operate at 50% capacity-people need to be wearing masks at the very least. Although I think moving to phase four will quickly be reversed.

**Peggy Kincaid**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:26pm 07-10-20

**STRONGLY OPPOSE.** There are NO studies on the effectiveness of wearing masks by the general public in public spaces. If the Common Council has such data, they are negligent in not sharing it with the rest of the country and the world. If a restaurant or business wants to set and enforce a mask rule, they are free to do so and the consumer can decide if they want to patronize that business or not. I for one will NOT spend any \$\$ in Milwaukee as there are other communities in which to shop and spend time.

### **J. Leigh Day**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:25pm 07-10-20

It's not the job of unelected government persons, businesses, nor other persons to dictate or mandate ANY unsolicited, unfounded medical advice. In doing so they assume any and all medical and financial liabilities. Enacting this unfounded, unhealthy, overreach will result in more far more illness, deaths, and economic destruction than has already been waged on this city. Every tax paying business that is being strong armed or threatened to enforce these unconstitutional "guidelines" needs to sue these committee members personally and professionally and take their money and business elsewhere.

### **Judi Pool**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:12pm 07-10-20

I would no longer shop or visit Milwaukee. There are too many places all around Milwaukee that are friendly to EVERYONE. If you want to wear a mask, wear one. I don't, so I won't. My body, my choice, right?

### **John Doe**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:11pm 07-10-20

It is not the place of the government to limit private citizens especially in places of business. That is the right/responsibility of entrepreneurs everywhere to do so. The governments place is not to empower them and anything less is an overextension under a pretense of a supposed moral authority of "govt knows best" at best and is at worst using a "public health crisis" for political pandering. If bars/restaurants are this worried about keeping everyone covered, maybe they shouldn't open as it is impossible to eat with cover over your mouth and the virus doesn't stop at 60 inches suddenly.

### **Rocky Harrison**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:51pm 07-10-20

I Strongly Oppose forcing the Public to wear a mask. It has been a proven Fact, that wearing a Face Mask or Covering for Long periods of time Weakens Your Immune System. Most dont wear them correctly or even Follow the Correct guidelines for them anyway. Surgical Masks are Only good for 30 minutes in a CLEAN Room Setting ONLY! N95 masks are used to keep you from inhaling DUST PARTICLES! Face Coverings are useless And Very Harmful due to built up Bacteria growing around your mouth and nose. This is NOT a Communist Country. We are FREE to do what we Please. Keep it that way!

### **Grant Postier**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:41pm 07-10-20

I strongly support making face coverings mandatory in all public spaces. If we keep delaying our response to COVID-19, the consequences will continue to increase. Wearing a mask is the most common sense action that will minimize the transmission of this disease and save lives. We as a country have failed to respond appropriately to this pandemic and are clearly seeing the consequences of our inaction. A mask requirement is critical to stop the spread more than it has already.

### **Robert Gonzalez**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:40pm 07-10-20

This ordinance will destroy small businesses. It will encourage anti mask consumers to spend outside the City of

Milwaukee. The Council and the Mayor will add to the division and ire between those who choose to wear and those who do not. ,

### **Meg Kilkenny**

Location:

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

I strongly support making face coverings mandatory in public spaces. This is an important measure that can be taken to decrease the spread of COVID-19 in our community. I also hope that the enforcement of this ordinance, when/if passed, is equally enforced. An example of an enforced mandate is the stay-at-home order, where 78% of arrests were African American - an incredibly high percentage that reveals a troubling pattern by the Milwaukee Police Department treating our Black and Brown neighbors differently (info from article titled by Edgar Mendez, Milwaukee Neighborhood News Service).

### **Jacob Schmidt**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:45pm 07-10-20

**STRONGLY OPPOSE:** Unless a mask is worn properly, made of the proper material, and adheres like a suction cup to your face, it provides little to no protection against a virus like COVID-19. This is a waste of time in consideration and tax payer money in implementation. If such bad measures are allowed, what else will be passed in the name of "health"? Will these councils implement this on the rioters, too? Or do they get a pass because we are not, as the Declaration of Independence states, "created equal"? This should be an individual's choice, not forced action.

### **Tina Morris**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:23pm 07-10-20

**STRONGLY OPPOSE:** Unless a mask is worn properly, made of the proper material, and adheres like a suction cup to your face, it provides little to no protection against a virus like COVID-19. This is a waste of time in consideration and tax payer money in implementation. If such bad measures are allowed, what else will be passed in the name of "health"? Will these councils implement this on the rioters, too? Or do they get a pass because we are not, as the Declaration of Independence states, "created equal"? This should be an individual's choice, not forced action.

### **Iris Morris**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:21pm 07-10-20

The science does not support that wearing a mask contain the spread of COVID. This is also an overstep of the government.

### **Maria Miljus**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:15pm 07-10-20

I am opposed to the mask mandate. I worked in research for 12 years wearing all the different types of masks and know masks are useless to prevent the s poo read and it is making it spread due to wet and damp masks which are not thrown away after 1 single use

### **Sarah Karasch**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:56pm 07-10-20

I strongly oppose this mandate. The science does not support mask wearing as a means to contain Covid, especially since practically no one is wearing them correctly. It's foolish to think that children should wear them and will wear them correctly when adults can't even do it. Keep the public out of your political games and agenda.

### **Cal Roach**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:56pm 07-10-20

Every bit of credible science points to the benefits of masks in minimizing the spread of covid, and businesses simply won't fully enforce safety measures without this ordinance in place. This is the LEAST we can do.

### **Roman Hribal-Kornilowicz**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:42pm 07-10-20

The wearing of masks has been proven to decrease the spread of COVID-19. As such a mask requirement is a simple first step to protect public health. Not requiring masks in public during a pandemic is a slap in the face to health workers and everyone who has to work in a public space to support themselves and their families. The Federal Government has already failed the country in providing adequate medical, economic, and legislative support; do not follow in their incompetent footsteps. Follow the science and require masks to be worn in public!!!

### **Amy Rohrschneider**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:37pm 07-10-20

We should have done this a while ago. We didn't, so we should definitely do it now. I don't want Wisconsin numbers to start skyrocketing into the thousands of cases per day range that other states are currently facing.

### **Sara Sowell**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:35pm 07-10-20

Masks are essential for protecting everyone from transmitting covid-19. Please make them mandatory!

### **A J Rudnitzki**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:05pm 07-10-20

I call on Alderman Kovac to vote against this ill-informed, poorly-considered, badly-structured measure. While I support wearing masks indoors in public places for the protection of all, there is no good data showing risk from outdoor transmission or among young children. If the Common Council has such data, they are negligent in not sharing it with the rest of the country and the world. The simple idea of young children properly wearing masks is preposterous. If a restaurant or business wants to set and enforce a mask rule, then please do so as you would for a dress code or any other conduct.

### **Patrick Bakkum**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:00pm 07-10-20

I do not consent to mandates of masks, contact tracing, immunity passports, regional checkpoints, body chips or rushed DNA altering vaccines or any other dystopian solution sitting on the shelf that fit "New Normal" agendas. A Intentional obstruction of an airway is a medical intervention which holds a risk, where there is risk there must be choice.

Lawsuits will be levied against the city for violations of medical freedom, bodily autonomy and it is likely that some people likely be harmed by the physical use of the mask and some by the psychological effects of coercion... Up go our taxes!

### **Judy Jones**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:57pm 07-10-20

I strongly object. The virus has weakened to the point that the CDC is close to declaring the epidemic is over - the death rate has gotten \*that\* low. Why masks for something that just isn't that dangerous? They weaken our immune systems. If people \*want\* to wear them, that is okay, but to require them is a huge governmental over reach. I strongly, completely object to this.

### **Cindy Geddes**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:54pm 07-10-20

Please pass this ordinance. We can't possibly feel safe having our children attend school when this virus is increasing daily. Listen to science.

**Renee Glembin**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:53pm 07-10-20

Please follow the science and not the politics when it comes to this issue. Requiring people to wear masks in public makes sense and keeps people safe from the COVID-19 Virus. Requiring people to wear masks while together in indoor spaces is civility at its finest. It is akin to the law requiring seat belts and the law banning smoking from public spaces. Please be leaders and make this a mandate. Thank you.

**Krystal Manke**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:45pm 07-10-20

I strongly support this measure. Following proven preventative measures in the face of a potentially lethal public health threat is a responsibility we each have to protect each other and our society and clearly some people need legal encouragement to use common sense to protect themselves and those around them. Public health is more important than anyone's personal convenience.

**Jo Neu**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:44pm 07-10-20

I strongly support a mask requirement during this pandemic. We need to slow the spread and it is a proven fact that masks help.

**Bennett Westling**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:44pm 07-10-20

I strongly support this proposal - I lost my grandfather to this virus in April, and have seen it's effects on our communities health and well-being. A mask mandate helps pave a faster road to economic and social recovery for our city

**Amanda R**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:42pm 07-10-20

I do NOT stand by this! I think wearing a mask should be up to the individual! My children are between 4-10 and they have worn mask but dont wear them properly. ADULTS DONT EVEN WEAR THEM PROPERLY. I believe if your sick, wear one. We may actually end up making ourselves more sick with this mandate & more violence!. Let us keep our right and let the individual decide for themselves. EVERYONE JUST NEEDS TO FREQUENTLY WASH THEIR HANDS, COVER THEIR COUGHS & SNEEZES.

**Joe Tomcheck**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:41pm 07-10-20

Batman. Spider-Man. Jim Carrey. Not all heroes wear capes. But they do wear masks to help others. Vote yes.

**Michelle Jurvelin**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:38pm 07-10-20

Respectfully, it is unreasonable to have a mask mandate for young children, especially children under the age of five. Parents should be able to decide if their children are capable of wearing masks in the way which they are intended to be worn. Masks on young children often lead to increased face touching, constant removal, and the need for parents to touch the children's faces to adjust the masks, defeating their intended purpose. Also, masks on young children can become a distraction and divert children's attention away from their surroundings (cars, etc.). Please educate; don't mandate.



**Mitchell Henke**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:34pm 07-10-20

I strongly support this proposal. The outbreak is accelerating in Milwaukee and beyond. It's important that Milwaukee and its legislators take steps like this to protect vulnerable people and save lives.

**Erin Syverson**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:28pm 07-10-20

According to recent numbers, Wisconsin has the fastest growing spread of COVID19 in the country. Milwaukee has the highest case load of any county. We have seen what happens when public health measures aren't taken seriously - take a look at New York, and currently Arizona, Texas (Houston specifically), Florida, and California. Some cities don't have enough hospitals to treat patients, and patients are dying at home. Please do not let Milwaukee become a new epicenter.

**Raveen Lemon**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:14pm 07-10-20

This isn't really an issue of opinion - research has confirmed that wearing masks significantly reduces the spread of the virus. This is a fact. The best, most responsible decision is obvious - mandate wearing masks in public. Do the right thing.

**Amber M.**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:45pm 07-10-20

I support that face coverings are mandatory in public spaces. We need to keep our residences safe and ensure the spread of COVID-19 doesn't get worse.

**John Larkin**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:26pm 07-10-20

I strongly support this measure. It's simple: without masks this virus will continue to spread, hurting vulnerable communities, especially communities of color, the most. We've seen proven time and time again in states and areas that did not require masks that their reopening plans have been horrendous. Mask wearing is the simplest way to control the spread of this virus.

**Carly Klein**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:13pm 07-10-20

Wisconsin has one of the fastest growing COVID-19 spreads in the nation. We NEED to implement the mandated mask rule to protect our citizens.

**Joshua Ehlke**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:10pm 07-10-20

As an employee in the food industry, it has become a debate every day just going to work. Feeling safe and secure at work shouldn't be too difficult, and I believe that this ordinance will help incredibly. This will also keep these businesses alive! Health and safety are a must!

**Trevor Wold**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:49pm 07-10-20

Strongly in favor of this measure. There is no evidence to support the contrarian's claims against mask wearing. Follow the science and please, help us reduce deaths in our city, especially amongst BIPOC.

**Vannessa Ramos**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:43pm 07-10-20

I STRONGLY oppose this resolution. It is a well documented scientific fact that wearing a mask blocks your airways and therefore leads to both hypercapnia (an increase in and accumulation of carbon dioxide in the body from breathing exhaled air, essentially rebreathing your own carbon dioxide) and hypoxia (lack of oxygen in the tissue). Masks are also a hotbed for microbes sitting directly on one's face. There is now a well documented uptick in bacterial lung infections from the increased mask wearing. Have any of you considered this data when considering mandating masks?

**Michael Dunn**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:42pm 07-10-20

A MUST to do if you are in a leadership position in this city. This is the only way to keep the economy and businesses alive while still reducing infection rates.

**Andrew Grygiel**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:41pm 07-10-20

I support the measure for face masks to be required when in public spaces. This overall is not an issue of "rights" and "liberties" being infringed upon. It is about implementing a simple measure that prioritizes the well-being of others and yourself in a pandemic over minor discomfort, insecurity about how one looks, and unfamiliarity. It is ridiculous that this is a politicized issue. There is significant scientific data and more continuing to come out that supports how wearing a face mask drastically reduces the rate of transmission of the covid-19 virus to yourself and to others.

**Patrice Vnuk**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:31pm 07-10-20

Not passing this ordinance would be a violent and racist act. Those who oppose it cite debunked or biased studies, or they totally disregard science that proves the efficacy of mask-wearing. It is, quite simply, a no-brainer. It levels the playing field for businesses who choose to protect the community by requiring staff and patrons to wear masks. Please don't listen to the vocal minority who insist their personal "freedoms" to endanger others are more important than protecting the lives of Milwaukee's most vulnerable.

**Megan Haechrel**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:30pm 07-10-20

Wearing a mask is an easy, common sense action that greatly reduces disease transmission. The legislation has exceptions for those whose disabilities prevent them from wearing one, and for when communicating with a Deaf/HoH person who needs to read lips. This legislation is vital to protecting our community.

**Brian Hildebrand**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:23pm 07-10-20

This ordinance is the least we can do to help stop the spread of coronavirus. It is common sense, backed by science, and will save lives. It signifies that we as a city are willing to accept minor inconveniences for the greater good, and that we expect visitors to do the same. I wholeheartedly support this ordinance.

**Christine Rodriguez**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:10pm 07-10-20

It takes no effort to wear a mask and wearing a mask is a health benefit for the community as a whole. This seems like an that should be resolved by science not politicians.

**Whitney Qualls**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:06pm 07-10-20

Models have shown that mask wearing can lead to outbreak mitigation(Stutt, 2020). It's clear to citizens that MKE officials don't believe in public health&are instead committed to placing profit over lives. Masks are less effective in protecting the wearer from an infection but are effective in lessening the chances of transmission(Cowling, 2010). So, requiring workers to wear masks doesn't prevent workers from being infected thus making service workers more at risk for infection than customers.Forcing workers to undertake this risk is not only bad for public health, it's unethical.

### **Regular Voter**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:03pm 07-10-20

The science is clear, we should take this easy step to save lives and reduce transmission.

### **Stuart Halstead**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:58am 07-10-20

This truly requires minimal effort and there is nothing to say your body will shut down because of levels of CO2 if you use a mask. People cannot be inconvenienced for a few moments to just REDUCE the risk of others. Do you put on a seat belt even if you don't plan on crashing? Wear a mask just in case you could spread it.

### **Dawn Mau**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:57am 07-10-20

I am upset & angry that I will be ostracized and excluded because of my disability. I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU ARE SAYING WHEN YOU WEAR A MASK! Do you realize how much Deaf and Hard of Hearing people rely on lip reading? So it's ok for you all to discriminate against us who rely on SEEING what the person is saying in order to fit into society? What about the Deaf and HOH Kids that NEED Speech Therapy? THEY NEED TO SEE the Instructor's LIPS! Awesome! Now I get to be fined for having my disability... GRRRR!!

### **Marissa Ko**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:56am 07-10-20

This is crucial to protecting our community, especially the most vulnerable members (like those who cannot work from home). Many people have shown that they will not wear a mask unless it is required. This requirement will help prevent wisconsin from becoming the next FL or AZ.

### **Andrea Heile**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:56am 07-10-20

Wearing a mask saves lives.

### **Nicole Re**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:54am 07-10-20

If we're talking about community care and support, what \*wouldnt\* you do to promote the safety & wellness of those around you? This is an effortless, unencumbered act that does those things.

### **Amber Glembin**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:48am 07-10-20

Wearing a face covering is the lowest effort action you can take to save a life. Don't impose illness on others out of stubbornness.

### **Ashleigh Labbe**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:39am 07-10-20

Wearing masks in public spaces is a proven method to reduce transmission rates of COVID-19. This makes a big difference and requires very little effort on everyone's part. I strongly support this measure as a way to reduce transmission, flatten the curve, and protect vulnerable populations.

### **Shannon Massman**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:37am 07-10-20

Thank you for this advancing this legislation. Like others, I'm concerned that consistent enforcement is impractical, yet I still support it for several purposes: empowering individuals and businesses to defend themselves by defining individual and business rights/responsibilities, protecting individuals in specific enforceable scenarios, and clarifying our values. Like requiring shoes and other clothing, it is inconvenient, but supports our freedom to access to our public resources, protects our prosperity, and balances our individual rights with the rights of those around us.

### **Danielle Meyer**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:31am 07-10-20

I support this, but it def can't end here. This is a racial & economic justice issue and Black & Brown folx are at a higher risk of exposure, period. I am a white woman who can work from home and therefore have a low risk of exposure. I think we need indefinitely extended unemployment benefits and paid sick leave for all who need it or seek it out. I want my tax dollars used in this way.

### **Ben Labbe**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:23am 07-10-20

As a PhD holder in microbiology, the science behind mask wearing is clear. While they will not prevent 100% of transmission events, they greatly reduce person-to-person transmission. A mask mandate would, without question, save lives and hold negligible associated costs. I strongly urge the council to support the mandate for face coverings in public spaces, and to consider taking additional actions that would increase the availability of affordable masks to Milwaukee residents.

For a recent publication providing statistics on mask wearing, see: [https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736\(20\)31142-9](https://doi.org/10.1016/S0140-6736(20)31142-9)

### **Sallust Cato**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:19am 07-10-20

I oppose the general ordinance but could live with the indoor mandate if necessary. However, I strongly oppose the mandate for outdoors, at any distance. The science is far from settled on this issued, and the science is changing everyday. We may actually end up making ourselves sicker with this mandate. Other than Shorewood, as far as I know, no other communities in the MKE County are have a mandate, and rightly so. Do not pass this ordinance.

### **Stephanie Baghai**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:13am 07-10-20

Support. It takes little to no effort to wear and mask and has proven to save lives. This is the only country where this has become a political issue and yet we're doing the worse soooooo what does that say?

### **Alex Jandrin**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:12am 07-10-20

I support because masks are a simple way for it to be safer for anyone while inside a business. Some businesses are even asking for the mandate because they don't want to have to continue dealing with people who refuse a mask. I'm more likely to go into a business that requires a mask as well. I won't even set foot in my usual grocery

store because of the people not wearing masks and with it being a city grocery store the aisles make it almost impossible to stay 6ft away from others.

### **Angela Minga**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:03am 07-10-20

I strongly support the wearing of masks in all public places. If wearing a mask can help save lives, including my own, why are we arguing about it? The effort is very minimal compared to the benefit.

### **Erin Harrington**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:56am 07-10-20

Protect those who are forced to be back at work because of the self-centered actions and short sightedness of the current administration. Wask up or prepare for another shut down.

### **Jackie Borchert**

Location:

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

The least we can do for each other is offer any amount of protection. With a grandson due in 10 weeks, I beg people to consider others. I personally wear a mask many hours every workday and at all times in public.

### **Allison Goetz**

Location:

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

It's like wearing a seatbelt - not hard to enforce, common sense, and keeps everyone safer.

### **Michael Bachmann**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 07-10-20

If YOU want to wear a mask, then wear one. How do you plan on upholding this stupid new law? Are you planning on using the police department that everyone seems to want to defund? Are you planning on hiring a bunch of new social workers to walk around with whistles and ticket books to issue people these tickets? How about putting them in the high crime neighborhoods at night to help with the gangs. I think our already short staffed men and women in blue are having a difficult time keeping our streets safe. How many more people need to be a victim in Milwaukee before you figure this out?

### **Mariah Beck**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:38am 07-10-20

Wearing a mask saves lives. This is not about stripping people of their freedoms, it is about stopping the spread of this virus.

### **Stephanie Ciaccio**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:37am 07-10-20

Strongly support. This is a bare minimum effort to keep those around you safe. It shouldn't be this hard to get people to wear a mask.

### **Autumn Bachmann**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:33am 07-10-20

There is no reasonable way to enforce face coverings. It truly is a waste of time, energy and tax payer dollars to mandate something that cannot be monitored effectively. I believe it should be left to individuals/individual businesses whether or not a mask is required on their premises. Continue to encourage the public to wear masks whenever possible, but mandating it will be a joke quite honestly. People don't wear them correctly as it is and

that won't change due to a mandate, so what is the benefit, really? Just because something seems like a good idea doesn't mean it is.

**Andrew Jambura**

Location:

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

Wearing a mask is such a small price to pay for protecting our friends and neighbors from a potentially deadly virus. I also think many people are afraid of making a "political statement" by wearing a mask. This isn't a political issue and having a legal mandate requiring masks in public will do a great deal to assuage that anxiety. This is an issue that requires government to lead by example. Please show us that leadership and pass this ordinance.

**Alison True**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:30am 07-10-20

We need to stop thinking as individuals and think about what is important for all of our residents and how we can best protect each other. the science clearly shows we need to be doing more.

**John Schoneman**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:27am 07-10-20

It's not hard to wear a mask and it's far better than extended lock downs

**Samantha Helme**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:22am 07-10-20

I strongly support an ordinance requiring masks to be worn in public places and places of business. I encourage the Common Council to include language specifically requiring adults working in child care to wear masks indoors. We have the opportunity to learn from the mistakes of other states, such as Texas and Missouri, and make meaningful changes to prevent child care centers and summer camps from becoming hot spots of viral spread. As a professional caregiver myself, I would rather be safe than sorry.

**Michael Wade**

Location:

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

I strongly support this ordinance requiring face coverings in public not only to reduce the spread of covid-19 but also for the safety of workers and their families. Wearing a face covering is a minimal hinderance for the benefit. Please support this ordinance!

**Nicholas Iannone**

Location:

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

I strongly support this. The City not only has the authority, but the need to enforce mask wearing. Wisconsin has the highest transmission rate of any state in the country, and it's the role of all municipalities to enforce their own mask rules. We need an ordinance like the one in Shorewood, where any publicly-accessible indoor space should be allowed to expel anyone not wearing a mask properly.

**Forrest Elliott**

Location:

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

Save us from ourselves

**Michael Ball**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:14am 07-10-20

I strongly oppose. Government should not be mandating whether a business or an individual needs to wear a

mask. If a business wants to require their customers to do so, that should be their choice. The science that everybody is speaking to clearly shows that the severity of this virus was grossly overestimated. Instead of looking at people that have contracted the virus, we should be looking at hospital stays and actual Covid deaths, both of which are down significantly. Science also shows us that a vast, vast majority of people that have contracted Covid recover or have no symptoms at all.

**Alexandre Hill**

Location:

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

I support the wearing of masks in all public places, it's a tragedy that over 700 people died in our state already, with the highest transmission rate in the country I can't believe that this is even in question. The only way we're getting through this is by listening to the scientists, wearing masks and staying home as much as possible. We could have been over this already, but instead people are acting in a selfish and destructive way which ultimately will lead to even more death and economic disaster.

**Michael altschwager**

Location:

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

This is the easiest way to prevent the spread of covid and keep our local economy in tact. It is as simple as that. You can still breathe with a mask. Quit acting like a child, suck it up, and wear a mask. Risking the well being of others because of a mild inconvenience in inexcusable snowflake behavior

**Jack Maloney**

Location:

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

The preponderance of medical evidence has shown that in lieu of a vaccine, the best measures for preventing the spread of COVID are masks, social distancing and frequent handwashing. Masks are crucial in helping keep ourselves, our family, our friends and our community safe! While no one \*wants\* to wear a mask, it's a small inconvenience to help save lives, and we all must do our part

**K. Sleger**

Location:

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

"Don't take away my rights!" is losing its meaning. Your RIGHTS should not put someone else at risk! Technically, we can do whatever we want, BUT as soon as our right IMPACTS & HARMS SOMEONE ELSE, we typically make laws to prevent that. If you're taking the right to your bodily autonomy so literally, you technically have the RIGHT to hit another car in traffic. HOWEVER, that right to do so would harm someone else & possibly kill (just like the virus). Since this action HARMS someone else & their right to live, there's laws saying you CANT HIT ANOTHER CAR & there will be consequences if you do

**Jumana Al-Juma**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:59am 07-10-20

This is an easy way to save lives and prevent the spread of COVID. Please make the right decision.

**Alissa Mathison**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:55am 07-10-20

I support the mask ordinance. It will help protect citizens against the spread of Covid-19. I will feel safer supporting local businesses with a mask ordinance. This ordinance will provide direction to the public on what to do; it will help protect workers, and ultimately help the economy. Masks are the only way forward!

**Steve Stone**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:53am 07-10-20

This is not a personal rights issue but a community health and safety issue. We establish laws all the time to

protect the health and safety of our community (e.g. speed limits, licensing requirements to sell food, etc.). Please pass this law! Certainly make sure it is designed to avoid inappropriate consequences, but pass it! There is no reputable health expert that hasn't advocated for distancing and masking as fundamental behaviors to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Make #MKEProud and do the right thing.

### **Maggie Iken**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:50am 07-10-20

It is clear that how we are currently operating is not stopping the spread of COVID. We need to exercise every possible option to prevent further infections and deaths. A mask requirement is not an infringement on personal rights, it is a public health measure to positively impact the community. It is disappointing that we as a country have politicized a measure to save lives and have people who make a mandate necessary, as those opposed dangerously value individualism over collectivism.

### **Frank Punzio**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:49am 07-10-20

No one wants to shut Milwaukee down again for a second time. Requiring masks will help prevent a second shutdown as cases are starting to rise.

Masks are used to protect others more than the mask wearer. Unfortunately, many people still do not wear them, leaving everyone else more exposed. Wear a mask for the greater good.

### **Joan Wellman**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:47am 07-10-20

I DO NOT support this. Let people and businesses make their own choice. I will not use any business telling me I have to wear a mask to enter. You are going to kill bars, restaurants and smaller retail.

### **Riley Batcher**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:45am 07-10-20

As cases of COVID-19 continue to rise in Milwaukee, this ordinance would be a necessary step in the right direction. The science behind mask wearing is strong if you look for it outside of Facebook. Wearing a mask protects others from you and does not cause any harm to the wearer. This is an easy way to lower transmission and get Milwaukee closer to a true reopening. Essential workers need this. Our most vulnerable populations need this. Please do the right thing.

### **Perry Spott**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:43am 07-10-20

This is the easiest and most basic act that anyone with respect for science can take. Studies also show no oxygen loss and lower transmission chances.

### **Zachariah Baum**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:27am 07-10-20

Masks help keep people healthy, and protect against the spread of Covid19. I heartily support this ordinance.

### **Quinn Cory**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:23am 07-10-20

I fully support this ordinance. The science is strong that wearing a mask protects others around you (and yourself to a degree). Right now, there are too many variables and risk factors to feel safe navigating around the city freely. Milwaukee was a shining example of cooperation and safety during the previous pandemic over 100 years ago. I am saddened that we have not modeled that in the past few months. Milwaukee had one of the lowest death rates in the country back then. Let's do the right thing and wear masks. It will make the world a better place



sooner.

### **Hannah Pardee**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:23am 07-10-20

Science shows that masks help to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Leaving it up to "personal choice" ensures that thousands of people are walking around maskless, potentially infecting others if they are asymptomatic carriers of the virus. Help keep Milwaukee safe and healthy by mandating masks!

### **Laura Clark**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:16am 07-10-20

Masks are necessary to keep people from spreading this virus. Because of the fact that asymptomatic carriers are known to spread the disease we can't just ask people to stay home if they are feeling sick. Masks will help us reduce people spreading this disease and not even knowing it.

### **Patricia Luebke**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:14am 07-10-20

Thank you for moving this measure forward. It s necessary that we all take precautions to quell the spread of this virus.

### **Chris Hege**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:11am 07-10-20

This is a matter of public health. Support this item!

### **Joey Choe**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:00am 07-10-20

Leave it up to businesses to decide to require coverings to enter, leave it to individuals to wear outdoors if they feel more comfortable. As an Asthmatic, I cant wear one more than 30 minutes without an attack. Long enough to get groceries. So I can cope with store policy and still live. Cant go outside without- end to my personal rights. We have higher numbers showing up because we are doing more testing finally. Stay safe, wash your hands, use common sense. Mandated use won't help as much as it can hinder, smart use will keep us working safely.

### **Melissa Torres**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:59am 07-10-20

I fully support making masks mandatory. I would really for to see our city at the forefront of change when it comes to our response to COVID-19.

For those that say you want to have your life back and how inconvenient this would be... it translates to you saying that any response to COVID-19 should be tailored to your tolerance for inconvenience, regardless of other people safety...

This is the moment we need think of our family, friends, neighbors, our city. With empathy and love for one another.

### **Alice Bieszczat**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:55am 07-10-20

Let's protect each other and especially our essential workers by requiring masks in public spaces.

### **James Cameron**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:53am 07-10-20

There are many unknowns about COVID 19, but according to a meta analysis of 172 studies and trends of places that have masks mandates, the efficacy of masks is not one of them. At this point it is irresponsible and selfish to not have a mandate.

### **Jon Coleman**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:42am 07-10-20

Downfalls to mandatory masks: Slight inconvenience, minor discomfort, dislike being told what to do.

Benefits to mandatory masks: Save lives. Do you need more reason than that?

For those that say to stay home if you don't want to wear a mask, think about all of those people deemed essential workers and how the only choice they have is to work or go hungry. By wearing a mask, you protect those people who put themselves at risk for this deadly disease everyday. If you value your convenience more than human lives you need to reassess your priorities.

### **Tyler Menz**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:34am 07-10-20

The government already mandates that people wear pants in public, so the argument that wearing a mask infringes on personal rights is both dumb and bad. Countries where masks are routinely worn are already getting back to normal. Meanwhile America has 4% of the worlds population and 25% of the coronavirus cases.

### **Season Lechner**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:31am 07-10-20

As a City of Milwaukee employee I STRONGLY support this ordinance. This is a simple step the community can take to keep each other safe and healthy. No one should risk being exposed to a virus that has the potential of being fatal because too many individuals feel like this is against their constitutional right. Requiring a mask be worn for a temporary time frame is no different than the permanent "No Shoes, No Shirt, No Service". Please pass this ordinance and keep Milwaukee safe!

### **Margaret Pauwels**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:58am 07-10-20

My body, my choice.

### **Elizabeth Sutton**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:58am 07-10-20

Please pass an ordinance to make masks mandatory. It is an extremely important step to protect our citizens, protect our businesses, and decrease the likelihood that we will need to go back into a lockdown. Personally, I would also feel more comfortable going out into the community more which will increase the amount I am spending in our local economy and I do not think I am alone.

### **Abigail Wajer-Guibord**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:42am 07-10-20

Wearing masks is a small measure we can take for the greater good of the community. I Support.

### **Jordan Morales**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:40am 07-10-20

Many kids age 3+ are unable to properly wear a mask for any extended period of time. This is a ridiculous burden

on parents.

The ordinance forces employees to become Health Department police officers potentially getting them in violent confrontations.

MPD CAN enforce this ordinance (it's an ordinance!). They might use it as pretext to detain someone for something unrelated. There will be racial disparity in enforcement.

Wearing mask while exercising outdoors is unworkable and dangerous.

CDC said wearing masks will lead to more face touching and complacency.

**Shirley Bodanske**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:29am 07-10-20

I oppose mandatory wearing of masks. Many people cannot wear them. I myself hyperventilate and get dizzy. It is causing me health problems. It should be up to each individual. People don't know how to wear them properly or take care of them. This is a health risk. If a business chooses to insist a customer wears them I respect that. It is more important that the community achieves herd immunity.

**Cara Corder**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:27am 07-10-20

I strongly support this ordinance. Wearing a mask helps others and is in no way as big of an inconvenience as others are stating. I mean, I wear one 9 hours a day and I'm fine. All you need to do is take some breaks here and there when wearing for a long period of time when no one is around and you know... don't wear a dirty mask and you'll be fine. I don't understand why this is such a big deal.

**Matt kotar**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:56am 07-10-20

I support this measure since I care about the wellbeing and health of all my fellow community members. If wearing a mask can protect one person it's worth the inconvenience.

**Xena Horvath**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:41am 07-10-20

I am against government mandating the use of face coverings. Not all people can wear masks and this will put those people at risk of serious health issues. Government should have no say on what we do with our bodies. Death rate has dropped significantly and all you're doing is preventing herd immunity.

**Jen Gubbin**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:26am 07-10-20

If we want to safely move forward we need masks. Those who don't want to wear a mask can stay home and in their yard, that is their choice. For those who are essential and do not have a choice to distance, masks will help keep them safer.

**Tina Schendel**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:49am 07-10-20

Essential workers need this mandate.  
Business owners need this mandate to prevent another shut down.  
I wear a mask to protect others, who protects me?

**Peter Foster**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:23am 07-10-20

I am completely opposed to this ordinance. The government should not have the authority to mandate people to wear or not wear masks. Last flu season (Oct 2019 - April 2020) there were 39 million to 56 million infections and there was no mandate to wear masks. With other pandemics the government didn't mandate wearing masks like during the H1N1 (swine flu) pandemic.

Absolutely protect the vulnerable but don't cater to some people's fears, and certainly don't pass ordinances to force everyone to cater to those fears.

### **Sarah R.**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:22am 07-10-20

As a PhD-trained scientist, I wholeheartedly support a mask mandate. The science clearly shows masking can significantly reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community. Mandatory masking will allow our local business to stay open. Without a mask mandate, Milwaukee area hospitals will be at risk for being overwhelmed with COVID-19 patients, forcing another closure of the state economy.

### **Jake Freiberg**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:19am 07-10-20

This mandate has nothing to do with science and everything to do with pseudoscience. This is no definitive evidence that cloth masks, which is what the majority wear, provide any benefit and growing evidence of detrimental effects. Deaths are down, hospitalizations are down, the curve has been flattened and we're getting close to not having an actual pandemic anymore! What's the point? The government's job is not to protect my health, that's my job. The government's job is to protect my rights. I respectfully oppose this ordinance and if it is passed, I will not comply.

### **Joseph Riley**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:27pm 07-09-20

Strongly support. This isn't about "tyranny" it's about basic science and keeping people safe. Just because I'm guessing a lot of people opposed to this ordinance don't like wearing a shirt into Costco it doesn't mean wearing said shirt is anything more than a basic expectation of decency and public health. Please please

### **Beth Sager**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:15pm 07-09-20

I completely disagree with mandatory masks. If you keep yourself healthy, get good sleep, eat right, minimize stress, your body can fight most everything. I work in Milwaukee and have season tickets to the Mke Rep. If masks are mandatory, I will cancel my subscription. Masks reduce my health by raising fear and cortisol and lowering my immunity. Trust in your body to heal itself. Getting this virus/ flu is not avoidable. Let me decide how to handle my health. Here are facts why masks are not healthy:

<https://www.facebook.com/397705657438982/posts/705957113280500/?d=null&vh=e>

### **Ss Ss**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:46pm 07-09-20

Leave the decision to the individual person. A child will not wear a mask properly all the time. I've seen adults wearing masks with their noses exposed. A reused mask worn all the time is a dirty, moist breeding ground for other germs too! How will people eat at a restaurant? Pull the mask down for every bite and drink? Ridiculous. If you want to wear a mask then go ahead and wear one properly. Don't make others wear one. If you are sick or prone to illness, then wear one. Don't make others wear one. Is this how the future cold & flu season is going to look? Should we wear a mask 24/7?

### **Lindsay Petersen**

Location:  
Submitted At: 10:45pm 07-09-20

Necessary.

### **Josef Becker**

Location:  
Submitted At: 10:37pm 07-09-20

Mask decisions should be made at the individual and business level. Wearing a mask during certain activities is counterproductive. For example bars, restaurants, and gyms will involve people removing their masks constantly to consume beverages and food meaning they will be touching their faces and contaminating themselves and whatever they touch anyway. So they are pointless for these specific businesses. During exercise masks are dangerous and reduce oxygen intake. The State Senate will not approve a mask mandate and I will avoid all Milwaukee businesses if passed. I strongly oppose.

### **Ashley Kloss**

Location:  
Submitted At: 10:14pm 07-09-20

Strongly oppose! We have immune systems for a reason. Our bodies are made to fight off infections and keep us healthy. Germs are everywhere. We come in contact with so many each and every day that you cannot possibly block them out of your personal space forever. We don't wear masks for the flu and other diseases, so why should we wear one now? I feel as though the statistics for corona cases are skewed. The flu has also killed many people, and we never shut down the world for it or mandated everyone to wear masks. The media and government is just trying to scare and brainwash people.

### **Kelsey Kloss**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:52pm 07-09-20

Wearing masks and breathing in one's own carbon dioxide is more harmful than the potential spread of germs. Our world has survived thus far with numerous other, more harmful diseases. A virus is an organism, and if it wants to infect a person, a mask isn't going to stop it. This is a free country and mandating an accessory that can cause more harm to a person's health is not acceptable. We need oxygen to survive and a mask prevents that. This mandate is setting the world up for death. There are multiple other, more important issues the government could be spending their time on.

### **Julie Quinlan**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:43pm 07-09-20

Please help reduce the Covid-19 cases in our city by passing this ordinance. It will not only keep people healthy but also help our frontline customer service teams who are being berated and made to enforce policies with no authority to do so.

### **Margaret Vandenberg**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:42pm 07-09-20

I am strongly opposed to this unenforceable mandate. This is going to hurt small businesses further and cause more social unrest and tension. Plus how will they get 3 yr olds to keep a mask on all day at daycare so they don't get shut down? We all know people are NOT wearing them correctly, touching them nonstop, and contaminating. Masks are DIRTY! The majority of people don't actually have the time or resources to launder them daily. Will you be providing a weeks supply for everyone, or is everybody just wearing them filthy? Might as well be walk around with dirty underwear on your face.

### **William Rahming**

Location:  
Submitted At: 9:34pm 07-09-20

I STRONGLY oppose this mandate! There is no reason for it backed by science. Wear one outside?!?! Makes no sense. Same experts saying wear one now were saying something else two months ago. Believe it or not, your

tax paying citizens, AKA, your employers are capable of deciding if they need to wear a mask or not. Businesses can require them and deal with the circumstances. We do not need you mandating this. I personally wear one, but not outdoors. And I will not wear one outside if this passes. Perhaps your enforcement will be like the fireworks enforcement. Please do not pass this. Thank you.

**Heidi Axt**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:19pm 07-09-20

How are you going to require masks in restaurants, bars and coffee shops; you can't eat or drink with one on. Will they all be shut down again?! Talk about demoralizing your citizens. Also, how do people expected to run/exercise outdoors while wearing a mask?! Last time I checked you need ample air flow and oxygen. Come on, common sense please.

**Jennifer Heinen**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:17pm 07-09-20

If there are exceptions ( which I believe there should be) how will they be handled. If someone comes into my business and expresses that that can't wear a mask due to medical reasons how do I handle this in honoring their right to not wear one. Also how is my business protected from the Karen's out there who might see someone not wearing a mask(even though the mandate allows them an exemption) and then reports the business as if they're not following the rules when they're in actuality are.

How would the city handle this scenario? Is my business license protected in a situation like this?

**Michael Reese**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:06pm 07-09-20

I strongly oppose this legislation to mandate masks! A mandate will only address a single aspect, and that is to wear a mask, the debate on mask effectiveness has not been accurately proven; although they have been proven harmful if worn incorrectly. There is no way to know or control which type of masks people are wearing, if they touch their face and then an object, etc. It makes this entire legislation a waste of our time and resources. This mandate will harm the mental health of the general public; Please I urge you to reject this proposal!

**Antonio RIVERA**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:54pm 07-09-20

Definitely will cause more damage. This needs to be a choice not forced. Is goggles and gloves next? If you thought tensions were at a all time high with law enforcement this will just take it over the top. Writing \$500 tickets to people not wearing a mask will only cause anger and violence. Many individuals will fight it in court causing tax dollars to be spent. I myself wear a mask at work and in most public places but yet again this is my choice not yours. I take the proper steps to protect my family and myself from contracting covid-19 and believe no one should be forced.

**Susan Depiesstyer**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46pm 07-09-20

Masks outside are not necessary. First the positive covid cases and deaths are skewd. Hospitals are receiving federal funding for coding deaths as related to Covid. Maybe once accurate numbers are reported which shows the actual concern we can re-evaluate. Practice distancing and sanitizing. I know no one whose had Covid... Not in my extended family or at my workplace.

**Jennifer Janes**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:42pm 07-09-20

I truly don't understand why anyone would oppose this. This is an incredibly simple and easy way to help get this virus under control and show that you care about the health and safety of yourself and others. To not wear a

mask is a sure sign of stupidity, lack of regard for others, and pure selfishness. I have asthma (completely unaffected by wearing a mask) and a severe auto immune disease. I count on masks to help keep myself and others safe when making trips outside my home. To those saying wearing a mask “violates your rights”... you are so foolish and utterly careless about others.

**Darnell Woodard**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:40pm 07-09-20

Recently many accredited doctors, immunologists, and virologists have declared that wearing masks reduces our bacterial flora, which in turn suppresses the immune system and drives the person into a hypoxic state. In addition, the masks minimize our ability to fight off bad viruses and bacteria leaving us vulnerable to opportunistic and more lethal viruses. Furthermore, the viral particles that we are trying to keep out of our bodies, are so much smaller than the smallest parts of these masks, deeming the masks completely counterproductive and useless anyway.

**Melissa Stancato**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:40pm 07-09-20

After hearing the discussions at today’s meeting, I’m shocked that this ordinance was passed by the council. ...The same council who admitted this is not enforceable. Alderman Spiker even said “masks are healthy for \*most people.” We KNOW that masks are not healthy for some people! There are many holes to the arguments for mandating masks (like the fact that science has mixed opinions as to whether cloth-mask wearing is actually effective) and it’s a blatant government over-reach. I myself wear a mask in a crowded building, but would never MANDATE others to do so. It’s unconstitutional.

**Lulu R.**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:37pm 07-09-20

I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS MANDATE! IT IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL! We should have a right to choose, wearing a mask should not be forced on individuals. No one knows what people are dealing with. Every individual has unique circumstances; requiring a mask may negatively affect each person depending on their health and mental state. Anxiety and depression can be exacerbated; causing more harm and even deaths. As a parent, to expect a child 3 years old to wear a mask is unrealistic!!!!!!

**Ian Powell**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:31pm 07-09-20

Please do not enact this legislation. We should not ignore the negative impact these laws have on emotional and psychological health. Wearing a mask is dehumanizing for many of us. You may not feel this way, but many do. I believe there will be many negative unintended consequences from enacting this type of mandate.

**Sachin Chheda**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:14pm 07-09-20

I strongly support a mask requirement. Thank you for doing this. We must reduce the spread.

**Mike Hegyi**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:11pm 07-09-20

i refuse to participate in this Satanic ritual. Who else but the prince of the power of the air would require a medical device restricting one’s ability to breathe for a virus that does not exist. This is an economic collapse and a monetary collapse disguised as a “pandemic,” a fact which many are about to wake up to. See Fullerton Informer on YouTube about 5G 60GHz Wifi, which is the absorption spectrum of oxygen, and prevents oxygen from binding to hemoglobin. 60GHz is being installed in schools in Milwaukee now. What is the Common Council doing about this?

**Michelle Grosso**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:08pm 07-09-20

We need to work to together. Wearing a mask will not kill anyone but if we don't, people will die and already have died. If we do everything we can to protect ourselves and each other, we can prevent illness and stop the spread. We need to mandate masks because clearly, based on the comments here, there are far too many people who do not live in reality and therefore fully willing to put their community at risk of serious illness or death. That is why it needs to be a mandate.

**Jenna Mo**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:56pm 07-09-20

I strongly support this extra measure of safety to help reduce the spread of Covid 19.

**Jeffrey Lewandowski**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:54pm 07-09-20

Totally against a mandate !!!

Peoples choice !! Sick should stay home !!?

**Matt Bouley**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:53pm 07-09-20

My mom has asthma and is in the hospital after wearing a mask due to an asthma attack she is in the ICU, tested negative to COVID and never had a attack like this prior to wearing masks. This ruling is not the responsible thing to do, its just A thing to do. Doing something that A. doesn't help to any great degree and B. will result in further escalations between people and the police who have to enforce this putting all parties at risk C. is unconstitutional is foolish. Just because you think your intentions are good does not mean Its a good idea!

**Lydia Washechek**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:48pm 07-09-20

I strongly support this ordinance. Face coverings are a simple way to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

**Nicole Freda**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:33pm 07-09-20

FORCING PEOPLE TO WEAR A MASK IS A VIOLATION OF OUR GOD GIVEN CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS!! It should be MY CHOICE to decide whether or not I want to wear one, this is no different the the flu & WE ALL DONT WEAR MASKS FOR THAT!! YOUR'RE RUINING PEOPLES QUALITY OF LIFE, NOT PROTECTING IT!! IVE BEEN OUT IN PUBLIC WITH MY FAMILY& LIVED IN A SHELTER WITH MY KIDS TOO, NEVER GOT SICK AT ALL THROUGH OUT THIS WHOLE PANDEMIC & DID IT WITHOUT A MASK OR A VENTILATOR!!! IGNORANCE TRULY IS BLISS, SO GO AHEAD KEEP WEARING THE STUPID MASK, BUT I PROMISE YOU IF ITS YOUR TIME NO MASK IS GONNA PROTECT YOU!!

**Kristy Gember**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:24pm 07-09-20

It is imperative to pass this ordinance in order to keep everyone safe and to reduce the spread of Covid. All medical experts are highly recommending face coverings in public and we should be following that guidance.

**Dan Sh**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:21pm 07-09-20

Clearly the use of face coverings can slow the spread and save lives. This virus is not worth losing a single person's life to, let alone all the loss of life we could prevent with a mask mandate. 2 weeks of quarantine is bad



for business. And even worse is losing an employee for good. Mask up MKE!

**Michelle L**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:16pm 07-09-20

This Draconian ordinance will do nothing except hurt the citizens you are trying to protect, people with mental and chronic health disabilities. You claim a business can refuse right to service to anyone not wearing a mask? How many will actually step back and listen to a exemption when they are risking a \$500 fine or business closure? The science behind this recommendation, which was refuted by Dr Fauci back in January 2020 regarding effectiveness, makes this look like nothing but a power grab for ordinary citizens to be shamed, humiliated, and bullied by tyrannical rule of local government.

**Ky GREE**

Location:

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

Make outside not part of this mandate. Allow people to not wear mask as long as they are in the restaurant eating and 6 feet apart. People rely on mask too much. If this is not a county mandate your hurting Milwaukee city business. Please reword mandate.

**Cassandra Papesh**

Location:

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

It is the LEAST we can be doing at this time. Look at New Zealand and how they combated covid-19. We don't all need to contract this.

**Carey Kammel**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:03pm 07-09-20

Personal freedoms can not be at the expense of other people's health. Require mask use to save lives

**Sadie Wallace**

Location:

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

I oppose this 100%. It should be our choice if we wear a mask or not. If people are so afraid then they can stay home. I can't breath when wearing a mask. I thought we lived in a free country not one that the government dictates what we do. Do not pass this

**Paul Bolan**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:41pm 07-09-20

I strongly urge you not to pass this. Covid has been proven to be less deadly than the seasonal flu. Masks also do not stop the spread. If an individual want's to wear a mask than go ahead but I will refuse to have my normal breathing infringed upon . Use common sense .

**Samantha Whitefeather**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:40pm 07-09-20

I will support as many local businesses as possible if this mandate goes through. Masks are such an effective and simple measure to help keep our communities safe.

**Rachel T.**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:33pm 07-09-20

I will take my business outside of the city limits just like we did when all of the bars and restaurants were open except in Milwaukee. I'm sure the other municipalities appreciate the extra sales tax revenue. You are choking out

certain businesses within the city while the suburban bars and restaurants will gain new business.

**Lisa Mesrobian**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:22pm 07-09-20

Masks should be an individuals choice and responsibility. What is the outcome of wearing a mask? This will not take the virus away. Viruses do not vanish suddenly. They implore the body and will prosper on to the next host. They will mutate and reinfect. Being said, we will continue to get this virus until the virus gets us. It's extremely unfortunate and horrible. What are we to do? Once we take those masks off after this said mandatory order ends, we will be right where we are now. Quality of life will be deteriorated in any situation. You may as well live how you choose to in the meantime.

**K.L. Lo**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:08pm 07-09-20

Other countries have proven that consistent, widespread use of masks/face coverings are effective, and they are essentially the \*only\* way to keep people safe while allowing the economy to be some semblance of open. Go anywhere in Milwaukee and you'll see many people carrying on as if we're not in a pandemic. A mandate is the only way to keep people safe and the only way to salvage the economy.

**Bonita G**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:54pm 07-09-20

I love the fact that face Masks may be mandatory. So many residents and business owners are taking this virus lightly this ordinance being put in place is a step in the right direction. If people don't want to do what is necessary for the health safety of themselves and others YES!!! make it law so then they won't have a choice. This is not a decision that will affect this city in a negative way no this is going to help this city slowly heal and move us in a positive direction.

**Megan Kostowicz**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:50pm 07-09-20

Please mandate masks for all indoor public activities and outdoor activities within 6ft of others. We need to protect each other, and the only way to do that is if EVERYONE participates, not just whoever feels like it. We are all tired of wearing masks and social distancing, but the longer we fight the bare minimum of wearing masks around others, the longer we are going to have to do this.

**Si Be**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:28pm 07-09-20

Drop the ego. This is a public health emergency. Would you like others to cough and breath on your family? Do you want your neighbor on their death bed because you got to close? To those who oppose this requirement- shame on you. What did a 4"x6" piece of cloth do to offend you in a past life? This is not a violation of your rights- even CHILDREN understand the mask benefits. bc shocker- we don't have to live like this forever if we take steps now. I know- hard to believe. BUT we have the resources to stop this. So why wouldn't you? Don't bother answering- you'll be on a ventilator soon.

**John Kaye**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:24pm 07-09-20

I strongly support this ordinance! Wearing masks in public is prudent, smart, and necessary to protect all of us. Thank you for having the courage to propose this!

**Matthew Carroll**

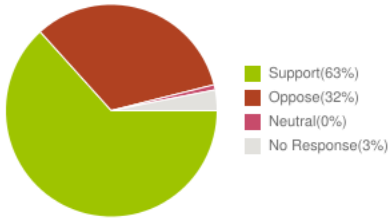
Location:

Submitted At: 5:12pm 07-09-20

I implore the common council to reject this ordinance. This is an over reach. It should be the individual's decision to choose to wear a mask.

Agenda Item: eComments for 5. 200409 Resolution directing the Commissioner of the Milwaukee Health Department to establish a program under which all City residents may receive a face mask without charge upon request.

#### Overall Sentiment



#### Victor Shakapopolis

Location:

Submitted At: 12:22pm 07-13-20

I fully support the residents of our city being able to receive a mask if they ask for one. The more readily accessible they are, the better.

#### Jessica Erstad

Location:

Submitted At: 12:16pm 07-13-20

Masks do not help enough to be required to wear, they also make it harder to breath. People with prior health conditions or trouble breathing would not be able to wear them for extended periods of time. Requiring masks to be worn goes against our constitutional rights.

#### Kaylee Bast

Location:

Submitted At: 12:08pm 07-13-20

I support this. People should not choose to put their life at risk or purchase a mask and forgo something else that is necessary.

#### Eric Alseth

Location:

Submitted At: 12:08pm 07-13-20

Providing Milwaukeeans with masks will help prevent the spread of COVID 19, especially in neighborhoods which might not have access to masks or mask production.

#### Alysha Rendflesh

Location:

Submitted At: 12:05pm 07-13-20

I support this mandate in efforts to helping our residents take strides to making our community safe

#### Farzad Ghodsi

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 07-13-20

A mandate means that the City should provide masks to everyone in order to follow it, east decision. Honestly this should automatically be sent to every household regardless of "request", then no one has an excuse to not follow the mandate.

**Laura Krajacic**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:59am 07-13-20

Yes, I fully support the mask mandate and believe it makes should be made accessible to everyone regardless of income or location. Privilege should not matter when it comes to public safety.

**Maggie Laughner**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:51am 07-13-20

Masks have proven to be a fundamentally necessary item in minimizing the spread of COVID. Please support this.

**Sean Johnson**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:47am 07-13-20

I think this pandemic has already greatly hurt Milwaukee, businesses and a restaurants alike I can guarantee if this mandate passes I will not be shopping or go to any restaurants in the city of Milwaukee, and will take my business to the surrounding cities

**Whaley Barbara**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:46am 07-13-20

If the city provides mask & you were talking about the cloth ones, those are the worst ones and some gets sick with covid because they do not filter out the virus, Is the city responsible? If someone dies from hypoxia from low oxygen levels because they have to where a mask for 8 hours a day with out OSHA approval, is the city responsible ????? Everyone is going to wear a mask already has one

**Ben Canniff**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:31am 07-13-20

Again, wasting taxpayer money again. Time to move

**Amanda Parr**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:30am 07-13-20

Absolutely support 100%. We need this as responsible citizens to stop the spread, and show people how to wear them correctly NOW.

**Teah Underwood**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:27am 07-13-20

Support. I really hope the city of Milwaukee supports slowing the spread of COVID.

**Denise Marciniak**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:25am 07-13-20

Support, getting difficult for people to keep buying masks.

**Molly Kiefer**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:20am 07-13-20

We must make masks an accessible tool to everyone in this city to prevent the spread of COVID. I fully support this resolution.

**Kat Gould**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:58am 07-13-20

This is very helpful to those who may not have resources right now to obtain one.  
Great idea, and then nobody can make excuses that they don't have one :)

**Jon Beck**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:57am 07-13-20

People don't wear them correct and they litter with them.

**Carly With**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:52am 07-13-20

If we can get everyone an easy access to these masks it will make the mandate run more smooth.

**Mary Johnson**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:52am 07-13-20

As a registered nurse, I support this!

**Madeline Seymour**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:51am 07-13-20

I support this resolution.

**A T**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:50am 07-13-20

Making masks accessible is crucial to implementing a mandate.

**Barbara Ferrier**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:31am 07-13-20

Please vote no for this proposal. To wear a mask is a personal choice. The government should not be providing masks at taxpayer expense.

**Susan Robitaille**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:31am 07-13-20

Absolutely not. We barely have money for the truly important things in our city as it is. I can't even believe the stupidity of this one. Btw... on a one hour walk the other day I counted SEVEN discarded disposable masks laying around on the ground as litter. They are disgusting and people are just tossing them everywhere now. No mask mandate and no free masks.

**Steve Raasch**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:27am 07-13-20

COVID is the least of our worries at this point. We need to focus on opening up our economy before more lives are damaged. Requiring masks is a big step in the wrong direction, considering that the death rate is at its lowest and our hospitals have plenty of capacity.

**KM Hojnacki**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:19am 07-13-20

Everyone needs to have the necessary resources and should have the option to request one.

**Andrew Oppmann**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:16am 07-13-20

I've seen businesses offer masks upon entering if customers don't have one. If masks are offered for free and easily accessible, it makes the implementation of a mandate much more feasible.

**Ka Koyama**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:02am 07-13-20

This is a good idea and is not that difficult to do. Let's do it MKE.

**Jordan Robers**

Location:

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

I support this!!!

**Tim Askin**

Location:

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

Distributing free masks is an excellent idea.

**michelle malkovich**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:57am 07-13-20

Please help those who need it to be safe community members.

**Katie Robleski**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:55am 07-13-20

Yes, please support this resolution to continue to support the health and safety of our Milwaukee community.

**Arianna Wilson**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:54am 07-13-20

I support this.

**Anna Edwards**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:43am 07-13-20

Mandate masks & then provide the means necessary.

**Nina Keizer**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:34am 07-13-20

I think it's only fair that if the city is going to make masks in public mandatory then it should provide free resources for people who need it. And even if the mask ordinance does not pass free masks should still be available to those who want to protect themselves and others.

**Debbie Sajnani**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:28am 07-13-20

Providing access to face masks should be a priority

**Erika Kopp**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:26am 07-13-20

Masks are necessary.

**Kelly Love**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:23am 07-13-20

No no no

**Aaron Lang**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:17am 07-13-20

Masks are a simple and effective tool to hinder the spread of the virus. This policy would also help our more marginalized community members who cannot afford to get masks help spread the virus and not be a target for enforcement of a mask policy. Our city is capable of providing masks to its citizens and it will in the long run help us economically recover from the pandemic.

**Rita Nokovic**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:15am 07-13-20

This shouldn't be a question. This is an easy and cost-effective way to protect Milwaukee citizens from spreading COVID. If everyone is provided a mask, there is no excuse as to why someone isn't wearing theirs.

**Peter deGuzman**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:12am 07-13-20

Masks are incredibly necessary to help stop the spread. Everyone should be given easy access to a mask to help.

**Taylor Varney**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46am 07-13-20

Masks are an important tool required to slow and eventually stop the virus. Those who are unable to afford such an important tool, should have one provided to them.

**Logan Bayuk**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:41am 07-13-20

Fully support supporting those in need. Consider developing a program that employs those who are out of work due to the pandemic (artists, etc) to make masks for this specific purpose.

**Alexander Howe**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:39am 07-13-20

Support!

**Kerri Santos**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:30am 07-13-20

Do not mandate masks.

**Christopher Premetz**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:29am 07-13-20

Stop the nonsense

**Jeremiah Nolte**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:24am 07-13-20

Oooo! Something for "free". I'll take them. How many do I get?

Great!

There's 5 of us in my family so please multiply that and I'll take them all for no expense to anyone. (All sarcasm)

**Jennifer Higgins**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:14am 07-13-20

We must the entire community. With millions of Americans out of work due to this pandemic, I don't see how providing masks for free is even an issue we need to argue.

**Lyn Ranta**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:05am 07-13-20

Masks are a crucial way to help decrease spread of COVID. All members of our community should have easy access to reusable, washable cloth face masks.

**ANNEMARIE KAISER**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:04am 07-13-20

opposed

**Ava Bush**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:42am 07-13-20

Please pass this and make it easier for everyone to have a mask.

**David Parzych**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:37am 07-13-20

Oppose

**Malcolm Pittsley**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:36am 07-13-20

We're in it regardless, so why do you want to lose as a team? Put on a mask and stop being so selfish. This isn't just about you, but about everyone around you.

**Amanda Theys**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:36am 07-13-20

Sure, give people the masks, but MASKS MUST REMAIN A CHOICE. They will wear them if they want to

**Betsy Perch**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:15am 07-13-20

I CANNOT BREATHE in a mask! So you want to suffocate us all now and use my tax dollars? Drive through the hood sometime and look at all the trash everywhere- I know exactly where these masks will end up- in our streets, pathogen laden and disgusting.

**Alec Muniz**

Location:



Submitted At: 6:58am 07-13-20

Fully support

**Lance Byrkit**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:06am 07-13-20

Poor use of tax dollars.

**Kaija Slaukstins-Byrkit**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:01am 07-13-20

I oppose because because face masks should not be required. If someone wants to wear one they can get one.

**Lori Ia**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:58am 07-13-20

WHO WILL PAY FOR THIS, this tax payer who is opposed to wearing a mask? Strongly oppose.

**Micharl Canter**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:44am 07-13-20

How about using that money to feed the poor?

**Lacy Landre**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:29am 07-13-20

My household and I fully support this.

**Anthony I.**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:08am 07-13-20

I oppose this Draconian order!!

**Adam Mihojevich**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:53am 07-13-20

Give the people masks please

**Jaclyn Pachicano**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:48am 07-13-20

This is extremely important, especially for residents that have limited access and resources. Do not criminalize poverty. Increase access to help improve city-wide health.

**Erin Moss**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:46am 07-13-20

More access means more compliance.

**DA Aa**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:15am 07-13-20

This is America! Leave is the heck alone. We will not comply with any unconstitutional mask "orders". Not only are they tyrannical but masks are useless anyway. The virus spread like wildfire through China and everyone there wears a mask. This is not about our health. Stop abusing us!

**Corrie Tritz**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:57pm 07-12-20

Provide facemasks so the public health mandate does not criminalize poverty or mobility/access limitations.

**Nathan Moore**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:29pm 07-12-20

Support!

**Na Na**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:10pm 07-12-20

Strongly support

**Jack Campbell**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:45pm 07-12-20

This is necessary to prevent de facto discrimination against people from our poorest communities who have been most affected by COVID-19

**Slaviša Radjen**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:37pm 07-12-20

strongly oppose

**Amy Teutenberg**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:29pm 07-12-20

Make it available on request only. Most already have some and we don't need to duplicate and waste more money like we did with the refund checks to wealthy or dead people. They should be available upon request though if it's going to be mandatory.

**Taylor Clausen**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:23pm 07-12-20

I support this ordinance

**Merisa Stacy**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:20pm 07-12-20

Support receiving a face mask without charge upon request

**Jack Miller**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:17pm 07-12-20

I support this ordinance. If individuals are required to wear masks or face coverings, it is important to provide masks to everyone who may not be able to afford or otherwise acquire one.

**Brook Ihde**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:17pm 07-12-20

I fully support this. Everyone needs to wear masks and there should be no barriers preventing every citizen from obtaining them.

**Anna Miller**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:07pm 07-12-20

I strongly support this!

**Sara Caron**

Location:

Submitted At: 10:00pm 07-12-20

Masks should be provided to city residents who do not have access to them. Not only should they be distributed by city officials but to community and mutual aid organizations for redistribution through those often more effective channels

**Larry Boyd**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:44pm 07-12-20

Unconstitutional

**Stephanie Bowers**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:27pm 07-12-20

There is no reason to supply individuals with face masks. They are already readily available to those who can't afford to purchase.

**Paige Rinker**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:26pm 07-12-20

I support providing face coverings as needed, especially upon making them mandatory.

**Angellica Lopez**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:19pm 07-12-20

I support this

**Sarah Krchma**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46pm 07-12-20

I support this!

**Hannah Bergman**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:37pm 07-12-20

No thanks! We could have 100% compliance on masks for the next two years and it won't solve the real health and mental problems of this country.

**Luke Miller**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:36pm 07-12-20

Spending money on masks today saves money on healthcare and ventilators tomorrow. Strongly support.

**Abigail Sanders**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:28pm 07-12-20

Let's make this as easy as possible for people to comply. A small price to pay for saving lives.

**Willow Baillies**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:16pm 07-12-20

There are so many masks that Milwaukee obtained during all of this and it is barely an additional expense. It seems obvious to provide them if they help protect people's health even a small amount.

### **Emily Sumner**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:32pm 07-12-20

Why would we not do everything we can to protect our residents? It's such a simple concept. The ordinance will show that our leaders care for their residents, and that we should care for each other.

### **Marisa Seguin**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:26pm 07-12-20

Countries with a strong mask culture that provided free masks to its citizens such as Japan have seen far lower numbers of Covid-19 cases with hardly a disruption to businesses. I support normalizing mask wearing and providing masks for anyone that needs one makes this even easier.

### **Timothy Biggin**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:24pm 07-12-20

If people don't have to pay for their own masks, the mandate may have more public backing.

### **Amanda Hsu**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:11pm 07-12-20

I support this resolution but need to set a limit per person during a specific of time.

### **Hannah Steiner**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:19pm 07-12-20

I support providing masks to the community

### **Scott Leblanc**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:14pm 07-12-20

To those who think this is going to end.....

YOU ARE WRONG!!! Give them an inch and they WILL take a mile!

Are you people forgetting something? The flu has been around for all time.

Give it a rest already.

### **Wayne Rohde**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:08pm 07-12-20

This is a needless expense since mandatory masking if approved, will ultimately be overruled by the courts.

### **Courtenay Kessler**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:04pm 07-12-20

I support this policy. Everyone (with very few health exceptions and above a certain age) should be able to wear a mask. Providing free masks to the public will help alleviate disparities in who can afford a face covering and be able to protect themselves. This will help protect individuals as well as our broader community, as masks have been shown to protect both the wearer and those they come in contact with. Thank you.

### **Alyssa Anderson**

Location:  
Submitted At: 3:25pm 07-12-20

Access to masks is so important and I see people needing them all the time!

### **Robyn Brown**

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

Can we get some free fairy dust while we're at it? How about a tin foil hat?

### **Joe Mucciolo**

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

This is not the responsibility of government. This kind of thing should be taken on by private citizens/entities that feel strongly about it.

### **SI Harris**

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

Saw a box of "surgical masks" at Target in the school supply area, box clearly says they will not work for liquid barrier protection or if the infection risk of inhalation is high, what is the point? What masks would the tax payers of MKE have to pay for? The Common Council needs to make this clear and at what cost and WHERE is the \$\$ coming from. There are many unanswered questions with this ordinance, such as COST and END DATE and it seems that many people don't care to have those questions answered. We elected the members of the common council— they serve us they need to answer to us.

### **Helena Ehlke**

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

Masks UNHEALTHY for wearer+do nothing to protect others from microscopic virus; Masks HARMFUL TO humans. Wearing facemask reduces blood+tissue oxygenation-can be deadly-while increasing carbon dioxide levels. Masks increase risk of infection+spread of viral illness, hinder detox via exhale, impair immune system+cause many ailments physical+emotional. Positive "spikes" from falsely inflated computer models; CDC recognizes at this date Covid virus NOT a pandemic+at this time is NOT deadly threat to over 99.9% of populations; studies now indicate asymptomatic are definitely NOT any danger to spread it

### **Jarred Nonnemacher**

Location:  
Submitted At: 3:28pm 07-11-20

providing masks for free will save money on ventilators later

### **Russell Fox**

Location:  
Submitted At: 2:54pm 07-11-20

Masks shouldn't have to be mandatory in public buildings and when gathering in public. There's no reason I should state my case, wearing a mask during these events is a moral obligation. It is absolutely ridiculous that we have to go this far.

But here we are. Wear the mask so this pandemic can end.

### **Anthony Schwader**

Location:  
Submitted At: 2:28pm 07-11-20

Of course I support masks be provided. Who would vote against such a thing?

### **Joshua Radloff**

Location:

Submitted At: 11:53am 07-11-20

For the well being of all!!

**Lisa Haessly**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:03am 07-11-20

Unconstitutional

**Allison McKelvey**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:00am 07-11-20

I strongly oppose. This is another effort to control the public and mandate mask usage. We have never been supplied with all other "necessities" such as personal care products, and this is a waste of my tax dollars. No thank you.

**Terrence Timm II**

Location:

Submitted At: 9:49pm 07-10-20

Strongly oppose to this effort to mandate mask usage. It is and should remain a personal choice not a forced mandate. It is a freedom..and that freedom should never be infringed upon for anything.

**Paula Meyer**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:17pm 07-10-20

There is contradictory evidence about mask wearing. Some health officials claim wearing masks will help contain the spread of the corona virus while others claim with equal veracity masks are ineffective, and some officials even posit that wearing masks for prolonged periods may be harmful to health. As such, there is no overwhelming evidence to support mandatory mask wearing. Under such contradictory circumstances it is not sensible for elected leaders at any level to enforce a mask wearing mandate.

**J. Leigh Day**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:19pm 07-10-20

Masks DO NOT stop or slow any virus from spreading due to particle size. There is ZERO scientific evidence proving otherwise. There are however dozens of scientific RCT's proving "cloth face coverings" are useless at best and dangerous at worst. They will increase the viral load and severity of Covid for anyone who comes in contact with it. Covid 19 is being primarily spread by fecal- oral transmission NOT aerosol, but no one is telling you that. WASH. YOUR. HANDS.

**Judi Pool**

Location:

Submitted At: 6:13pm 07-10-20

Silly. If people want a mask, have them available to them. Others either have them or don't want them. What a waste of taxpayer funds

**Jacob Schmidt**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:46pm 07-10-20

I oppose this until the taxpayers are presented with the tax implications. It stands the chance of being wasteful to taxpayer money and lucrative to the contract vendor. Things like cost per mask and conflicts of interest within the council need to be known.

**Iris Morris**

Location:

Submitted At: 4:02pm 07-10-20

This is a waste of taxpayer money.

**Tina Morris**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:58pm 07-10-20

Unless a mask is worn properly, made of the proper material, and adheres like a suction cup to your face, it provides little to no protection against a microbial virus like COVID. This is a waste of time in consideration and tax payer money in implementation.

**Patrick Bakkum**

Location:

Submitted At: 3:30pm 07-10-20

I oppose this until the taxpayers are presented with the tax implications. It stands the chance of being wasteful to taxpayer money and lucrative to the contract vendor. Things like cost per mask and conflicts of interest within the council need to be known.

**Judy Jones**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:59pm 07-10-20

I oppose. This is a waste of taxpayer money. If people want to wear masks, they should provide their own. The government doesn't supply toilet paper or other hygiene products - why should they provide masks?

**Renee Glembin**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:55pm 07-10-20

Providing masks to people who request them and may not be bale to afford them is the right thing to do. Let's take care of one another.

**Brian Wettlaufer**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:50pm 07-10-20

I oppose this measure as a waste of taxpayer funds.

**Mitchell Henke**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:35pm 07-10-20

I strongly support this proposal. Everyone should have access to the resources that can help them and others be safer.

**Erin Syverson**

Location:

Submitted At: 2:30pm 07-10-20

We should be passing/supporting any measures that will help reduce barriers to people following public health guidelines. Not only should masks be provided but they should be easily accessible to those who may not have transportation.

**Amber M.**

Location:

Submitted At: 1:46pm 07-10-20

City of Milwaukee should provide free masks to anyone that financially cannot afford to do so to ensure everyone is safe.

**Michael Dunn**

Location:

Submitted At: 12:43pm 07-10-20

Yes, we must show leadership in providing the means to help people comply with this important order.

**James Cameron**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:56am 07-10-20

What you make should not determine your eligibility for protection against a pandemic.

**Michelle Grosso**

Location:

Submitted At: 8:11pm 07-09-20

Whether the ordinance passes or not, people should have free, easy access to the PPG they need - that we all need them to have to all stay safe. The city, state, and federal government should be setting the example of what is safest by having all government employees wearing masks themselves and providing masks for all citizens to wear in public spaces.

**Jenna Mo**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:57pm 07-09-20

Safety should not be a matter of affordability. Strongly support.

**Lydia Washechek**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:49pm 07-09-20

I support this ordinance.

**Dan Sh**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:24pm 07-09-20

If we mandate it, we must provide access, no question.

**Cassandra Papesh**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:08pm 07-09-20

Make it easy.

**Carey Kammel**

Location:

Submitted At: 7:05pm 07-09-20

Mask usage is not a burden and should be available for everyone.

**John Kaye**

Location:

Submitted At: 5:26pm 07-09-20

Good idea! I have no need for a mask, have plenty, but nonetheless a good idea.