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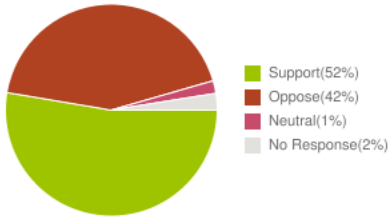
eComments Report

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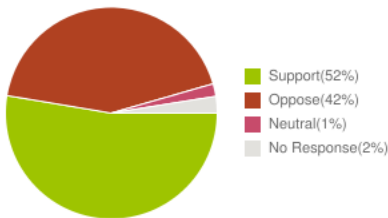
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Agenda Name	Comments	Support	Oppose	Neutral
1. 200409 Resolution directing the Commissioner of the Milwaukee Health Department to establish a program under which all City residents may receive a face mask without charge upon request.	195	121	67	4
2. 200426 An ordinance relating to a requirement for face coverings in public spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic.	635	316	289	12

Sentiments for All Agenda Items

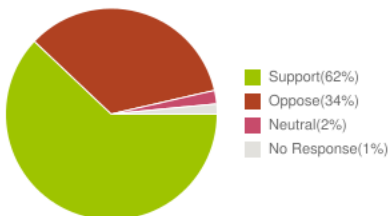
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Agenda Item: eComments for 1. 200409 Resolution directing the Commissioner of the Milwaukee Health Department to establish a program under which all City residents may receive a face mask without charge upon request.

Overall Sentiment



Thomas Braun

Location:

Submitted At: 1:27pm 07-09-20

"Of all tyrannies, a tyranny exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their own conscience." - C.S. Lewis

Timothy Steuerwald

Location:

Submitted At: 1:27pm 07-09-20

If you want to wear a muzzle then buy one yourself.

Terrence Timm II

Location:

Submitted At: 1:26pm 07-09-20

Masks should remain a personal choice not a mandate!

Terrence Grogan

Location:

Submitted At: 1:26pm 07-09-20

Thank you

Virginia Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 1:25pm 07-09-20

I oppose funds going toward this when people are starving and being evicted and worse because of this quarantine! There are more important things going on than we "might" catch a virus if we get too close to some random person.

Cheryl Mealey

Location:

Submitted At: 1:24pm 07-09-20

Oppose free and/or mandatory masks. They are being littered all around the city in an unhygienic manner. No need to make that worse. No mandate, no need to provide masks.

Mariah Beck

Location:

Submitted At: 1:19pm 07-09-20

Masks should be mandatory in public spaces and should be provided for those who are unable to provide one for themselves.

Mason Mears

Location:

Submitted At: 1:17pm 07-09-20

I oppose this idea! Put our tax dollars to better use

Jeanne Catron

Location:

Submitted At: 1:17pm 07-09-20

Please watch this before making a decision

<https://www.facebook.com/UniversalTarotZone/videos/193059832125552/?v=193059832125552>

Beth Zigmund

Location:

Submitted At: 1:15pm 07-09-20

If wanted

Anthony Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 1:11pm 07-09-20

Put our tax dollars to good use.

Leah Wank

Location:

Submitted At: 1:09pm 07-09-20

I oppose this.

Sarah Kirsch

Location:

Submitted At: 1:07pm 07-09-20

I oppose this program! A waste of tax payers dollars!

Sarah Mironczuk

Location:

Submitted At: 1:07pm 07-09-20

Not only should masks be mandated, citizens should have access to free masks. It is imperative that we slow the spread of COVID

Kayla Hall

Location:

Submitted At: 1:06pm 07-09-20

We need to make sure everyone has access to protection

Courtney Danielski

Location:

Submitted At: 1:06pm 07-09-20

Seeing as covid numbers are continuing to surge in Wisconsin, I strongly support the mask mandate. The safety and well being of our communities should not be up for debate.

Katherine Wetherbee

Location:

Submitted At: 1:04pm 07-09-20

We need this!

Ellie Dahlquist

Location:

Submitted At: 1:04pm 07-09-20

The majority use masks unhygienically; completely negating any proposed benefit, resulting in the exact opposite of the public's goal. This is how to safely use a face covering: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/cloth-face-covering.pdf>

Most laypersons simply can't subscribe to the level of care necessary for safe practice. Be honest, do YOU strictly comply? Or is your compliance in vain? Ordinances like this are encouraging greater exposure to bacteria and virus, including, but not limited to, covid-19. It is not a viable solution, and it is irresponsible to view it as such.

Lydia Washechek

Location:

Submitted At: 1:00pm 07-09-20

I support this.

Tom Wank

Location:

Submitted At: 1:00pm 07-09-20

I oppose free face masks and mandatory masks in the city of Milwaukee.

Jennifer Kohut

Location:

Submitted At: 12:59pm 07-09-20

This can only help public safety!

Arianna Wilson

Location:

Submitted At: 12:56pm 07-09-20

I support this.

Christopher Niemann

Location:

Submitted At: 12:56pm 07-09-20

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=229cvY7UHbE&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR2IzgV682yF2hluaKatwO7JQszdU2trJb1Orz9G20G9UiudisUKXF1C0IQ>

Stacie Tatera

Location:

Submitted At: 12:54pm 07-09-20

I do not support this. Face masks should be a choice!

Rebecca Wilson

Location:

Submitted At: 12:54pm 07-09-20

We need this to ensure everyone's safety. We can't think of just ourselves but everyone else in this city.

Rachel Stenman

Location:

Submitted At: 12:53pm 07-09-20

Please get everyone access to masks immediately! The health of our community and it's economy depends on it. I'm a small business owner and the longer this draws out the worse it's going to be for people like me. At this point, a mask is an absolute necessity and an essential item.

Alyssa Anderson

Location:

Submitted At: 12:49pm 07-09-20

The communities safety is the key priority here! We must look out for one another.

Brandt Laughnan

Location:

Submitted At: 12:49pm 07-09-20

I STRONGLY DISAGREE as masks are not required AT ALL

Deserae Constantineau

Location:

Submitted At: 12:46pm 07-09-20

We must do everything we can to keep ALL of our people safe.

Eric Eichstaedt

Location:

Submitted At: 12:44pm 07-09-20

Support 100%.

Janine tetzlaff

Location:

Submitted At: 12:41pm 07-09-20

Masks should have been mandatory in March. The government has let us down. Wisconsin is not Florida. People wear seat belts -- what's the difference?

Michelle Pilak

Location:

Submitted At: 12:40pm 07-09-20

Masks will help us slow the spread and protect immune-suppressed individuals from grave illness and potential death. We need to do what is best for our communities as a whole. That means wearing masks.

Josiah Cook

Location:

Submitted At: 12:39pm 07-09-20

I support the resolution for all city residents to receive a mask upon request.

Peter Panos

Location:

Submitted At: 12:35pm 07-09-20

None of this is about "you needing a mask". The simple concept has been hard to understand, but I'll say it again for everyone that still thinks the mask is to protect the mask wearer:

We wear the mask as a mitigation effort to stop giving it to others as we may be carrying it and not know it. It does not protect the wearer, but the collateral damage from spread through the grapevine.

Michael Percy

Location:

Submitted At: 12:34pm 07-09-20

My strongest concern with this is that that has been discrimination towards people who cannot wear masks because of disabilities. For example stores like Menards I haven't forced this for all customers is nothing short of discrimination. We live in a time when we talk about quality but yet people are a few service because they cannot wear a mask because of lung conditions such as CF. This will driveway business as more people will flock to the suburbs and is strongly opposed from many public polls. If this goes ahead I will not be shopping or spending any money in the city of Milwaukee

Barbara Heath

Location:

Submitted At: 12:31pm 07-09-20

As of 7/7/2020 there were only 32,556 cases of COVID in Wisconsin. Divide that by 5,851,750, the population of Wisconsin, to get .0055. $.0055 \times 100 = .55\%$ - for about a half of a single percent of the population of our state, we are going county by county and mandating mask wearing which has been proven ineffective by SCIENCE? If you are going to cry "my body, my choice" when it comes to the murder of innocent unborn children, then it is my body and my choice not to adopt a practice which is harmful to my health. This is a direct violation of the Constitution and the ADA. I WILL NOT COMPLY!

Hailee Wilkinson

Location:

Submitted At: 12:26pm 07-09-20

I do not support mandatory masks we should have the right to choose for ourselves if we need them. Do our own research to determine if they will work for us. For those who want to wear one shouldn't feel threatened by those who don't if they truly work!

Veronica Newhouse

Location:

Submitted At: 12:24pm 07-09-20

Public health & safety is critical to a functioning community. Masks are an effective deterrent to community spread of Covid.

Lauren Burke

Location:

Submitted At: 12:22pm 07-09-20

Many things are free, masks ought to be.

Pavick Nicole

Location:

Submitted At: 12:21pm 07-09-20

There is no data supporting that wearing face covering in public help to lessen the spread of this virus. There is plenty of data supporting that face coverings create more bacteria when worn for long period of times (same mask (fabric) all day without being washed or replaced if it's a disposable ear loop mask (which you start breathing in toxic chemicals from the mask itself if worn for a long period of time because they are not designed for the same mask to be worn all day), lessens your oxygen levels, lessens your immune system, etc.

Steven Shada

Location:

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

I do not support this measure as it is obviously only being considered because of the proposed mask mandate and the certain legal challenges it will bring.

Sarah Hudson

Location:

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

Masks are important

Elizabeth Jenkins

Location:

Submitted At: 12:04pm 07-09-20

Wholeheartedly support! It would be ideal if the masks were made of reusable material to prevent waste. Everyone should have access to necessary PPE.

Julie Stefonik

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45am 07-09-20

I oppose.

Kathy swoboda

Location:

Submitted At: 11:43am 07-09-20

Mask should be cloth 1 generic color, with hand washing instructions. It should be sourced with a local business.

Jolynn Palmbach

Location:

Submitted At: 11:42am 07-09-20

Please provide 3 masks, to ensure residents can always have a clean and a backup should one be misplaced or damaged. Also please provide more pickup sites to make this program more accessible for bus riders, the disabled, elderly, and parents.

Amber Stoll

Location:

Submitted At: 11:41am 07-09-20

I do not need a face mask for free because I I oppose the mandate for face masks.If your face mask work then those that do not wear one should not hurt those that wear one if they work. It is our bodies and our right to wear or not wear one,and I will sue anyone that mandates face mask because it goes against my constitutional rights. Your immune systems were meant to fight against infections,germs and Diseases naturally so let it do what it was made to do .

Temo Rodriguez

Location:

Submitted At: 11:40am 07-09-20

Wearing a mask is detrimental to our health because it causes more diseases (see link below). Our best defense is taking care of our good health by exercising, eating well, being with our loved ones, being in the sun, breathing fresh outdoor air, spirituality, and the like to boost our immune system to fight disease. Herd immunity is critical in fighting viruses. The statistics say this virus is not more deadly than the flu so we shouldn't destroy our normal way of life and health by wearing a mask.

<https://www.technocracy.news/blaylock-face-masks-pose-serious-risks-to-the-healthy/>

Leslie Mason

Location:

Submitted At: 11:34am 07-09-20

Everyone should have access to proper PPE during this pandemic. If we are all protected, we are all safe.

Michael Kryshak

Location:

Submitted At: 11:30am 07-09-20

This is something that offers cost savings long term and guarantees compliance.

Jeff Alberts

Location:

Submitted At: 11:29am 07-09-20

Absolutely in support!

Jenna Mo

Location:

Submitted At: 11:26am 07-09-20

I fully support a program which will provide masks to people and families in need of protection against Covid 19 for free. I do hope that the city will consider offering more than three places to receive them, so folks don't have to rely on public transportation to get to them.

Kristopher Purzycki

Location:

Submitted At: 11:21am 07-09-20

Each person should receive 3 masks

Grace Leonhardt

Location:

Submitted At: 11:21am 07-09-20

Fully support. Milwaukee has an opportunity to be an example for this country on how to properly address a detrimental global pandemic.

Elijah Fothergill

Location:

Submitted At: 11:19am 07-09-20

Those who say medical conditions prevent others from wearing a mask are either misinformed or being dishonest. People are in a position where they have to expose themselves to others to provide and support families, whether exposure is at work, on the way to and from work. Those saying they'll refuse to support businesses requiring basic hygiene, are you blind to how much our communities are already hurting nationwide? It seems more likely to me that people who refuse to wear masks don't have to expose themselves to others on a daily basis, it's a choice for them. SPREAD MASKS NOT COVID

Rachel King

Location:

Submitted At: 11:19am 07-09-20

Science HAS shown that masks help reduce the spread of covid-19. Having access to free supplies is essential

for protecting the health of our city.

Liza Cohen

Location:

Submitted At: 11:16am 07-09-20

I fully support a county wide mask mandate in order to protect our community. Ultimately small owned businesses will be hit hardest if we are forced to shutdown again because we did not do enough to slow the spread of a COVID.

Raul Vasquez

Location:

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

ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED. 1) Milwaukee County has gone nine days without a single coronavirus-related death, signaling that Milwaukee is nearing the end of the danger period for this virus. Implementing a new restriction now makes no sense at all. 2) A new mask law will create more situations of conflict between police and communities, exactly the thing we don't need more of. 3) Cloth masks do nothing to stop coronaviruses, which at 0.1 microns are too small. 4) People's misuse of the masks (such as using a dirty mask) will create more harm to user than not wearing any at all. 5) My body, my choice!

Betsy Perch

Location:

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

I oppose my tax dollars to be used for this. I will find elsewhere to do business. I am not against wearing a mask but very against a mandate for such. Let it remain a persons choice to go get one, people who chose not to wear one aren't screaming for everyone to follow suit. Reserve the PPE for those in the medical field and the vulnerable population. The death rate is going DOWN for covid 19 and cases are going up because we're testing so many. It should be celebrated that 99% of people are recovering from this illness! The majority of these masks will end up in a land fill. What a waste.

Erin Korchagin

Location:

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

Absolutely not. Masks are unnecessary and shouldn't be paid for by the taxpayers.

William Fuchs

Location:

Submitted At: 11:10am 07-09-20

Absolutely support.

Chad Burgess

Location:

Submitted At: 11:10am 07-09-20

Takes two seconds to put on a mask. I realize some people may not be able to wear a mask due to breathing/health issues, but if we don't make changes to how we do things right now we will all have breathing/health issues when we get sick. Fully support!

Brian Vogt

Location:

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

Support.

Alex Schlitz

Location:

Submitted At: 11:05am 07-09-20

STRONGLY SUPPORT. If face masks are mandatory and they are provided to people free of charge, everyone

benefits. There should be no financial barrier to us protecting each other, and this resolution would be in the best interest of public health.

Nichole Baird

Location:

Submitted At: 11:03am 07-09-20

Not everyone will wear one. Many people have medical/mental health conditions in which they cannot wear one, while others refuse because science has shown masks are not helpful in combating the spread of the virus. I believe this will be an unnecessary expense as well as cause an increase of littering. Who is going to clean up all the masks laying around on the ground?

Saebra Laken

Location:

Submitted At: 10:57am 07-09-20

We need to protect the health of our city , this is important that we follow science and take care of our fellow human beings

Thomas Schwartz

Location:

Submitted At: 10:57am 07-09-20

It is crucial and necessary for the city of Milwaukee to order all residents to wear a mask in order to slow the spread of the corona virus.

Maia Nolan-Partnow

Location:

Submitted At: 10:52am 07-09-20

This is an easy way to help slow the spread of COVID and help Milwaukee residents protect one another. As for cost -- prevention seems significantly less expensive than supporting the countless Milwaukeeans who will find themselves out of work if this pandemic continues unchecked for months or years.

Erica Nelson

Location:

Submitted At: 10:52am 07-09-20

No mandates for masks or anything! We the people are in control of our individual selves and government overreach is NOT ok! No Mask mandates or you'll lose a lot of money from people not visiting and spending at your establishments

VALERI LUCKS

Location:

Submitted At: 10:51am 07-09-20

Fully support!

Amanda Van Gorder

Location:

Submitted At: 10:51am 07-09-20

Strongly support!

Claire Koenig

Location:

Submitted At: 10:42am 07-09-20

Providing masks to everyone who needs one is something Milwaukee can and should do.

Colleen Vukosich

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 07-09-20

Should be voluntary. Some people have medical reasons for not being able to wear one.

Cameron Bates

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 07-09-20

NO MASKS!

Veronica Brittney

Location:

Submitted At: 10:38am 07-09-20

There are numerous people who die to the PTSD and claustrophobia related to sexual and physical abuse CANNOT wear a mask. There are numerous people who have medical issues and cannot wear a mask. These people will now be discriminated against and we all know this will also be another way for POC to be discriminated against.

Kendra Osness

Location:

Submitted At: 10:35am 07-09-20

It should be the persons choice if they want to wear a mask let them go purchase one... a bandanna also appears to be appropriate. Tax dollars should not be used for this.

Madeline Seymour

Location:

Submitted At: 10:35am 07-09-20

I support this notion so that all city members have equal access to continue to protect the health and safety of our city.

Judy Jones

Location:

Submitted At: 10:35am 07-09-20

I strongly oppose. It is not the role of the government to supply PPE to the citizens. If people want masks - and many do NOT want them - they can purchase the masks themselves. Our taxpayer money should NOT be used for masks.

Nathan Orr

Location:

Submitted At: 10:33am 07-09-20

Do not use my hard earned tax dollars for this nonsense.

Hope Januchowski - Baleywah

Location:

Submitted At: 10:32am 07-09-20

I support this

Theresa Fandrei

Location:

Submitted At: 10:31am 07-09-20

What type of masks? If disposable opposed an it negates zero waste, contamination controls. If other types, opposed as known observed general public lack of effective usages.

Paul Fredrich

Location:

Submitted At: 10:30am 07-09-20

Masks for everyone!

Virginia Ishaq

Location:

Submitted At: 10:30am 07-09-20

I am for wearing face coverings but not for a government mandate nor for using taxpayer dollars to purchase and distribute them.

Angela Navarro

Location:

Submitted At: 10:29am 07-09-20

Making masks available for all should be something we can provide the citizens of Milwaukee.

Mary Ann Panevska

Location:

Submitted At: 10:28am 07-09-20

Strongly opposed. If people believe they need a mask, let them buy one or simply use a scarf over their face. Stop spending our tax money on nonsense.

Angela Williamson

Location:

Submitted At: 10:27am 07-09-20

I support this. It is very easy to make DIY masks but I think it's important that everyone has access to masks.

Melissa Buchholz

Location:

Submitted At: 10:27am 07-09-20

I fully support this as a small business owner in the City of Milwaukee. Since we are currently one of the hottest spots for viral spread in the nation, I beg of you not to hesitate any longer. Please act in support of public health, require masks in public spaces, and distribute free masks to those who need them. Don't force us small business owners to do your job for you.

-Melissa Buchholz, Owner, Odd Duck & Little Duck Kitchen

Ben Pirkel

Location:

Submitted At: 10:26am 07-09-20

Opposed

Megan Gulland

Location:

Submitted At: 10:24am 07-09-20

I believe that it may be hard for many individuals to purchase or receive a face covering for them and their family. This is a good idea and will help those who can't get one themselves. It is important that everyone wear masks to protect others and themselves.

Susan Czelatdko

Location:

Submitted At: 10:22am 07-09-20

Unconstitutional

Melvin Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 10:18am 07-09-20

Good plan. Do it!

Tracy Balistreri

Location:
Submitted At: 10:16am 07-09-20

I support masks being provided at no charge upon request

Cheryl Allen

Location:
Submitted At: 10:14am 07-09-20

Strongly Support!
Please make this happen! The sooner the better, before we end up like FL, AZ, TX, etc.

Emily Fuger

Location:
Submitted At: 10:14am 07-09-20

I support this

Rita Nokovic

Location:
Submitted At: 10:10am 07-09-20

I support this decision. Masks should be provided, especially if they are made mandatory.

Alexandria Hayward

Location:
Submitted At: 10:07am 07-09-20

When you require everyone to wear face masks, you should give 1 mask to every member of the household so no one can go say they have no money/means to get a mask

ANNEMARIE KAISER

Location:
Submitted At: 10:07am 07-09-20

Opposed

Anna Edwards

Location:
Submitted At: 9:59am 07-09-20

This is simple: require residents to wear face masks in public spaces and then provide the means to do so. This is in the name of saving human life—something, I believe, should be of utmost importance when making decisions about Milwaukee residents.

Chris Allen

Location:
Submitted At: 9:55am 07-09-20

The quickest way to stop covid is EVERYONE wearing a mask--please REQUIRE MASKS!!!

Dana Hall

Location:
Submitted At: 9:52am 07-09-20

Not everyone can afford a mask - this is the best way to ensure that everyone who needs a mask has access to one!

Eva Robar-Orlich

Location:
Submitted At: 9:51am 07-09-20

Free masks is a sensible public health plan .

Alec Muniz

Location:
Submitted At: 9:51am 07-09-20

Strongly Support!

Shelli Mcintosh

Location:
Submitted At: 9:49am 07-09-20

Spending public money on this is a waste of taxpayers dollars

Mackenzie DeClark

Location:
Submitted At: 9:44am 07-09-20

This is a health issue, all citizens should be protected

Tia Seifert

Location:
Submitted At: 9:43am 07-09-20

Strongly against this mandate. There are a lot of proven negatives to wearing masks and those also need to be considered! Masks are for sick people, not healthy people and as we approach community health, we should be looking at things that help people stay healthy not make them more susceptible other diseases. This should not be a one sided decision but we need to look at the costs to a mandate (including increases mental health issues).

Becky Froehlich

Location:
Submitted At: 9:39am 07-09-20

This is completely unnecessary and a waste of taxpayer money. Masks cost about \$3 at any grocery store and doctors and dentists are handing them out for free. Also, as more and more people contract Covid-19 and then recover, fewer and fewer people will have any reason to be wearing a mask.

Jeff Bentoff

Location:
Submitted At: 9:31am 07-09-20

This is a major health issue, and the city should help anyone in need procure masks to protect the public.

Mandy McNutt

Location:
Submitted At: 9:29am 07-09-20

Strongly opposed. It is not the government's job to protect our health. It is the government's job to protect our liberties. It's our job to protect our health. Trading liberty for "safety" is an automatic loss.

Tom Frazier

Location:
Submitted At: 9:28am 07-09-20

Masks a symbol and not effective. We must stop the fear mongering. The number of cases is up, but so are the number of tests. Please analyze the data. The conclusion is clear. There is no reason to mandate face masks.

Melanie Hanneman

Location:
Submitted At: 9:27am 07-09-20

Unnecessary as we shouldn't be forced to wear a mask in public

Emily Martinsen

Location:
Submitted At: 9:25am 07-09-20

Yes, extreme fines should be avoided to not criminalize poverty if a mask cannot be purchased.

Tamara Mell

Location:

Submitted At: 9:25am 07-09-20

This is a great idea, yes please.

Matt Benson

Location:

Submitted At: 9:24am 07-09-20

Support.

Jen Messer

Location:

Submitted At: 9:19am 07-09-20

Tax payer money should not be wasted on providing masks. I'm sure with a government contract, the price per mask will be astronomical too!

Tanya Maney

Location:

Submitted At: 9:18am 07-09-20

As even the box that contains the most common masks used states that they do not prevent covid or the spread of any infectious disease, why is this even up for consideration? This is just another infringement on our personal right to choose in giving people a false sense of security. Even Dr Fauci has stated that masks are more "symbolic" than effective, and the CDC is on the verge of declaring this Covid -19 no longer a pandemic. What is the REAL reason for this bogus resolution?? Please vote no. Tmaney

Leslie Kaiser

Location:

Submitted At: 9:17am 07-09-20

Though the extended and improper use of masks have given people the false sense of security, the proven and ongoing lack of hygenic care by those that wear the cloth masks do not protect as well as assumed. The social distancing and personal responsibility for limiting disease spread js the key to slowly exposing everyone to the virus and producing the herd immunity needed.

Jake Wollner

Location:

Submitted At: 9:12am 07-09-20

This is just common sense. People need to be wearing masks to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 so the masks should be provided. Please also make sure there are strict rules and access for properly disposing of masks. There has been so many masks just being littered. Protect the environment too!

Manda Lee

Location:

Submitted At: 9:08am 07-09-20

Before spending more money on free masks, tell me what the infection rate is? If you don't know, here is some help. As of 7/8 Milwaukee County has 12,728 confirmed cases over the past 4 months. According to DHS the population of the county is 954,209. To do simple math to find the math you take the cases divided by the population times 100. $12,728 / 954,209 = .0133 \times 100 = 1.33\%$! For the state you would apply the same math. $33,154 / 5.8 \text{ million} = .0057 \times 100 = .57\%$! The infection rate is so low there is no reason to wear a mask.
#unmasktruth

Stacy Literski

Location:

Submitted At: 9:08am 07-09-20

Strongly Opposed! Masks shouldnt be mandatory therefore this agenda item is obsolete. I can think of so many other things that tax payers dollars would be better spent on than masks.

Natalie Kitzrow

Location:

Submitted At: 9:06am 07-09-20

Science says masks are the best defense against this virus. More folks will wear a mask if there is a mandate. We NEED this.

Rebecca Riddle

Location:

Submitted At: 9:04am 07-09-20

This would help eliminate the excuse that people can't get one or don't have one as a reason not to wear one.

Peter Burgelis

Location:

Submitted At: 9:03am 07-09-20

I support this

Jennifer Ambrose

Location:

Submitted At: 8:59am 07-09-20

People should wear masks when grocery shopping or when they are in any indoor space. However, who is going to enforce this mandate? Beleaguered and often unorganized managers at big box stores where people are out shopping? Citizens reporting other citizens in stores for not wearing masks? It would be great to create jobs for inspectors to go out into stores and into parks and just remind people about masks or social distancing. Too much responsibility is being put on the individual. It's too confusing and it makes it too easy for people to dismiss guidelines/mandates.

Stacy Sommerville

Location:

Submitted At: 8:58am 07-09-20

Masks work. (Refer time The Lancet for the scientifically proven data regarding reduction in virus transmission).

Haley Elmendorf

Location:

Submitted At: 8:54am 07-09-20

Please also supply consumer-friendly best practices and information on how the mask can be used safely and effectively.

Andrew Yaspan

Location:

Submitted At: 8:53am 07-09-20

Good initiative. Good use of funds

Kathy Shillinglaw

Location:

Submitted At: 8:52am 07-09-20

If it will get people to wear a mask, sure.

Megan Oster

Location:

Submitted At: 8:52am 07-09-20

Providing low quality masks will give people a false sense of security, encouraging them to engage in more risky behavior. Cloth masks are dangerous and surgical masks need to be changed every 20 minutes.

Abigail Wajer-Guibord

Location:

Submitted At: 8:32am 07-09-20

Support!

A. Williams

Location:

Submitted At: 8:30am 07-09-20

I support this wholeheartedly.

Janet Heck

Location:

Submitted At: 8:21am 07-09-20

Masks should be available for everyone. So many people out of work or living on extremely tight budgets should not have to choose between keeping their family safe or buying groceries.

Dawn Sanders

Location:

Submitted At: 8:10am 07-09-20

Give them 2.

Sara Jaszewski

Location:

Submitted At: 8:06am 07-09-20

Absolutely! This will further guarantee that more people would wear them simply by having easy access.

Laura Nelson

Location:

Submitted At: 7:44am 07-09-20

Yes and please allow distribution to be simple and convenient such as: handed out by Milwaukee bus drivers for those who ride the bus or have distribution sites outside local schools so people don't have to travel far to receive one.

Eli Jansen

Location:

Submitted At: 7:42am 07-09-20

This is a health crisis, not a political statement on "freedom." Wear a mask.

Sarah Pinkowski

Location:

Submitted At: 7:37am 07-09-20

Wear a mask! The infection rate is increasing at an alarming rate; other countries where masks mandates were put in place are seeing control over it. We need to do the same.

Krystal Jones

Location:

Submitted At: 7:32am 07-09-20

Wearing a mask is the easiest thing one can do to assist in lowering the cases and working towards things getting back to "normal". Madison recently passed this and other states have, as well; Milwaukee, as a city, can and should do better to protect it's residents. Those whom oppose are selfish and clearly not concerned about the wellbeing of others. Our numbers are rising and we should take some cues from countries that have successfully lowered theirs. One of the ways they were able to do this was mandating masks.

Richard West

Location:

Submitted At: 7:30am 07-09-20

Support

Justine Rivera

Location:

Submitted At: 7:25am 07-09-20

I am in support. Please pass this for our safety. This virus is real and it has taken people from us. Please value human lives. Masks are proven to prevent the spread if we all wear them!

Dena Constantineau

Location:

Submitted At: 7:22am 07-09-20

Fully support

Sabrina Patnaude

Location:

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

If you're going to require one then you should pay for it

Katrina Shay

Location:

Submitted At: 7:19am 07-09-20

As a nurse practitioner who practices in Milwaukee, I urge you to support a mask mandate. Wearing masks are a highly effective way to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This is supported by current research evidence. A review published recently in The Lancet showed person to person virus transmission was reduced from 17.4% to 3.1% with mask wearing. By requiring wearing of masks while in public, we are protecting those most vulnerable to complications of COVID-19. Requiring masks to be worn will benefit the economy as a surge and potential subsequent "safer in place" order can be avoided.

Rachel DeSombre

Location:

Submitted At: 7:19am 07-09-20

I fully support providing a mask to those who cannot make, purchase, or otherwise obtain a suitable mask.

Margaret Gibbs-Zautke

Location:

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

I'm in Mark Borkowski's district. I support this ordinance.

Yulia Koltun

Location:

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

ADMINS: Please consider that many of the Oppose votes are people opposed to the mask mandate, not necessarily distribution of free masks to those in need.

Support the initiative, recommend that the initiative fund local mask makers, and that a limit be applied to masks distributed per person to avoid abuse of the service.

Alexander Nesbitt

Location:

Submitted At: 7:04am 07-09-20

Please send two

Allison Jahn

Location:

Submitted At: 7:02am 07-09-20

This is a public health crisis and the public health needs to be protected. A free mask upon request is a low cost measure that our public officials can take to protect public health.

Jumana Al-Juma

Location:

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

I fully support masks being provided to the public

Nathan Simmons

Location:

Submitted At: 6:55am 07-09-20

As the masks are made a requirement, making them free to those who need them will help with those who oppose

Mark Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 6:44am 07-09-20

Deaths and hospitalizations continue to drop there is no reason for this!

Heidi Brittnacher

Location:

Submitted At: 6:43am 07-09-20

I support this, all members of the community need access to safety.

Heather Sielen-Kalivoda

Location:

Submitted At: 6:43am 07-09-20

I support a program that allows for masks to be available to residents upon request without charge, assuming there are no built in loopholes that disproportionately penalizes marginalized people. Also assuming the masks are equally available in all areas of the city and to all residents equally as requested.

Kelsey Endres

Location:

Submitted At: 6:36am 07-09-20

I feel this is the only way to keep us SAFE and still being able to move back to a "normal" Milwaukee.

Mary Tyson

Location:

Submitted At: 6:32am 07-09-20

I believe that this is the only responsible thing to do. This allows for all citizens to have access to masks eliminating one reason not to mandate the wearing of them.

Devon Armstrong

Location:

Submitted At: 6:08am 07-09-20

Many countries have used masks to reduce rates of Covid 19

Bryan Shepard

Location:

Submitted At: 3:47am 07-09-20

ADMINS: Please consider that many of the Oppose votes are people opposed to the OTHER agenda item, not necessarily this one, when counting the level of support.

My opinion: People should be given the opportunity to use PPE. As it stands, one of the reasons many people don't wear masks is because they can't afford to buy one, which disproportionately affects poorer communities and families. Free masks are good, making them mandatory is not.

Sky Irvin

Location:

Submitted At: 2:57am 07-09-20

Do not mandate masks, and do not screw over outside people who unfortunately have to travel and work in any Milwaukee county city, especially Milwaukee itself. If you guys really wanted to help the people, you wouldn't have shut down business effectively making people jobless and depending on the government to provide for them.

Michael Hynes

Location:

Submitted At: 12:01am 07-09-20

Do Not mandate masks!!!! It's our choice to wear one or not. 30 ft is far fetched. What happened to 6ft that got tossed out the window. Really a 2 or 3yr old running around with a mask on might last few min or so. Let's be realistic about this.

Let's Get Businesses Open !!!!!!!

Leave it up to the businesses to mandate it during these times. They are the ones that hurting the most. Some will, some will not. Will be our choice to shop there or not. At least the choice has been given. It's up to us keep moving forward.

Rebecca Brack

Location:

Submitted At: 11:54pm 07-08-20

Strongly opposed. WI has 800 deaths compared to IL at over 7,200 and MI at over 6,200. Stay away from our constitutional rights as free Americans to make our own choices for our bodies. MY body MY choice. I can make an informed decision based on study and discussion with my family doctor and my family as to whether I will wear a mask. No need for the state to babysit us.

Nickolas Mueller

Location:

Submitted At: 11:21pm 07-08-20

This should be strongly opposed. Masks should not be mandated by the City nor should they be provided by the City.

Sindy Klemm

Location:

Submitted At: 11:09pm 07-08-20

Noooo mask mandates

Meghan Keyes

Location:

Submitted At: 11:00pm 07-08-20

I support a free mask program and support a mask wearing requirement. I also support making masks mandatory in a way that doesn't disproportionately penalize marginalized groups of people.

Emily Strey

Location:

Submitted At: 9:45pm 07-08-20

Masks don't work. Plus, more masks being handed out like candy at a parade mean more litter on the ground. I have seen SO many disposable masks just thrown on the ground in parking lots outside of businesses. What a waste!

Megan OHalloran

Location:

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

I support making masks mandatory in a way that doesn't disproportionately penalize marginalized people (eg how the MPD gave out more citations to Black residents during the stay at home orders). That said, I feel masks are the only way to slow this down. Our rate is out of control.

MacKenna Krupa

Location:

Submitted At: 8:39pm 07-08-20

I support a program that would provide free masks to those who need them. No one should go without a mask just because they can't afford it or can't find them.

Michelle Grosso

Location:

Submitted At: 8:23pm 07-08-20

No one should have to decide if they can afford a mask. If we want the entire community to help dampen the spread, we need to provide the basic tools to do that.

Kayla Bonack

Location:

Submitted At: 8:14pm 07-08-20

Not everyone has the same access to the necessary resources to obtain a quality face mask. To make mandated mask wearing equitable in the City of Milwaukee, everyone who needs a mask(s) should receive one at no charge.

Lisa Haessly

Location:

Submitted At: 7:59pm 07-08-20

Very much opposed. Unconstitutional and unnecessary.

Robyn Brown

Location:

Submitted At: 7:58pm 07-08-20

How about a tin-foil hat, too? And a garlic necklace and a wooden spike? They'd be just as ineffective as a face mask at keeping me safe.

Dylan Sladky

Location:

Submitted At: 7:35pm 07-08-20

Quite simply the easiest and most direct way we as a city can fight the spread of this virus. Medical experts should be listened to. The horrible people who do not support this are ill-informed by their chosen sources and feel they know better than people who have studied these facts for years. Shame on anyone who doesn't wear a mask, and especially shame on anyone who decries anyone else for wearing one. Listen to the doctors and scientists, not the white women who throw temper tantrums in public.

Larnelle Snowden

Location:

Submitted At: 7:34pm 07-08-20

The Health commissioner should be ashamed lying to people about the mask. If they go through with this, people will be more sick.

Ro Vi

Location:

Submitted At: 7:25pm 07-08-20

Reading the comments on here are scary. A mask is a false security at best. A mask does not save a life. All other precautions are superior to a mask for germs. Wash your hands, cover your coughs and sneezes. If sick stay home!

Robert Sharon

Location:

Submitted At: 7:22pm 07-08-20

I fully support a mask mandate. The only way to truly protect ourselves and others is to wear masks whenever we leave our houses. The curve has not yet flattened so we must act as such. People claim their liberties are being taken away, when they're really just lazy and inconvenienced. What's more American than the self-centered and selfish people out there refusing to protect those around them and themselves by wearing a simple mask?

Tina Schendel

Location:

Submitted At: 7:17pm 07-08-20

I know there are several willing to donate to help if the burden becomes too large on the city or on individual businesses.

Elizabeth Zamorski

Location:

Submitted At: 7:13pm 07-08-20

Fully support! Everyone should have a mask even if they can't afford it. Poverty should not be a death sentence.

Amy Oeth

Location:

Submitted At: 7:10pm 07-08-20

Support!

Brad Parbs

Location:

Submitted At: 7:08pm 07-08-20

Fully support! I'm happy to have my tax dollars go to this.

Elizabeth Poeschl

Location:

Submitted At: 6:58pm 07-08-20

I fully support the creation of a program to help alleviate any burden citizens face in securing a mask for themselves or their families.

Ruthie Weatherly

Location:

Submitted At: 6:45pm 07-08-20

Fully support.

CM Boland

Location:

Submitted At: 6:42pm 07-08-20

A solution looking for a problem. Masks should not be required. And if not required, no need to provide.

Josh Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 6:30pm 07-08-20

It is key in defeating this virus that we all may have a mask. This is a fine use of my tax dollars.

CB Reed

Location:

Submitted At: 6:17pm 07-08-20

NOPE. The level of hysteria for an illness with a 99% recovery rate is beyond ridiculous. It's time to let it go and move on. Let people alone so that they can continue to build their natural immunity.

Lyn Ranta

Location:

Submitted At: 6:14pm 07-08-20

It is imperative that we make sure that everyone has access to a mask. There should not be barriers to helping our community stay safe.

Melissa Longoria

Location:

Submitted At: 5:51pm 07-08-20

This will help take the burden off of individuals. This also needs to include children 2 and older to help families if returning to school, there should be no excuse that citizens, including children can not help protect every other citizen. This is more about others than individuals.

Emily Bralick

Location:

Submitted At: 5:34pm 07-08-20

This is so important and takes the burden off people who would wear masks but do not have the means to do so. Mask wearing SHOULD be mandatory across the board. This shouldn't even be a question. This is a public health emergency and we ALL need to do our part to control the spread, flatten the curve, and take care of each other.

Keri Hessel

Location:

Submitted At: 5:23pm 07-08-20

I oppose any mask mandate. I will stay away from Milwaukee until the mask mandate is lifted. Not only are the masks not effective, they give people a false sense of security and may be spreading the virus much faster than we realize. Mandating masks is also an infringement of individual liberty, and I refuse to support it. I saw a Wisconsin poll last night that showed 60% of Wisconsin citizens oppose a mask mandate.

Thomas RYAN

Location:

Submitted At: 5:22pm 07-08-20

horrible the city has plenty of other issues and this takes center stage. Our city government is a joke. Time to be leaders not dictators

Jamie Baird

Location:

Submitted At: 5:12pm 07-08-20

Yes, absolutely, this is good and needed. If masks are widely available and normalized, more people will wear them.

Porsche Schlapper

Location:

Submitted At: 4:45pm 07-08-20

There's already a company offering to make them so this is a slam-dunk yes that helps make the mandate a reality. fully support.

Judi Pool

Location:

Submitted At: 4:29pm 07-08-20

Only issue to people who request a free mask. Not for EVERYONE.

Anon Ymous

Location:

Submitted At: 4:15pm 07-08-20

Many free mask programs exist without government involvement. This resolution is redundant and unnecessary.

Anne Kirschmann

Location:

Submitted At: 4:10pm 07-08-20

Whether or not the city will require masks, there needs to be a way for those without access or means to obtain a mask. Even if the city does not require masks (which I do support) everyone should have access.

Carey Kammel

Location:

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

This is a great addition to allow for all residents to keep each other safe.

Angela Machesky

Location:

Submitted At: 4:00pm 07-08-20

I strongly support this. Science says that masks can help slow the spread of viruses. People should not have to worry about having the financial means to buy one.

Sheilah Rossow

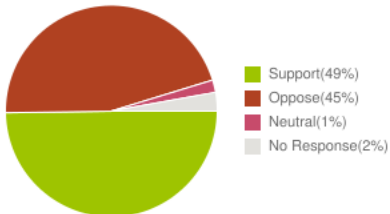
Location:

Submitted At: 3:53pm 07-08-20

Strongly support.

Agenda Item: eComments for 2. 200426 An ordinance relating to a requirement for face coverings in public spaces during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Overall Sentiment



Brit Wachter

Location:

Submitted At: 1:29pm 07-09-20

Everyone should be required to wear a mask in order to protect our communities.

Virginia Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 1:29pm 07-09-20

First this, then what??? After waiting 12 weeks to get unemployment because my job shut down at the end of March, and going to bed hungry more times than I can count and constantly worrying about paying my rent, now I should be fined if I go out in public spaces because I don't agree with the ordinance and fear giving up this right and any that will be tacked onto this?

Helena Ehke

Location:

Submitted At: 1:28pm 07-09-20

"surges" of infection NOT BASED ON REAL PEOPLE TESTING POSITIVE but based on manipulated

COMPUTER MODELS INFLATING NUMBERS UP + DOWN AT SPECIFIC TIMES FOR ADVANCING AN anti-human, anti-freedom of choice POLITICAL AGENDA

Terrence Timm II

Location:

Submitted At: 1:28pm 07-09-20

Masks should remain a personal choice ..not a forced law or mandate! It infringes on personal freedoms and this is a very slippery slope of this is passed.

Autumn Kaat

Location:

Submitted At: 1:26pm 07-09-20

I oppose this with every ounce of my being. if this is passed i will not be supporting the milwaukee economy and will take my money elsewhere. there is absolutely no scientific evidence that face masks prevent or protect anyone against COVID 19 or any other virus. the CDC and WHO have both released statements and documents on on this. the only thing masks do is inhibit our ability to breathe oxygen that is vital for our immune and lung function (which is extremely important especially with a respiratory virus). wearing a mask and breathing in CO2 causes extreme health risks for everyone.

Terrence Grogan

Location:

Submitted At: 1:26pm 07-09-20

Thank you

Timothy Steuerwald

Location:

Submitted At: 1:25pm 07-09-20

This is a complete violation of our rights.

Dennise Lurtsema

Location:

Submitted At: 1:25pm 07-09-20

I support and believe we need to follow the lead of NYC. Wear a mask and crush the curve

Nicole Corchado

Location:

Submitted At: 1:25pm 07-09-20

We can require people to wear seat belts why can't we require them to wear masks? The science proves it can save lives..... I don't understand how you are infringing on anyone's freedom. They can stay home if they don't want to wear one. The rest of us we are essential workers deserve to be safe. We can't stay home.

Bonnie Chandek

Location:

Submitted At: 1:25pm 07-09-20

As a service industry worker, I value the health Of my patrons, and take sanitary steps to ensure that I do not compromise their health. I expect the same from them. A mask mandate would allow all of us to respect and value each other's health, and help Slowly spread of this virus which is wreaking so much havoc on our society. If we want to continue to claim that we live in a civilized world, we must take steps to value and protect each persons health and humanity. Vanity, religion, and scientific denial should not play a part in the greater good of everyone's overall health.

Jason Koltuniak

Location:

Submitted At: 1:22pm 07-09-20

Not even the animals in the woods are required to wear masks... And we are human beings made in the image

and likeness of God. If we truly wish to be safe, then we must get back to living.

Barbara Ferrier

Location:

Submitted At: 1:22pm 07-09-20

I am opposed to mandatory wearing of face masks. Face Mask are more harmful to people than Covid. Forcing people to wear a face mask is against our Constitution. Please vote against this terrible legislation.

Emilio Lopez

Location:

Submitted At: 1:21pm 07-09-20

First of all, the boxes these masks come in explicitly stated that they do not protect anyone from the coronavirus. The cloth masks people are wearing do not stop virus particles from entering, they restrict oxygen to hazardous levels, and create a false sense of security. This current virus has a 99% survival rate. Of course positive cases are going up, there is more testing, but that does not mean we are in danger. Mandating masks with a virus that is scientifically shown to be no worse than the seasonal flu is ludicrous. Instead teach to boost immune function via nutrition and lifestyle.

Virginia Orr

Location:

Submitted At: 1:20pm 07-09-20

I am against requiring face masks for all. Let us get back to normal. We should be free to mask or not. Stop spreading fear.

Rebecca Thompson

Location:

Submitted At: 1:19pm 07-09-20

This is Unconstitutional and a direct violation of our rights. Several places in Oklahoma have reversed their mask requirements for a variety of reasons. There is no need for this nonsense.

Christine Rodriguez

Location:

Submitted At: 1:18pm 07-09-20

Wearing a mask is a minor inconvenience for someone in a pandemic. It's been proven that wearing a mask does not have any health risks but is actually beneficial for the community as a whole. Masks should be required.

Dominic Famularo

Location:

Submitted At: 1:18pm 07-09-20

I oppose and believe it is an individual's right of choice

Amy Dorman

Location:

Submitted At: 1:18pm 07-09-20

Countless studies have proven that wearing masks is the most effective method of stopping the spread of COVID-19. Mask should be mandated - especially indoors - until COVID-19 has been eradicated or a vaccine is discovered.

Mariah Beck

Location:

Submitted At: 1:18pm 07-09-20

Wearing masks saves lives. End of story.

Mary Hickey

Location:

Submitted At: 1:16pm 07-09-20

I believe in science. I also believe a minor inconvenience is worth saving lives. Wearing a mask in public spaces is a simple thing we can all do to protect the vulnerable in our greater community and lower COVID-19 transmission so we can all get back to a normal society sooner.

Tiffany SB

Location:

Submitted At: 1:16pm 07-09-20

I strongly oppose and will take my business elsewhere if this goes through.

Katie Kuczynski

Location:

Submitted At: 1:15pm 07-09-20

I support mandatory face masks in Milwaukee. As a restaurant employee who comes in contact with many people every day, it is the least you can do to keep yourself and others safe.

Beth Zigmund

Location:

Submitted At: 1:14pm 07-09-20

NO TO THE ORDINANCE OF MANDATORY FACE MASKS

Margaux Ca

Location:

Submitted At: 1:13pm 07-09-20

This isn't political. This is science. Proper use of any face covering beats coughing and spitting all over. It's only fair to the people that are working in public because they need an income. If you can't appreciate these people and how they are serving you, then you should just stay home.

Chris Cap

Location:

Submitted At: 1:13pm 07-09-20

Unfortunately, the US government and the GOP in Wisconsin have failed to provide adequate leadership so it is now time to require people to act responsibly. I support masks to help the spread of COVID-19.

Joe Stancato

Location:

Submitted At: 1:12pm 07-09-20

Passing this ordinance would be irresponsible. There are mixed opinions whether face coverings like these actually help in preventing the spread of this disease. Many people do not wear them correctly, end up touching their face more often, and reuse the one-time-use masks, rendering them ineffective. We also know there are people who have gotten respiratory infections from long-term mask usage. You cannot mandate something you know will hurt some people. It must be a free choice if the science is inconclusive! Start focusing our resources on immunity education instead of mandates.

Leah Wank

Location:

Submitted At: 1:11pm 07-09-20

I oppose this. People with healthy immune systems do not need to cover their face. The CDC does not require this.

Anthony Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 1:11pm 07-09-20

Because I understand science and have vulnerable family members that I love and care about

Tim Sluga

Location:

Submitted At: 1:11pm 07-09-20

Let's get masked up.

James Langfeldt

Location:

Submitted At: 1:10pm 07-09-20

As a tax paying city of Milwaukee resident, I beg you please do not pass a mask requirement. Deaths and hospitalization rates are going down, masks are not needed.

Isaiah Janisch

Location:

Submitted At: 1:09pm 07-09-20

I strongly oppose mandatory face masks. All of Wisconsin has gone without masks for months and the hospitals have not been overwhelmed.

Brian Simerl

Location:

Submitted At: 1:09pm 07-09-20

Please mention joggers/runners/fast walkers specifically in this legislation. The majority of joggers refuse to adhere to any social distancing rules while jogging past the elderly. If a jogger can run for exercise, they have the ability to maintain distancing rules. 1. mentioning "jogging" in legislation might be all that is needed to educate them. 2. expand the distance requirement to 10 feet due to increase droplets vs a person that is just walking. 3. Possibly stating the elderly or people walking on the sidewalk have the "right of way" vs a jogger that considers their jogging priority.

Sarah Mironczuk

Location:

Submitted At: 1:08pm 07-09-20

Everyone should be required to wear a mask in public spaces especially stores, restaurants and anywhere indoors

Kayla Hall

Location:

Submitted At: 1:07pm 07-09-20

For the safety of everyone we need to wear masks

Allison Mastel

Location:

Submitted At: 1:07pm 07-09-20

Our community needs decisive action to reduce the COVID infection rate. Too many people do not feel the need to protect their neighbors by wearing a mask. A mask requirement is common sense.

Katherine Wetherbee

Location:

Submitted At: 1:07pm 07-09-20

I support this!

Ellie Dahlquist

Location:

Submitted At: 1:06pm 07-09-20

"11. FACE COVERING" contradicts itself, portraying how arbitrary and frivolous this legislation is. Have y'all read the CDC document? Here is the direct link: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/cloth-face-covering.pdf> which states, "Cloth face coverings are NOT surgical masks or N-95 respirators, both of which

should be saved for health care workers and other medical first responders." Also, how is the unhygienic nature of mass mask misuse (vain compliance) so overlooked as a factor in spreading disease? Let us be honest with ourselves. I call forth the Truth of all being.

Melissa Stancato

Location:

Submitted At: 1:06pm 07-09-20

The exemptions to this mandate are laughable. How would business owners enforce this? Would they stand at the door and ask people to prove their exemptions? "You have asthma...show me a note from your doctor!" "You have a religious exemption...show me proof from your pastor." This would create a horrible position for them to be in and further divide our community. Many of these exemptions are silent/unseen. Yet people have been harassed already for not wearing masks, with people not knowing their circumstances. Plus, there are many other exemptions that should be valid. For example, pregnancy!

Sarah Kirsch

Location:

Submitted At: 1:06pm 07-09-20

I am opposed to a face coverings ordinance. This should be a personal choice by an individual. If "any" face coverings will do, it's not about safety anymore - it's about control.

Peggy LeClaire

Location:

Submitted At: 1:05pm 07-09-20

I DISAGREE WITH MANDATORY MASKS. SHOULD BE PERSONAL CHOICE.

Rachel Stenman

Location:

Submitted At: 1:05pm 07-09-20

The safety of our entire community depends on people wearing masks. If we can have safety belt laws to protect ourselves and cars we certainly can have a mask mandate.

Not only does our health, but our economy depends on it. As a small business owner we need to make this happen so I don't lose my business when we have to shut everything down again.

Kinga Ebner

Location:

Submitted At: 1:03pm 07-09-20

Requiring 3 year olds to wear masks? First do no harm! Face masks offer a false sense of security and an excellent breeding ground for pathogens.

Tom Wank

Location:

Submitted At: 1:01pm 07-09-20

I oppose making face masks mandatory. It should be a personal choice.

Jen Koeppen

Location:

Submitted At: 1:01pm 07-09-20

Other people's fear should not be allowed to dictate what happens to my body. Their fear should not take away my freedom. If you are afraid of a virus then stay home. But don't make other people suffer for your fear.

Nathan Edmondson

Location:

Submitted At: 1:00pm 07-09-20

I support mandatory masks in the city of milwaukee.

Jacob Klapperich

Location:

Submitted At: 1:00pm 07-09-20

The least we can do at this point is wear a mask. With over 130,000 dead and climbing, all it takes is a look at how our country has handled this compared to others. All because some people don't want to be slightly inconvenienced by a mask. It's deplorable. Please take this more serious than our government has and be on the right side of history.

Jennifer Kohut

Location:

Submitted At: 1:00pm 07-09-20

Other countries have shown that face coverings are absolutely necessary to get covid19 under control.

Pete Burds

Location:

Submitted At: 12:59pm 07-09-20

My opposition does not have to do with "wearing masks", but rather the government choosing to mandate this. What's the exit plan? If this is mandated, what else are we willing to mandate in the future? What other freedoms will be up for grabs?

If we're seeking to bring the community together and actively address the crisis, government mandating is never going to be the way.

Lydia Washechek

Location:

Submitted At: 12:59pm 07-09-20

I strongly support requiring face masks to help slow the spread of COVID-19.

Arianna Wilson

Location:

Submitted At: 12:58pm 07-09-20

I support this.

Christopher Niemann

Location:

Submitted At: 12:58pm 07-09-20

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=229cvY7UHbE&feature=share&fbclid=IwAR2IzgV682yF2hluaKatwO7JQszdU2trJb1Orz9G20G9UiudisUKXF1C0IQ>

Karen Bell

Location:

Submitted At: 12:58pm 07-09-20

I support this ordinance

Mary Peloza

Location:

Submitted At: 12:57pm 07-09-20

CV19 is a virus, not a bacterium. Viruses are 100x smaller, so it can easily travel through the pores of the mask if airborne. CV19 is 100 nanometers, mask is 10,000 nanometers. I personally know people who have gotten sick and wore an N95 mask or a cloth mask, it makes no difference. Deathrate is down, infected case numbers are being double/triple counted to make it seem worse than it is. OSHA, CDC & WHO all say that masks don't work and don't protect you. Please do your research, especially before mandating masks. Maybe teach people how to be healthy and keep their immune systems up first!

Mark Kinziger

Location:

Submitted At: 12:57pm 07-09-20

Unconstitutional, tyrannical void and of no force. Marxist propaganda created by evil men to enslave an uneducated people under the guise of "safety". Free men will not comply!

Tana Fauske

Location:

Submitted At: 12:56pm 07-09-20

No, if the city believes it needs to establish this policy please advise businesses and public places that many people have medical issues which make wearing a mask impossible. Please do not harass people who can NOT have a covering on their face.

Amanda Yacobian

Location:

Submitted At: 12:55pm 07-09-20

Look at the cities that have required masks. They are doing much better than those that have not. Let's keep Milwaukee safe. Everyone needs to participate. If we don't the consequences are too great. Proactive prevention please.

Alana Griffith

Location:

Submitted At: 12:55pm 07-09-20

I support the city ordinance that requires masks in public spaces.

Rebecca Wilson

Location:

Submitted At: 12:55pm 07-09-20

We need to think of everyone and not just ourselves in this matter.

Natalie Benoit

Location:

Submitted At: 12:55pm 07-09-20

Strongly oppose! The 'experts' supporting masks have an agenda. Anyone in the medical industry, knows masks do not prevent virus or bacteria from flowing through with ease. Masks for virus, are like a chain-linked fence to keep out mosquitoes! Absolutely makes sense. Are we willing to give up our constitutional rights, for flawed science at Best, lies at worst?! Masks ONLY pose risks to the wearer- and we are considering mandating for children with growing brains? Trapping pathogens and creating mold in masks, to ensure illness? This is madness! No. No. No.

Terri Williams

Location:

Submitted At: 12:54pm 07-09-20

Support

Stacie Tatera

Location:

Submitted At: 12:54pm 07-09-20

I do NOT support this ordinance! Face masks should be a choice!

Hannah Lubar

Location:

Submitted At: 12:53pm 07-09-20

I support this effort to, collectively, slow the spread of Covid-19 and protect members of our community.

Bill Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 12:53pm 07-09-20

I am adamantly opposed to ANY face coverings anywhere for healthy people. If you want me to do any business in Milwaukee this ordinance must NOT be passed.

Brandt Laughnan

Location:

Submitted At: 12:50pm 07-09-20

I STRONGLY DISAGREE as masks are not required AT ALL and this is unsafe

Kathryn Pfund

Location:

Submitted At: 12:50pm 07-09-20

I absolutely support a mandatory mask requirement.

Kellie Thiel

Location:

Submitted At: 12:49pm 07-09-20

The decisions are inconsistent and the science isn't solid. Most people don't wear masks correctly which would defeat the purpose if masks made a difference. In addition there is no solid science to prove that there is no harm from wearing masks, especially for extended periods of time. Because of that, where there is a risk, or the possibility of a risk in the absence of quality research in either direction, there must be a choice.

Jordan Brill

Location:

Submitted At: 12:48pm 07-09-20

Necessary

Alyssa Anderson

Location:

Submitted At: 12:48pm 07-09-20

A mask requirement is so important to slow the spread of Covid19. Please help keep our community safe! I strongly agree with this ordinance!

Deserae Constantineau

Location:

Submitted At: 12:47pm 07-09-20

Again, we must make our community health a top priority.

Kat Brill

Location:

Submitted At: 12:46pm 07-09-20

100% support.

Melinda Field

Location:

Submitted At: 12:45pm 07-09-20

I think it is complete government overreach. We have the right to decide for ourselves whether using a mask is necessary or not.

MJ ZZ

Location:

Submitted At: 12:44pm 07-09-20

Will the Health Dept. be dispatching ambassadors to enforce this ordinance? If not, I'm concerned that some

Milwaukee residents will self-appoint to hold people accountable, thereby creating possibly tense situations. How are you going to advise residents to deal with these possible confrontations? There are a multitude of problems that will accompany this ordinance and since the solutions to these problems are not part of the current plan, it absolutely CANNOT become an ordinance. If a small group makes a decision for over 1/2 million people, the details need to be fully fleshed out. Vote no.

Eric Eichstaedt

Location:

Submitted At: 12:44pm 07-09-20

Support this 100%.

Caroline Gomez-Tom

Location:

Submitted At: 12:43pm 07-09-20

Thank you for proposing this ordinance. Mask wearing and face coverings are backed across the world by scientists to reducing the spread of COVID-19 and is essential to keeping our workers, families, and communities safe amid this pandemic. I support this ordinance.

Janine tetzlaff

Location:

Submitted At: 12:42pm 07-09-20

It's about time! We should have been wearing them since March. Who wants to be the one to cause another's death?

Josiah Cook

Location:

Submitted At: 12:40pm 07-09-20

I support the city ordinance that requires individuals to wear masks in public spaces during the covid-19 pandemic.

Michelle Pilak

Location:

Submitted At: 12:40pm 07-09-20

Masks will help us slow the spread and protect immune-suppressed individuals from grave illness and potential death. We need to do what is best for our communities as a whole. That means wearing masks.

Peter Panos

Location:

Submitted At: 12:39pm 07-09-20

Read the legislation before commenting people. Indoor mask use is such a simple way to significantly reduce risk while allowing businesses to otherwise operate as normal!

Outdoor spaces you do not need a mask unless you're basically face to face close quarters conversing with someone, which is rare anyways!

Common sense while removing our ego from the dialog should point to a simple and effective measure passing!

Be cool-wear a mask!

Steve Raasch

Location:

Submitted At: 12:39pm 07-09-20

I strongly OPPOSE this ordinance. Forcing people to wear masks is a big step in the wrong direction. Our elected officials need to make a decision that not only improves our physical health, but also our mental health and financial health. The curve is well flattened. Deaths have dramatically declined. Plenty of space in the hospitals and plenty of ventilators. This is a great chance for MKE to do the right thing and take another step toward reopening.

Michael Peloz

Location:

Submitted At: 12:38pm 07-09-20

Some quotes from an MD article:

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

"It is evident from this review that there is insufficient evidence that wearing a mask of any kind can have a significant impact in preventing the spread of this virus."

<https://www.technocracy.news/blaylock-face-masks-pose-serious-risks-to-the-healthy/>

Are we considering those with current respiratory issues? This could increase the death toll and the death toll is currently on the decline-OPPOSE

Hannah Pardee

Location:

Submitted At: 12:38pm 07-09-20

I strongly support this ordinance. MKE does care, and it is our responsibility to care for and protect each other in the face of this pandemic. Science has shown that the best way to do that is to wear a mask.

Kim Unger

Location:

Submitted At: 12:38pm 07-09-20

No mandatory face mask.....it's an individuals Choice!

Monica Finley

Location:

Submitted At: 12:38pm 07-09-20

I support indoor mask wearing, but I don't support the mandate as written. I don't agree with an outdoor mask mandate in the broad definition of a public place, especially for exercise. If I'm passing someone on the street within 6 feet, the amount of virus to be inhaled within that very brief interaction is minimal, especially when you take into consideration how quickly droplets are dispersed outdoors. That doesn't mean that I don't support and will make every effort to socially distance. Recent studies indicate it is a combination of viral load and time of exposure for risk of transmission.

Emily Burds

Location:

Submitted At: 12:38pm 07-09-20

For this to move forward for the common good, we must have an exit plan. When will it be determined that we will be healthy enough again to not wear masks?

As human beings we should exercise personal responsibility and have the freedom to decide whether or not going somewhere is a risk for our particular health and the health of our family. Education to the general public on health risks would be more effective than forcing a mandate and dividing our communities.

SAMUEL LOZOFF

Location:

Submitted At: 12:37pm 07-09-20

Strongly support! Masks up Milwaukee! And yes over your nose too!! If you want to enjoy everything Milwaukee has to offer, then protect the people that are making that happen so everyone can enjoy it as well! This is not about individual "freedom", it is about being a decent person who care about people and the community. I wear a mask while I work for many reasons...to stay safe, to keep you and your family safe, they are recommended by every scientist in the world! I have seen many people get sick and struggle during this pandemic and I don't want to see it happen to you! MASK UP MKE!

Pavick Nicole

Location:

Submitted At: 12:37pm 07-09-20

There is absolutely no data supporting face coverings stop the spread of viruses, but plenty of data that shows it is much worse to wear face coverings daily in public because it literally weakens our immune systems, depletes our amount of oxygen, increases amount of bacteria/ carbon monoxide we breathe in, etc. This is also another step in taking our rights away which I do NOT support!

Tammy Cantillon

Location:

Submitted At: 12:36pm 07-09-20

This is a public health issue, not a political issue. Wearing masks can help mitigate the spread of Covid-19, hopefully to the point where testing and contact tracing will be effective and we can truly begin the return to work, school etc.

Ashley Sch

Location:

Submitted At: 12:35pm 07-09-20

I am in opposition to the proposed mandate. Wisconsin ruled the previous government overreach to be unconstitutional. In addition, data from the CDC shows that COVID-19 is not a threat to the overall population. Our current widespread use of PPE in public spaces is incorrect. Most face coverings are fabric, which are not tight to the face and allow for air to escape out the sides. Their discomfort cause people to touch their face and mask more often, causing a concentrated amount of contaminants on their fingertips, thus spreading to anything they may touch. This is unnecessary and pointless.

Patrick Dailey

Location:

Submitted At: 12:35pm 07-09-20

Ridiculous proposal

Ray Lewis

Location:

Submitted At: 12:34pm 07-09-20

I fully support mandatory mask-wearing. The science shows that it can slow the spread and save lives. It would be amazing if people could be relied on to make smart, compassionate choices for themselves - but based on Wisconsin's rate of transmission, simply relying on the good sense of individuals doesn't seem to be working. At all.

Samantha J.

Location:

Submitted At: 12:34pm 07-09-20

Oppose! The current survival rate for covid-19 is upwards of 99%! Peer reviewed data shows that CLOTH masks do more harm than good & can lead to Hypercapnia & hypoxia! Our bodies need oxygen & need to get rid of access CO2!

"A cloth face covering may not protect the wearer, but it may keep the wearer from spreading the virus to others."
-CDC

So I am to believe that cotton masks are able to prevent virus particles from leaving said mask, BUT it allows it to enter? The LOGIC is laughable. The "science" is flawed & biased at best.

We are awake. We do not consent & we will not comply.

Lilia Banrevy

Location:

Submitted At: 12:32pm 07-09-20

I wrote a long message of support for this ordinance, but unfortunately it was lost when I was required to create an account. In short, you cannot expect at risk citizens to cut themselves off from all essential trips/deliveries

(yes, delivery personnel are rarely masked and struggle to follow directions to simply leave food/groceries at the door for a contactless drop off). In not passing an ordinance requiring masks you have killed many citizens who would have otherwise lived. There are zero downsides to wearing a mask to protect others, there are many if you contract and spread COVID-19.

Barbara Heath

Location:

Submitted At: 12:30pm 07-09-20

As of 7/7/2020 there were only 32,556 cases of COVID in Wisconsin. Divide that by 5,851,750, the population of Wisconsin, to get .0055. $.0055 \times 100 = .55\%$ - for about a half of a single percent of the population of our state, we are going county by county and mandating mask wearing which has been proven ineffective by SCIENCE? If you are going to cry "my body, my choice" when it comes to the murder of innocent unborn children, then it is my body and my choice not to adopt a practice which is harmful to my health. This is a direct violation of the Constitution and the ADA. I WILL NOT COMPLY!

Raveen Lemon

Location:

Submitted At: 12:27pm 07-09-20

It would be irresponsible to deny the scientific evidence that supports the effectiveness of wearing masks during this pandemic. At this point, it is our moral obligation to mandate this. I STRONGLY support this ordinance because I care about the health and livelihood of our communities. Use your leadership responsibly and protect us instead of making us more vulnerable in harms way. Make the right decision. Our lives depend on it.

Matt kotar

Location:

Submitted At: 12:27pm 07-09-20

Face mask should be mandatory. We should be concerned about the safety and well being of all our community members. Individuals that cannot wear masks should stay on lock down until a vaccine has been produced.

Lauren Burke

Location:

Submitted At: 12:26pm 07-09-20

We have obligations to fulfill as we live in a city we share with hundreds of thousands of people. The simple consideration of wearing a masks shouldn't be welcomed during a pandemic & also the use of one normalized.

Veronica Newhouse

Location:

Submitted At: 12:25pm 07-09-20

Community spread hurts the public and the economy. Masks can mitigate community spread and keep city moving forward.

Kimberly Percy

Location:

Submitted At: 12:22pm 07-09-20

Please do not make face masks mandatory to wear. I have family members who have respiratory issues and wearing a mask could be dangerous. I can't keep them inside and away from public places all the time as it takes a toll on my family's mental health. This decision should be up to individuals and businesses to make. If this mandate happens, we will see more people traveling to other places and making it harder to social distance. We already have too many people coming up from Illinois because of their strict face mask mandates.

Lynn Burchard

Location:

Submitted At: 12:22pm 07-09-20

<https://twitter.com/MdKnightBabe/status/1275537902009675776>

Jared Kolmati

Location:

Submitted At: 12:18pm 07-09-20

Never

Melissa Rickey

Location:

Submitted At: 12:18pm 07-09-20

It is in the best interest of the public to help us help ourselves. Mandating masks will ensure our businesses do not have to go through wave after wave of openings and closings when an employee tests positive. The sooner we all mask up, including those who wouldn't wear one otherwise without this resolution, the sooner we can get through this and back to normal. It is unfortunate we have to compel others to do what is right, but like many other resolutions, this is absolutely in the public's best interest to protect all of us, including our most vulnerable.

Sam Hildebrandt

Location:

Submitted At: 12:15pm 07-09-20

Overall, I support the proposal as written and am especially encouraged by the amendment of the 30-foot distance outdoors, which was unreasonable and unnecessary. However, I still feel that this ordinance puts too much emphasis on requiring a mask outdoors. Even a recent video from the health department noted that the risk of transmission outdoors when simply passing another person on the sidewalk is minimal/negligible. Please consider amending the resolution so as to concentrate enforcement on the most high risk environments, ie those which are indoors, cramped and/or heavily-trafficked.

Steven Shada

Location:

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

I am opposed to the mask mandate under consideration in any and all forms. I live and own my home in the city, pay taxes, and patronize local businesses and spend a fair amount while doing so. Any business that wants to require that their patrons wear masks is free to do so currently if they so choose.

I will go out of my way to not patronize a single business in the city further if this is passed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Hudson

Location:

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

Masks are important!

William Rynes

Location:

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

The science for "masks" is invalid as a safety precaution and if it is to be mandated, it should be treated as a necessity and distributed among citizens at no cost.

Elizabeth Jenkins

Location:

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

I support this ordinance to prevent the spread of COVID-19. It's abhorrent to me that some folks would put others at risk, just because they would rather not be mildly inconvenienced. We need to take care of each other.

Nad Brown

Location:

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

I do not support. Government over reach. Does not consider those who might have undiagnosed conditions

preventing them from wearing a mask.

I will not do business in Milwaukee if this goes through.

Nora Preece

Location:

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

I support the ordinance. Science is not an opinion or belief that we may shape to our own personal preference. Properly worn masks are minimally inconvenient and have proven effective at reducing public transmission of COVID-19. To require the public wear them in public indoor spaces during this pandemic is sensible, necessary, and Constitutionally proper. Thank you.

Lindsay Petersen

Location:

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

Necessary

Jim Carroll

Location:

Submitted At: 11:58am 07-09-20

I support this ordinance. The University of Washington projects that 45,000 lives in the U.S.A. could be saved by November if 95% of the population wore masks.

<https://www.marketwatch.com/story/heres-how-the-us-could-save-45000-people-from-dying-of-covid-19-by-november-2020-07-07>

Lynn Br

Location:

Submitted At: 11:58am 07-09-20

Fully oppose this government overreach.

Patrick DeBlaey

Location:

Submitted At: 11:57am 07-09-20

Absolutely necessary currently

Christopher Wood

Location:

Submitted At: 11:56am 07-09-20

This sounds like and necessary step at this point in the pandemic. And an obvious one, for the sake of our community.

Heather Lasko

Location:

Submitted At: 11:52am 07-09-20

I think it should be left to the business to decide if they want to make the employee's and customer's wear masks. It should also be left up to people to decide if they want to wear a mask.

Anon Ymous

Location:

Submitted At: 11:51am 07-09-20

Do the right thing. Respect your elders.

Kathy swoboda

Location:

Submitted At: 11:48am 07-09-20

Challenging to enforce! Define public space. Any revenue generating, yes. Awareness on a trail, playground etc, if closer than 6ft, put ur mask on.

Eleanor Hazard

Location:

Submitted At: 11:47am 07-09-20

I support mandatory masks in Milwaukee. WI now has the fastest spreading covid in the nation, concentrated in Milwaukee. Masks are scientifically proven to help to stop the spread and keep everyone safe. It is a public health concern, not political as many would like to make it.

Joe Schmo

Location:

Submitted At: 11:47am 07-09-20

This is a ridiculous, non-scientific tyrannical order that will do nothing. Does anyone on your board understand the science of virology? What does Osha say about masks? What do real scientists say?

Wayne Rohde

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45am 07-09-20

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. 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. It is a terrible idea.

Julie Stefonik

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45am 07-09-20

I oppose.

Rebecca Lindsey

Location:

Submitted At: 11:45am 07-09-20

This is necessary, unfortunately.

Jolynn Palmbach

Location:

Submitted At: 11:43am 07-09-20

As a recent breast cancer survivor, I have a compromised immune system. I have spent most of the last 4 months inside, fearful to go to the grocery store or even for a walk in my dense, urban neighborhood. A mask mandate would provide more peace of mind. It will also help slow the spread, so we can start opening up and getting our economy back on track- not to mention, save lives.

John Reed

Location:

Submitted At: 11:42am 07-09-20

I support masks in public, however, I struggle with there not being an except for exercise. If you are running or biking, wearing a mask will prove difficult. Per the CDC website: "People who are engaged in high intensity activities, like running, may not be able to wear a cloth face covering if it causes difficulty breathing. If unable to wear a cloth face covering, consider conducting the activity in a location with greater ventilation and air exchange (for instance, outdoors versus indoors) and where it is possible to maintain physical distance from others." Please consider this.

Temo Rodriguez

Location:

Submitted At: 11:41am 07-09-20

Wearing a mask is detrimental to our health because it causes more diseases (see link below). Our best defense is taking care of our good health by exercising, eating well, being with our loved ones, being in the sun, breathing fresh outdoor air, spirituality, and the like to boost our immune system to fight disease. Herd immunity is critical in fighting viruses. The statistics say this virus is not more deadly than the flu so we shouldn't destroy our normal way of life and health by wearing a mask.

<https://www.technocracy.news/blaylock-face-masks-pose-serious-risks-to-the-healthy/>

Jenna Mo

Location:

Submitted At: 11:40am 07-09-20

I strongly support this. The sooner Milwaukee makes the initiative to try and protect its residents, the better off our community will be. We're now approaching a four-month long pandemic. It's kind of ridiculous that Barrett's plan to get Milwaukee to make money took priority over his constituents' safety. Thank you common counsel for listening to the people of Milwaukee. I hope this passes, for the sake of our city's future.

JD DL

Location:

Submitted At: 11:40am 07-09-20

The discriminatory exceptions to this mandate make it null and void.

Amber Stoll

Location:

Submitted At: 11:39am 07-09-20

If your face mask work then those that do not wear one should not hurt those that wear one if they work. It is our bodies and our right to wear or not wear one, and I will sue anyone that mandates face mask because it goes against my constitutional rights. Your immune systems were meant to fight against infections, germs and Diseases naturally so let it do what it was made to do .

Ch Wi

Location:

Submitted At: 11:38am 07-09-20

1. Allow individuals and businesses to make their own decisions
2. Not enough evidence that masks are effective
3. Masks rarely worn properly
4. Does not make sense to move to a more open "phase 4" while being more restrictive with masks
5. If passed, when will mandate end? What threshold needs to be met before we say people can stop wearing masks?
6. We live in a divided society. Masks separate people even more. A visible loving smile goes a long way in relationship building, especially between people of different racial backgrounds.

Jennifer Pahl

Location:

Submitted At: 11:36am 07-09-20

Masks need to be worn in all indoor public places.

Rachel King

Location:
Submitted At: 11:35am 07-09-20

Wearing masks in public is essential to preventing the spread of covid-19. When people choose not to wear one they are taking away others "rights" to public health and safety. Protecting people in your community should not be an option.

Stephanie Jones

Location:
Submitted At: 11:35am 07-09-20

It is the most basic thing we can do to protect others as well as ourselves. It's pretty simple and I'm not sure why it has become such a battle. If you choose to not wear a mask stay home-simple!

Renee Rollman

Location:
Submitted At: 11:34am 07-09-20

Please require masks to be worn in public places. It's the simplest, cheapest and most cost-effective way to protect public health while enabling businesses to remain open. Thank you.

Jose Cerda

Location:
Submitted At: 11:32am 07-09-20

I fully support this.

Leslie Mason

Location:
Submitted At: 11:32am 07-09-20

Masks work to stop the spread of this virus. Full stop.

Jeff Alberts

Location:
Submitted At: 11:30am 07-09-20

Definitely hoping this goes through with a lot of support.

Jason Capriotti

Location:
Submitted At: 11:29am 07-09-20

I wear my mask in buildings but this ordinance concerns me. What will happen when a small business encounters someone who refuses to wear a mask? Do they call the police? Risk a fine? Get into a potentially heated argument? Some police in upstate New York are not enforcing mask laws. And we've all heard about agitators purposely entering businesses without masks. Have any of these factors been taken into consideration? Less serious but still a question: If I pass by another cyclist on a trail, do we both don our masks for the 1 second we are within 6 feet of each other?

Sarah Finn

Location:
Submitted At: 11:29am 07-09-20

I completely support making masks mandatory in public spaces. Masks have been proven effective in slowing the spread of COVID-19 yet few people wear them anymore because it's become political. We need good leadership on this. Many other places in the state and country now require masks. It is necessary.

Amanda Dixon

Location:
Submitted At: 11:29am 07-09-20

As a small business owner I fully support this ordinance. This should have been done months ago. Thank you for working towards keeping Milwaukee safe.

Sonora Brusubardis

Location:

Submitted At: 11:29am 07-09-20

However good the intentions might be behind this mandate, requiring people to wear masks is a violation of our Constitutional rights. No one but myself knows what is best for my health and happiness.

Elijah Fothergill

Location:

Submitted At: 11:29am 07-09-20

If you chose to not wear a mask, you should not be allowed in public spaces. NOTHING unconstitutional about this, STOP. The same people who tout fears about the economy refuse to acknowledge how doing nothing about the virus is extremely damaging to small businesses. Do you support your community or refuse to be inconvenienced? Because the people of this city have to go to work, we aren't being supported by anything else. My high-risk grandpa has been told by his employer to return doing at home visits or they'll consider him resigned. People are not being cared for, do the bare MINIMUM.

Katie McGrew

Location:

Submitted At: 11:25am 07-09-20

I do not agree that face coverings should be mandated. There are many people who cannot wear a mask for various reasons and it makes it really hard, if not impossible, for them to do their shopping or getting out in public if masks are required. Even if there are exceptions, they will always stand out and be subject to harrassment. Also, if masks really work, then the people that wear them should be fine. This virus isn't going anywhere and we can't be required to wear masks forever. There should be freedom to choose.

Mo Brady

Location:

Submitted At: 11:24am 07-09-20

I fully support this as an essential measure that protects our community.

Emma Confidential

Location:

Submitted At: 11:23am 07-09-20

I strongly oppose mandating masks. There are so many issues that people don't consider. I cannot wear a mask because I have PTSD from being held against my will and sexually assaulted. I had tape over my mouth for days. I have panic attacks if anything is on my face or neck and often pass out from hyperventilating if having an attack. So I have to either risk my mental and physical health or explain my past to a random person at stores!!!!??? Just to get food or essentials fir my family. This is insane. I cannot live like that.

Michael Kryshak

Location:

Submitted At: 11:23am 07-09-20

This ordinance needs to be passed - WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO SAVE LIVES - DO THE RIGHT THING!

Emily Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 11:22am 07-09-20

Strongly support. Masks aren't a personal choice, they are a proven strategy to protect others. Just like we have laws that you can't drink and drive because of the harm you may cause to other people, masks in this pandemic are for the good of the whole community.

Grace Leonhardt

Location:

Submitted At: 11:21am 07-09-20

Fully support. Milwaukee has an opportunity to be an example for this country on how to properly address a detrimental global pandemic.

Stephanie Baghai

Location:

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

Masks have proven to be incredibly effective in preventing viral transmission. With WI being the #1 state of covid growth, we need to protect each other and the economy. Local business can't shut down due to covid or they may never open back up again. Masks would help significantly. It's little to no inconvenience to wear a mask.

Kristopher Purzycki

Location:

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

For the greater good, I strongly support mandating masks indoors and outdoors in situations where there are people within 10' of one another.

Masks have been proven to be the most powerful device when looking to reopen businesses and easing the strain on area clinics.

Enforce first with written warning, then with fine that can be waived if completed online educational session about civic duty and community responsibility.

Emily Sara

Location:

Submitted At: 11:19am 07-09-20

I fully oppose this. As a mother I will not stand by to see my or my family's freedoms be taken away. If anyone feels safe wearing a mask, they have the freedom to do so. Masks create an unsafe work environment according to OSHA's safety standards for the lack of proper oxygen levels. The majority of people do not wear them properly by repeat use and touching of the face, therefore increasing risk of bacterial growth and infection. Do not take the freedom to choose how we see best fit to protect our health and our families.

Kayle Thompson

Location:

Submitted At: 11:17am 07-09-20

Strongly support the requirement of masks in public spaces and business. It is imperative that individuals be required to wear masks to help protect the health of our community.

William Fuchs

Location:

Submitted At: 11:16am 07-09-20

I completely support the use of masks in public. This is not a violation of rights in any way. It is an easy, common sense measure that can save lives and slow the spread of a dangerous disease. To oppose such a measure would be selfish, dangerous, and short-sighted.

Sam Ek

Location:

Submitted At: 11:16am 07-09-20

If kitchen workers can wear face coverings while sweating over a hot grill because they want to save lives, then theres no reason everyone else can do the same. This is not a left v right issue. This is a common sense issue regarding the lives of the people in our city. People have shown that they wont wear masks because theyre so self consumed theve lost sight of the big picture. Put laws in place to stop the spread of this disease..dont be f-ing cowardice to the pressure from uneducated people.

Hunter Hobz

Location:

Submitted At: 11:15am 07-09-20

This is unconstitutional. I do not support this.

Erick Disbrow

Location:
Submitted At: 11:15am 07-09-20

Completely support this! It's about keeping us healthy and safe

Milwaukee Strong

Location:
Submitted At: 11:15am 07-09-20

Strongly support masking in public spaces and all businesses. This is the simplest thing we can do that has the greatest impact on our fellow community members. Yes, masks can be uncomfortable. No one WANTS to wear them. But, my discomfort is less important than protecting my neighbors.

Stephanie Charpentier

Location:
Submitted At: 11:15am 07-09-20

I am opposed to mandatory masks.

Rachel Nelson

Location:
Submitted At: 11:14am 07-09-20

Requiring a mask is the simplest way we can improve safety during the Covid- 19 outbreak for everyone, including those in our city who face increased risk due to their health, yet will be required to interact with the public to remain employed (and thus insured), as more things reopen.

Raul Vasquez

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

ABSOLUTELY OPPOSED. 1) Milwaukee County has gone nine days without a single coronavirus-related death, signaling that Milwaukee is nearing the end of the danger period for this virus. Implementing a new restriction now makes no sense at all. 2) A new mask law will create more situations of conflict between police and communities, exactly the thing we don't need more of. 3) Cloth masks do nothing to stop coronaviruses, which at 0.1 microns are too small. 4) People's misuse of the masks (such as using a dirty mask) will create more harm to user than not wearing any at all. 5) My body, my choice!

Stephen Melka

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

Milwaukee absolutely needs this mandate. Too many people are not taking this seriously and people will die as a result. Having already lost a friend to COVID, I think this minimally invasive expectation is so little to ask of the public when so much is at stake. Pass the mask mandate and be on the right side of history.

Casey Elliott

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

I work in the service industry and COVID is spreading through us like wildfire. Owners and workers alike are terrified of what another large scale, prolonged closure would mean for us. Livelihoods are on the line here. Please don't turn your back on us.

Christina Lindsay

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

Our infection rates are skyrocketing and we need to do something. Masks are the absolute minimum that should be required. In all crowded public places and all indoor public areas, a mouth and nose covering should be required

Erin Korchagin

Location:

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

I oppose this ordinance. It should be the choice of the person to wear one or not.

Melissa Riddell

Location:

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

All persons should be able to choose whether or not to wear a mask. I strongly oppose this ordinance.

Diana Louise

Location:

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

I strongly oppose! It's unconstitutional! My body, my choice. I will not comply!

Brian Vogt

Location:

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

Support.

Cheryl Luck

Location:

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

The numbers aren't there, there were more deaths in 2018 from the influenza. Don't play "follow the leader", wake up MKE.

Kelly Hennigan

Location:

Submitted At: 11:08am 07-09-20

As a nurse working with covid patients, I strongly support required masks. Not only do they protect our health, but they also protect our small businesses and economy. As a reminder, masks do more good for the people around you than for yourself. Choosing not to wear one is a decision for the health of others, not for your own.

Bridget Suda

Location:

Submitted At: 11:08am 07-09-20

The mask mandate will allow businesses to remain open and operate safely while slowing the spread of the virus. This will help avoid a spike in cases that could lead to another strict shutdown that would further damage the economy.

Eric Sackett

Location:

Submitted At: 11:06am 07-09-20

This should be a business by business decision. Not a public mandate. Proposal is too extreme at that. 30' outdoors? Cotton over your mouth won't help much. N95 some. Provide full respirators if you want to do this.

Will Not Wearmask

Location:

Submitted At: 11:03am 07-09-20

If this is adopted, our family has spent our last dollar in Milwaukee. We will never shop, dine or do anything else in Milwaukee again.

Alex Schlitz

Location:

Submitted At: 11:02am 07-09-20

STRONGLY SUPPORT, mask-wearing is one of the EASIEST and most effective methods of suppressing spread of the virus as has been proven in numerous other countries which adopted it as a method of protecting the

health of their citizens early on, whether they closed businesses and the economy or not. The violent opposition to masks is a selfish and dangerous position to take and one that disregards the wellbeing of others in your community for your own personal comfort. WEAR A MASK.

Saebra Laken

Location:

Submitted At: 11:00am 07-09-20

We need to be logical about this and support the health of our city by mandating masks , I cannot fathom the response to not wear masks , do we not care about our fellow human being ? Are we that ill educated as a society where we think our rights are being infringed on if we try and protect the health and well being of our city ? Shame on the nay sayers .

Sara Bee

Location:

Submitted At: 11:00am 07-09-20

I strongly support. Please pass this as it is in the best interest of the people to keep us safe.

William Gambon

Location:

Submitted At: 10:59am 07-09-20

There is plenty of empirical evidence that shows wearing face coverings dramatically reduces the chances of spreading virus' such as COVID-19. There is also empirical evidence that proves wearing masks does not affect blood oxygen levels. It must be done to protect public health.

Sarah Staplekamp

Location:

Submitted At: 10:58am 07-09-20

We totally support this. Thank you for working to keep the city safe.

Ana Báez

Location:

Submitted At: 10:58am 07-09-20

This is absolutely necessary! Yes please for everyone's sake.

Jessamyn Kovacs

Location:

Submitted At: 10:58am 07-09-20

I strongly oppose this ordinance. As someone who has suffered from the ill effects from masks, i ask why are we trying to force the minority, when the majority is already wearing masks? Is anyone asking the minority WHY they are making the choices they are?

Alison Forbes

Location:

Submitted At: 10:57am 07-09-20

I am writing in HUGE support of a mask mandate in the city of Milwaukee. It's very discouraging to see the number of maskless faces in public – including two Milwaukee firefighters that I saw in the grocery store on Saturday, in their work gear but no masks at all. I was incredibly disappointed to see two government employees in public safety roles not doing the bare minimum to protect those around them. Please consider the physical and economic health benefits of the public, and mandate the wearing of masks until proper treatment, testing, and tracing are in place.

Thomas Schwartz

Location:

Submitted At: 10:57am 07-09-20

It is crucial and necessary for the city of Milwaukee to order all residents to wear a mask in order to slow the

spread of the corona virus.

Trudy Watt

Location:

Submitted At: 10:56am 07-09-20

Please require mask wearing in public. Scientific study shows us that mask wearing is the most effective way to protect our friends, family and neighbors from contracting the virus. Masks reduce transmissibility and concentration of droplets that can accumulate, linger for hours and infect many. (Please read Prather et al, 2020: 10.1126/science.abc6197 - <10min) Requiring mask wearing is not an infringement on our liberty, but the opposite: mask wearing supports collective access to health. Mandated mask wearing is also essential as many are being forced back into group settings like school.

Caitlin Garnier

Location:

Submitted At: 10:55am 07-09-20

Strongly opposed. This is NOT a government issue. Businesses and healthcare facilities can make their own decisions. Enacting this will only pull out community and our families further apart.

Erica Nelson

Location:

Submitted At: 10:54am 07-09-20

Strongly oppose! We are the Land of the FREE! No mandates for anything. No masks . Free choice

Amanda Van Gorder

Location:

Submitted At: 10:54am 07-09-20

Strongly support. There are no medical conditions that prevent you to wear a mask. It effects everyone around you. It is not a personal decision. If you go out, you should have to wear a mask.

Nichole Baird

Location:

Submitted At: 10:53am 07-09-20

It would be detrimental to those with medical/mental health conditions. They deserve the right to be in public just as much as everyone else does, and this ordinance would cause them to be ridiculed, shunned, or even be forced to stay home in fear. Sure, you can make an "exception " but that will not stop businesses from still denying them service. Is this really how such people with disabilities should be treated in our community? This ordinance is nothing more than cruel and discriminatory.

VALERI LUCKS

Location:

Submitted At: 10:53am 07-09-20

I completely support this ordinance! Please pass this, it will make us all safer.

Peter DiGaudio

Location:

Submitted At: 10:53am 07-09-20

I oppose, and if it passes, I will not comply.

R. Brown

Location:

Submitted At: 10:51am 07-09-20

I oppose

Matt Mendenhall

Location:

Submitted At: 10:51am 07-09-20

I absolutely support this. Please do it. It will save lives.

Maia Nolan-Partnow

Location:

Submitted At: 10:50am 07-09-20

I strongly support this measure, although I wish it were unnecessary. Based on the number of people who refuse to take this simple step to protect one another, however, I believe it is. Masks are an easy, if inconvenient and slightly uncomfortable, way for us to slow the spread of COVID-19, and wearing them has been unnecessarily and absurdly politicized. We mandate seat belts, car seats and other public safety measures; this is no different, except that it requires us to make an effort to primarily think of and be concerned for others rather than ourselves.

Keri Hessel

Location:

Submitted At: 10:49am 07-09-20

I strongly oppose. It is unconstitutional, and the masks are not effective at preventing the spread of the virus. The masks give a false sense of security to those who wear it, i have personally witnessed this.

Jessica Heese

Location:

Submitted At: 10:49am 07-09-20

I strongly support requiring masks. Wearing a mask is a simple, effective way to prevent the spread of a virus we know very little about. Other places in the US and around the world have implemented mandatory mask wearing and it has proven effective at slowing the spread of the virus. At the rate in which Milwaukee is spreading the virus, I don't think we can afford to not be requiring masks.

Jonathan Sedlak

Location:

Submitted At: 10:49am 07-09-20

All face masks are demonstrably unhealthy to wear for a few minutes at a time, due to oxygen levels being depleted to hazardous levels according to OSHA standards, as well as CDC and WHO safety guidelines.

Moreover, because unilateral coercion by the civil arm of government is unnecessary and unhealthy, it generates unnecessary anxiety, stress, health risks, and complications for all who cannot and ought not comply.

Also, no face-covering or mask can filter a virus. Copious amounts of medical data illustrate demonstrable insufficiency of masks to prevent viruses from transferring to others.

Courtney Ball

Location:

Submitted At: 10:48am 07-09-20

Cases are going up and deaths are going down. The CDC even just came out and said it may lose epidemic status which is way below the pandemic this was made out to be (<https://pjmedia.com/news-and-politics/matt-margolis/2020/07/06/covid-19-may-soon-lose-status-as-an-epidemic-under-cdc-guidelines-n609729>). Wearing a mask is traumatic for many people and also very difficult to this with disabilities, such as deaf and autistic, who rely on facial expressions and reading lips for a majority of their communication.

Ramona Perales

Location:

Submitted At: 10:48am 07-09-20

I do believe that masks should be worn in public places, but I do believe that it should be up to the individual businesses. In a child care setting, the children need to see their teacher's faces to learn important skills and expressions. Children and teachers are active all day long and the CDC recognizes that wearing a mask in these circumstances is not advisable. Other measures being taken are working when properly and consistently done in keeping people safe. Trying to keep masks on a group of children for the better part of a day will be like herding

cats.

Kim McCarthy

Location:

Submitted At: 10:48am 07-09-20

As a City of Milwaukee employee, I strongly support this legislation. We need to take steps to protect everyone in our community. Rules need to be laid out for the buildings within the City Hall Complex. Our office has daily contact with the public and in very large numbers during the tax collection period, which is another event which needs to be looked at very closely and prepared for in order to maintain the health of everyone. Thank you for taking action. This is how a community comes together.

Susan Evenson

Location:

Submitted At: 10:48am 07-09-20

Strongly support.

Melissa Lawler

Location:

Submitted At: 10:47am 07-09-20

The science indicates that the more people that wear masks when in close proximity and indoors limits the spread of the virus. Wearing a mask is not an inconvenience, when considering the health and safety of all of our residents.

Gerry Murphy

Location:

Submitted At: 10:46am 07-09-20

NO. How hard is that to understand?

Mackenzie Paschke

Location:

Submitted At: 10:45am 07-09-20

It's not about one individual person, it's about the community. Wearing masks in public protects people that have to come in contact with multiple different people because of their work requirements. People like servers, cashiers, mail clerks, and so many more have to come in contact with hundreds of people daily. We need to protect our community and this is an easy way to help stop the spread.

Dana Jones

Location:

Submitted At: 10:45am 07-09-20

I wholeheartedly support requiring face coverings in public spaces. The CDC and WHO recommend it, and as we have seen, multiple states where the pandemic has turned into a crisis mode have now required masks, but it's too late - as it has cost those states many lives. In addition, the EU, with a population larger than the US, has managed to mostly control the virus, and the difference is that they require masks in public spaces. This is a no brainer. Too many citizens are acting recklessly during this public health emergency. The ordinance is needed.

Jeff Brown

Location:

Submitted At: 10:44am 07-09-20

Protect our rights, not our health... My doctors and I have my health taken care of. 'm healthy, but my rights are in serious danger of dying. What's next? Masks for cold and flu season? Maybe we should all be forced to shave our heads so we all look the same? I think differently because I've reviewed all the latest studies, scientific data, and the actual facts -- not just what the media selectively parrots. Guess what? Age old advice (hand washing, not touching the face/eyes/nose, staying home when sick) protects you and others. Enough said. Be free, be safe, be responsible, be yourself.

Colleen Vukosich

Location:

Submitted At: 10:42am 07-09-20

I'm in charge of my health! Not the government!

Jennifer Posh

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 07-09-20

Masks are an easy, accessible, low-cost way that everyone can help prevent the spread of COVID. If we don't require residents to wear masks in public, Milwaukee businesses and people will continue to suffer. We shouldn't allow COVID to continue to grow unchecked in our city when simple measures like masks can help stop it.

Cameron Bates

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 07-09-20

NO MASKS!

Ariel Saunders

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 07-09-20

I am strongly opposed to this. The government has no right to mandate that we wear masks. This illness is not nearly as terrible as the media and politicians have tried to convince us of. In the entire state of Wisconsin, only 276 people are currently hospitalized for Covid-19 (<https://covidtracking.com/data#state-wi>). That's 276 out of approximately 5.85 million people, or about 1 in 21,195. This is ridiculous! Forcing people to wear masks puts us at far greater health risks than it protects us from! Stop the madness (and the CO2 poisoning)!

Claire Koenig

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 07-09-20

I fully support this. It is irrefutable that face masks will help slow the spread of this virus until a vaccine is approved and available.

Cassie Wilcox

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 07-09-20

Strongly oppose. Evidence shows oxygenation is impaired with face coverings, and even before this pandemic, many hospital professionals acknowledged that masks are COMPLETELY ineffective after 20 min. I especially oppose for the outdoors. Evidence shows our indoor air quality is significantly poorer than the outdoors, so we NEED fresh air. We need access to fresh air and physical activity outdoors daily to optimize vit D levels and ACE2 enzyme reserves to help mitigate effects of COVID. You can't completely stop this virus, so don't take away our ability to protect our own bodies.

Kathryn Lavey

Location:

Submitted At: 10:41am 07-09-20

I strongly support.

Val Newhouse

Location:

Submitted At: 10:40am 07-09-20

This is an easy way to keep Milwaukee safe while also showing care for our neighbors. I fully support making masks mandatory in public spaces.

Greg Luce

Location:

Submitted At: 10:39am 07-09-20

Heck no! Businesses or private individuals can require masks in their establishment if they feel it's in their best interest. For the government to mandate it is an overreach!

Joshua Laak

Location:

Submitted At: 10:38am 07-09-20

Why are the people who already wear masks afraid of those who dont? If the masks work then YOU are fine. This should be a personal choice, not a government mandate. I for one dislike continuously recycling carbon dioxide. Strongly opposed.

Jenny Mendenhall

Location:

Submitted At: 10:38am 07-09-20

Strongly support the mask mandate to protect our community and hospitals at this critical time.

Katherine Sliker

Location:

Submitted At: 10:37am 07-09-20

With Wisconsin now leading in virus reproduction rates, it's more important than ever to take any steps we can go mitigate infecting others. Please listen to scientists and healthcare experts who almost unanimously support masks in reducing the spread. Even if imperfect, this minor inconvenience will reduce infections and protect those most at risk. It's the least we can do to protect our communities and essential workers who face the public. Always better safe than sorry... particularly in light of asymptomatic and presymptomatic spread!

Daniel Shillinglaw

Location:

Submitted At: 10:37am 07-09-20

I support this measure as a way to help control the spread of this virus. After reading many comments here, I think there is a misunderstanding about why masks are worn. Cloth masks are not worn to protect the mask-wearer from getting the virus. They are worn to prevent the mask-wearer from unintentionally spreading the virus to others. You wear a mask to protect other people, not to protect yourself. I protect you, you protect me, and the spread of the virus is reduced. If we want schools to be open and sports to start up again, this is one of the best ways to move towards those goals.

Angela Williamson

Location:

Submitted At: 10:37am 07-09-20

Strongly Support!

Laura Sobie

Location:

Submitted At: 10:36am 07-09-20

Strongly support!

Regular Voter

Location:

Submitted At: 10:35am 07-09-20

The science supports this easy and unobtrusive step to stem the spread of Covid-19. considering that Wisconsin currently has the *highest* transmission rate in the country, we MUST take this step.

Madeline Seymour

Location:

Submitted At: 10:35am 07-09-20

Strongly support!

Paul Fredrich

Location:

Submitted At: 10:35am 07-09-20

This must happen to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Milwaukee.

Lori Fredrich

Location:

Submitted At: 10:34am 07-09-20

I fully support this measure to keep Milwaukeeans safer. Masks are a vital component in prevention of the spread of COVID-19 and among the efforts we must take to move forward safely and effectively.

Kevin Hill

Location:

Submitted At: 10:34am 07-09-20

It's important that we act as a community who cares about each other and wearing a face mask is one small way to protect others as well as ourselves. Mask up now so we can get back to something resembling normal a LOT sooner.

Kendra Osness

Location:

Submitted At: 10:34am 07-09-20

I oppose mandatory mask wearing this should be a choice. As a person with allergies and asthma I have a harder time breathing with a mask for simple activities such as walking or taking stairs. This is the country of the free and mandatory wear of a mask seems to take away the free that so many fought for.

John Strand

Location:

Submitted At: 10:33am 07-09-20

Respect for others and science is the path to surviving the pandemic

Holly Doar

Location:

Submitted At: 10:33am 07-09-20

Please require masks.

Nathan Orr

Location:

Submitted At: 10:32am 07-09-20

This is nothing more than a power grab by the babies that are offended that no one wanted to listen to them the first time around. It's embarrassing that we even have to have this conversation in the first place. We will always remember who wanted to take away our personal choice and freedom... please do not approve this ridiculous ordinance.

Sarah Thompson

Location:

Submitted At: 10:32am 07-09-20

I support this mandate and the 70+ business owners/managers who are asking for it. Please help our local establishments protect customers and employees.

Angela Navarro

Location:

Submitted At: 10:31am 07-09-20

This is a humane and responsible requirement that benefits all.

Hope Januchowski - Baleywah

Location:
Submitted At: 10:31am 07-09-20

I support this measure for the city of Milwaukee.

Virginia Ishaq

Location:
Submitted At: 10:31am 07-09-20

I am for wearing face coverings but not for a government mandate nor for using taxpayer dollars to purchase and distribute them.

Patricia Zealley

Location:
Submitted At: 10:29am 07-09-20

It's important that we act as a community who cares about each other and wearing a face mask is one small way to protect others as well as ourselves.

Rebecca Silber

Location:
Submitted At: 10:27am 07-09-20

I fully support this revised ordinance, especially as Covid becomes more and more prevalent in the community (which it is) and as many people become more and more fearless (which they seem to be).

Tina Hulen

Location:
Submitted At: 10:27am 07-09-20

I have seen enough evidence from other countries that masks help control the spread. We need to do something more to get this under control.

Ben Pirkel

Location:
Submitted At: 10:27am 07-09-20

opposed

Craig Frizzell

Location:
Submitted At: 10:26am 07-09-20

I strongly encourage all members of the Council to vote in favor of requiring face coverings in public spaces. Widespread use of face coverings will substantially decrease everyone's overall exposure to the virus. Without an ordinance requiring usage, voluntary mask-wearing will remain low, greatly hindering the ability of children to return to school, of businesses to reopen, and generally of a return to "normal" economic activity.

Melissa Buchholz

Location:
Submitted At: 10:25am 07-09-20

I am a small business owner - I own Odd Duck & Little Duck Kitchen in Bay View - and I fully support this. This is the number one thing that both my customers and staff have asked for, and we will require them with or without an ordinance, but considering their proven ability to stop the spread, we all would feel much safer if this was a city wide policy. Please help us be safe! - Melissa Buchholz

Jenna Yentz

Location:
Submitted At: 10:24am 07-09-20

Cloth masks are not proven to stop the transmission of virus particles and are worn incorrectly 99% of the time. The WHO has stated that healthy people shouldn't wear masks and that masking can increase a persons chances for developing a respiratory issue.

Wearing masks decreases oxygen intake.

Season Lechner

Location:

Submitted At: 10:24am 07-09-20

As a City of Milwaukee employee working in a public office, I fully support this. This is a small but extremely important task to ask the community for the safety of Milwaukee.

Cheryl Allen

Location:

Submitted At: 10:23am 07-09-20

Strongly Support!

Susan Czelatdko

Location:

Submitted At: 10:22am 07-09-20

Masks don't work

JA Flaig

Location:

Submitted At: 10:22am 07-09-20

Strongly oppose. All people are ALREADY free to wear a mask. Stop pushing an agenda and allow people to decide what is best for themselves.

John Lasko

Location:

Submitted At: 10:22am 07-09-20

If the flu vaccine is not mandatory then why should masks be? What gives you the right to dictate what is best for my family and I? Leave it up to each family/individual to determine what is best for them. Also, who is going to take responsibility for the side effects/complications caused by prolonged mask use? Prolonged mask use has been linked to increased airway resistance and increased carbon dioxide accumulation which leads to hypoxia. It also causes reduced natural immunity- per Dr. Russell Baylock a neurosurgeon (article published by Technocracy News on 5/18/20).

Megan Gulland

Location:

Submitted At: 10:21am 07-09-20

Face coverings have been proven to help slow the spread of COVID and it should be required to help protect the county.

Abby Drallos

Location:

Submitted At: 10:20am 07-09-20

I am a Bay View resident & oppose this ordinance. It is out of the city's scope of practice to mandate mask wearing in other people's homes if this is not the homeowner's preference. This ordinance is another thing propagated to turn each other against one another and divide the community further in the sense that people will be calling in complaints about others, which makes me feel like I am living in the beginnings of Nazi Germany. If businesses want individuals to wear masks, this should be left up to the individual business to require masks if people want to enter.

Meagan Haug

Location:

Submitted At: 10:20am 07-09-20

We must wear masks to combat the spread of COVID-19. This is a public health crisis, and wearing a mask is such a simple thing to ask of people. I have asthma, anxiety, and an unborn baby pressing on my lungs all day,

but I can handle it.

Melvin Smith

Location:

Submitted At: 10:19am 07-09-20

This is a sound idea based on Science and medical practice. Pass it.

Katie Gamb

Location:

Submitted At: 10:19am 07-09-20

I support this. It's common sense. Masks have been proven to slow the spread, and are literally the simplest thing you can do to keep each other safe.

Ingrid Ebner

Location:

Submitted At: 10:19am 07-09-20

Testing the oxygen levels under different types of masks have proven that it is harmful. This is according to OSAH regulations. Not only does it not stop the spreading of the virus, it can actually make the wearer sick!!!

Mary Ann Panevska

Location:

Submitted At: 10:18am 07-09-20

I STRONGLY OPPOSE! This is just another Socialist ploy to condition people to believing and submitting to whatever Big Brother and his phony experts say! Give people credit for some intelligence and let them decide what measures they will take to protect themselves and others.

Tracy Balistreri

Location:

Submitted At: 10:18am 07-09-20

I support this as a business owner

Heidi Pergolski

Location:

Submitted At: 10:16am 07-09-20

Strongly opposed

Brooke Frizzell

Location:

Submitted At: 10:16am 07-09-20

Please vote in favor of an ordinance requiring face coverings in public spaces. The only way we can safely open businesses and schools is to reduce transmission of the virus. Epidemiologists and other experts have found that face coverings drastically reduce the spread of the virus and that widespread mask usage would allow us to safely resume many activities. Wearing a mask cannot be merely a personal choice because of how the virus spreads and the impact of one person's actions on the health of others. Please support a public mask requirement.

Emily Fuger

Location:

Submitted At: 10:14am 07-09-20

I support this

Sierra Houchin

Location:

Submitted At: 10:11am 07-09-20

Oppose

Rita Nokovic

Location:

Submitted At: 10:09am 07-09-20

I support the mandate of masks in public spaces.

Ce Lo

Location:

Submitted At: 10:09am 07-09-20

Either way this goes, the if you choose to not wear a mask this go round, you should be forced to follow the same for the next virus...like Ebola. The argument that because it does not prevent, that a mask is not needed, is invalid. Science has shown reduced chance of spread. Kinda like putting on a seatbelt helps you survive, but doesn't prevent an accident. Big fan of science here, just not the political type.

Arianna Brusubardis

Location:

Submitted At: 10:09am 07-09-20

I understand the good intentions behind wanting to mandate masks. However, what is the point in making masks mandatory when people are able to take them off while eating at a restaurant? Mandating masks only strips milwaukeeans of their constitutional rights, while coronavirus cases rise and deaths do not. There is no need for this mandate. Also, note how people that don't wear masks aren't forcing others not to wear them as well. Be respectful of other people's bodies. If you're scared, wear your mask, but don't make others do it just because of how you feel. Please, do not mandate masks.

Brandon Burger

Location:

Submitted At: 10:09am 07-09-20

This measure is crap. I read it. Don't even bother trying to pass this. Children 3 and older? Yeah right, my 4 year old won't wear one consistently and I'm not holding one on her face. Also, my 11 year old daughter has Cystic Fibrosis, she will not be wearing a mask outdoors in this heat. Stop trying to be dictators. For the people, by the people. Not against the people because you think you know better. You have NO idea how to better protect me and my family than I do. Do not try to force this on the people, we will vote you out of office if you do!

Matthew Schultz

Location:

Submitted At: 10:08am 07-09-20

I am a huge supporter of everyone wearing masks! The more people that wear them the faster we get through this!

Meghan Spaude

Location:

Submitted At: 10:06am 07-09-20

I support a requirement for masks in public. This is the best way to stop the spread of Covid.

Kevin Kuschel

Location:

Submitted At: 10:06am 07-09-20

I support this ordinance because it promotes the health, safety, and general welfare of the community during the time of a deadly pandemic. This measure will help slow down the spread of a sickness that can permanently disrupt the quality of life of individuals in our community, and even kill them. I am grateful that our elected leaders have chosen to prioritize our entire community's health.

Alexandria Hayward

Location:

Submitted At: 10:05am 07-09-20

Masks and social distancing have been PROVEN to work. You can breathe just FINE with one on. I dont know how else to tell you that you should care about other people. "Their right" is spreading germs, exposing

themselves, exposing everyone around them. It's honestly appalling that people don't care about the people around them enough to cover their faces. You can wear one for an hour while you're out doing "leisure" shopping that isn't necessary.

Lydia Jarvis

Location:

Submitted At: 10:04am 07-09-20

It is irresponsible not to enact such an small and effective intervention.

Emily Vieyra

Location:

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

I adamantly support this. I urge Milwaukee to look to our neighboring states (Illinois) and counties (Dane) to learn how a mandate works for citizens. Illinois, in particular, has had a mask mandate in place for months and their numbers are trending in the right direction. If businesses or citizens have concerns about enforcement or how to monitor a mandate, just ask places that have been doing so for months.

Jason Fournier

Location:

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

This virus threatens all of us. To date, over 12 million people have been sickened world (3 million in the US, nearly 13K in Milwaukee), and over 500K have died (130K in the US, and nearly 400 in Milwaukee.) The spread of this virus can be reduced if we wear face coverings. We each have a responsibility to engage in behaviors that do not endanger others in our community. As a result, this mask mandate is a common-sense, legitimate and ethical ordinance. If we got out in public, we require masks during this pandemic. Those opposing this have proven they will not wear one without a requirement.

Sydney Michuda

Location:

Submitted At: 10:00am 07-09-20

I fully support this ordinance. Wearing a mask in public requires almost no effort and is such a simple, easy way to reduce the spread, keep yourself and your loved ones safe, and save lives.

Eva Robar-Orlich

Location:

Submitted At: 10:00am 07-09-20

I would love to believe that our citizens would care about each other enough to take this small move to protect others from the virus . Sadly, this small move , wearing a mask , scientifically proven to slow the spread of a disease has become an idiotic cultural fight . We require shoes in public places , not smoking inside and seat belts . Requiring masks during a pandemic is just common sense . The right to not be exposed to disease supersedes the " right " to possibly infect others.
Please require masks and save lives .

Tracy Smail-Selerski

Location:

Submitted At: 10:00am 07-09-20

6/7/20 WHO statement:

"Non-medical, fabric masks are being used by many people in public areas, but there has been limited evidence on their effectiveness and WHO does not recommend their widespread use among the public for control of COVID-19...the use of a mask alone is not sufficient to provide an adequate level of protection against COVID-19."

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/question-and-answers-hub/q-a-detail/q-a-on-covid-19-and-masks>

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

P Childers

Location:

Submitted At: 9:59am 07-09-20

Every mask available for purchase states on the box it does not prevent the transmission of viruses such as Covid-19.

The FDA never issued approval for any facial covering to be used by the public for suppression of any illness.

You can't mandate use of a device for something it is not approved for under penalty of Federal Law (title 21).

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

Kim Roth

Location:

Submitted At: 9:58am 07-09-20

The choice to wear or not wear masks should NOT be legislated, but needs to be the personal freedom of individuals and/or individual businesses to decide to do so. Those who feel masks make them feel safer should wear them OR STAY HOME. If businesses mandate the wearing of masks, more power to them. The public has the choice to support them or take their business elsewhere.

It would be a great overreach of governmental authority to legislate such an action.

Hopefully we won't see you in Court.

Kim Roth

Charise White

Location:

Submitted At: 9:57am 07-09-20

Individuals have a right to making their own health choices.

Masks have not been proven to be healthy for individuals as it can increase CO2 levels which can be hazardous to one's own health.

Deaths from COVID-19 are on the decline despite increased cases.

Increased testing offers more incidences of COVID-19 positive tests, however, many are asymptomatic. Obviously with increased testing, we will have increased cases.

Anna Edwards

Location:

Submitted At: 9:57am 07-09-20

Milwaukee must have a required face mask mandate. Wisconsin has become one of the fastest COVID spreading states spread in the US—why? Because of a lack of leadership pertaining to appropriate actions citizens should be taking in the midst of a global pandemic (one of which should be a face mask in all public spaces). Do we want to look back and know that in response to a life threatening virus we did nothing? That there was no attempt to minimize the spread of something putting human life at risk? If we do not take any action steps toward safety, we should all be ashamed.

Aaron Cleavland

Location:

Submitted At: 9:56am 07-09-20

Short of businesses being closed again, and in light of recent occurrences with non-maskers threatening to, or actually inflicting, damage to the property or sickness upon ourselves, this is the only other tool we have at our disposal to keep us safe. We in the service industry feel that restaurants/bars were opened with little thought as to the consequences and if you are going to force us open, the least you can do is pass this ordinance to insure that we don't bring the virus home to our partners and children. I see this as necessary if we are to open schools in the fall.

Chris Allen

Location:

Submitted At: 9:56am 07-09-20

The quickest way to stop covid is EVERYONE wearing a mask--please REQUIRE MASKS!!!

Ally Packard

Location:

Submitted At: 9:54am 07-09-20

Opposed

Ne La

Location:

Submitted At: 9:53am 07-09-20

I am a Milwaukee parent and private business owner. I fully support the mask ordinance. The amendments have made it a much more reasonable requirement. I urge the committee to address the potential for police overreach in enforcement, though, specifically in regard to the possibility of racist practices in our current policing methods. I do not want to see people of color, Black folks in particular, targeted for enforcement.

Dena Constantineau

Location:

Submitted At: 9:53am 07-09-20

I wholeheartedly support passing this ordinance for the safety of the community and the sake of our economy. Please pass the ordinance. People are obviously not taking precautions on their own accords, given the number of people in public places without a mask on. This simple little action could help save lives. Given that, there is no question in my mind that we should all wear a mask.

Patricia Kerley

Location:

Submitted At: 9:52am 07-09-20

I fully support wearing face coverings in public. We should be listening to public health expert's advice when making decision for the community. Let's not politicize such a topic that is based on science. Even if we only save one life, it would be well worth it!

Tarin Diehl

Location:

Submitted At: 9:51am 07-09-20

I support required face masks in public spaces

Dana Hall

Location:

Submitted At: 9:51am 07-09-20

Wearing masks helps to reduce the rate of transmission - Please pass this.

Alec Muniz

Location:

Submitted At: 9:51am 07-09-20

Strongly Support!

Bridget Braun

Location:

Submitted At: 9:49am 07-09-20

I wholly oppose the forced wearing of face masks. It is not the place of government to dictate what a person should be made to wear. Do you not realize that the mandating of mask wearing will inevitably turn into them mandating the wearing of shackles. It is time to wake up and take a stand.

Joan French

Location:

Submitted At: 9:48am 07-09-20

Now that we know that Covid 19 spreads through aerosol droplets, masks are a necessity.

Shelli McIntosh

Location:

Submitted At: 9:47am 07-09-20

The air under a mask does not even meet OSHA requirements for air quality

Erin Br

Location:

Submitted At: 9:46am 07-09-20

I was considered "essential" during the shutdown. I have to work, because I am the sole wage earner in my house. I am also immunocompromised. Since we've reopened, I've been screamed at and physically assaulted by customers telling me it's "their right" to not wear a mask. "Their right" is spreading germs, exposing themselves, exposing everyone around them. It's honestly appalling that people don't care about the people around them enough to cover their faces. I wear one of these ten hours a day. You can wear one for an hour while you're out doing "leisure" shopping that isn't necessary.

Mackenzie DeClark

Location:

Submitted At: 9:45am 07-09-20

I strongly support this. This is a public health crisis. There is strong evidence that masks work, we need to be trusting of scientists and current research to help protect everyone.

Shelbi Wiken

Location:

Submitted At: 9:44am 07-09-20

I support face coverings being mandated in public areas. According to various health experts, this is a critical step in stopping the spread of the corona virus. This should not be a political debate. Face coverings are about keeping yourself AND your community safe/healthy. It's time we adopt a more collective perspective on this matter!

Tia Seifert

Location:

Submitted At: 9:43am 07-09-20

Strongly against this mandate. There are a lot of proven negatives to wearing masks and those also need to be considered! Masks are for sick people, not healthy people and as we approach community health, we should be looking at things that help people stay healthy not make them more susceptible other diseases. This should not be a one sided decision but we need to look at the costs to a mandate (including increases mental health issues).

Izabela Poplawski

Location:

Submitted At: 9:43am 07-09-20

It violates my personal rights. I don't need government to decide about my health decisions. I need government to protect my liberties.

Anna Krajcik

Location:

Submitted At: 9:43am 07-09-20

Please protect us by requiring masks.

Liz McGovern

Location:

Submitted At: 9:42am 07-09-20

We need this to protect our citizens and prevent the spread. Vote yes!

Becky Froehlich

Location:

Submitted At: 9:41am 07-09-20

Absolutely not! The longer this virus is in our country, the lower the death rate becomes. High risk individuals are free to wear a mask, but this needs to be a personal decision. Also, as more and more people contract Covid-19 and then recover, fewer and fewer people will have any reason to be wearing a mask.

Diana B.

Location:

Submitted At: 9:39am 07-09-20

Have we forgotten the importance of solid, informed, effective public health? Can't we make sacrifices for others, and work together--voluntarily--for the greater good? Other countries have PROVEN that masks decrease spread so economies can move on. It's a simple thing we can do until there's a vaccine. But we ALL have to do it. SMALL personal sacrifices like wearing masks and WORKING TOGETHER is the only way to beat this. If some wear masks, but not all, this won't work. Sadly, if people aren't willing to do this voluntarily, it's in the best interest of society as a whole, to REQUIRE it.

Jessica JG

Location:

Submitted At: 9:39am 07-09-20

There is no scientific evidence that masks work at stopping any virus! This is about control! Our "leaders" continually are caught in public with face masks down because they know it's not about science it's about taking our freedoms from us! Political people supporting mandatory masks will not be re-elected because we will sue the pants off them!!!

Mandy McNutt

Location:

Submitted At: 9:35am 07-09-20

The number of positive tests has increased because there are more tests given yet the death rate has decreased. Most deaths have occurred in nursing home situations and not in the general public. Natural herd immunity happens when you allow the spread of an illness-these is a good thing. Flattening the curve has never been about stopping the spread. Masks should be a personal choice. Do not take our freedom of choice away.

Dave Meyer

Location:

Submitted At: 9:35am 07-09-20

If the forced wearing of masks is implemented in Milwaukee, all business I conduct there will be terminated immediately.

Ryan Larkey

Location:

Submitted At: 9:35am 07-09-20

I fully support this. This is a common sense issue and an effective way to save lives and limit spread.

Bud Endries

Location:

Submitted At: 9:32am 07-09-20

Every person deserves the ability to make their own decisions. I feel decisions should be made based on facts rather than theory. Please see "The Highwire" for more information on the way masks can be detrimental to our emotional and physical health. The constitution should be followed when it comes to making overarching decisions for the public.

eric Christiansen

Location:

Submitted At: 9:32am 07-09-20

This is not a first ammendment issue. This is a crisis and desperate times call for desperate measures. We must

stand united together to kick this thing. In addition to face masks, I think all public businesses should be required to have at least one hand sanitization stand.

Amanda Arient

Location:

Submitted At: 9:31am 07-09-20

This isn't about a freedom to choose. I am not allowed to smoke cigarettes in a public place because of the health and safety of others, this should be no different!

Jeff Bentoff

Location:

Submitted At: 9:30am 07-09-20

This ordinance is essential to the health and safety of Milwaukee residents. I urge all committee members and council members to support this.

Jeff Brown

Location:

Submitted At: 9:30am 07-09-20

Why are we letting fear drive our ordinances? Shouldn't we base the need for an ordinance on facts and a review of our fundamental rights? Viruses exist everywhere. Masks do not stop the spread - proper hygiene and limited face touching does. My body is my domain. Until I am sick and a danger to others, you have no right to impose any requirement on a healthy person. Healthy people don't spread the virus. And you cannot act as my parent to try and keep me safe (I'm 52 years old). Requiring masks is giving into fear. I choose not to live in fear. I refuse to follow a practice born out of fear.

Kelly Sutinen

Location:

Submitted At: 9:30am 07-09-20

If we want businesses to be able to remain open, we need to stop the spread and stop employees from being exposed.

Luke Zimmerman

Location:

Submitted At: 9:30am 07-09-20

Please have a strict mask mandate. The recommendations of the CDC and WHO are clear. We have had 807 deaths in our state already, and many more can be prevented with this mandate. Enforce and encourage a "no mask, no service" mentality within all our businesses.

Chris Martin

Location:

Submitted At: 9:29am 07-09-20

Since the City of Milwaukee has continued to open up in phases and has not required the mandate of wearing a mask to do. I don't see a need for it now. The City of Milwaukee's Health Commissioner has the authority to mandate the wearing of masks.

Andrea Thompson

Location:

Submitted At: 9:27am 07-09-20

Whether or not masks are safe/healthy does not override human freedoms. We must spend more time educating the public and less time mandating regulations for every person that removes personal choice. My body, my choice.

Melanie Hanneman

Location:

Submitted At: 9:27am 07-09-20

Violates my personal right and decision NOT to wear a mask

Thomas Braun

Location:

Submitted At: 9:27am 07-09-20

"Of all tyrannies, a tyranny exercised for the good of its victims may be the most oppressive. It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated; but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end, for they do so with the approval of their own conscience." - C.S. Lewis

Jake Wollner

Location:

Submitted At: 9:26am 07-09-20

It's really simple. Masks help prevent the spread of Covid-19. Science proves this. If people want to deny science and pretend to be experts or argue that this goes against their rights rather than wanting to help keep themselves and everyone else safe, then society will laugh at them because they're silly. Masks should be mandatory because it's the best we can do right now to help prevent the spread. It's either that or we shutdown and stay at home again. The selfish stubborn people who think they're too important to simply wear a mask really need to reconsider their priorities.

Jessica Tom

Location:

Submitted At: 9:25am 07-09-20

Some people don't have a choice but to go out and work. If people continue to not wear masks more people will continue to get sick, Milwaukee's numbers are outrageously high for cases. The mayors negligent reopening without any real guidelines set in place made a bad example to the people that this wasn't serious. It is. We cannot be negligent in a time of crisis. We have to listen to educated people in a time of crisis. This is a crisis. This is a pandemic not a political battle. We need to listen to doctors, not Karen who throws a menopausal temper-tantrum when she doesn't get her way.

Margaret Pauwels

Location:

Submitted At: 9:25am 07-09-20

My cousin is profoundly deaf and depends heavily on reading lips. This mandate will make the world inaccessible for an entire population. The deaf population in Milwaukee will literally be unable to work and function. Having him exempt from a mask requirement does nothing to help him to see other people's lips. PLEASE reconsider. Thank you for your time.

Kristiana Perleberg

Location:

Submitted At: 9:25am 07-09-20

Please do the right thing to stop the spread of this disease. As we continue to see a rise in cases, it's clear that the haphazard reopening plan has not been working. Folks who say people should just stay home if they don't want to get sick are ignorant and callous. Scientists agree that masks work, let's listen to them.

Matt Benson

Location:

Submitted At: 9:25am 07-09-20

Support.

Jed LaFortune

Location:

Submitted At: 9:24am 07-09-20

There is not enough solid evidence provided to show that mask wearing limits the spread of infectious disease. There is, however, evidence that shows clean water, organic foods, and less pollution affect health positively. Why aren't we discussing our health instead of putting a mask on it? People do not even wear masks properly, and

reuse the single use masks. Every time someone touches their masks without washing their hands, it needs to be replaced. No one is doing this.

Adriana Chessman

Location:

Submitted At: 9:24am 07-09-20

It's the least we can do to try and keep others safe.

Tamara Mell

Location:

Submitted At: 9:23am 07-09-20

I fear for my job and health if wearing masks is not mandated. The numbers show that people can't be trusted to do it in their own. Please pass this legislation. It seems that the nay sayers are always loudest, but they are not the majority.

Molly Tennesen

Location:

Submitted At: 9:22am 07-09-20

The science supports the fact that masks significantly slow the spread of COVID-19. This is necessary if we want businesses to continue to function and keep workers and customers safe. Please mandate this.

Jen Messer

Location:

Submitted At: 9:22am 07-09-20

NO to mandatory masks! You cannot take a persons right to choose away! What pandemic? 99.9% of people SURVIVE!! Masks don't do anything but make a political statement!

Stacy Sommerville

Location:

Submitted At: 9:19am 07-09-20

Masks work-science proves (see The Lancet).

Leslie Kaiser

Location:

Submitted At: 9:18am 07-09-20

Though the extended and improper use of masks have given people the false sense of security, the proven and ongoing lack of hygienic care by those that wear the cloth masks do not protect as well as assumed. The social distancing and personal responsibility for limiting disease spread is the key to slowly exposing everyone to the virus and producing the herd immunity needed.

Christopher Stancato

Location:

Submitted At: 9:15am 07-09-20

I wear my mask as much as possible but it does not seem right to mandate it out in public. If you do not want to get sick, do not go out and stay home. It's as simple as that. For those of us that are low risk and want to go out in public we should not be required to wear a mask

Rebecca Riddle

Location:

Submitted At: 9:15am 07-09-20

As a small business owner, I fully support mask wearing inside public buildings. Having this mandate will help minimize the spread and ensure the safety of everyone so that we can continue to support our local business without shutting down. My business simply can't afford another city shutdown due to carelessness. Whether people like it or not, this is a solution that will help us continue to safely operate our economy.

Lauren Croke

Location:

Submitted At: 9:14am 07-09-20

I am against this mandate. It is impractical at best. Should it pass, I will take my business to other nearby municipalities.

Natalie Kitzrow

Location:

Submitted At: 9:12am 07-09-20

Science proves masks work. More folks will wear them if there is a mandate. We NEED this.

Hannah Bergman

Location:

Submitted At: 9:11am 07-09-20

How disturbing to see our leaders make serious "scientific" decisions while citing zero compelling science. I and my healthy family will feel no safer seeing crowds of unhealthy people in their crooked, sweaty, germ, reused masks. The reality is that 100% of the public could comply with this atrocious mandate and it will not make our population any healthier than it is today. How can Dimitrijevic say that we won't regret this measure? Acting with zero science behind you will lead to regret every time.

Becca Ahlf

Location:

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

This is the easiest way to keep your community safe and help businesses stay open.

Olga Kudinova

Location:

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

Please listen to the scientists and not the uneducated mob. Masks do work and cut transmission significantly. There's evidence to support this. We need to do something as this is out of control. Those who think it's their choice - public safety is not up to you to decide. How would you feel if someone preparing your food decided it's their choice to not wash their hands after they use the bathroom?

Ka Wi

Location:

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

I strongly oppose. There are health concerns related to the wearing of masks, no evidence that they work effectively against the microscopic viral contagions (only evidence against larger bacteria). The death toll from covid is declining and soon will not be able to be considered an epidemic as stated by the CDC, children and many adults will touch their faces significantly more when wearing masks. This is an infringement on rights. Masks should remain recommended as they are by the CDC and it should be the personal choice as well as a choice of a business owner.
thank you for your time.

Colin Hau

Location:

Submitted At: 9:08am 07-09-20

It's my choice not yours!

Manda Lee

Location:

Submitted At: 9:06am 07-09-20

Before looking at attempting to take away body autonomy, tell me what the infection rate is? If you don't know, here is some help. As of 7/8 Milwaukee County has 12,728 confirmed cases over the past 4 months. According to DHS the population of the county is 954,209. To do simple math to find the math you take the cases divided by the population times 100. $12,728 / 954,209 = .0133 \times 100 = 1.33\%$! For the state you would apply the same math.

33,154 / 5.8 million= .0057x100= .57%! The infection rate is so low there is no reason to wear a mask & no reason to shut down anything. #unmasktruth

McKenna Baxter

Location:

Submitted At: 9:04am 07-09-20

If masks worked so well, then there should be no restrictions! We should have concerts, sporting events...etc... Masks are a choice and in the USA we have a choice. Completely against this tyranny.

Peter Burgelis

Location:

Submitted At: 9:02am 07-09-20

We are a community and need to help others. Wearing a mask protects other people, not yourself. The burden of wearing a mask in public during the Covid 19 pandemic will make our community healthier and safer.

Hannah Nelson

Location:

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

Vote NO to mandatory masks.

Masks are not helping, but rather making things worse because people are breathing in their carbon dioxide, NOT SAFE.

Vote NO!!!!

Christopher Tyler

Location:

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

Will not wear a mask

Meghan Staszak

Location:

Submitted At: 8:58am 07-09-20

As a business owner in Milwaukee, I fully support this. Mask use = less infections = keeping our doors open for business. If we are forced to go back to a previous Phase, we will go out of business (and so will many other businesses). Also, thank you for changing the outdoor rule to 6ft instead of 30ft! That was my only hang up on this bill and now that it's been addressed, I am 100% supportive.

Donna Flood

Location:

Submitted At: 8:58am 07-09-20

I have breathing problems & a mask will make more difficult. Will the fine apply to everyone or just white people

Lorraine Greene

Location:

Submitted At: 8:57am 07-09-20

A mask is a medical device. I oppose any mandated medical device or procedure. Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness is a guarantee of our constitution.

Deb Frydach

Location:

Submitted At: 8:55am 07-09-20

No no no. Masks do not protect against Corona it even says on the box. We are not sheep and will not be told what to do

Andrew Yaspan

Location:

Submitted At: 8:55am 07-09-20

Enforcement should not be the focus, it should be setting a behavioral standard. By making face coverings the law, and disseminating info on that law, you will be making a powerful statement that people should be doing this to comply with the rules to which we all submit.

John Adams

Location:

Submitted At: 8:54am 07-09-20

There is much currently unknown about COVID-19. If we're right that wearing masks can fight the spread of the virus, then we're right. If we're wrong, then mask wearing is such an incredibly small price to pay to be wrong. This is basic risk management, we have so much to gain and so little to lose. Listen to our healthcare experts and pass this ordinance. Keeping citizens safe is one of government's most basic functions.

Paul Drallos

Location:

Submitted At: 8:54am 07-09-20

Do not make it mandatory. Please leave it up to the business to mandate it or not.

Burl Hatfield

Location:

Submitted At: 8:54am 07-09-20

I am an asthmatic and oppose mandatory masking. It induces an asthma attack for me as I found out by experience at Menards. I will not be forced to wear one and if required will challenge it through the courts. I will do all my business outside our city if so required. For those who say it's a little cloth, please put a garbage bag over your head and tie it off. When you want oxygen let us know and we will help you to remove it.

Kate Kent

Location:

Submitted At: 8:53am 07-09-20

As a small business owner, I support this mandate to protect my staff, our clients, and the community as a whole from contracting the virus and potentially closing businesses for months again.

Renee Brown

Location:

Submitted At: 8:53am 07-09-20

Why now? The death rate is the lowest since March (4 deaths in 7 days), the hospitalization rates are stable (4 to 6% of beds dedicated to COVID patients), and a slight increase in the positive cases in asymptomatic people (20-29). The increase in cases is due to increased testing. Imagine the numbers of infected if anyone was tested in March/April? My main concern is when would it be removed? You can not enact such an intrusive requirement without clear, transparent, and measurable parameters for its discontinuation. This mandate will hurt Milwaukee businesses as people go elsewhere.

Paul Max

Location:

Submitted At: 8:53am 07-09-20

It is imperative that you all pass this ordinance. We know that when we wear masks, we significantly reduce the rate of transmission and community spread. Local municipalities in our state and around the country are passing mandates because they want to control this virus. COVID-19 disproportionately impacts marginalized communities, low-income folks, and essential workers. We need to show that we care for everyone. Let's lead Milwaukee. Vote Yes, for this ordinance. Show us that you care about our health and our economy. Masks show that.

Kathy Shillinglaw

Location:

Submitted At: 8:51am 07-09-20

I support all people in Milwaukee being required to wear face masked while indoors in public.

Haley Elmendorf

Location:

Submitted At: 8:50am 07-09-20

This is pretty much the least we can do. Why is everyone blindly pretending things are getting better? Oh, right, because it's the people already deemed disposable who are dying at the most devastating rates. Please pass this and punish the selfish, self-righteous individualists who will undoubtedly defy it.

Kaitlin Borsecnik

Location:

Submitted At: 8:49am 07-09-20

I strongly support this ordinance. Studies has repeatedly shown that consistent mask use within a community has a strong effect on the reduction of transmission, while posing no danger to the wearer. I wish we did not need an ordinance for people to do the right thing for their community, but it is clear that the nonchalance of many is rapidly driving up our infection rate.

Sam Wilson

Location:

Submitted At: 8:49am 07-09-20

I appreciate members of the council wanting to do something to help Milwaukeeans. Unfortunately this mandate does more harm than good. We can't look only at 1 issue when trying to make a change like this, and disregard the harm it will cause in other areas.

Laws, ordinances, and mandates are already unequally enforced in our city, with marginalized communities (especially those in poverty and people of color) being disproportionately targeted for enforcement.

This will also hurt our economy as people go out of MKE to spend money in places w/o the mandate.

Covid deaths are declining. Vote no

Jess Peli

Location:

Submitted At: 8:49am 07-09-20

Face masks absolutely should NOT be mandatory. There is little evidence to support effectiveness and there is also evidence to support they are harmful. Especially with how people are currently using them. Death rates are going down and there is no reason to implement any extra, unnecessary measures.

Megan Oster

Location:

Submitted At: 8:48am 07-09-20

Mask mandates are highly discriminatory. Those who are unable to wear masks face ever increasing harassment from the community and enforcement officers.

Yvette Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 8:46am 07-09-20

I strongly OPPOSE this ordinance. This is a personal choice and shouldn't not be forced on anyone. I will not COMPLY with this order. You simply cant force people to do this. This is America and we have choices. This COVID19 is NOT going away just like the flu. You can issue all the citations you want and all your creating is for the public who are opposed to hire attorneys and sue the city of Milw. Its a vicious cycle. No child will wear them at that age. It comes down to being educated and Smart. More businesses will close due to consumers not supporting business that support this ordinance.

Alison Sedlak

Location:

Submitted At: 8:44am 07-09-20

I believe wearing a mask should be a personal choice and should not be mandated for anyone to wear in any space at any time.

K. Sleger

Location:

Submitted At: 8:42am 07-09-20

I strongly support the mandated mask rule. Everyone should have the right to go outside (when necessary) and not be possibly infected by an unmasked carrier of COVID-19. It is a simple step we can all take to drastically prevent the spread of the virus. This will lead us to a safer, quicker reopening of the state. We don't want to end up like other places. Please enforce this!

Lisa Shell

Location:

Submitted At: 8:41am 07-09-20

Enough with the politicization of this issue. You either want to save lives and help slowdown this virus by wearing a mask or you want to be an instigator. If you don't understand the facts regarding wearing masks then educate yourself and mask up! It's just a piece of cloth for crying out loud!

Briana Capek

Location:

Submitted At: 8:40am 07-09-20

Bodily Autonomy is a fundamental right that will NOT be stripped from me. I oppose.

Megan Kostowicz

Location:

Submitted At: 8:40am 07-09-20

Please mandate the wearing of masks, indoors always and outdoors when within 6ft of others. We need to protect each other, and that can only happen if EVERYONE is participating, not just the people who feel like it that day. We are all tired of wearing masks, but the longer this goes unmandated, the longer we are going to have to do this.

Traci Stehlik

Location:

Submitted At: 8:39am 07-09-20

I strongly support this and urge you to pass it. Wearing face coverings is the bare minimum we can do to stop the spread, and other countries with mandates have proven that this is effective. Our local businesses support this as well - please don't put our workers' lives at risk. Wisconsin cases are climbing! We need to care about others and our community and keep each other safe.

Eleos Alatheia

Location:

Submitted At: 8:38am 07-09-20

No government, federal, state or local, has the authority to mandate I wear a mask. It would be a gross abuse of your authority.

Furthermore, it has proven not to work as we've been told and may in fact do more harm than good. I refuse to comply with such a tyrannical mandate.

https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/1oI9WpCV-ZRlji_bJbkF2AI_R3yrxRTyDd89QpVHTEOc/mobilebasic

Thomas Sorce

Location:

Submitted At: 8:38am 07-09-20

Please do the right thing.

C L Lapworth

Location:

Submitted At: 8:37am 07-09-20

Please pass this & protect us. I want businesses to stay open & us to stay safe.

janie f.

Location:

Submitted At: 8:33am 07-09-20

If you can handle being required to wear a shirt and shoes for service, you can handle wearing a mask. Protect the community that cannot work from home!

Betsy Perch

Location:

Submitted At: 8:33am 07-09-20

If a business wants to make masks mandatory at their establishment then that can be their policy. But masks have been proven to increase the stress hormone cortisol, Severely limit oxygen levels, decrease immune function and increase infections in the wearer. I see people wearing masks touching them repeatedly (they are instantly contaminated when you leave a sterile surgical room) & are now breathing in the germs on the mask for hours at a time. because the wearer thinks their "safe" they don't wash hands (which is still more effective) Or Try to stay healthy. Masks should remain a choice!

Abigail Wajer-Guibord

Location:

Submitted At: 8:32am 07-09-20

Strongly support. Wisconsin's number of COVID cases is surging rapidly. How do people not make the connection between our high number of cases after trying to go "back to normal" and reopening the city?

Stuart Halstead

Location:

Submitted At: 8:31am 07-09-20

Wearing a mask is a minor inconvenience to help save those you come into contact with from getting sick. Don't act selfishly. Healthcare workers wear these for hours to keep patients safe. You can wear it for 15 minutes as you get overpriced groceries at Sendick's

Sheryl Kluever

Location:

Submitted At: 8:29am 07-09-20

This is a Personal Choice! As it is to stay home. You allowed Riots & now seem to care about us? I don't think so. This is about the election.

Aly Hobz

Location:

Submitted At: 8:28am 07-09-20

The SARS-CoV-2 virus particle size averages 0.125 microns (range is 0.06 to 0.14 microns) and the gold standard mask (N95) filters down to 0.3 microns. Therefore, N95 masks don't prevent viral penetration. This is a simple scientific fact. Other surgical masks and homemade masks do the following: 1) allow free passage of viral particles in and out, 2) create a warm, moist air reservoir friends to other pathogens. Masks actually ENCOURAGE fomite transmission because people are constantly adjusting, touching and rearranging their masks. Read the science and educate yourself.

Steve Zimmerman

Location:

Submitted At: 8:28am 07-09-20

This legislation will hurt Milwaukee business by pushing commerce outside of the city limits. I will also hurt property values. There are no metrics around beginning and ending this order. No reason why to start (death rate and hospitalisation rate decreasing) and what triggers a repeal?

Janet Heck

Location:

Submitted At: 8:26am 07-09-20

A face mask should be worn at all times when in contact with other people! The cases are spreading too fast in Milwaukee and must be controlled or another stay at home policy will take place. Look at all the places closing down due to employees testing positive! And these are the one who are being honest. How many places are open with employees that have tested positive, and they have not shut down??? And I believe ALL store employees, no matter what type of store, hardware, grocery, gs station should be wearing a mask due to the daily high contact with strangers.

Niki Englert

Location:

Submitted At: 8:25am 07-09-20

I strongly oppose this ordinance.

Saul Laufer

Location:

Submitted At: 8:23am 07-09-20

Wholly support, without reservation. The science is quite clear - masks reduce transmission, which in turn saves lives. In my grandfather's day, you had to drop into Normandy to protect your fellow American - now all that's required is you wear a mask. This isn't a political issue and has laughably little to do with personal freedom. We face the greatest public health crisis in a century, protect lives.

Zach Price

Location:

Submitted At: 8:19am 07-09-20

Listen to science! Not politicians. Science shows that wearing a mask prevents the risk of you spreading the virus to others, as well as likely reducing your own chance of getting infected. I am not comfortable trying to support my local businesses when half of the people in the store have no mask on as my personal risk of infection is higher.

Just listen to science! Worst case is masks do nothing, and you're slightly uncomfortable. I'll take that over the guilt of infecting someone with my selfish carelessness.

Les Kaiser

Location:

Submitted At: 8:19am 07-09-20

Strongly opposed to this ordinance!

Tiffany Gorski

Location:

Submitted At: 8:19am 07-09-20

I believe it is the best action to require individuals to wear masks in public to protect everyone. If it is not required, then people will continue not to wear a mask in public and put there own and more importantly other peoples health in jeopardy.

Kylie Drake

Location:

Submitted At: 8:18am 07-09-20

This is just another step closer to communism, or soon to be National Socialism if this plague of people scared by the media keep surrendering their rights to the government. A lot of folks thought Hitler had some good ideas too, but realized after much heartache that they should have been more careful with whom they allow into leadership. We will be exploring less communist states if this passes. And no, we will Not comply with wearing your Muzzles, mandated or not.

Andy Mori gello

Location:

Submitted At: 8:18am 07-09-20

No masks please, this should remain a personal choice.
This is still the United States of America, right?

Mariah Schnee

Location:
Submitted At: 8:15am 07-09-20

I support the mask mandate for the city of Milwaukee. This is a necessary step in keeping the public safe. Please vote for this proposal.

JA Zarling

Location:
Submitted At: 8:14am 07-09-20

I am for personal choice, not for a mandate.

Thank you.

Sallust Cato

Location:
Submitted At: 8:14am 07-09-20

Strongly oppose. The science that masks work is very limited and balanced by science that they don't work and may actually make people sicker. Cities that have had mask requirements are some of the worst affected cities. Mask mandates don't work. Thank you

Jesse Doiron

Location:
Submitted At: 8:13am 07-09-20

Let science lead the response! This is the best tool we have to slow the spread of the virus and a simple step the public can take to make sure restaurants and businesses can stay open.

Heather Rodriguez

Location:
Submitted At: 8:11am 07-09-20

I strongly oppose any mandate to force someone to wear a a mask. At first it was stay at home, slow the spread. Now this? I will refuse to support Milwaukee businesses now and ongoing if this is put in place.

Kalli Matthies

Location:
Submitted At: 8:09am 07-09-20

This is tyranny. It is not the government's job to protect my health - it is the government's job to protect my constitutional rights. It is MY job to protect my health. When you trade liberty for safety, you end up losing both.

Lorena Hoerger

Location:
Submitted At: 8:09am 07-09-20

Strongly oppose!

Kathleen Williams

Location:
Submitted At: 8:09am 07-09-20

I am a City of Milwaukee employee. I ask that at the very least the city require masks in all of its buildings and that they be worn by all employees, as the county has done already. Futhermore, I support a mask requirement citywide because thus far we know masks work. The countries that are successfully containing the virus and reopening are those where mask wearing has been widely used. With so little known about the virus, we need to fervently adopt what has proven effective.

Sara Jaszewski

Location:

Submitted At: 8:08am 07-09-20

It is a harmless method of reducing the spread of covid, especially considering that we currently don't have other methods of stopping the spread aside from isolation.

Chet Allen

Location:

Submitted At: 8:07am 07-09-20

This is getting into dangerous territory. Next is mandatory vaccinations, then you'll be slipping in a Compulsory Sterilization clause because there are too many people. We will not comply!

Sara Rogers

Location:

Submitted At: 8:07am 07-09-20

I support!

Dawn Sanders

Location:

Submitted At: 8:05am 07-09-20

Wearing a mask in no way harms the wearer, proven by science, but helps stop the spread of the virus which is transmitted into the air when coughing or sneezing. It is a temporary inconvenience to help bring the cases down and work to get back to normal everyday life. It does not infringe on anyone's rights but work to help keep our community to healthy. No shirts, no shoes, no mask, no service.

Amanda McKeown

Location:

Submitted At: 8:05am 07-09-20

Wisconsin has the fastest Covid 19 spread in the nation. This is a matter of life and death. Mandate masks.

Nicolo Onorato

Location:

Submitted At: 8:01am 07-09-20

As a teacher in Milwaukee public schools I strongly support this measure. When/if students return to school they will be required to wear masks, I believe the city should model this behavior to help students adjust and to protect our vulnerable population.

Our community needs to stand together to protect our vulnerable citizens, listen to science, and stand together against this virus. It isn't about taking freedoms, it is about protecting people around you.

Joseph Riley

Location:

Submitted At: 8:00am 07-09-20

Strongly support

April Allen

Location:

Submitted At: 7:59am 07-09-20

You have no right to force anything like this on the entire population. This is crossing a line that makes it easier to cross other unethical lines, like Forcing a mandatory vaccination on the people, no matter what their situation. This is disgusting that you would even entertain an idea like this. Next, you will be Forcing sterilization if this keeps up. It's a Slippery slope right to the end of our rights to life, liberty, & the pursuit of happiness. We will boycott Milwaukee as long as this madness persists.

Kathleen Yanasak

Location:

Submitted At: 7:58am 07-09-20

Masks are proven to reduce the spread of this virus. If we want schools in fall to be safe to kids and teachers, if we want business to stay open, we need to do so safely.

Liz Cordall

Location:

Submitted At: 7:57am 07-09-20

Will hinder restaurant and bar business. Allow individual businesses to decide for themselves and their patrons, please don't limit their ability to generate revenue.

Joel Carter

Location:

Submitted At: 7:56am 07-09-20

Face coverings have been shown to slow and mitigate the coronavirus. If people want businesses to reopen and stay open wearing a face covering is a simple way to ensure it happens.

Lindsay Williamson

Location:

Submitted At: 7:54am 07-09-20

Science is never settled. Masks are harmful to our oxygen levels and immune system and should be saved for the sick and those working with the sick. This violates our rights and our health. I do not agree with mask mandates.

Brock Reeson

Location:

Submitted At: 7:54am 07-09-20

It's not the government's job to protect health it is the government's job to protect rights stop forcing things on us Hitler was also for "The Greater Good"

Matthew Hoerger

Location:

Submitted At: 7:53am 07-09-20

Strongly oppose!

Ruth Boulet

Location:

Submitted At: 7:49am 07-09-20

Science is telling us the best tool we have to stop the spread of the virus is wearing a mask indoors or outside when near other people. Please follow the science & lead. Our cases are going up with the piecemeal approach we're taking now. It's time to take action & help businesses be responsible.

Stacy Literski

Location:

Submitted At: 7:49am 07-09-20

Let the people decide if they want to wear a mask or not. This should not be mandated.

Jesi Pendowski

Location:

Submitted At: 7:47am 07-09-20

It is not okay to push masks on everybody, nor will it be ok to force vaccinations. This is just yet another step towards completely stripping our freedoms and the line keeps getting pushed farther towards us becoming complete wards of the government. Stop the madness and just let people make their own choices for their own bodies!

Megan Johnson

Location:
Submitted At: 7:45am 07-09-20

Please pass this ordinance and keep our communities protected.

Ronda Brooks

Location:
Submitted At: 7:45am 07-09-20

Quit with the tyranny. That's all it is. It's not about health and safety and you know it. Not all can wear masks. I will NOT comply!!

Will Marsh

Location:
Submitted At: 7:44am 07-09-20

I oppose mask requirements i don't think it necessary as a front line worker if was really dangerous i would have had it by now it's not going to work children under 8 won't keep it on thus defeating the effectiveness

Keli Lawler

Location:
Submitted At: 7:43am 07-09-20

The government has no right to infringe on my freedom nor my ability to breathe.

Evi Charpentier

Location:
Submitted At: 7:41am 07-09-20

Nobody should be forced to wear a mask!

Laura Nelson

Location:
Submitted At: 7:41am 07-09-20

I work in a Milwaukee hospital. We are tired. We are tired of delaying care to await COVID results, we are tired of limiting family members and visitors in the hospital that help our patients heal. The longer the decision is an individual one, the longer it will take to get past this. Short term inconvenience of wearing a mask will help our economy get back up and running in full swing sooner. Wearing a mask is how you show respect to OTHERS and how you show you care for THEIR health and safety. Please respect the people of Milwaukee and require mask wearing to respect us and save lives.

Angela Rivers

Location:
Submitted At: 7:41am 07-09-20

I strongly oppose this Unconstitutional abhorrent ordinance. It's not the states job to protect our health & safety. It's the states job to protect our rights. The greatest threat to our Constitution is our own ignorance of what it says and this ordinance that's been introduced is evidence of that. I do not consent to giving up my right to chose what goes in and on my body for your version of security. I reject the state telling us what we need to do for our health and safety. America is founded on personal liberty and we most continue to protect that.

Jeff Rotfeld

Location:
Submitted At: 7:40am 07-09-20

No masks, at all. It's vital that we get back to a normal way of life. The long term mental effects of having masks and restrictions is far more harmful than helpful. These restrictions are wrecking the economy of Milwaukee and the lives of our families and children. The restrictions were needed at first, but now we realize the virus is NOT as harmful as we thought.

Alyssa Moulton

Location:
Submitted At: 7:39am 07-09-20

Allow businesses to decide how and if they want their patrons to wear a mask. We also must be considerate of those who cannot tolerate a mask (those with abuse or other emotional triggers, those with compromised reps status, young children etc). Choice over the mandate.

Natalie Rose

Location:

Submitted At: 7:38am 07-09-20

I strongly oppose a mask mandate. Businesses have the ability to create their own requirements and should do so if they feel strongly compelled. It is our officials jobs to PROTECT everyone's freedom of choice and give them the option of consent. Don't take away our option of informed decision making for our families. It's proven and published (scientific American journal) that basic cloth masks inhibit your bodies ability to maintain healthy oxygen levels. It's also UNETHICAL to make healthy people take action that will ultimately make them more sick and susceptible to the virus

Erin Hill

Location:

Submitted At: 7:38am 07-09-20

This is an issue of public safety, not politics. Please listen to the scientists and doctors, and make masks required in public spaces. Wearing a mask doesn't hurt anyone - but not wearing a mask will lead to the continued spread of this deadly virus that we still don't know the long term effects of.

Krystal Jones

Location:

Submitted At: 7:34am 07-09-20

Wearing a mask is the easiest thing one can do to assist in lowering the cases and working towards things getting back to "normal". Madison recently passed this and other states have, as well; Milwaukee, as a city, can and should do better to protect it's residents. Those whom oppose are selfish and clearly not concerned about the wellbeing of others. Our numbers are rising and we should take some cues from countries that have successfully lowered theirs. One of the ways they were able to do this was mandating masks.

Emily Reinholz

Location:

Submitted At: 7:34am 07-09-20

We need the mandate for public health and protection of citizens.

Richard West

Location:

Submitted At: 7:30am 07-09-20

Support

Patrick Troy

Location:

Submitted At: 7:26am 07-09-20

I strongly oppose any government mandated mask requirements. Let everyone have the freedom to make their own decisions.

Jane Pipia

Location:

Submitted At: 7:24am 07-09-20

Let businesses who what to mandate put a sign on their door - just like no shoes, no shirt, no service. The want you to do it so their non mask wearing customers won't be made and remember them as they can blame the mandate. NO MASK MANDATE, this is a personal choice, Your job is to protect our rights!

Justine Rivera

Location:

Submitted At: 7:24am 07-09-20

I am in support. Please pass this for our safety. This virus is real and it has taken people from us. Please value human lives. Masks are proven to prevent the spread if we all wear them!

Rachel DeSombre

Location:

Submitted At: 7:23am 07-09-20

I fully support requiring a mask that covers the nose and mouth when in indoor public places. While some feel this is a personal choice, this is a situation where their personal choice can have significant negative health impacts on those around them.

Sarah Walker

Location:

Submitted At: 7:21am 07-09-20

This ordinance should not apply to children or outside spaces. My young children struggle to keep a mask on properly in stores. This ordinance would force us to shop outside of the city. And children cannot be expected to wear masks while they're playing outside, especially in the heat. Families who must bring their children into stores for necessary items, and those who rely on city parks for outdoor recreation, will be disproportionately affected by this ordinance because they will be in violation of it when their young children inevitably remove their masks while shopping and playing.

Sabrina Patnaude

Location:

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

NO FACE MASK LAW!!!!!!!

Zhanna Slor

Location:

Submitted At: 7:18am 07-09-20

No no no

Yulia Koltun

Location:

Submitted At: 7:18am 07-09-20

Although I personally wear a mask in indoor public places, I do not believe it should be mandated or enforced by city government. There is not enough science behind the impact/health risk of wearing mask coverings for prolonged periods of time, or during exercise. In practice, I suspect people will wear masks incorrectly (ie under their nose so they can breathe comfortably).

Camille Gilbert

Location:

Submitted At: 7:18am 07-09-20

I strongly oppose government mask mandates

Margaret Gibbs-Zautke

Location:

Submitted At: 7:14am 07-09-20

I'm in Mark Borkowski's district and I support this ordinance.

Steve Wilsens

Location:

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

I oppose government mandated masks. This is about personal freedom and people deciding what is safest for themselves. Research does not back the mandate and even severity of COVID has waned in the last two months. We are at record lows for hospitalizations, ICU beds from COVID and COVID related deaths. This mandate is nothing but overreach.

Megan Justin-Bridgman

Location:

Submitted At: 7:11am 07-09-20

I support this. Please listen to science and don't make this a political issue. Mask save lives. It's that simple. Look at other countries, lower numbers because they wear mask.

Tom Frazier

Location:

Submitted At: 7:08am 07-09-20

Masks are a personal choice. Cases are up, but so is testing. The data does not support mandating masks.

Laura Trick

Location:

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

Masks should be a personal choice, not a mandate.

Daniel Jacobs

Location:

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

As an owner of multiple establishments we need a mask mandate. This will protect our staffs and guests while allowing our business to grow. Move Milwaukee forward safely!

Jumana Al-Juma

Location:

Submitted At: 7:02am 07-09-20

I fully support masks being required in public as Wisconsin's COVID numbers soar.

ANNEMARIE KAISER

Location:

Submitted At: 6:59am 07-09-20

I strongly oppose any government mandated mask requirements

Michele Pellettieri

Location:

Submitted At: 6:59am 07-09-20

Please wear a mask. Protect others.

Allison Jahn

Location:

Submitted At: 6:58am 07-09-20

Please require masks. It's relatively easy, relatively cheap, and when multiple people wear them, they greatly reduced the risk of infection.

Heather Sielen-Kalivoda

Location:

Submitted At: 6:55am 07-09-20

Although I personally wear a mask in public, I do not believe they should be mandated with the threat of a fine. I know what that translates to - fines to POC.

Brittany Johns

Location:

Submitted At: 6:55am 07-09-20

As a healthcare professional, I am in support of this measure. Wearing a mask is a safe and effective way to reduce the spread of this respiratory disease. I do think it is important to include education on how to properly wear a mask (covering nose AND mouth).

Mark Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 6:55am 07-09-20

STRONGLY OPPOSE! Deaths and hospitalizations are down without the use of masks. Flattening the curve was about the same number of people getting the disease over prolonged period of time. This was to not inundate the hospital system beyond capacity. Less than 250 of our hospital beds are being used for COVID-19 in the entire state. Out of 11,000 beds, this is completely unnecessary. Increased number of cases identified is not a metric by which all policies should be based on. Use common sense. Deaths and hospitalizations are the things we are trying to avoid. MANDATE IS NOT NECESSARY!!!!

Holly LK

Location:

Submitted At: 6:48am 07-09-20

I strongly oppose this mandate. We have the right to body autonomy for ourselves and our children. It has been scientifically proven that anything other than a properly fit respirator mask will NOT protect you from any infectious illness. They go against OSHA LAWS, will only reduce oxygen levels, increase CO2 toxicity, increase your chance of a respiratory infection from breathing in toxic expelled air, causes skin irritations from trapped bacteria around the mouth. Face coverings DO NOT PROTECT YOU and are not about our health and safety, they are purely symbolic.

Ann Williamsen

Location:

Submitted At: 6:48am 07-09-20

Please require masks in public, especially within 6 feet. Science supports this. Milwaukee and Wisconsin overall were leaders in taking steps to reduce the 1918-1920 pandemic. Let's model care for each other and ourselves again.

Heidi Brittnacher

Location:

Submitted At: 6:46am 07-09-20

I strongly support mandating face coverings. Please vote yes for this to save lives.

Paige Sheehan

Location:

Submitted At: 6:41am 07-09-20

Please require masks to be worn in Milwaukee. As a teacher, I am anxious for what the fall will look like. By requiring people to wear masks in public, we can reduce the number of cases of the virus in Milwaukee and make it a little safer for everyone. This is a public health issue and a no brainer. Wearing a mask can save lives of other people without bringing any harm to the wearer. We know this virus ravages bodies and has lasting effects on many people. We need to trust the scientists and researchers and do all we can to prevent the spread. This is not the flu.

Kelsey Endres

Location:

Submitted At: 6:37am 07-09-20

We need to keep each other healthy & safe. This is a great way to do that.

Linda Vernon

Location:

Submitted At: 6:25am 07-09-20

Please require masks.

Devon Armstrong

Location:

Submitted At: 6:24am 07-09-20

I support strongly recommending masks and disagree with the requirement and possibility of fines as

consequence because Milwaukee has too strong a history and present of targeting it's Black and Brown communities with citations.

Mollie Baranowski

Location:

Submitted At: 6:18am 07-09-20

Please vote yes! I want to live in a city that believes in science and supports a healthy community

Martha Williamson

Location:

Submitted At: 6:17am 07-09-20

This is a public health crisis. We should absolutely adopt measures that are non-invasive and are proven to reduce the spread of Covid. If we fail to do this simple but highly effective step we will only live to regret it.

Dave Low

Location:

Submitted At: 6:13am 07-09-20

This is a ridiculous overreach. If this passes City of Milwaukee businesses will suffer. You should be spending your time finding ways to protect the few that are vulnerable to this disease not passing policies that effect the majority of people that wont even need to see a doctor if they get this disease. Sure infection rates are going up but hospital stays and death rates are going down.

Chris Adams

Location:

Submitted At: 5:38am 07-09-20

Keep businesses open.

Margaret Vandenberg

Location:

Submitted At: 5:14am 07-09-20

I do not support a mask mandate. If you want to make them more readily available to people, fine. But mandating masks puts many populations at a huge disadvantage, like the deaf community, hard of hearing, victims of sexual violence, etc, not just those with upper respiratory conditions. Nothing is preventing citizens from wearing masks right now, so by all means encourage it, but mandating it is going way too far. We're going to regret letting people instill this degree of fear and paranoia in our children sooner than we imagine.

Bryan Shepard

Location:

Submitted At: 3:43am 07-09-20

While I support the wearing of masks, I cannot support a law to that effect. It reeks of unconstitutionality and shifts the financial burden onto the very people vital to the repair and regrow of the economy: business owners. Worse, it will have a disproportionate effect on small local businesses who are often struggling enough to just run their business and keep it operating through the past few months and/or rebuilding it in the coming months without also having to act as "mask police", weighing the cost-benefit of paying the fine versus turning away customers. Good intention, bad idea.

Sky Irvin

Location:

Submitted At: 2:53am 07-09-20

You don't shut down during flu season, you don't force masks during flu season. There's a reason why Democrat led cities like Milwaukee have sucked, and this is one of those reasons. If people want to risk getting it, let them. And those who are afraid can stay home.

Amanda Murphy

Location:

Submitted At: 2:08am 07-09-20

I support wearing a mask in public places. It is the easiest thing we can do to help slow the spread and save lives.

Alex Diersen

Location:

Submitted At: 1:56am 07-09-20

This will make Milwaukee safer and allow businesses to stay open.

WE THE PEOPLE

Location:

Submitted At: 1:31am 07-09-20

Your mask mandate is unconstitutional, violates the ADA (Americans with disabilities Act). According to ADA masks are not required anywhere in America. No business may deny you service because you refuse to wear a mask. In addition, citizens don't have to disclose their medical condition under ADA. Have you briefed local businesses that a violation of ADA is punishable by a fine up to \$75,000 ? SCOTUS requires a constitutional right to medical privacy and further rights are protected under the 5th amendment. If you pass this mandate you open up Milwaukee businesses to legal action.

Abby Englert

Location:

Submitted At: 1:28am 07-09-20

The WHO recently stated that through their research with contact tracing, asymptomatic transmission is extremely rare. Although the number of cases may be increasing (due to exponentially increased testing being done), the death rate is quickly dropping. This week, the CDC reported that since the death rates are decreasing, soon CV19 will not be categorized as an epidemic! If a business wishes to enforce the use of masks upon their customers, they have every right to do so. But those who choose not to, have that right as well. And we, the consumers, have the choice of which business to support.

John Piette

Location:

Submitted At: 1:08am 07-09-20

Many of Us in the Inner city, and everywhere have NOT received any unemployment ,or any financial assistance Most of us do NOT have Air Conditioning or Pools..

You Have CLOSED all the Pools

You have reinstated parking and bus fares

and Now you want to force us to wear masks, and subject us to more fines and restrictions

STOP THE MADNESS Let Us have the Freedom to make our own choices

Does the City of Milwaukee really care about Black Lives

Fred D.

Location:

Submitted At: 12:39am 07-09-20

1) Outdoor component needs to be removed.

2) "Possession" is ridiculous. It's irrelevant whether I have a mask in my pocket when walking by myself.

3) Indoor element has too many holes to be of use: as long as indoor dining is allowed, it is clear the city is not taking this seriously.

4) Why are only government and education facilities exempt with approved mitigation plan? Seems like private businesses should be afforded EQUAL treatment.

5) If schools, universities, restaurants, bars, etc. are going to be open, the disease will spread anyway.

6) This infringes on freedom!

Emily Martinsen

Location:

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

Wearing a face covering in a public space is not an individual choice, but a collective decision to protect the community of Milwaukee. Health experts have expressed that masks are most effective when all parties are

wearing them. Milwaukee must require face coverings in public spaces to prevent the spread of illness and potential death in our community. We must implement this now so our lives will get closer to “normal” at a faster rate.

Michael Hynes

Location:

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

Do Not mandate masks!!!! It's our choice to wear one or not. 30 ft is far fetched. What happened to 6ft that got tossed out the window. Really a 2 or 3yr old running around with a mask on might last few min or so. Let's be realistic about this.

Let's Get Businesses Open !!!!!!!

Leave it up to the businesses to mandate it during these times. They are the ones that hurting the most. Some will, some will not. Will be our choice to shop there or not. At least the choice has been given. It's up to us keep moving forward.

Rebecca Brack

Location:

Submitted At: 11:46pm 07-08-20

This mask mandate is in complete opposition to our freedoms as Americans. Let the businesses who want to require masks do so and let the American consumer decided when and where to take their business. As of today, according to wha.org, there are 274 people in the hospital with Covid including 74 in ICU. There are 5.8 million people in the whole state. Why masks now? 5 months after the beginning of this pandemic? The curve has been flattened. The goal was never to keep EVERYONE from getting Covid but to give hospitals time to prepare. We've done that. You can't keep moving the goalposts.

Anna Golembiewski

Location:

Submitted At: 11:25pm 07-08-20

Strongly oppose, especially since there is no defined endpoint for the mandate. “The duration of the pandemic” is vague and subjective. Every time a benchmark has been reached (flatten the curve, lower mortality rate, etc), a new one is set, which eliminates all credibility of those enacting such ordinances. If masks are truly effective, than anyone wearing them should be safe from anyone not wearing one. Businesses can decide whether to require them and individuals can choose where to go based on their perceived risk.

Philip Krull

Location:

Submitted At: 11:17pm 07-08-20

I support this item. However, I saw the first offense is a warning and the second offense is between a \$50 and \$500 fine. Is there going to be a clarification on what would be a \$50 fine and what would be a \$500 fine? I am worried that like the safer at home ordinance MPD will overwhelmingly target and give the larger fines to people of color.

Nickolas Mueller

Location:

Submitted At: 11:15pm 07-08-20

The mask mandate should be strongly opposed and ESPECIALLY for the outdoors. The science supporting masks as a preventive tool is inconclusive and controversial. The falling death rate and very very small infection rate for our population further does not support the use of masks. Many are unable to wear masks for a number of health reasons. Businesses should be able to set their own policies and individuals should be responsible for their own health. Lastly, this will further damage already struggling City's businesses as patrons will take their business outside of city limits in protest.

Austin Cebula

Location:

Submitted At: 11:14pm 07-08-20

I am extremely opposed to a mandatory mask policy! It is NOT the job of public servants to force rules down on people, not in America at least!! It is the job of public servants though to inform the public and then let them (the public) make the decision(s) that's best for them and their family. If people want to wear a mask they can, but you can NOT make me wear one. The virus has a 99.98% survival rate! And of course cases are going up Bc they are counting probable cases as full on cases, look it up! We are being fooled and enough is enough. I will never wear a mask Bc it's about control!!

Taylor M.

Location:

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

So when the ill-thought out DHS idea failed by way of the State Supreme Court, the city council committee decided they need to decree an ordinance and force compliance from the people who elected them instead? How about talk directly to people and businesses and you'll find out that they are taking their own steps to ensure the health and safety of themselves and those around them, stranger or not. Not general polls, I mean actually walking the district you serve and talking to residents. Otherwise, I feel the people should respond by electing new officials.

Sindy Klemm

Location:

Submitted At: 11:10pm 07-08-20

Noooo mask mandates

Laura Clark

Location:

Submitted At: 11:09pm 07-08-20

Masks are the our front line defense against COVID 19. Masks are more effective if all parties are wearing them. This is why it can't be a personal choice. The city of Milwaukee must protect its citizens from unnecessary illness and death by putting into place rules that support the safety and health of all based on science and the recommendations of the CDC

Natalie Blumer

Location:

Submitted At: 11:05pm 07-08-20

This proposal will make Milwaukee safer by limiting the transmission of Coronavirus. I support all public health measures backed by scientists and experts.

Robert Klemm

Location:

Submitted At: 11:00pm 07-08-20

Opposed.... Horrible for already struggling businesses! Mean while same staff and customers without just over the city line.

virus doesn't see boundries and it will spread regardless of MKE does masks.

Absolutely silly, inconsistent and unconstitutional. It will also drive businesses away from mke! Don't be fooled by fraudulent misrepresenting coalitions pushing propaganda and political agendas. They do not represent the majority and their stats are biased.

Cameron Whyte

Location:

Submitted At: 10:57pm 07-08-20

I am all in favor of a mandate that will help businesses stay open while protecting public health. This is a small price to pay to keep people safe and keep our retail sector that employees and supports thousands going.

Reema Ahmad

Location:

Submitted At: 10:56pm 07-08-20

It is critical that we show up for one another at this time. Whether we are sick, exhibiting symptoms, or not, it is

our duty to our fellow humans to limit the spread of this virus. And the LEAST we can do is wear a mask in public places. We need all of us healthy and our communities whole. Hope this measure passes and we all do our parts to limit the spread of covid.

Mackenzie Chiglo

Location:

Submitted At: 10:55pm 07-08-20

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 drown 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.

Jennifer Heinen

Location:

Submitted At: 10:53pm 07-08-20

I own a business and then concerned about the mask mandate. How would I handle this situation? A customer comes in my business and says he cannot wear a mask due to a health exemption so I allow him in without a mask. Now another customer comes in and sees the person without a mask but doesn't know that they are exempt for health reasons. What if they call my business in and say I'm not following rules even though that person is exempt. How is my license protected and how would you handle this situation.

Eric Snowden

Location:

Submitted At: 10:52pm 07-08-20

397 divided 12,834 = .030% This is the Death Rate in Milwaukee, WI. There is no reason for a Mandatory Face mask Mandate for the City of Milwaukee. Especially when there is an 80% recovery rate in Wisconsin. We need to take care of the Elderly and the People with underlying health condition! But to Mandate Healthy people to wear mask is Ludicrous! It's time to Stop pushing this False Political Agenda! It shouldn't be about Democrat or Republican but about Serving the People! Me and my Family won't be wearing Mask even if they Mandate them! It's all about using Common Sense!

Christina Lee

Location:

Submitted At: 10:52pm 07-08-20

Many people are forced to work in these public spaces. Those of us who do are at high risk of getting infected by people who refuse to wear masks. We have no choice as employees, we must show up to work. But people who do not want to wear masks and don't have to be on the front lines can chose to stay home. The more this virus spreads, the longer we will be forcing businesses to shut down, people to be unemployed, and the economy to fail. We need to force people who don't care about the repercussions of their actions to save our citizens lives and prevent worse economic hardship.

Marie Edwards

Location:

Submitted At: 10:46pm 07-08-20

If we have to go through TSA at an airport we can put on a freaking mask!

Joe Lowery

Location:

Submitted At: 10:44pm 07-08-20

Please keep Milwaukee safe. Lives are at stake.

Cheryl Mealey

Location:

Submitted At: 10:43pm 07-08-20

It is beyond absurd to invoke mandatory masking at this time for a virus that has been circulating for 6+ months, which has a death rate of 0.26%, and for which there is cost effective treatment with a 99.7% success rate (TheZelenkoProtocol.com). I don't even have words to describe how ridiculous it is to require a mask to walk to one's table, and then remove it to eat/drink. You have lost your minds. Clearly this has nothing to do with science. I attempted to link actual science that explains why this is a horrific idea, but the character limit won't accept it. Many will boycott the city.

Scott Valdes

Location:

Submitted At: 10:43pm 07-08-20

Yes I support a face covering mandate.

JI Mt

Location:

Submitted At: 10:37pm 07-08-20

I oppose the mandatory face mask rule. Especially having to wear them outside. It should be up to every individual whether they choose to wear one or not.

Audrey Tadlock

Location:

Submitted At: 10:31pm 07-08-20

No mask mandates. Masks are dangerous to people's health. Please do not allow this to pass or I will leave Wisconsin for good

James St. Louis

Location:

Submitted At: 10:29pm 07-08-20

Absolutely support.

I wish we COULD leave it up to the choice of individual people and businesses, but it seems that they just can't be trusted to do the right thing.

Laura Kane

Location:

Submitted At: 10:26pm 07-08-20

We will not spend one cent of our hard earned money in the city of this is voted in. Individual businesses should have this option however governmental mandates are another typical power grabbing over reach.

Ryan Finkbeiner

Location:

Submitted At: 10:16pm 07-08-20

Trust the governed should you desire the governed to trust.

Matthew Middlebrooke

Location:

Submitted At: 10:16pm 07-08-20

If a business wants to mandate masks, fine. But to make it criminal for not wearing a mask outside of those businesses is wrong. Also this is just going to push business outside of Milwaukee. I along with others are not going to patronize businesses in the city limits. Fact is I'm considering how I can move out of Milwaukee. I'm tired of this nanny state mentality from our city officials.

Emmy Chaves

Location:

Submitted At: 10:13pm 07-08-20

Please allow people to choose for themselves which health measures to take to protect themselves and others. Prolonged use of masks has not been shown to promote health and mask-to-mask transmission is still probable. Wearing masks has been well documented on giving the wearer a false sense of security which I can confirm from my own observations and interactions with others who are wearing a mask. They feel they can stand closer to me than I would wish. Many are unable to wear masks for a number of health and personal reasons. Do not give our citizens another reason to divide.

Laura Ustanovska

Location:

Submitted At: 10:13pm 07-08-20

I am opposed. This takes away people's freedoms; furthermore it is not logical to implement this at a time when hospitalization and death rates are falling.

Matthew Rutter

Location:

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

The city cannot certify the safety of a face mask which obstructs a child's breathing passages, thereby posing a choking & smothering risk, to 3+ year old child, nor certify whether a non-medical grade mask confers any degree of protection from a Covid-19 infection upon a wearer. The proposed policy is dangerous to children, whom I care about, and not based in science.

I do not reject my God given right to make health determinations for my own body, and delegate no authority to the Milwaukee Common Council to make such determinations. My fellow man is no danger to my health. I do not consent.

Anselm Inman

Location:

Submitted At: 10:06pm 07-08-20

Even many of the people who supposedly support the mandate say they approve of a mandate in "public spaces" without realizing the ridiculous overreach involved. Many studies have come to the conclusion that there is very little risk of infection when outdoors. Many other studies have found that children are at very low risk to transmit or have serious symptoms from the virus. These parts of the mandate are not grounded in science and will only serve to further divide neighbors. A mandate requires a high burden of proof that this is not even close to achieving.

Nick Dalzell

Location:

Submitted At: 10:02pm 07-08-20

Evidence shows that masks keep other people safe. Customers entering business should be required to wear masks to keep employees safe. It's really not much to ask for in the name of public safety. We, as staff, have no idea where these customers have been nor what they've been doing. It is far more likely for Covid to be brought into an establishment from customers than it is to be spread around by staff. Please mandate masks!

Bret Felzien

Location:

Submitted At: 9:58pm 07-08-20

I strongly support requiring masks. We must follow science and health professionals to stop the spread of COVID 19. Evidence suggests masks work, plain and simple. Do not let the rampant spread of misinformation from those opposed to this ordinance cost lives. When did caring for our fellow americans become an infringement on our freedoms?

Ariel Budnik

Location:

Submitted At: 9:58pm 07-08-20

I have been making a specific point to shop local and support Milwaukee businesses, because I imagine they must be suffering from the shutdowns, etc. However, if this passes, I will make a point to shop exclusively outside the city of Milwaukee. As it is, people can choose whether they go to businesses that require masks or choose to go to businesses that allow their customers to choose for themselves. This is as it should be.

Matthew Ericcson

Location:

Submitted At: 9:58pm 07-08-20

I'm ambivalent about a mask mandate generally--businesses and individuals can generally handle their own property. I am skeptical that masks are necessary outdoors, and especially skeptical that the relevant variable for mask-wearing is distance, rather than time. The risk of receiving an infection-inducing viral load from an infected person is much greater with sustained contact than close contact. Thus, an outdoor mask mandate should be based on time, not distance, such that a person sitting in a park or on a beach must wear a mask, but not a person actively walking or biking.

Michael DeLong

Location:

Submitted At: 9:57pm 07-08-20

Absolutely unacceptable. You have no right, constitutional or moral, to mandate a dress code for the American people. It is the middle of the summer and it is far too hard to breathe with a gag-I mean mask on your face. Any city or country that "requires" one will not get any of my business.

Scott Schoenfelder

Location:

Submitted At: 9:54pm 07-08-20

I agree that masks are much more effective at curbing the spread of the virus than no-masks. And unfortunately not enough of us in this city are arriving at that conclusion on thier own. We've been unsuccessful leaning on individuals' sensibilites. We need to make this compulsory for now.

Mari Mendoza

Location:

Submitted At: 9:54pm 07-08-20

City will be sued. Masks are not safe per all pre-covid studies of cloth masks. And the liability of injuries, people passing out, heat stroke in high temps and high humidity. Was there no basic thought? And HIPAA to just walk down a street! ADA? Right to protest wearing them as a citizen!

Jefferson Matthews

Location:

Submitted At: 9:46pm 07-08-20

This is so ridiculous. I think masks are a great idea, but let's start with people wearing them inside, there are so many people that don't wear them in the grocery store, let alone all the bars that have been packed the last month with people not wearing anything. You want to control the pandemic, bars can be open but no standing or sitting at the bar, require people wear them in stores where they are in close proximity with others, do not make this a requirement for outdoors too.

Erica Samz

Location:

Submitted At: 9:44pm 07-08-20

It is of the utmost importance we do everything in our power to curb the spread of COVID-19. I work in Milwaukee schools and if we want schools to be able to safely open we need this ordinance to reduce the spread.

Emily Strey

Location:

Submitted At: 9:44pm 07-08-20

I oppose any mandate that requires masks. If this passes in Milwaukee, I will be taking my business and my money elsewhere.

I oppose this proposal to take away of our freedoms, and the taking away of freedoms worries me more than catching covid-19 does.

Amy Schreiner

Location:

Submitted At: 9:43pm 07-08-20

I fully support an indoor mask mandate but oppose an outdoor mask mandate, especially for children under 12 years old. Our city has so many racial tensions, an outdoor mandate will become a bigger burden on People of Color that already endure profiling from police and citizens.

Jessica Wolf

Location:

Submitted At: 9:40pm 07-08-20

Oppose. Mandating masks violates the right to self-governance and is a very slippery slope. Should the government obtain the right over our bodies, it can mandate more than masks in the name of the "greater good". Additionally, there is conflicting data over the effectiveness of masks; even Fauci and The WHO previously mentioned they were ineffective. This has become a situation in which people are reacting with emotion vs logic.

Maja Cu

Location:

Submitted At: 9:37pm 07-08-20

Because they are proven to be ineffective.

Ben Osborn

Location:

Submitted At: 9:33pm 07-08-20

I will not spend one cent of my hard-earned money in Milwaukee if masks are required. First, what science says masks do any good? A meta-analysis of randomized controlled trials from 1946-2017 on the CDC's own website found masks to be ineffective.

Even if they were effective, how would wearing masks benefit society? No virus ever went away due to social distancing or mask-wearing. It needs to work its way through the healthy members of the populace. Herd immunity is what we need.

Masks are dehumanizing. We communicate through facial expressions. Masks are psychologically harmful.

Edward Pinkerton

Location:

Submitted At: 9:29pm 07-08-20

I oppose this ordinance as I believe it should fall in the individual to do the right thing and protect its fellow citizens. This is a matter that does not need or warrant government intervention, and I trust the community to do the responsible thing to ensure the safety of everyone within it. Furthermore fines incurred would hurt the marginalized, without any true or plausible reason. Our focus should be on building a more safe and equal city not enforcing a mask policy.

Alexander Hawley

Location:

Submitted At: 9:26pm 07-08-20

Strongly oppose

Megan OHalloran

Location:

Submitted At: 9:25pm 07-08-20

I unintentionally commented about this item under Item #1. I support both proposals with the caveat that I hope the mask mandate isn't disproportionately enforced in marginalized communities.

Dustin Fintak

Location:

Submitted At: 9:23pm 07-08-20

3 year olds wearing masks in 90+ degree weather outside ,let alone anyone, seems like a bigger risk to someones health. Working outside daily in this weather is hard enough the way it is. Adding a mask is illogical and will have people ending up in the hospital with heat stroke.

Erik Ba

Location:

Submitted At: 9:22pm 07-08-20

Why are you creating a new police dept by empowering the health dept to enforce this? How will you ensure they don't discriminate or target people with disabilities? Are they really going to stop people in the streets to enforce this? Why is there not an exercise exemption? Its kind of hard to wear one and exercise intensely. Exercise is a more important public health concern than this isnt? Should no one exercise for two years until this is over? Dr fauci hasnt said kids should wear masks? People eating out will be touching them a lot defeating the whole purpose of a mask on and off

Amber Thompson

Location:

Submitted At: 9:17pm 07-08-20

Strongly opposed, completely unconstitutional

sarah jenkins

Location:

Submitted At: 9:10pm 07-08-20

Will there be an exception provided for gyms / fitness centers when 6 foot distancing can be maintained between patrons? If masks are required at all times, including while working out gyms will have a difficult time staying operational and residents who rely on organized fitness to stay healthy will also suffer. The WHO along with many other health experts advise that it is not safe to wear masks while exercising making this a liability and safety issue for gym owners. Obesity is a major risk factor in Covid-19 leading to poor outcomes and death.

Paula Meyer

Location:

Submitted At: 9:09pm 07-08-20

There is no scientific proof that this VIRUS is prevented from spreading by the wearing of masks. Earlier this year, both the CDC and WHO, as well as Dr. Fauci, all stated that masks should be worn by those that are sick, and that the VIRUS is so small it can pass through masks. Additionally, both hospitalizations and deaths are on a downward trend in our state.

Karen Mayhew

Location:

Submitted At: 9:09pm 07-08-20

Will never comply. Waukesha County will happily receive any money I might have spent in Milwaukee County.

Alice Cee

Location:

Submitted At: 9:03pm 07-08-20

This is an alarming example of government overreach, based on flimsy studies that have not been properly vetted. Basing public health policy on this kind of "science" erodes trust in government officials to be unbiased and thoughtful in how they govern. Individuals and businesses are capable of making their own choices based on circumstances that evolve faster than any bureaucratic process ever could. Forcing children (or anyone) to wear masks outside in our humid summer weather is dangerous and a clear example of how poorly thought out this is.

Dre Day

Location:

Submitted At: 8:59pm 07-08-20

Strongly oppose! Mandatory masks violates the right to self governance over one's own body without external influence or coercion, which is a fundamental human right.

Michelle Kramer

Location:

Submitted At: 8:47pm 07-08-20

This is a necessary step to keep our community safe. It's clear we cannot trust many in our community to make the appropriate and easy decision to wear a mask to take care of others. It's better to be safe than sorry. This is temporary. More people will feel safer patronizing businesses because they know they will be better protected from others.

Julie Rowley

Location:

Submitted At: 8:44pm 07-08-20

To protect all the people in the service industry please pass this ordinance! I have elderly parents and I wear a mask in public places to protect others, it's an easy aid to help keeping germs from spreading. Until we have a vaccine, we need to do everything possible to help prevent the spread!

Mike Givens

Location:

Submitted At: 8:43pm 07-08-20

People can decide for themselves if they need a mask. This nothing but a wasted virtue signaling exercise that will only be enforced selectively at best and with political considerations in all likelihood

Jeremy Rzutkiewicz

Location:

Submitted At: 8:36pm 07-08-20

I believe something could be done for retail/grocery stores that everyone NEEDS to use. Bars and restaurants should keep going the way they are, it's a personal choice to go to those places and the council has no right to interfere with that. It should never be mandatory outside. Shutting businesses down again will cause great harm to them and the city in the long run, while the suburbs move along normally. Do the right thing for all the people of the city.

Tyler Leikam

Location:

Submitted At: 8:35pm 07-08-20

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 drown 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.

Mark Brodaczynski

Location:

Submitted At: 8:34pm 07-08-20

The 30 foot rule and mandatory masks for anyone over age 2 is a vast overreaching of legislative power. There is a need for personal responsibility. Business owners and individuals should decide what is best for them, NOT government. The government that governs best governs least. We citizens value our freedom, and I will exercise mine by shopping outside Milwaukee more than I already do to avoid this tax hades with excessive government regulations.

Jeffrey Prichard

Location:

Submitted At: 8:28pm 07-08-20

The exceptions in section 4 would be clearer if "consuming food or beverages" was moved from the end of 4c and added as a separate exception (4g). Many people will ask "How am I supposed to eat or drink at a bar or restaurant with a mask on?" without noticing that exception buried at the end of 4c. It wouldn't change the meaning or intent, but it would add clarity if it was moved to its own sub-point.

Michael Ka

Location:

Submitted At: 8:28pm 07-08-20

There are a frightening number of commenters here invoking "science" as a reason to trample individual liberty, yet clearly failing to grasp what science is. Science is math. Math is immutable. Very rarely, if ever is science "settled" on anything. The science is not settled on mask wearing specific to COVID-19, especially mandating it. There are theories, many of them grounded in good science that SUGGEST a POSSIBLE benefit. There is NOT a consensus among physicians and researchers. Anything that is to be mandated on a large scale needs to meet a much higher burden than speculation.

Michelle Grosso

Location:

Submitted At: 8:27pm 07-08-20

If anyone wants life to get back to "normal", we need to do what it takes now. If we want to project the people we love from dying, we need to protect ourselves and help protect each other. Wearing a mask in public is essential of ALL members of our community. I am especially concerned as a teacher who is very concerned about going back to school with a class full of students. We all need to be wearing masks. We all need to limit our exposure to each other even with masks.

Anna Eckmann

Location:

Submitted At: 8:27pm 07-08-20

I support face coverings in public spaces, both indoors and out.

Debra Gould

Location:

Submitted At: 8:26pm 07-08-20

It is a choice to wear a mask! We are in America and we have choices and rights. I will not wear one as I get headaches from it! No mask mandate! We can make our own responsible choices!

Roberto Garcia

Location:

Submitted At: 8:26pm 07-08-20

I strongly support this ordinance because I believe in science, and I care for our Milwaukee community, even including those opposing this proposal. I look forward to the day when we can look back and see that this was clearly the best decision to make for the health and well-being of all.

Amy Rivera

Location:

Submitted At: 8:24pm 07-08-20

Areas requiring masks have seen significant decreases in COVID-19 cases, and stability in numbers. I wear one 8 hours a day for work, and I have severe asthma. I have had no problem breathing. I also wear one in any public place I go into. Additionally, masks will be required for children when school returns, and it will be easier for them if they start now! We are all in this together, and we need to care for each other. A mask is one way to do this. Thank you for listening!

Matthew P.

Location:

Submitted At: 8:21pm 07-08-20

As a resident of Milwaukee and a parent of a high risk child I fully support this measure in support of community health, especially as organizations like WHO recognize that there is emerging evidence of possible airborne transmission.

MacKenna Krupa

Location:

Submitted At: 8:19pm 07-08-20

We should all be wearing masks in public spaces to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Milwaukee and to protect each other, especially at-risk individuals and essential workers.

Kayla Bonack

Location:

Submitted At: 8:18pm 07-08-20

There is evidence to suggest cloth face coverings are effective at reducing COVID-19 transmission when in combination with other preventive measures, and they are most effective when they are worn by everyone. I support requiring face coverings in public spaces in the City of Milwaukee, as to keep businesses and organizations open and to get students and teachers back to school we must all do our part to slow the spread. It is also crucial to preserve the health of our vulnerable populations.

Benjamin Riche

Location:

Submitted At: 8:14pm 07-08-20

I will not comply.

Jessie Draka

Location:

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

I do not support this. I can't breathe when anything covers my face and I do not have any health issues that I know of nor do I have issues normally. People should be able to choose whether or not they want to wear a mask based on their own individual various situations. You are dividing the people even further as we are already being attacked for not wearing them by some & it isn't even a law. Stop trying to muzzle us and stripping our freedoms. You are causing turmoil more than you know in this community as whole by even bringing this to the table. It is unconstitutional.

Amanda Athey

Location:

Submitted At: 8:06pm 07-08-20

I shouldn't be told I have to wear a mask. It's cruel punishment for people who can not wear one for disabilities. I have a very hard time breathing without one on, it's not fair I won't be able to feed my children if I can't physically wear one. Evers has already said it's not constitutional.

Jake Lennart

Location:

Submitted At: 8:04pm 07-08-20

Public places were opened up in Milwaukee and the rate of positive cases increased. People were left to their own devices to protect others and failed. Intervention is needed to slow the transmission of the disease.

Madison Elmer

Location:

Submitted At: 7:59pm 07-08-20

I strongly oppose this.

You are asking us to rebreathe in our own hot air on 90 degree days, this is dangerous.

This should always be an individuals choice because it's their body.

-People are already getting bullied and discriminated against for not wearing masks, mandates will aggravate this

issue.

-CDC/WHO stated that Asymptomatic transmission is rare.

- Healthy individuals should not have to wear masks.

Leave this choice up to each individual and each business to decide what is right for them.

Lisa Haessly

Location:

Submitted At: 7:58pm 07-08-20

I do not support this at all. Unconstitutional

Joseph Santeler

Location:

Submitted At: 7:56pm 07-08-20

The masking ordinance should be passed. Leaving it to a patchwork of businesses to enforce will not effectively slow the spread of the virus or protect workers. Milwaukee needs to lead on this issue (since the State will not) and should not fall victim to bullying by a loud group of anti-science folks. Follow the science and do what's right for your people.

Robyn Brown

Location:

Submitted At: 7:54pm 07-08-20

I will shop exclusively outside of Milwaukee if this is passed.

Contrary to what so many people are parroting, there is NO study showing masks, worn by the community, can prevent the spread of viruses. Public mask zones might as well be science-free zones, too.

Amelia Guiden

Location:

Submitted At: 7:49pm 07-08-20

Did the council consult with a Licensed Child Psychiatrist on a recommended minimum age for face covering? Can the council explain why a two year old child is not required to wear a mask. But a three year old child must be required?

Jordan Morales

Location:

Submitted At: 7:47pm 07-08-20

MKE County has set an age of 6&older for masks on MCTS. Many 3-5 year olds are not capable of wearing masks for extended periods of time and single parents nevertheless need to take them our for essential errands.

This turns every cashier, waitress, etc. into health department police officers, forcing them to be in potentially violent confrontations with people who refuse to wear mask.

This will be inequitably enforced against POC as the stay-at-home ordinance was. People WILL call the police on others forcing them to respond and make negative contact.

I oppose the mask mandate.

Melanie Roy

Location:

Submitted At: 7:46pm 07-08-20

I strongly oppose this, ESPECIALLY for children. Children should never be required to wear a mask, and will most likely not keep them on. I will not be shopping/dining at places that require masks. This will drive more business out of the city. Businesses are already hurting - why add another obstacle for them? I would think this would also be a liability for the city - what if people pass out or get sick from wearing a mask in this heat? Who is responsible? Masks do not even work, especially since almost anything can pass for a mask. Leave it up to citizens and business owners!

Jaidan Shu

Location:

Submitted At: 7:41pm 07-08-20

I support a mask ordinance to slow the spread of covid.

Question. How do we slow the spread of misinformation?

Nicole Dalsing

Location:

Submitted At: 7:41pm 07-08-20

I believe that the mask mandate should be up to individual business - not government. If this was imposed, I believe many categories and business types must be regulated differently. For example, child cares where a child is cared for 8-10 hours a day, it is not reasonable for a child or provider to wear a mask the entire day. Outside recreation - especially while a child is involved and in summer temperatures - breathing and hydrating is more important. Finally, regulations for those who medically cannot wear masks. These are just a few examples of many things that must be considered.

Mark Sumner

Location:

Submitted At: 7:33pm 07-08-20

While I support the right of a business to refuse service for not wearing a mask (shirt, shoes, etc), I oppose a government sponsored mask mandate. The burden of proof has not been met to support a mask mandate. It is government overreach. As elected officials, you are responsible to protect individual rights and offer guidance, not impose your will on your constituents under the threat of fines.

Larnelle Snowden

Location:

Submitted At: 7:31pm 07-08-20

It's no way I'm supporting the mask. Who wants to breath in their own carbon dioxide. The media, the numbers of deaths are all lies. Do your own research before listening to everything they tell you. The truth will set you free. Then your trying to bully you by enforcing fines. People will really be sick if these corrupt officials go through with this. STOP LYING !!!

Ben Starks

Location:

Submitted At: 7:28pm 07-08-20

Do you need more reason! Do it already.

<https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2020/07/07/wisconsin-has-fastest-covid-19-spread-in-u-s/>

Kegan Hoerle

Location:

Submitted At: 7:27pm 07-08-20

There is no easy way back to normality, but wearing a mask right now gives businesses the best chance at coming back without set backs. I also don't trust individuals to make decisions in the best interest of others.

Melissa Greenfield

Location:

Submitted At: 7:27pm 07-08-20

Wearing a mask should be a choice

Saul Rosenberg

Location:

Submitted At: 7:26pm 07-08-20

Weird how this Issue never came up for the flu. Maybe we can require face coverings for everyone, indefinitely, forever.... Just make it a law. If anyone is caught without wearing a mask, we can just throw them in jail. Shut up

and obey.

Robert Sharon

Location:

Submitted At: 7:24pm 07-08-20

It's the simplest and most effective way to protect yourself and others. Many countries which have mandated mask-wearing are doing significantly better in containing outbreaks than the US has.

Ro Vi

Location:

Submitted At: 7:20pm 07-08-20

Fines are a money grab. Business shut down dictatorship not democracy. CDC under 2 suffocation risk. CDC Not needed if social distant min 6 ft. WHO states difficulty breathing when active, WHO sweat in mask risk for microorganisms. Person should have choice what is best for themselves. Shouldn't have to be discriminated or fined for not wearing mask as they may have trouble breathing or may have ADA exemptions and legally cannot be discriminated against. There is no supporting evidence that a mask is superior to other precautions, hand washing, cover cough or sneeze, and social distancing.

J. Severson

Location:

Submitted At: 7:19pm 07-08-20

Masks have been proven to be effective. Countries that have widely adopted masks have fared much better. Countries who have not, like Sweden, have had far more cases of deaths and illness per capita compared to their scandinavian neighbors. Anyone can stay home if they do not want to wear one. There should not be any exemptions, like exercise, because it will be used as a loophole. Those people can exercise on their property instead of in public and should not be allowed to endanger the rest of us. This is the best chance we have. Thank you for introducing this ordinance.

Elizabeth Zamorski

Location:

Submitted At: 7:12pm 07-08-20

I am in support of this and think it will help Milwaukee limit the spread. It's really a no brainer. Masks are effective and it's about time we require them.

Stephen Beall

Location:

Submitted At: 7:09pm 07-08-20

I am strongly opposed to requiring face coverings outdoors. Whether masks should be worn indoors should be left to individual businesses, which can (if they choose) enforce it more efficiently. The Council may certainly make a recommendation in this matter, but to surveil citizens and threaten them with fines is the kind of bullying we can all do without this summer.

Hannah Jahn

Location:

Submitted At: 7:08pm 07-08-20

Fully support. Thank you for keeping us safe. Government mandates seatbelts and driving sober to save lives; this is similar.

The 6ft distance outdoors is sensible and workable for running and biking.

The religious exemption should be removed; religion cannot be a justification for harming others.

Bars and restaurants should be closed and gathering sizes reduced to truly stop this outbreak.

Nan Eaton Eaton

Location:

Submitted At: 7:07pm 07-08-20

I strongly agree that mandating masks is a necessity. Time for the City of Milwaukee to do the right thing. I wear a mask for you! We are all in this together folks. I'm baffled that an thinking person might object to such a simple and scientifically proven way to slow the spread of COVID.

Brad Parbs

Location:

Submitted At: 7:07pm 07-08-20

100% fully support. We need to stop these needless deaths.

Sally VW

Location:

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

As a business owner who services events in Milwaukee, I am concerned about the large gatherings that are now allowing 100 + guests. Requiring masks is proven to keep people safe when gathering. Pass this to keep our event industry staff safe.

Tina Schendel

Location:

Submitted At: 6:57pm 07-08-20

Fully support. Thank you for changing the 30ft rule to 6ft.

Many essential workers are POC, and as you're aware, Covid has disproportionately affected POC; while they may wear masks to protect those around them, if their patrons don't wear masks or their coworkers don't wear masks...no one is protecting them.

Milwaukee residents do not deserve to die out of negligence.

While those who oppose may be more vocal that doesn't mean they're the majority.

Jennifer Olenchek

Location:

Submitted At: 6:57pm 07-08-20

I strongly support requiring masks. We must follow science and health professionals to protect our city and help stop the spread of COVID 19. This is months overdue. Please vote yes!

Elizabeth Poeschl

Location:

Submitted At: 6:56pm 07-08-20

I fully support this mandate. It's the simplest and most effective way to protect others while businesses begin to reopen.

J. Carroll

Location:

Submitted At: 6:49pm 07-08-20

Requiring face masks is the bare minimum the city should do. In reality, we should probably go back to phase 2 of reopening AND require the masks. Exemptions should be minimal - ONLY documented legitimate health conditions. There should be NO religious exemptions, as they are likely to be abused.

Ruthie Weatherly

Location:

Submitted At: 6:45pm 07-08-20

Fully support

Rebecca Bailey

Location:

Submitted At: 6:45pm 07-08-20

So, so needed. Please consider making this county wide if possible. IL (cook county in particular) implemented this successfully and had some of the lowest positive rates of growth out of the entire country. WI is now projected to have the top rate of growth per the COVID tracking project. Let's do this now so that, come fall when schools start up, things are a little more under control. Masks are only effective when everyone is wearing them!

Karen Seeliger

Location:

Submitted At: 6:44pm 07-08-20

Very strongly support. I side with science and the medical establishment.

CM Boland

Location:

Submitted At: 6:41pm 07-08-20

Strongly oppose. I do many things to keep myself safe from this virus. Mask wearers take unwarranted comfort in the mask. They put me at risk by crowding my space, playing with their masks, uncovering to talk (masks inhibits communication). So, to protect myself, I try to avoid whenever possible places that require masks.

Resigned it will pass. Must make outdoor exercise exempt. I can barely breath when wearing one - when exercising or in this heat would be unbearable.

Theresa Fandrei

Location:

Submitted At: 6:33pm 07-08-20

1. My daughter has SSADH and is just beginning to make progress formulating sounds through continuous observation of mouth, lip, teeth movements and facial expressions. Requiring my family to cover these when we are not sick so someone else can do as they please feels horribly violating and isolating.
2. Why is the burden of proof on the public and not the health department to address the ineffective & uncleanliness of mask wearing?
3. Economic conditions limit access to mandated materials. Whether travel or time to obtain, money for the laundry. The requirement places undue burden on us.

Rachel Kenison

Location:

Submitted At: 6:31pm 07-08-20

Science and anecdotal studies from other regions support this.

We also need to educate the community on proper mask wearing and handling.

Lynn Kramer

Location:

Submitted At: 6:29pm 07-08-20

Masks weren't mandated during the 2009 H1N1 pandemic. The New England Journal of Medicine and their study on universal masking, clearly came to the conclusion "that wearing a mask outside of a health facility offers, little, if any protection from infection". Masks can be incredibly triggering for trauma survivors, people who have panic attacks, people with hearing disabilities, people with autism, and people with airway restrictions.... like our son-in-law and 5-year-old granddaughter, who have asthma. Do not assume that each person without a mask isn't already struggling deeply. .

Robin Squier

Location:

Submitted At: 6:29pm 07-08-20

This is a rational response to the scientific evidence. I support the mandate.

Josh Davis

Location:

Submitted At: 6:28pm 07-08-20

I often wonder, in a situation like this, how many of the oppose votes actually come from Milwaukee residents. If so, they represent a large lack of understanding. You don't wear a mask to protect yourself, you wear it to protect others. Many people I see in businesses like the grocery store wear no mask, and are not protecting me if they may have the virus. Recent studies show that up to 80% of people that transmit the virus are asymptomatic. If you have not been tested recently, you simply have no way of knowing if you have it or not, if you don't show symptoms. A mandate is necessary.

Bill Jones

Location:

Submitted At: 6:27pm 07-08-20

The constitution protects us from our best intentions - Scalia specifically talking about times of uncertainty.

You have no legal right to mandate that we put anything on or in our bodies period.

You have no right to TAX us. Forcing us to purchase masks is a tax essentially.

Even if you do pass it, I will not obey something unconstitutional and when I travel through the city I will blatantly ignore it.

You have no power here.

Mary Scheibel

Location:

Submitted At: 6:23pm 07-08-20

I don't think this is enforceable. Given the political unrest in our city, I don't see how we can ask the police to go into neighborhoods and start giving people tickets and insisting they wear a mask. I believe we should strongly encourage wearing masks and private businesses can mandate them for entry, but we can't pass legislation that is unenforceable. Educate and encourage over require and mandate.

Tj Kay

Location:

Submitted At: 6:23pm 07-08-20

I do not support this and will not be wearing a mask. It is not healthy and it is unconstitutional. It should be up to ME whether I feel comfortable or not. If you are worried about getting sick then stay home. This was never an issue before so stop trying to make it one now. I will not be putting a mask on a 3 year old in 90° weather nor will I be making myself wear one. It will die in this weather anyway. Quit lying to the people.

Sarah Henery

Location:

Submitted At: 6:20pm 07-08-20

Support but please exempt active outdoor exercise like running or biking. It's very hard to wear a mask while running in this heat wave.

Kristy Gember

Location:

Submitted At: 6:16pm 07-08-20

I 1000% support this mandate. I have seen so many people wearing their masks incorrectly day after day. If this makes it through, and I hope it does, can a mailer or something be sent to residents on how to properly wear a mask? I can't tell you how many people I have seen wearing one under their chin or nose. I have even seen two people remove their mask to sneeze into the air without covering their mouth which defeats the purpose. I think it's important to educate people on masks as many still do not understand their purpose or how to appropriately wear them.

Colin Daly

Location:

Submitted At: 6:12pm 07-08-20

This is what the CDC says is the best way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. If you care at all about our citizens, you have to pass this.

Katie Key

Location:

Submitted At: 6:08pm 07-08-20

We have the fastest growth rate in the country. There are thousands of citizens staying home, terrified that their next grocery delivery or next doctors appointment could lead to then catching the virus. At the same time, there are people packing into bars and not practicing social distancing even though they've been repeatedly urged to. These people don't care about the weak and vulnerable in society, but maybe they'd care about a fine. It's time to pass a mandate requiring masks.

Kushal Desai

Location:

Submitted At: 6:04pm 07-08-20

I oppose this as a mandate. It should be up to individual businesses, not the government. Additionally, the mandate does not provide appropriate guidance. There need to be exceptions for outdoor exercise, gyms, apartment buildings, actual guidance on how this will work in restaurants. Other cities have well thought out mandates with specific situations spelled out. If the government is going to overreach, the At minimum, ensure that there are reasonable requirements & exceptions. It's nearly 100 degrees out, I oppose an outdoor requirement. What if I remove my mask to rehydrate or get air?

Melissa Longoria

Location:

Submitted At: 6:02pm 07-08-20

This will not only help protect all citizens it will also help aid businesses that have been struggling with cases or enforcing mask wearing to again keep everyone safe. All people who have been working, ie essential workers, and all people returning to work need to continue to be vigilant. If we want children to return to schools safely, we need to drastically reduce the cases not only in Milwaukee, but the state and the country. This is not a political issue, this is a decency issue. All you have to do to protect others from getting sick is wear a mask.

Tracy Kerschke

Location:

Submitted At: 6:01pm 07-08-20

Will not spend a penny in Milwaukee of this passes. My body my choice

Karilynn Johnson

Location:

Submitted At: 5:57pm 07-08-20

<https://www.businessinsider.com/who-no-need-for-healthy-people-to-wear-face-masks-2020-4>

Government requiring face masks is an infringement on my freedom. Back off government. We the people should be free to make our own choices. It's NOT government's responsibility to protect people or prevent death. If it was, you'd actually pay attention to the spike in suicide rates and murder in Milwaukee, and focus on those first. Rather, you are choosing the virus because that is easiest for gaining political control under the false claim of "public safety." Not ok. Do not mandate face masks.

Karen B F

Location:

Submitted At: 5:55pm 07-08-20

All medical experts agree on the need for total participation in the wearing of masks in public as the greatest factor in stopping the spread of Covid 19. How is this even debatable?

J H

Location:

Submitted At: 5:54pm 07-08-20

Strongly support. This is not a political issue it is a public health issue. Science shows masks help control the spread of Covid. Our "freedoms" should not extend to activities that harm others. I mask to protect you, you mask to protect me. Leaving public health decisions to individuals has not worked in the US, with terrible results. Wisconsin, in particular, has no statewide plan to help us because of politics. And businesses MUST mask staff. My son is forced to choose between his health/life and paying rent because he works at a restaurant that seems to think Covid doesn't exist.

Krista Wayman

Location:

Submitted At: 5:48pm 07-08-20

Not in favor

Rebecca R

Location:

Submitted At: 5:42pm 07-08-20

This is not a personal issue, but a collective one. A personal decision is deciding what to have for dinner. A collective issue is the speed limit. You aren't allowed to drive 100 mph in a 30 mph zone for the safety of others. This also reminds me of case law on prayer in schools and football games. People argued that if you didn't like to hear prayer at such events, you can stay home. SCOTUS decided otherwise; it violated 1st amendment rights (Establishment Clause). Telling people to stay home if they don't like the fact that you don't want to wear a mask is a similarly flawed argument.

Steve T.

Location:

Submitted At: 5:41pm 07-08-20

Strongly oppose. It is a commonsense 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 in exhaled air) and hypoxia (a lack of oxygen in the tissues). Masks also create a hotbed for microbes. Now consider this when it is mid 80's-90's and humid, we will have a different health issue on our hands. Who will be held responsible? Excessive fines of \$500 will financially ruin people during this economic crisis. Who will enforce this mandate and how will fines be allocated?

Sabrina Miller

Location:

Submitted At: 5:40pm 07-08-20

The facts on face coverings are clear. We should all be in support of measures to slow the spread of COVID-19 and help protect our friends, family, and neighbors. It's crucial that a mask mandate is put in place for the greater good of our community.

Emily Bralick

Location:

Submitted At: 5:37pm 07-08-20

As an immunocompromised person in Milwaukee I fully support this and believe that this should have already been enacted. There is a public health crisis, a spreading pandemic. This is not about "freedom" this is about a real threat and taking care of one another. I truly hope this is put into place and practice. I and so many others will feel safer to be out and about in Milwaukee. Plus, masks have been proven to slow the spread of the virus.

Lia R.

Location:

Submitted At: 5:37pm 07-08-20

There's much data supporting the wearing of masks as a way to prevent the spread of covid, and many different countries (who hardly agree on anything) can agree on this. We have a responsibility to others to not spread disease, and this is a simple step to protect the public health. Especially in the face of such an overwhelming health crisis. This ordinance has exceptions for those who need them, but for those who can wear a mask, this helps ensure they do, saving lives and preventing the long-term side effects when someone does get sick.

Kamie Boston

Location:

Submitted At: 5:34pm 07-08-20

I live in MKE, but if this ordinance is put in place, I will be doing all shopping outside of city limits. I will not wear a mask.

Spencer Kronz

Location:

Submitted At: 5:33pm 07-08-20

Confirmed cases of SARS-CoV-2 is not now, nor has it ever been a reliable metric by which to measure our current station in the life of this virus. In the US we have known since March that confirmed cases are likely off by an order of magnitude or more. This was confirmed by the CDC last week. The only reason for measures such as the one proposed is to prevent death via lack of adequate emergency care, which is not a concern. An increase in positive tests in the presence of such a marked, continuous decrease in deaths over a period of over 2 months is a good thing, not reason for panic.

K F

Location:

Submitted At: 5:33pm 07-08-20

I participated in a Nextdoor App discussion initiated by Ald. Scott Spiker about this topic. It seems that most who support a mandate are viewing this from a health standpoint while many who oppose it view it as an un-American political statement.

Also, it's shocking to me the amount of people who voice an opposing opinion based on dubious resources such as quack doctors.

One would hope that common sense would prevail regarding the use of a mask to slow the spread of COVID-19. Unfortunately, in this day and age of conspiracy and misinformation, one cannot rely on good judgement alone.

DL Hanson

Location:

Submitted At: 5:33pm 07-08-20

I strongly support requiring face coverings in public spaces. Community spread in the City of Milwaukee is increasing and there is strong scientific evidence face coverings limit the spread of Covid-19.

Michele Crux

Location:

Submitted At: 5:33pm 07-08-20

No! Therapeutics work. Vit D works. This is tyranny. Test are for general corona. It specifically 19. It's in the flu shot or if you had in previous years you will test positive. This is about control. Open everything!

Kathryn Keller

Location:

Submitted At: 5:32pm 07-08-20

Don't agree with this at all. All credibility has been lost with this virus because this has been so politicized.

Tegan Gaetano

Location:

Submitted At: 5:28pm 07-08-20

Repeated experiments have demonstrated the effectiveness of face coverings in reducing or eliminating significant spread of particles containing COVID-19. In the absence of a vaccine, masks are the best way to halt community spread, hasten the recovery of Milwaukee's economy and save lives. By wearing masks we show our commitment to the health and well-being of our friends, neighbors and fellow Milwaukeeans.

Judy Jones

Location:

Submitted At: 5:25pm 07-08-20

I strongly oppose this. Hospitals are NOT getting overwhelmed with patients, the death rate is going down. A

mask ordinance would be a government overreach into people's lives. A mask mandate would create stress and mental health problems for citizens and visitors. Please do NOT pass this mask mandate! Thank you.

Jamie Baird

Location:

Submitted At: 5:15pm 07-08-20

I strongly support this. Science supports this.

Public health is the community's responsibility. No rights are being violated. None. No one has the right to unknowingly (or knowingly) exposure others during a pandemic.

Kim Marie

Location:

Submitted At: 5:14pm 07-08-20

Do what you want. You always do. But just know that I will be spending my money outside the city limits. It's ridiculous that you wait months to do something like this. Our numbers are going down, not up.

Gina Vlach

Location:

Submitted At: 5:11pm 07-08-20

I fully support adopting an ordinance that would require a face covering in public spaces during the pandemic. Not only does science support the effectiveness of masks in spreading the virus, but legal precedent already exists under Wisconsin's Smoke-Free Indoor Air Law and Wisconsin's safety belt laws. Both of these laws protect the individuals themselves, as well as those around them. I can take every precaution possible, but if someone is unknowingly positive and refuses to wear a mask, I am still at risk. A mask requirement would keep our communities safer and should be adopted.

RL WM

Location:

Submitted At: 5:10pm 07-08-20

I strongly oppose a mandatory mask requirement. It should be up to the individual or business.

Vannessa Ramos

Location:

Submitted At: 5:10pm 07-08-20

I strongly oppose this ordinance. The government is overstepping individual rights. Businesses have the right and responsibility to determine whether their patrons should or should not require face masks. It is my responsibility and right to determine whether I or my children shall wear masks, NOT THE GOVERNMENT'S! Stop trying to infringe on our rights

Hazel Cicero

Location:

Submitted At: 5:06pm 07-08-20

Masks have, in some studies, been shown to reduce transmission of COVID-19 if both the infected and non infected parties are wearing masks by 1.5%. If you're not going to wear a mask, just say that you don't care if you or others die confidently instead of making it a political statement. Masks are like seatbelts. Are they kind of annoying? Sure. But not wearing one is reckless and irresponsible. Source: Still Confused About Masks? Here's the Science Behind How Face Masks Prevent Coronavirus. Written by Nina Bai. Published on June 26th, 2020 on UCSF.edu.

Crystal Litzau

Location:

Submitted At: 4:57pm 07-08-20

There is nothing proving that masks prevent or slow the spread of COVID-19. The CDC says that masks MAY slow the spread by preventing people from touching their faces and by covering noses/mouths when sneezing or coughing. The masks do not prevent you from inhaling respiratory droplets nor do they prevent you from exhaling respiratory droplets. Face masks not properly washed carry even greater risk. This should be a personal choice

based on a persons own research. This is an overreach by government officials.

Sebastian Black

Location:

Submitted At: 4:56pm 07-08-20

Masks stop the spread of COVID-19. They keep everyone safe! It only makes sense to require masks to be worn because of this.

Amber M.

Location:

Submitted At: 4:55pm 07-08-20

I strongly support this ordinance. It's obvious with the increasing number of COVID-19 cases that people are not taking wearing a mask and socially distancing seriously. We need the City of Milwaukee to step up and save lives with a mask ordinance. Please also consider going back to phase 3 for our City. It makes no sense why we're opening the city when there cases of COVID-19 (and deaths) are on the rise.

David Payne

Location:

Submitted At: 4:55pm 07-08-20

I am all for masks being worn in public but against this ordinance. Leave it up to the business and the individual. Don't force your views on every resident of this city. I also have heard that some bar and restaurant owners signatures were forged and are actually against this ordinance! Brat House, Dorsia, Wards House of Prime, Still River, Saz's, have all removed their names. This ordinance is supported by lies.

Autumn Yong

Location:

Submitted At: 4:50pm 07-08-20

I am a teacher in Milwaukee. I am concerned about young children wearing a face mask for extended amounts of time who might attend school on site in the Fall. Could there be an exception to not require young students to wear them if strong social distancing measures are already in place such as a 1:10 teacher to student ratio? Thank you for taking your time to consider the public's concerns.

Matthew Carroll

Location:

Submitted At: 4:44pm 07-08-20

I oppose this ordinance. Wisconsin has done very well during this pandemic when compared to other states. Wearing masks is a good idea and it is an individual choice. To pass this ordinance is government over reach. There are alternatives that concerned citizens have if they do not wish to be around non mask wearing individuals. I implore you to not pass this. As elected officials you have an obligation to all constituents, including the rights and freedoms of those that do not wish to wear a mask.

Heathe R B

Location:

Submitted At: 4:44pm 07-08-20

We travel to Milwaukee for a plethora of reasons. We are local and love to support our local economy and small businesses as well as larger venues who, in turn, support local people by providing jobs for them. We will travel elsewhere if this ordinance passes. We will especially miss the zoo and Miller Park.

Porsche Schlapper

Location:

Submitted At: 4:42pm 07-08-20

The countries worldwide that have the pandemic under control are the ones that require masks. The only side effect of wearing one is the prevention of spreading COVID-19. This is a common sense mandate and masks should absolutely be required to protect everyone, but especially those poor and BIPOC communities disproportionately affected in Milwaukee.

Amanda Theys

Location:

Submitted At: 4:41pm 07-08-20

I strongly OPPOSE any and all mask mandates. Every person is responsible for their own health. If masks are mandated, then why not mandate what kind of food we eat and how much we exercise? Government overreach will not stop with a mask.

Jo Manuel

Location:

Submitted At: 4:39pm 07-08-20

Strongly oppose mask wearing for outdoor recreation where greater than 6' distance is easily met. Also, the likelihood of a child under 5 wearing a mask properly or keeping it on is unlikely. Milwaukee will see a loss of business revenue, I'm sure of it. There is also no mention of an end date or criteria for discontinuing the ordinance. We will not comply, period.

Glenn Cofer

Location:

Submitted At: 4:38pm 07-08-20

This ordinance is a no brainer. It's supported by science, and it's one of the most effective methods we have to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The quicker we curb the spread of the virus, the quicker we can get things back up and running.

Molly Ostendorf

Location:

Submitted At: 4:34pm 07-08-20

One of the easiest & most effective ways to curb the spread of COVID is by wearing a mask in a public place. I FULLY support this mandate. If people were already wearing masks on their own this wouldn't need to be voted on! But, because they're not, they may have to legally. The safety of thousands is more important than your minor personal inconvenience.

Judi Pool

Location:

Submitted At: 4:32pm 07-08-20

I was born and raised in Milwaukee, and still have relatives there. I visit and shop about once a month. I also come into town for different events. However, if masks are required, I will only shop and meet my relatives outside of the city.

Matt Schultz

Location:

Submitted At: 4:27pm 07-08-20

Individual business requiring a mask, I'll buy that. Requiring a mask outdoors or forcing an individual to wear one while doing anything strenuous, no way. What becomes of gyms and other workout facilities? What about people who are working on the street on a 90 degree day?

Both the CDC and WHO recommend against wearing masks when doing anything that requires an individual to breathe harder. Forcing people to dial down their workouts because they can't breathe is only going to lead to people quitting and causing other ill effects to happen to those people (depression, suicide, alcoholism).

Sarah Karasch

Location:

Submitted At: 4:26pm 07-08-20

I strongly oppose. The CDC has already said there are DECLINING death rates. Asymptomatic spread is RARE. This virus is spread by droplets and those who are coughing should STAY HOME, pandemic or not! Healthy people DO NOT need to wear masks. This is a slippery slope for the government to start mandating something like this. I live in Milwaukee and I WILL NOT comply. I will also take all my business to places outside Milwaukee.

Eric Pankow

Location:

Submitted At: 4:22pm 07-08-20

This is a personal decision, not something the government should enforce. Our police department has enough on its plate with traffic and crime, this is not something they should be asked to enforce also. Death and serious hospital cases are dropping, so there is no need for this over-reach. I and many others I know will take out business out of Milwaukee rather than deal with such a infringement on our personal rights.

Deanna Hoffmann

Location:

Submitted At: 4:22pm 07-08-20

Wearing a mask should be up to the individual. Forcing this is ridiculous as any communist state is. Forcing children 2 and 3 years old is the dumbest thing i have heard. Children can't keep anything on their faces. And in this heat you'd rather kill us by suffocation. If you must mandate, make the elder and people with weak immune systems wear them. Don't force your communist values on everyone.

Paula Mason

Location:

Submitted At: 4:18pm 07-08-20

I strongly support this ordinance, as it clearly is one of the few, scientifically-demonstrated ways we can safely move forward with re-opening our economy while reducing the transmission of COVID-19. The human cost is far too great to do otherwise.

Carey Kammel

Location:

Submitted At: 4:13pm 07-08-20

Personal freedoms can not come at the cost of other people's health and safety. The Republican party has created a catastrophe that is has no plan to remedy or even accept exists. Mandated mask usage has to be enacted to attempt to recover from this catastrophe.

Anne Kirschmann

Location:

Submitted At: 4:12pm 07-08-20

While there may be some conflicting medical opinion on whether or not masks can eliminate the transmission of coronavirus, it si widely accepted that do slow the transmission. In order to keep our city safe so our businesses can remain open and our children can return to school, I support this action. I am concerned about the equitable enforcement of this action and would like to see more details on this.

Anon Ymous

Location:

Submitted At: 4:12pm 07-08-20

I support mask-wearing. I oppose this ordinance.

According to urbanmilwaukee.com on July 3, 2020, "Of the 177 individuals arrested from March 27 to May 12, 138 were African American (78 percent), and 21 were Hispanic (12 percent), according to MPD data. Only 6 percent of those arrested were white."

Ordinances pertaining to covid19 safety have already targeted black and brown communities. Let's stop legislating whiteness.

<https://urbanmilwaukee.com/2020/07/03/racial-disparities-found-in-safer-at-home-arrests/>

Angela Gerloski

Location:

Submitted At: 4:10pm 07-08-20

Because we know that masks are proven to slow the spread of coronavirus, they should be mandated in Milwaukee. As someone who respects other humans and their right to live, I believe that others should be

required to show mutual respect for human lives. If someone does not want to wear a mask they can stay home.

Britney Torres

Location:

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

I oppose the mask mandate. Individuals should have the choice whether or not they want to wear a mask in public. If you want to wear one, then do so, and if not, that's fine too. If you're worried about unmasked people, you can choose to stay home. If a business wants to require them, that's fine for that business, but an overall mask mandate for all is not necessary. As a mother of a 3 year old, I will also say that it is very unrealistic to require a mask for a 3 year old...even more so when requiring one outside in the heat while playing with other children!

Angela Machesky

Location:

Submitted At: 4:06pm 07-08-20

Strongly support universal masking ordinances. Seatbelts save lives so we made laws requiring their use. Drug use is dangerous so we make laws restricting their use. Second hand smoke is dangerous so we make laws against smoking in bars and restaurants to protect other people from what you are exhaling. I simply cannot understand how wearing masks would infringe upon people's rights any more than the aforementioned items. Further, SCIENCE says that universal mask use slows the spread of viruses.... it's why doctors wear them during surgeries. Mandate mask use!

Brad Cramer

Location:

Submitted At: 3:56pm 07-08-20

Government has a responsibility to act on a collective/macro level to ensure the health and safety of society and all those in it.

Jolene Hall

Location:

Submitted At: 3:55pm 07-08-20

My main plea is to ask for no masks outdoors, particularly away from any public gathering location such as a playground. Taking a family walk or bike ride in my neighborhood with my children or watching my kids riding bikes on our front sidewalk is unnecessary to mask up. A pedestrian could easily avoid us and we them. Also, PLEASE raise the age requirement to 5 years old! Thanks

Jack Jenkins

Location:

Submitted At: 3:54pm 07-08-20

I am very concerned that the ordinance does not specify an end date or establish any milestones that need to be met in order for the ordinance to end. I also believe this ordinance is in direct conflict with State Supreme Court decision last month. I STRONGLY oppose.

Jim Gr

Location:

Submitted At: 3:53pm 07-08-20

I want to inform you of the loss of business that the City of Milwaukee will have. It is easy enough for a person to patron another business in another city/village etc without a mask mandate. At what point will we stop traumatizing our kids. From having almost every summer activity canceled or closed now to play outside they will have to have a mask on with their neighborhood friends.

Once again instead of making a big legal matter out of this (as it has been cited as unconstitutional) just say no. Instead of mandating use the money to educate and provide resources to the heavy hit area.

Sheilah Rossow

Location:

Submitted At: 3:52pm 07-08-20

I strongly support this ordinance. Science has proven that wearing a mask is one of the best defenses against the spread of COVID-19. It is critical that the city intervenes at this point and mandates masks in public spaces. It is common sense. Furthermore, no one has the 'right' to expose others while in public because they don't want to wear a mask. Seatbelts are legally required to drive a car and no one seems to take any issue with that. Please act swiftly to stop the spread of this virus.

Rachel Germain

Location:

Submitted At: 3:44pm 07-08-20

Completely agree that masks need to be worn in public.

James Day

Location:

Submitted At: 3:34pm 07-08-20

I am opposed to any and all mandatory mask requirements. I dont believe that the government has the right to force private citizens to wear masks in public. If a business wants to require a mask to enter their premises, I am ok with that. A business can require whatever it wants from a patron to enter/use their services. However, the government isnt my parent. The government doesnt know what is best for me and my situation. Is isnt the governments job to tell me what is best for me. The government can give me their opinion and what is best practice and I can make up my own mind.

Jeffrey Lewandowski

Location:

Submitted At: 3:24pm 07-08-20

Totally disagree on mandatory masks !!

This should be up to the individual !!