

Citizen Comments for the
June 23, 2020 Special Meeting

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: (Mrs) Marcelle Praetorius
	Address: 904 Parker Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 12:07:32 PM

Please pass a mandate for face coverings/masks while out in public in Leon County. Please address enforcement in stores, parks and other public places with law enforcement and others so it is not an empty regulation , Follow surgeon general guidelines for use in over age 2 population and address that if someone cannot cover their face they are too ill to be out in public. Please address what out in public means. Thank you for address safety for all of us.

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Special Meeting	Name: Aaron Halford
	Address: 1918 Gina Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:59:08 PM

We are at a crossroads. I can only hope you follow evidence based recommendations to keep people safe. Clearly the residents of Tallahassee cannot be trusted to stay home. Leadership is needed now more than ever. We must remain socially distant and mandate masks in public. We also need more assistance programs to help people struggling with finances.

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Special Meeting	Name: Aaron Lindbloom
	Address: 4028 Roscrea Drive, Tallahassee FL 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:28:16 PM

Please make masks mandatory. Why do people make science political?

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Special Meeting	Name: Abby Derby
	Address: 353 Gathering Oaks Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:41:28 AM

Please start requiring masks in all indoor public places. We must take more measures to curb the spread of coronavirus and masks are one the more effective, and simple, means, or doing so.

See this research study:

<https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2009637117>

Thank you.

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Special Meeting	Name: Abra Kinch
	Address: 1216 Hawthorne Street, Tallahassee, FL 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:31:31 AM

I would explore the committee, for the safety of those of us living in Tallahassee, to mandate masks/coverings when in enclosed, public settings, and not while seated and eating. Madison Social has an excellent model. This will normalize masks before kids go back to school and students return to the universities.

I would also ask that we set guidelines so that enforcement of this issue is equitable. Certain people should not be policed more than others, and a face mask made as excuse to further put law enforcement pressures on certain citizens more than others. With the climate we're experiencing now, I'm sure you understand my meaning.

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Special Meeting	Name: ABRAHAM MIDDLETON
	Address: 611 Short Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:16:18 AM

I'm an advocate for public mask wearing. Listen to the CDC, listen to public health experts: wear a mask and save lives.

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Special Meeting	Name: Adam Bennett
	Address: 506 Cactus Street, Tallahassee FL 32304
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:34:02 PM

My wife and I were just married in April, in our front yard with 5 select guests at a distance, instead of in front of 125 friends and family at the beach. My wife suffers from an autoimmune disorder. Has for the entirety of her adult life. Plus other risk factors, including age. She has zero chance of surviving COVID-19. Zero. She's been working from and staying home for more than three months. I still go to a job where I can separate from my co-workers and public. I wear a mask, wash my hands constantly and fastidiously. I do all I can to keep my wife safe in our home bubble. She has zero chance of survival. I only go out for work, and grocery store runs, and it is getting harder and harder to maintain distancing, not to mention how few masks I see. I can no longer shop at Publix because of how lax they are with their own employees improper wearing of masks, much less other shoppers with no respect for personal, social distancing. Not only is my wife in danger, but this will stretch out indefinitely unless further steps are taken. Please make **PROPER** mask wearing mandatory, and consider further shutdown measures.

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Special Meeting	Name: Adam Brink
	Address: 3403 Prock Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:17:08 PM

Please consider finding ways to enforce social distancing requirements at bars and restaurants, including a return to stricter measures during this substantial increase in cases. Also, please consider that American citizens have limitations on all of their freedoms. Requiring masks in public and implementing aggressive contract tracing would go far in slowing spread of the virus and would do little to impact personal freedoms, especially compared to the alternative of lockdowns.

Absent leadership from higher levels of government, the responsibility falls to you. Please think of the long term effects of premature reopening and lackadaisical social distancing on our community and do what is right for our vulnerable populations and health care workers.

Thank you.

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Special Meeting	Name: Adam Hyman
	Address: 8830 Sapphire Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:29:05 AM

I would like to submit my comment in favor of mandatory masks and social distancing, enforced by law. This is a pandemic. Strong measures are required. We will have to endure this for many more months to come, and the actions taken now (or inactions) will determine the status of this county, state, and nation after this is over.

Administrations at all levels of government have historically been much more heavy handed than current when enforcing policies to ensure maximal public health. History shows the formation of "virus squads," which were doctors backed by police whom forced people to comply with medical standards and even forced inoculation once a vaccine was discovered. Obviously, enforcing mask and other pandemic mitigation strategies are much less burdensome for all involved.

The foundation for strong action has been set not only by past governing bodies during pandemics and outbreaks of disease, but also by the Supreme Court of the United States itself. In the case of *Jacobson v. Massachusetts*, the Supreme Court ruled that vaccines could be made mandatory, and likened a pandemic to a war, where decide action must be taken.

So now this need to act has fallen upon you. You must find the resolve to enact strong policies to protect your people- some even from themselves. And yes, there may be some who are enraged, and they will live to resist in one form or another- but they will live.

In times such as these, leaders of the people do what is best for their people despite political cost. History has shown- time and time again- that pushing for economic return to normalcy in a pandemic will actually be more harmful to the economy in the long run. So ask yourselves not what Leon County will look like in 6 months- ask what it will look like in 6 years. What will your legacy be?

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Special Meeting	Name: Adria Harper
	Address: 2333 Clare Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 4:54:13 PM

Given the recent uptick in CoVid cases in our community, and the fact it seems many individuals and businesses are no longer following the CoVid public safety guidelines, I support the mask requirement for public places in Leon County. Use of masks in public spaces has been proven to lower the spread of the virus. With reduced spread, businesses and individuals alike will have a better chance at success and stability during these times.

Thank you for your consideration,
The Harper Family

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Special Meeting	Name: Adrienne Kautz
	Address: 4101 Zermatt Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:20:03 PM

The commission needs to take a stand and require masks in Leon County. It is in the best interest of our population, especially the most vulnerable. Many businesses have shown they are unwilling to take the proper precautions to make their customers feel safe. Many citizens have taken mask-wearing as a personal affront to their civil liberties. It is clear the commission needs to step in and require masks for the safety of our citizens.

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Special Meeting	Name: Adron Andrews
	Address: 1998 Larette Dr Tallahassee, FL
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:33:12 PM

I support mandatory masks in public spaces.

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Special Meeting	Name: Aimee McDonald
	Address: 2986 Nutmeg CT
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:57:21 AM

Please allow the the health of the people to stay in the hands (and faces) of the people. Allow us to self-govern our own health by making our own choices. This is a very slippery slope once you begin mandating what free citizens must wear or put on their bodies. Let us continue to live with dignity without our government over-reaching and stealing control over our freedoms in the name of "our safety.---No to mandatory face masks. Yes to freedom to make our own health conscience decisions.

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Special Meeting	Name: Al Clark
	Address: 2214 Demeron Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:38:46 PM

I support a mandatory mask requirement. It is the strongest single weapon we have available, practically and legally, until there is a vaccine.

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Special Meeting	Name: Alan Rutherford
	Address: 5685 Last Ridge Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 12:59:35 PM

Face masks (adequate and properly worn) should be required until this virus is under control. The only reason this is different from controlling second-hand smoke is that we don't know who might actually have the virus and of course most people do not.

Wearing a mask at this time is analogous to not pointing a gun at someone even though you think it's empty. Yes, it's probably empty but if it's not, the danger is too great to take the risk.

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Special Meeting	Name: Alannah Brown
	Address: 1903 Raa Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:51:02 AM

Allow business owners the choice of mask wearing in their establishment. Allow individuals the choice when in public spaces. It's just that simple.

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Special Meeting	Name: Albert Hazelip
	Address: 3011 Barclay Court
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 8:33:04 AM

I support a mandatory rule requiring citizens to wear protective face covering (masks) when in public areas and establishments other than where patrons are eating and drinking..

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Special Meeting	Name: Albert Thorburn
	Address: 6851 Seabiscuit Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:30:55 PM

Please make masks mandatory in Leon County. Thank you, Albert Thorburn

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Special Meeting	Name: Ale Spratt
	Address: 3966 Calle de santos
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:40:34 PM

I live with my parents in Tallahassee and they are both 70+ years old and have health conditions known to be exacerbated by COVID 19. Not requiring masks makes going anywhere far more risky, both for my parents and myself, as I'm having to do all the errands while they're in quarantine. I don't want myself or my family to get sick because other people refuse to do the bare minimum to protect themselves and others. We NEED mask requirements to limit the read of the virus, because I promise you, PEOPLE ARE NOT SOCIAL DISTANCING. Please do the right thing. Don't compromise our safety.

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Special Meeting	Name: Aleksandt Reznikov
	Address: 2325 Limerick Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:36:04 PM

I am strictly against mandatory masks. It should not be mandatory.

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Special Meeting	Name: Alex Ndekeng
	Address: 1048 winter lane
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 10:29:05 AM

We need mandatory masks in Leon county. I don't want my family to be in danger while outside because nobody had any masks on

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Special Meeting	Name: Alexa Harkness
	Address: 217 Myddelton Trace
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:16:16 PM

If the state of Florida is going to remain open, please just make it a requirement to wear a mask. It's really not that hard. Case numbers are soaring and we need to protect people as much as we can! Thank you.

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Special Meeting	Name: Alexia Chamberlynn
	Address: 2022 Atapha Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:20:39 PM

I think masks should definitely be required in public. Protect our people and our economy! All these unnecessary cases at small businesses!

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Special Meeting	Name: Alexis Alt
	Address: 26 Trescott St
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:40:41 PM

Please require masks to be worn to curb the spread of the virus. But please don't do it in such a way that punishes lower income people. Perhaps a few free mask distribution sites in certain areas? Masks are necessary to control the spread of the virus and more has to be done. I for one will not visit Florida until the state does more to curb the spread of the virus.

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Special Meeting	Name: Alexs Kleinbard
	Address: 406 Williams street
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 9:03:37 AM

Please make mask wearing mandatory for the safety of all residents who live in Leon county

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Special Meeting	Name: Alicea Acevedo
	Address: 515 Middlebrooks Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:39:54 PM

PLEASE DO NOT make masks mandatory. I believe there are genuine physical and mental risks to wearing them indefinitely, especially to kids. Please consider hospitalization numbers and not just positives - we have been at 44 total for at least a couple weeks even with the new "cases".

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Special Meeting	Name: Alicia Laurienzo
	Address: 1716 Talpeco road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:31:10 AM

PLEASE MANDATE FACEMASKS!!

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Special Meeting	Name: Alicia Smith
	Address: 1132 Azalea Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 1:37:32 PM

For the love of our community, mandate the wearing of masks for EVERYONE!!!! This is the most basic thing we can do and you should have done it weeks ago. Close the bars abd in-dining restaurants. We are in crisis mode people.....we expect you to lead...not take a public opinion pool.

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Special Meeting	Name: Aline Kalbian
	Address: 2720 Everett Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:13:28 AM

I support requiring the use of face masks in Leon County.

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Special Meeting	Name: Alla Holmes
	Address: 4106 Poe Place, Tallahassee, FL 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:46:45 PM

I would like to support mandatory masks in Leon county. It is critical for us to take the increase in COVID numbers in Florida seriously and respond accordingly. Being “open” and making masks optional will result in hospital overcrowding and a return to social distancing.

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Special Meeting	Name: Allie Hagedorn
	Address: 6713 Pasadena dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:42:51 PM

Please vote for everyone to wear face coverings when they are out in public. As a pregnant women it's so important in keeping our medically vulnerable safe.

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Special Meeting	Name: Allison Gilliard
	Address: 9433 Buck Haven Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:20:31 PM

With the recent rise in COVID-19 cases in the county, I think wearing masks should be required by all citizens in public, especially if we're not going to shut down businesses and restaurants again.

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Special Meeting	Name: Allison Orange
	Address: 3717 Bobbin Brook Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 6:19:19 PM

I am writing to ask that the Commission seriously consider requiring individuals to wear masks in stores and on public transit, where physical distancing may not be possible.

As Florida becomes the next epicenter of the coronavirus, we need to take every step possible to mitigate the spread, and there is now no doubt that everyone wearing a mask is our biggest aid in doing that.

While state and federal officials have said that the elderly and vulnerable should shelter in place, they forget that those people must be provided for by someone, and as such a caregiver, I need to limit my exposure in every possible way, so that interactions with my 90-year-old mother do not cause her undue risk.

Mandating masks in stores would also aid the local economy. Currently, I limit my shopping to one trip per week to the grocery store for two households. If masks were essential, I would be able to go to a department store, a clothing store, etc., without fear that I am exposing my family for a non-essential item.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Allison Orange

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Special Meeting	Name: Allyne Smith
	Address: protected from public records
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:33:49 PM

One week. In ONE week we have spiked cases by near 20%. That is a ridiculous number and just shows that people can't follow "guidelines" which protect others. That 20-40 age group that isn't listening, going to bars and restaurants and encouraging community spread are also generally the people who have kids - kids that are in daycare or kids who are going to congregate in schools in 6 weeks. If that doesn't scare you - you're crazy and it should. We should have stayed at 50% capacity WAY longer. Have you ever looked at the fire codes for bars and restaurants to see what their max capacity is? People can pack in like sardines and still be under 100% capacity. To say that those places can allow 100% capacity but that they still have to be following social distancing guidelines is absurd. Both things cannot happen simultaneously. The ABSOLUTE very LEAST we could do is mandate masks. Let's be honest - there is going to be an entire set of people who claim a medical exemption anyway so there will be a ton of people not wearing them who should be because they see the loophole. That will be plenty. We should at least TRY to get people to protect others.

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Special Meeting	Name: Alyson Harrison
	Address: 8519 Springhill Road Tallahassee FL 32305
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:24:11 AM

The use of masks does not work to block the virus! Most people do not wear them correctly or reuse single use medical masks and lets get serious about costs half the masks used are disposable and are outrageous in price at this time around \$2-\$3 each! Also homemade masks are used over and over and not effective because of this being generous with numbers about half of my acquaintances wash their reusable masks after each use (which is the correct way!) I volunteer and work bingo and I see single use masks that are dirty and have been really-used repeatedly because they couldn't find any in stores! Are y'all going to provide masks? A lot of stores are price gouging masks at this time! Are you looking into that? Compromised breathing or systems individuals have a very hard time wearing a mask for any length of time!

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Special Meeting	Name: Alyssa Martin
	Address: 3303 Robinhood Road, Tallahassee 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:17:24 AM

With the COVID increasing daily in the state, I think the county needs to take a stance in requiring masks be worn in public when inside buildings and social distancing cannot be maintained IE grocery stores, retail stores, etc.

We need to do our part in bringing this curve back down. Yes, our county has lower numbers, but that doesn't mean it won't get worse. We need to keep it that way.

People right now think that since they haven't "gotten it" or no one they know has tested positive that it can't affect them & they can do what they want...

This really is not the case and everyone needs to do their part to protect the citizens in our county and state.

I also think the opening of bars and movie theaters needs to be reconsidered. If a bar has a large outdoor space and people can maintain more than 6ft, then ok, but I highly doubt many bars can do this.

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Special Meeting	Name: Amanda Albert
	Address: 1901 Gibbs drive Tallahassee Florida 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:54:35 PM

I think masks should be mandatory in public for everyone's safety. This will only get worse the longer we ignore it.

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Special Meeting	Name: Amanda Armetta
	Address: 1419 Avondale Court Tallahassee FL 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:24:44 PM

Please require everyone to wear a mask in a public place. Please open up a larger area for testing that won't back traffic up.

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Special Meeting	Name: Amanda Armetta
	Address: 1419 Avondale Court Tallahassee FLORIDA 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:30:07 PM

Please require masks in all public areas. Make a new testing site that won't back up traffic like the one on mahan. Make restaurants and bars go back to outdoor only and lower capacity.

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Special Meeting	Name: Amanda Cannon
	Address: 1310 Piedmont Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:38:37 PM

I support some form of a mandatory face mask policy in Leon County to slow the transmission of Covid-19. Please demonstrate leadership and compassion on this important public health issue!

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Special Meeting	Name: Amanda Cannon
	Address: 1310 Piedmont Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:38:57 PM

I support some form of a mandatory face mask policy in Leon County to slow the transmission of Covid-19. Please demonstrate leadership and compassion on this important public health issue!

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Special Meeting	Name: Amanda Cannon
	Address: 1310 Piedmont Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:39:18 PM

I support some form of a mandatory face mask policy in Leon County to slow the transmission of Covid-19. Please demonstrate leadership and compassion on this important public health issue!

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Special Meeting	Name: Amanda Leighty
	Address: 616 E. 9th Avenue, #2, 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:53:56 PM

I strongly urge you to mandate masks in our county. The uptick of cases locally and business closures caused by positive tests among employees are testament to community spread that can be mitigated by requiring masks in public. It is clear that this is a step that should and must be taken.

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Special Meeting	Name: Amanda McKibben
	Address: 3648 Barbary Drive Tallahassee FL 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:22:38 PM

Make masks mandatory. It's the responsible thing to do and will save lives.

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Special Meeting	Name: Amanda Parparian
	Address: 4208 Red Oak Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 10:04:27 AM

When I have gone out to get groceries or essential errands, there have been a very high number of people not wearing masks. If we are going to effectively slow the growing rate of covid-19, mandatory masks in public is the least we can do.

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Special Meeting	Name: Amanda Porter
	Address: 985 Parkview Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 10:27:26 AM

If masks become mandatory people with health issues will be forced to choose between their physical health and their safety as it will become likely that they will be publically harassed if not wearing one. The masks state on the package that they will not prevent covid-19. The size of covid particles are smaller than the particle size that the masks filter.

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Special Meeting	Name: Amanda Raymond
	Address: 3408 Merrimac Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:14:57 AM

Please strongly consider requiring face coverings be worn while in Leon County!

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Special Meeting	Name: Amber Gavins
	Address: 1735 vineyard way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:49:38 PM

Mandatory masking will prove beneficial in stopping the spread. It is unsettling how few people in the community are abiding by social distancing, masking, or recommended hygiene. My request is to consider mandating masks in public with special accommodations for young children, the special needs community and children involved in exerting activities such as team sports, dancing, etc as wearing a mask during this time can be dangerous.

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Special Meeting	Name: Amelia Jones
	Address: 2968 Olson Landing Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:45:38 PM

Please make masks mandatory. It's not that big a deal and might help that's all anyone should need
Amelia Jones

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Special Meeting	Name: Amir Blair
	Address: 5768 Lumberjack Lane, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:43:09 PM

Mask and facial coverings are vital for preventing the spread of COVID-19. Please make them mandatory. It is a matter of life and death.

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Special Meeting	Name: Amy Leach
	Address: 4233 Benchmark Trace 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:31:56 PM

Please make mask wearing mandatory. Numbers in Florida continue to rise and while we have been relatively fortunate here, we need to do everything possible to prevent a surge here.
Thank you.

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Special Meeting	Name: Amy Matlock
	Address: 1207 Mountbatten Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:09:15 PM

I urge you to make masks mandatory in Leon County. Masks are highly effective at preventing the spread of COVID-19. We haven't had too many cases in Leon County yet, and there is still time to prevent a situation where our hospitals fill up and the economy grinds to a halt again. Please do the right thing for the citizens of Leon County.

Thank you,

Amy

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Special Meeting	Name: Amy Raker
	Address: 6448 Old St. Augustine Rd. Tallahassee FL 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:21:56 PM

Please do not make masks mandatory. This is a personal choice based on an individual's specific needs and shouldn't be mandated across all constituents.

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Special Meeting	Name: Amy Reynolds
	Address: 3501 Blairstone Rd, Apt 112, Tallahassee, FL, 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 2:37:12 PM

I respectfully write today to urge you to take immediate mitigation measures and possible walking back some of the new allowable activities. I say this because I know what we're working towards with education. We need students back in schools, so parents can get to work and our economy can thrive. But the rising cases jeopardize all of that. You're going to be asking teachers to place themselves in harms way in August. Don't they deserve some assurances that you're going to try to make it as safe as possible? You're going to be asking parents to trust that we can keep their kids safe. Don't they deserve a measure of security? If we don't get control over this, there's a good chance schools won't be able to open. While they'll continue to provide an education, it will be virtual and the ramifications of that will be felt for years to come, despite educators best efforts. If you want schools to open, take action now. Spend the rest of June and July making sure we mitigate enough to safely open schools. What would you rather? A Summer of fun and a Fall with no school and parents unable to work or a Summer of safety with necessary restrictions and a thriving education system in the Fall? Please, put our children and our schools first. Thank you for your time.

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Special Meeting	Name: Amy Webb
	Address: 4557 autumn woods way Tallahassee fl 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:03:47 PM

Please make masks mandatory. Research shows that selective mask use only reduces the risks so much, where total usage reduces the risk to 7%. Better to be safe then sorry.

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Special Meeting	Name: Anastasia Prokos
	Address: 1303 Mountbatten Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:43:19 AM

In addition to a countywide mask order, which is an obvious first step, we need a broader and more visible campaign about the importance of wearing masks, more free mask handouts, etc. Also, why am I only hearing about restaurants from social media? Is there at least a daily press release that includes a list of public-facing businesses that have had to close because of a confirmed positive case? I could only find the list of open businesses, which is not helpful at this time. So, in order:

1. Mandatory mask order
2. Broader and more visible mask campaign
3. Free masks for those who need them in multiple locations and especially outside big box stores.
4. Daily briefing/press release with lists of public-facing businesses that have had positive cases.

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Special Meeting	Name: Andrea Bebout
	Address: 4455 Argyle lane. Tallahassee, Fl 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:54:18 PM

Please vote to make masks mandatory in Leon county. It's a crucial safety measure that is so simple. Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Andrea DeMichael
	Address: 8697 Alexandrite Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:42:43 PM

I am writing to urge the BOCC to not mandate masks. If the BOCC feels compelled to issue some guidance on masks, I suggest that the BOCC *recommends* masks. Please take note of the lawsuits arising out of masks mandates around the state. The simple fact that there are conflicting studies on the efficacy of masks in preventing the spread is in itself reason to not mandate something. There are many scientists, doctors, leading research universities, and health organizations that do not recommend masks. In fact, the WHO itself does not recommend masks, and the CDC and Dr. Fauci flip-flop on the subject continuously. Please see below for links.

Let's look at the numbers. As of 10 AM this morning, the FL DOH reports that there have been 587 cases, 44 hospitalizations, and 8 deaths in Leon County. The population of Leon County is 291,247. That means that 0.2015% of our county's population has had coronavirus, 0.015% has been hospitalized, and only 0.0027% of our county's population has died from this.

Furthermore, there are several medical conditions that do not allow people to wear masks. Even if the BOCC were to make an exception for those with medical contraindications, how does this not then become an issue of privacy? No person has the right to ask another of the medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask, yet you can be sure that those not wearing masks will face discrimination. Some already have.

Please consider explaining how mandating a mask for something that affects less than half a percent of our populace would not be considered draconian. The objective of the precautions were to "flatten the curve" and now that we've done that, more restrictions arise. We are no longer sitting idly by. We do not want a new normal. We want politicians who represent everyone, not the majority. That's the beauty of our constitutional republic, i.e., a government that follows our constitution to protect the rights of the minority from being infringed upon by the majority.

I strongly urge you to make recommendations and not mandates.

Very respectfully,
Andrea DeMichael

Links:
<https://publichealth.uic.edu/news-stories/commentary-masks-for-all-for-covid-19-not-based-on-sound-data/>
<https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-1342>
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Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Andrea Melton
	Address: 1547 coombs drive unit 2 Tallahassee fl
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:22:14 AM

Please declare an ordinance to make face masks required in all public places for the duration of the pandemic.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Andrea Minier
	Address: 3126 PARKLAWN ST
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:50:06 PM

Please consider making masks mandatory. My husband and I are in our 70's and have health issues. We don't go anywhere unless we have to but buying groceries now feels like we're putting our lives at risk and it shouldn't have to be that way. I understand personal freedom but is murder a personal freedom? That's what it's beginning to feel like.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Andrea Runk
	Address: 117 Glenhaven Terrace
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:57:26 PM

I am for requiring mandatory masks in public places.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Andrea Vought
	Address: 3816 Matt Wing Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:11:31 PM

I would like to give my support for mandatory mask requirements for Leon County, as COVID-19 continues to impact the county and state. I don't believe that there is an argument that exists to justify continued inaction - especially when it could prevent needed protections for our citizens and community in these times. I also strongly believe that there is a duty inherent to all citizens to both care about and show solidarity for our community as a whole.

The time has passed for half-hearted gestures - action is an absolute necessity, if we are to shape a future of successfully overcoming continued outbreaks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Andrea White
	Address: 3088 Shadeville Road,
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:14:20 PM

I work at FSU and masks are required. I wear a mask in public. I am shocked by the number of people who are neither wearing a mask nor distancing. Please mandate and enforce wearing masks until well after the fall semester begins - at a minimum. This is going to get much worse when fall classes begin if we don't take action now. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Andrea Zang
	Address: 322 Oakland Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:38:55 AM

This public comment includes my position on the mask ordinance and my recommendations for its contents. Thank you for your time!

I am writing to let the commissioners know of my support for a mandatory mask ordinance in Leon County. I am only going out in public for groceries and necessary health appointments for myself and my pet. So few people are wearing masks - even less than they were a few weeks ago. I am doing so much to keep myself and others safe but it feels like most of the people I see aren't returning the same kindness. I am also making orders online from local businesses, both for food and other kinds of goods. I am glad to do my part in supporting local businesses, but I worry that misinformed or cruel business owners and managers are not requiring COVID-safe practices for their employees, who deserve better. I believe that a mandatory mask ordinance would help to keep all of us safer. I don't know what else to do except make masks mandatory.

I believe that this mask ordinance should include exceptions for those with disabilities and medical conditions that affect or are affected by wearing a mask. Given the disproportionately high poverty levels within our county's borders, I believe that funding should also be available to provide masks to those who do not have them. Whenever someone is cited for not following the mandatory mask ordinance, they should be given a reusable one to keep. We also need to make sure that whoever enforces this ordinance (I guess it would be the police) is not disproportionately targeting African-Americans and people of color.

take care,

Andrea

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Andrew Hall
	Address: 6096 Ranch Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:24:39 AM

The question of wearing masks should follow CDC guidelines: worn when social distancing is not possible. Wearing a mask while alone driving a car, walking across a parking lot, or in a park hundreds of feet from anyone else is senseless. Penalizing those not wearing them when there is no possibility of impacting anyone's health is simply asking for negative pushback and resistance.

Providing accurate and consistent guidance on mitigation and prevention will garner more support and go much further than ordering people to wear masks when doing so will appear to be pointless. People need to be made to feel like they are part of the solution, rather than the problem.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Andrew Hall
	Address: 6096 Ranch Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:25:15 AM

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Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Andrew Kleinberg
	Address: 405 All Saints Street Apt 1
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:08:05 PM

How are you going to hold buisnesses accountable that dont enforce these guidelines?

Several bars and restaurants in town have had employees test positive for Covid. Many have simply closed down for a day for "deep cleaning" and opened back up the next day without any kind of oversight in the process.

How are you going to ensure these business are safe for reopening? I think the local government should have said say in the process to reduce the chance of repeat offenders.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Andrew Treble
	Address: 1417 Pullen Road apt 306, Tallahassee
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:57:18 PM

I support the mandatory mask ordinance in all buildings and public spaces for the health and well-being of all Tallahassee

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Angel de Armendi
	Address: 4307 Jacksonview dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:30:39 PM

Masks should be mandatory in public places, specially indoors,
Angel de Armendi
Ray Montalvo

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Angel K
	Address: South Franklin Blvd.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:56:19 AM

Hello,

I understand that the Leon County Commission will be voting on making masks mandatory or not in Tallahassee during our Covid-19 spike. I would like to say YES, please make masks that cover the nose and mouth mandatory in public places where many people may come in contact, such as stores, restaurants, and offices. I would also mention that face shields would be a great additional, although I understand, not mandatory face covering for extra protection.

Please encourage our community to keep everyone safe with distancing and coverings! We will not be able to curb this deadly virus without everyone doing their part.

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Angela DiBella
	Address: 64 Rozena loop, Havana FL 32333
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:15:22 PM

I am asking that masks be made mandatory for everyone who goes out in public. It's no longer to protect the immunocompromised, it's about protecting everyone and keeping everyone safe. If you're outside of your house or car, a mask should be worn. Making masks more easily accessible. Free and low cost masks should be made available for those entering stores and establishments to aid in the transition.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Angela McKenny
	Address: 11062 Wildlife Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:09:30 PM

Please consider making masks mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Angela Roeder
	Address: 7450 Candlewood Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:44:01 PM

Please make masks mandatory.
It's the only way our economy can remain open and kids can go to school in August.
Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Angela Schoonover
	Address: 501 Blairstone Rd., Apt 2503
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:42:48 PM

I wanted to let you know that I think face masks should be required inside all public buildings. My son works at Publix and I am concerned for his health and for the health of the other workers who are vulnerable when the public does not practice proper safety protocols.
Thank you for your service.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Angela Schwenkler
	Address: 1608 Laguna Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:06:01 AM

I urge you not to mandate masks in Leon County. This is an unjustified imposition whose enforcement will disproportionately affect the poor and minorities. Our hospitals are not stressed and there is nothing that warrants this extreme action. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Angelia Wakeman
	Address: 3153 Tipperary Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:40:49 AM

Masks should not be mandatory if social distancing is possible.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Angie Davis
	Address: 6000 Colonel Scott Drive; Tallahassee 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:34:44 PM

Yes, masks should be mandatory for anyone in a public place. Employees at stores, other businesses, and restaurants should be required to wear them when they work.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Anita Pearson
	Address: 1627 Church Street Tallahassee, FL 32305
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 2:06:39 AM

No mandatory masks.
Some people are claustrophobic. Some prefer not to wear them.
If you want to be protected....wear your mask. Others should not be forced to wear a mask.
Open the state up.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ann Macmillan
	Address: 1121 1/2 Harbert St 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:27:45 PM

Dear Leon County Commissioners:

We are in desperate need of strong leadership to enact rational, mandatory rules for the prevention and eventual eradication of COVID-19 transmission. Our Federal and State governments have failed miserably. Focusing on the one state with successful reduction of COVID-19 in the United States, there were careful mandates instituted such as wearing masks when in public, physical distancing, and not gathering in groups of more than 10 people. Only when the infection numbers were in strong decline did carefully phased and monitored reopening begin.

Leon County is nowhere near being able to reopen. Our numbers are increasing and our testing sites are inadequate. There are no mask requirements, though they are proven to be effective. There has not been enforcement of social distancing recommendations. Isolation and only going out for essentials is resisted as businesses reopen and governance shrugs “but the economy! How ever shall we enforce the rules? We can’t afford to provide masks in underserved areas!”

Please. Where are our leaders out of this mess? Who will finally say “hey, we need to DO SOMETHING to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our (city / county / state / nation)”? Who will unite as a governing body enough to say “we need to protect the citizens we serve by enacting simple safety measures until things improve”?

Thankfully, today Florida’s Surgeon General issued a public health advisory calling for everyone to wear masks in public, with few exceptions. Also recommended are avoiding gatherings of more than 50 people and staying home if over 65 or at high risk for COVID-19 complications. Local lawmakers’ jobs will be made far easier ruling on at least two of these now, as it will be enforcing statewide recommendations.

Our County needs to focus on keeping our residents healthy. The Welaunee annexation needs to be put on hold. The FSU civic center project as well. What are our priorities? Hopefully, reducing the COVID-19 rates in our County asap, whatever it takes. Mandating masks, enforcing physical distancing, and shutting down as much as possible until our (truthful) COVID-19 statistics go down is a good start. I look forward to seeing someone – anyone – step up and lead Leon County out of this nightmare.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ann Mazzanovich
	Address: 525 Hart Street
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:53:53 PM

I am strongly in favor of requiring face masks to be worn in ENCLOSED spaces in stores and businesses by employees and customers, and by RESTAURANT STAFF and restaurant patrons indoors (while not actively eating, ie. Waiting for food or service).

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ann Seiler
	Address: 1384 Devonshire Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:19:49 PM

Please make mask mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Annalise Beebe
	Address: 2901 Mystic Warrior Trl
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:16:42 PM

Please make wearing masks a requirement for Leon County.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Anne Campbell
	Address: 3230 Mound Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:05:10 PM

Please mandate the wearing of face coverings in public, especially in restaurants, groceries, and various places of business. We all know that the pandemic has not subsided, but we all can do a small part to help stop the spread of the virus by wearing face coverings. It is the courteous and most thoughtful thing to do; some say it is their "right" not to wear face coverings, but the greater good is doing everything we can to protect our community. Isn't it my "right" and your "right" to stay healthy? Wearing a face covering is just a little imposition, but it is literally the only safety precaution we have, short of staying home. In general, people are not staying 6 feet apart, even when places are marked, although those markings are helpful. So when someone squeezes up to me in line, or scrunches past me within two feet, I'd like to see he/she at least has on a face covering. By the way, I understand why some people feel it was necessary to re-open, but don't leave us without any health protection at all. If you want us to shop and support local business, please mandate the wearing of face coverings.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Anne Furlow
	Address: 2036 ANGUS ST
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:15:53 PM

My husband and I are considered high risk for contracting Covid19. We have been isolating for over 3 1/2 months at the request of, and on the advise of, public health and state and local government officials. This means we have been inside our home except for walking in the morning, taking short rides in the car and on occasion buying gas, and picking up restaurant meals at curbside. We have also ventured out for important doctors' appointments. We have had no one inside our home except two repairmen, and everyone was masked and followed social distance guidelines. We have isolated ourselves knowing that if we were to become ill, it would be dangerous for us, and could result in a burden to the health care system in Tallahassee.

We would like to be able to leave our house and still feel safe according to the current scientific data. This seems to come down to people wearing masks in public places and socially distancing. We wear our masks to protect others when we step out of the car to get gas for example. However, we cannot go out when we do not know whether others will be wearing masks, without risking contracting the virus.

Aside from the health risks, isolation impacts our local economy. We would love to go to our gardening and landscaping businesses, home and hardware stores, auto parts stores, clothing stores, etc., and give them our business, but we cannot go if the risk is so great.

The solution to these health and economic issues is to require that masks be worn in public. This is what the current scientific guidelines say is required to keep people safe. An exception to this could be made for people who are exercising outdoors where there is space to socially distance, if public health officials agree this is safe.

Please give us a way to come out of our houses so that we are safe by requiring masks in public places, and let us spend some money in Tallahassee. Thank you for your consideration.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Anne Peery
	Address: 1509 Country Club Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:04:00 PM

The citizens of Tallahassee and Leon County are smart, well-educated and well-informed, which is probably the reason that our COVID curve has been so flat, far longer than surrounding counties and other cities our size in Florida. We've kept our community safe because so many businesses and individuals followed the masking and stay-at-home protocols suggested by the CDC.

But as we have seen cases rise, particularly in the 15-24 and 25-34 age demographic, it may be time to "get smarter." We depend on the 15-34 age demographic particularly, because they are the primary staff in grocery stores and restaurants. But this is the age demographic that is most likely to socialize in close proximity, and may be less likely to wear masks. Maybe it is the invincibility of youth, or the inability to afford masks, but for whatever reasons this is the group that is getting sick.

And their sickness is significantly asymptomatic. So they go so work, where they put all of us at risk.

As quarantine fatigue has hit all of us, it seems that there is less caution being exercised by many. People are tired of staying home, limiting exposure to others, keeping a safe social distance, and particularly WEARING MASKS.

But as cases rise, and people let down their guard for quarantine behavior, our community is at risk again. Businesses are closing again due to positive cases. Businesses are closing permanently because, as cases are rising people are staying home, not spending money except for essentials.

The Commission can make a difference in our community by setting community-wide expectations about wearing masks in public spaces. This community will accept that. We've adhered to curfews, we've stayed home when that was the expectation. The few that have opted not to wear them will adhere to a community standard if one is set and it is legal and enforceable. Businesses that have waived will have the excuse they need to require their customers to wear masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Annette Edewaard
	Address: 5223 Outwood Mill Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:02:57 PM

I respected the social distancing mandates and the stay at home orders so that I could do my part in flattening the curve. The curve has been flattened. We now have reliable data to measure risk/outcome. I believe that the virus can be dangerous to the elderly as well as the immune compromised. I care about people and hate to see anyone suffer. That being said, I personally feel that at this stage of the pandemic our nation's response is being driven by panic. I understand our numbers in Florida are rising but believe the numbers are rising for multiple reasons--one being that much more testing is being done so we are aware of carriers even if the symptoms are mild to none. I would really encourage people to look at the full numbers--the number of deaths have not increased. It is being reported that hospitals are filling up, but have we been told what they are filling up from? Elective surgeries have been allowed once again and people are feeling more comfortable going to the doctor/hospital so those two factors alone could have a large impact on our hospital bed availability. Keep in mind that only a few years ago, a hospital in Leon County was filled to capacity and we weren't even facing a pandemic.

I am a big proponent of consistency of actions and it does not appear that our current response to this virus equals our response to other viruses that have the same level of death rate. Again, like I said above, I never want to see someone suffer. I care about people. But in this world we live in there will always be sickness, germs & disease. In the past we have handled viruses that have a 98%-99% recovery rate by trusting people to be wise and respectful of others. If you are sick, stay home and practice good hygiene when you venture out. Yes, there are those that may not be as respectful and there are the circumstances where someone has a virus and symptoms haven't shown up yet, so the virus is inadvertently passed around. So we get sick--which no one likes or wants. But the large majority of the population is able to fight the viruses and in the process our immune systems have been exposed to a new pathogen. This exposure to germs in general helps the immune system grow stronger and better able to fight whatever germ/virus it comes into contact with down the road. Exposure now can also possibly mean that the impact next time is less severe.

The debate over mask wearing is brutal. I hear what some are saying in regards to masks slowing the spread. I can accept that as a true possibility. I also hear what some are saying in regards to the difficulty of wearing the masks--the feeling of getting flushed from being hot and not able to breathe freely and feeling as if they are going to hyperventilate. Some surgeons have said to get over it because they wear masks all of the time and they are fine. This is true...but that was their choice to become a surgeon/doctor and wear a mask, not the choice of the everyday American. I am a very detailed person and I watch people as they touch their mask all of the time (the masks that are right by their noses and mouths) and then they proceed to touch everything in the office or store. This is not an issue of absolutes--there are arguments to be made on both sides but the bottom line is that every person needs to use their right as an American citizen to choose how they proceed with protecting themselves and others. We live in a free country and as we continue to look at data, these extreme controlled measures of the people are not justified. For those that data has indicated are more at risk from CoVid-19, I encourage them to take extra precaution, but I implore you to not make the population as a whole take on that responsibility.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Anthony Carpanini
	Address: 3550 Esplanade Way Apt 1217
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:42:20 PM

Leon County needs to implement a mandatory mask requirement for all citizens. It has been made clear that as a community we have failed to adequately mitigate ourselves from the COVID-19 virus and therefore need additional steps taken to ensure the safety of our most vulnerable populations.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Anthony Roeder
	Address: 7420 Candlewood Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:46:56 PM

Mandatory mask wearing in public spaces for Leon County.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: April Banta
	Address: 3125 Lisa Court
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:48:22 PM

Please don't mandate mask wearing in public. If you're wearing a mask and are protected, let those who aren't wearing a mask be unprotected. It's about choice. Each person should have a choice. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: April Bobo
	Address: 157 Lance Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 10:15:17 AM

Can you address the concern for those who have respiratory problems who can not wear a mask? How will this affect their freedom?

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: April Dwyer
	Address: 1310 Chocksacka Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:58:00 PM

According to Report Card for Leon County located at <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/7572b118dc3c48d885d1c643c195314e/>

Latest report date: 6/20/2020

According to DOH, Leon County does NOT meet the criteria for the next phase of reopening.

Does Leon meet the following criteria?

Decrease in ER Visits for COVID-like illness: NO

Decrease in ER Visits for influenza-like illness: NO

Decrease in new cases by date: NO

Considering only the most recent week of data (6/14/2020-6/20/2020) and not the full, two-week period required for reopening:

ER visits for COVID-like illness decreased by 44% and ER visits for influenza-like visits increased by 7%

New cases by date in Leon increased by 312%

There are only 17 available ICU beds.

Personally, I feel like we should have stayed at home longer, so we could potentially be done with this by now. We cannot turn back the clock, but should NOW take every action possible to prevent the spread. Please bring back the curfew, reissue the stay at home order unless for work, and I implore you to make masks mandatory.

My request/comment is based on the fact that Leon County has consistently been adding Coronavirus positive cases while not maintaining enough ICU beds for the current population.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: April Jackson
	Address: 2221 Orange Avenue E Apt 812
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:07:32 PM

Masks or face coverings should be mandated for Leon County to protect the health, safety and well being of all residents. In doing so, TLC must also ensure that vulnerable communities / residents, businesses, schools, churches, events, etc have access to masks or face coverings so that there is not a disproportionate impact on anyone that may not have access. Follow the data and science and mandate the requirement of masks or face coverings to reduce the risk of contracting covid-19 and contributing to the growing positive cases and deaths in the state of Florida.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ariel Trueba
	Address: 2566 W Tennessee St, Apt 11221
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:23:20 PM

Hello Leon County Commission,

As a Leon County resident, I strongly urge to support a mask ordinance as soon as possible. We are seeing a spike in cases and this would be the best solution to stop the spread. Thank you for serving the residents of Leon County.

Best,

Ariel Trueba

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Arthur Kirby
	Address: 905 Piney-Z Plantation Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:52:39 PM

While I agree masks are useful, I am very concerned what a mandatory ordinance might look like. Enforcement is going to be a huge problem regardless. If a person declines, then what?

If some form of civil citation is contemplated, a) what court will oversee, b) when will they be accessible to the public, c) how much of an unfunded mandate is the Commission willing to place on the court, d) if there is to be a "fine" or "ticket" involved, where would the money go? I certainly would not support seeing fines collected and revenue placed in the general fund.

A non-binding resolution on support of the practice of masking would certainly be appropriate!

I would much prefer the Commission concentrate it's energy in creating a much expanded blood plasma antigen bank by bringing resources under one unified effort.

Another endeavor worthy of Commission consideration would be to create the means to expand Covid-19 testing and antibody testing for each resident of Leon County. Transportation, access and community testing resources need additional support. A resolution to have 90% of Leon County residents tested by mid July would certainly help identify issues of community spread.

I do not agree the issue of wearing masks is the right issue for the County Commission to be taking up at this time.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ashley Arrington
	Address: 1809 Chowkeebin Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:06:36 PM

Please make mask wearing in public places, especially indoors, mandatory. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ashley Barber
	Address: 5732 Etowah Ct.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:33:07 PM

I support mandating the public wear cloth covering masks in public. Wearing masks is the best way to prevent the spread of Covid-19. As much as we'd like to think our fellow citizens are taking the proper safety precautions, like social distancing and avoiding gatherings, we cannot count on that to be the case. All it takes is one infected person in a crowd to spread the virus to everyone. Mandating that the public wear masks just makes sense.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ashley Jordan
	Address: 1041 Cherokee Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 11:43:42 PM

Please consider regulating price increases on PPE and promote proper use and disposal.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ashley Stephens
	Address: 6967 Hanging Vine Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:01:25 PM

I urge you all to NOT vote to make masks mandatory. The majority of the public are not trained in PPE so it would not be effective. Nurses in hospitals have been infected with C19 and they are highly trained in infection and disease control so the general public will just be going through the motions. On top of that most of the masks worn by the public aren't used correctly or they are the ineffective cloth masks. I know it would be easy to vote for this because if you don't the media will make life hard, but please take a stand for what's right. Also please use all information even if it's not the information being pushed by the media.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ashley Tann
	Address: 3820 Castleberry Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:59:24 AM

Mask should not be made mandatory to wear. All you have to do is go to Gasden County and see how that's not working. People don't wear them correctly at all and touch their face.

The couple times I've worn a mask my 17month old daughter try's to take it off and her hands are constantly all over it and so are mine since I have to keep fixing it after she moves it.

If we had behind mask the virus will not weaken and run its course.

Just because you make something "Mandatory" doesn't mean it's a good idea or that people will follow the rules. Don't let fear and your political career take away people's choice.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ashton Hendricks
	Address: 1357 Tom Still RD
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:42:09 PM

I would feel safer in Leon County if masks were mandatory for public-facing businesses. This would include customers as well as employees.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Aubrey Post
	Address: 7008 Foxglove Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:52:35 PM

Please consider enforcing face coverings during the pandemic in areas, establishments, etc. where citizens are not able to social distance at 6 feet more.
Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Audra Oven Proctor
	Address: 1316 Lemond Street
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:20:48 PM

Please mandate masks in Leon County for anyone out in grocery stores and other retail business.
Back when seat belt wearing laws first came about people were mad. They get over it. It's for the betterment of our community. This pandemic needs action and conservative guidelines to start at the top leaders and trickle down.
Business owners are struggling too much already. They don't need to make this mandate and take the heat. Wouldn't it be so much wiser for Leon Cnty to implement this needed protection to help keep us all healthy. Healthy people and healthy economy.
Please mandate mask wearing now.
Thank you all for your time and consideration.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Audra Oven Proctor
	Address: 1316 Lemond Street
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 4:53:39 PM

Thank you for approving the new face cloth ordinance today. Your hard work is extremely appreciated!

If a person is found in violation of the mask mandate, given a ticket and found to have tested positive for COVID within the prior 2 weeks, can they be found guilty of a bigger penalty with violating other public health?

I've heard of college students who are going to the grocery store and with no face covering after knowing they are COVID positive. Is there a cross reference with the DOH records?

Probably a HIPA violation but how infuriating to think of someone so selfish.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Austin Standley-Toro
	Address: 2873 Mission Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:40:30 PM

Masks should not be required

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Avery Ayrish
	Address: 6987 standing pines lane
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:03:18 PM

I am firmly against creating a mandatory mask ordinance. It is a gross overstep on our rights and will only hurt those that can't afford facemasks and other PPE. It is my firm opinion that wearing a mask is a personal responsibility and not one that should be forced on people by the government. I will not support any official that votes in favor of this. We are a country built on freedom, personal responsibility, and bravery of which is guided by our constitution. This is a reaction of fear not bravery. Best regards

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Avril Wood-McGrath
	Address: 1433 Milton St
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:59:08 PM

Please make a mandatory mask policy for Leon County. People are being unsafe and they are interpreting the commissioners hesitation to act as an endorsement of their unsafe behavior.

A mask policy will cost us nothing compared to the livelihood and lives that will be saved. Other counties have taken this step to protect local businesses and include Alachua, Broward, Palm Beach and Miami Dade.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Barbara Brown
	Address: 2637 Vassar Rd.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:02:15 PM

I am not in favor of required or mandatory masks. People who are concerned can wear masks to protect themselves without forcing others to wear them. Please use wisdom in any requirements forced on the general public. I believe people who have tested positive for the virus should wear their masks and/or stay home. The rest can freely go about their business.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Barbara Donaldson
	Address: 1124 Alameda Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:47:46 PM

I am urging the Co. Commission to require masks at least in public places in Leon County.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Barbara Hynes
	Address: 1248 White Star Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:42:40 PM

In light of the rising rate of COVID-19 and the scientific evidence that face masks do indeed help prevent the spread, please make masks mandatory when in the presence of others outside your home. Those not wearing masks could be unknowingly spreading the virus.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Barbara Levins
	Address: 3351 Thomas Butler Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:50:07 PM

PLEASE make mask wearing a requirement for our county!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Barbara Licht
	Address: 2399 Clara Kee Blvd.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:00:04 PM

This comment is about requiring masks in Leon County. Recent scientific evidence shows that wearing a mask in public is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 whenever strict social distancing is not possible. Thus, it makes sense to require mask wearing in all indoor public spaces. It also should be required outdoors whenever people cannot be at least 6 feet from each other.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Barbara Ross
	Address: 1806 Tamiami Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 2:37:38 PM

Please mandate masks for Leon County, to protect us all. I appreciate the hard job you all have right now, and appreciate the work you're doing to keep us all as safe as possible.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Barbara Ross
	Address: 1806 Tamiami Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:03:15 PM

Please consider:

1. Requiring people to wear a mask or else pay a small fine - with which they will receives mask.
2. Requiring all places of business disclose when an employee tests positive for the virus.

Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Barbara Roufa
	Address: 3206 Cranleigh Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:03:32 PM

Please do not make wearing masks mandatory in all public places by mandate of the County Commission! I speak as a semi-retired RN of 48 years, with 20 years Public Health experience here in Leon County. At this point, I believe we must begin to develop herd immunity, while protecting those who are most vulnerable. If individual businesses wish to request patrons wear masks, that is their prerogative. I personally do wear a mask whenever inside any shop or business building where there are other people. My husband and I continue to do carry out to support local restaurants, and have not yet gone out to eat in at any restaurants--but that is my choice as a 70 year old with a husband who has co-morbidity issues. I would not presume to tell other people how they should or should not behave.

I have not, and do not wish to, wear a mask when outdoors at a park, walking in my neighborhood or on any of our wonderful trails. Masks are hot any itchy in warm weather, and I do believe that fresh air and sunshine are most beneficial. People will not comply, and then you will have the mask police and the mask bullies--will you issue fines?

We remain in the midst of this pandemic, and yes, rates are rising in Leon County--that's to be expected since people are out and about more. You cannot make it disappear by hunkering down, and our economy and psychological well being cannot go back to lock down. We must move forward slowly--just as we have been doing. (Please, please open the playgrounds!!)

Compared to our population size, the rate of positive tests, people sick enough to be hospitalized, deaths over the past three months remains low and certainly is not alarming enough to make any further changes at this time.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Barbara Stansell
	Address: 1603 Seminole Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:23:05 PM

At the least:
Mandatory mask wearing in essential businesses/services: grocery and drug stores, doctors' offices. Required for restaurant servers and other employees mingling with customers.
Preferred: Masks in all stores and enclosed public buildings, conveyances. In offices, masks for employees who interact directly with the public

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Becky Henderson
	Address: 1751 Hoot Owl Hill Loop
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:08:55 AM

I am not a scientist, nor am I a doctor. I don't claim to be an expert. I am, however, a proud citizen, a wife, a mother, a friend. An American. I care about the health of myself, my family, and those around me, which is why I am against any policy requiring anyone to wear a mask. For some, wearing a mask can be dangerous to their health. For everyone else, wearing a mask offers little to no protection and gives a false sense of security, given the fact that most masks people have are cheap and/or homemade. Over the past months through the pandemic, the science has shown that mask wearing has little to no effect on the spread of the virus and might actually be more harmful than helpful. Here in America we have historically enjoyed the liberty to choose. For those of us who choose not to wear a mask, we accept that risk and continue to take necessary precaution that would seem common sense... Things like hand washing and social distancing guidelines that HAVE proven to be more effective against spreading the virus. If others feel more comfortable wearing a mask and whatever other PPE, they are at their leisure to do so. This is the way America should operate. It seems that requiring masks at this point in the game is more of a power play to exercise control versus actually caring the about the people in our county.

I have been proud to do my business in Leon County through all this, and support our businesses and friends that make Tallahassee great. But should I be required to wear a mask and required to try to keep a mask on my children while out and about, simply because it gives people a false sense of security, I will take my business elsewhere to other county's economies.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ben Grant
	Address: 3700 Capital Circle SE
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:11:14 PM

The numbers clearly show that wearing masks is a huge contributor to stopping the spread of COVID. Making masks mandatory within Leon County will go a long way to stop a an outbreak with the county.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ben Serber
	Address: 1925 Nena Hills Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:23:52 PM

My name is Ben Serber. I am a graduate researcher and teacher at Florida State University, where I am pursuing a PhD in philosophy. I have lived in Leon County for 5 years. I am a leader in my labor union, an active citizen, and a voter.

I write to the County Commission today to encourage commissioners to take more active measures to stop the rising number of COVID-19 cases across Leon County. While we have been fortunate so far to avoid the disaster currently unfolding in South Florida, it is clear that the extent of community spread within Leon County has been underestimated and we must do more to protect our most vulnerable residents. As of the time of writing, over 122,000 Americans have tragically lost their lives to the coronavirus epidemic, with over 3,000 of these deaths in Florida alone. If we want to avoid becoming the next New York, we must act swiftly and implement measures that we know can save lives.

Specifically, I would encourage the County Commission to adopt a measure that would mandate wearing face masks in Leon County, especially when residents enter a public, indoors area, where the risk of transmission is highest. Recent research from health experts confirm that wearing a mask is one of the most effective methods of reducing transmission of the COVID-19 virus (See, for example, Lyu & Wehby, 2020, "Community Use Of Face Masks And COVID-19: Evidence From A Natural Experiment Of State Mandates In The US" in the journal Health Affairs, or Howard, et al., 2020, "Face Masks Against COVID-19: An Evidence Review", available online at <https://www.preprints.org/manuscript/202004.0203/v1...>). In my personal experience, mask adoption across Leon County remains low, which I believe has contributed to the rapidly rising number of cases across the county. Therefore, I believe that it is prudent for the Leon County Commission to encourage mask use using all available methods.

At the same time, I understand that masks may be difficult for individuals to procure themselves, and cost remains a barrier for our poorest neighbors. Thus, I would also like to encourage the Leon County Commission to work with employers, local businesses, city governments and local institutions to provide masks as much as possible, and, if necessary, to subsidize the purchase and distribution of masks to those who do not have one. A mask mandate carries a heavy cost, implementing the full power of the legal system, and, while I support a mask mandate, I also believe that we should minimize penal consequences wherever possible. While vitally necessary, a mask mandate should not be an excuse for law enforcement to further harass people of color, who disproportionately face the burden of police violence. One option would be for Leon County to follow the model of Tampa and other localities that have offered to distribute free face masks to residents, so that a mask mandate can be implemented with a minimum of coercion. A number of local sources have offered to distribute masks for free, and Leon County should take advantage of these offers. I encourage Leon County law enforcement to work with providers to distribute masks for free when they encounter a person without a mask, rather than use ticketing and legal consequences as a first resort.

Thank you for your time and attention to this vital matter.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Benjamin Brock
	Address: 3927 Roberts Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:04:22 PM

Yes, please, mandate masks so we can save people from themselves. Too many people are not taking the pandemic seriously.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Benjamin Brustad
	Address: 2043 Wahalaw Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:17:59 PM

I'm in support of the mandatory mask initiative!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Benjamin Clark
	Address: 1754 Harvest Place
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:46:18 AM

I would urge the commissioners to consider NOT adopting measures that further close down or limit business activity. The business community is already in severe pain with more businesses closing by the day. I do support other measures if necessary such as mandatory masks (even though I personally do not like wearing masks).

We should also keep in mind that we probably won't ever be able to stop people from getting sick. However, we do need to be prudent about monitoring our hospitals and other facilities to make sure those are not at capacity. If that were to occur, in my view this is what should drive further more restrictive measures.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Benjamin Luther
	Address: 3360 Sugar Berry Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:26:30 PM

Due the fact that over 100,000 Americans have died from COVID-19, and the dramatic increase in cases in Florida stemming from the mishandled early reopening of the state, I think masks should be made mandatory when out in public spaces, especially when indoors.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Benjamin Perry
	Address: 727 Violet St
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:14:47 PM

While I understand the benefit of masks, especially in situations where distancing is not possible, I am OPPOSED to making them mandatory. I feel this is an overstep. I feel it should be at the discretion of the individuals citizens and businesses. I feel social distancing is an adequate measure for 95% of the daily activity of most people. (trips to the store, going to a park, going to a restaurant, etc...). Most workplaces are already requiring employees to wear masks and many stores and businesses are also requiring or strongly encouraging masks for customers.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Benjamin Tuffigo
	Address: 3279 Emerson Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:07:48 PM

I support a mask mandate.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bertie Culbreath
	Address: 3674 Dwight Davis dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:33:07 AM

Please consider having every store that is open to the public wear a face covering. Employees and the public. Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Beth Babcock
	Address: 5635 Jacksons Gap Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:15:58 PM

I believe that a mandatory mask policy should be implemented in Leon County. It has become readily apparent that cases are rapidly increasing in Florida and yet many people are acting as if the virus has disappeared. Please act before Tallahassee becomes a hot spot, too. Masks are known to be the best way we can help limit the spread of respiratory droplets and are not an infringement of people's rights. They are a responsibility we have to protect each other.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Beth Craig
	Address: 3255 Capital Circle NE
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:30:36 PM

Given the exponential increase in COVID-19 cases in Florida and Leon County, I would like to encourage the LCBCC to adopt a policy requiring masks be worn in all public buildings. This would not only protect the public, but the employees, as well. Wearing masks and social distancing are the only “tools” available at this time to slow the spread of the virus, thus I urge you to seriously consider this option. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Beth Pannell
	Address: 2016 Dellwood Dr Tallahassee FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:01:28 PM

I am very concerned with the general lack of social distancing and mask wearing and the recent dramatic rise in COVID-19 cases. Since many people cannot seem to comply with recommendations, I would like to see masks required by all employees at restaurants (I personally will not be eating in restaurants in person, but I would like those preparing my take-out food to be wearing masks). I would also like to see the county require masks for all employees and patrons of stores.

I know this will not end the COVID-19 cases, but it would go a long way in helping the dramatic rise in cases we have seen in light of re-opening. I am particularly concerned as schools reopen and what my children (and their teachers) may be exposed to from other families who choose not to take the recommended safety precautions. This step would help prevent another complete shut-down in a few weeks/months. I think it only makes sense for the greater safety of the masses.

Thank you for your time,
Beth Pannell

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Beth Rodan
	Address: 4320 Kimberly Cir
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:51:16 AM

“It’s not much to Mask!”
Be a part of the solution.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bethany Kocher
	Address: 1211 Cherokee Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:02:26 PM

Please make mask wearing mandatory when possible. Thank you for taking up this topic.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bethany Taylor
	Address: 196 Nani drive, tallahassee, FL, 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:25:17 PM

Masks should be mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Betsy Penn
	Address: 1639 Folkstone Rd Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:36:29 AM

When in businesses that have less than 6 feet proximity to people, masks should be required. If entering a restaurant, you should wear your mask until you are seated, provided your seat is socially distanced from others. Please make masks in Leon County mandatory. It is such a simple step that we can take to contain the spread. We have, until recently, done a pretty good job in Leon, but things are getting out of control.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Betty Morales
	Address: 1908 angels hollow
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:43:16 AM

My 52 year old husband is immune suppressed and on the kidney transplant list after being diagnosed with a fatal autoimmune disease. Our daughter is an upcoming senior at Leon HS. We follow all precautions but I am very concerned so many others are not. Please require use of face masks and continue the social distancing protocol. We are seeing cases increase and we have to assume there will be more when college students return to Tallahassee in the next few months. I'm worried.

Thank you for your consideration.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bettye Watkins
	Address: 844 Wilmon Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:49:54 PM

Please make wearing a mask mandatory in Tallahassee and Leon County. Anytime you are out of your home, you need a mask. Also, have a curfew to keep more people at home. Schools should not open in the fall. Lets get this virus under some kind of control before we subject our children to large groups. Rocky Hanna has developed online curriculum for all students. Keep Tallahassee and Leon County safe. We are all depending on you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Beverley DiGirolamo
	Address: 4204 Grove Park Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:24:42 PM

I would like mandatory mask wearing until August.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Beverly Hand
	Address: 1101 Mountbatten Road, Tallahassee Florida
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:13:51 PM

Make masks in public mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bill Dawkins
	Address: 7133 Atascadero Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:34:37 PM

I do not support mandatory masks. It is unnecessary.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bill Edmonds
	Address: 2819 Shamrock Street North
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:46:11 PM

Our community needs leadership to protect our health.

Please mandate the wearing of masks when in public, near others.

People want to do the right thing, but they don't know what that is.

A strong statement by the Board of County Commissioners will give people guidance and help us rally together, as a community, to guard against the COVID-19 virus.

Thank you for considering this issue important to us all.

Bill Edmonds

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bill McNulty
	Address: 856 Eagle View Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:17:52 AM

I urge the Commission to mandate the proper wearing of masks (full coverage of mouth and nose at all times) in all indoor areas in Leon County other than citizen's residence and residences of immediate family members, and in all outdoor gatherings of 10 or more people causing people to come within 6 feet of others. This is the simplest and most effective method of reducing COVID transmission as recognized by CDC epidemiologists. While there has been an increase in transmission of the disease in the past week in Leon County, experts from Johns Hopkins have provided strong warnings that future growth rates of the incidence of COVID will further accelerate in areas that are experiencing surging growth. Leon County is about to welcome back tens of thousands of students in the age group (15 - 24 years) that dwarfs all others for incidence of COVID. While the morbidity of this group is relatively low, they become the vector that allows it to spread throughout other age groups with higher morbidity. There is no rationale for allowing the deadly spread of COVID to happen when a simple requirement such as mask-wearing represent the cheapest, easiest, and most effective method of combating spread. For those who contest wearing masks as a infringement on their freedom, they need only be reminded that others have the right to not be injured or killed by other citizens who unknowingly transmit the disease to others. Many other guidelines must be implemented to combat this disease - but requiring the wearing of masks is essential and can be done immediately, with a minimum of cost, and has been already adopted in a growing number of communities throughout Florida. Please don't wait for more data or another study - waiting equates to more disease, more death. Case studies abound; Japan is the success story we should all be studying and imitating.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Billy Lunsford
	Address: 1433 Westheaven Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:09:04 PM

Please require masks for the county. It's the only way that we are going to make it to the other side of this pandemic.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bob Beck
	Address: 1521 Fuller Rd. Tallahassee, FL. 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:03:32 PM

I strongly support a county-wide mandate requiring face masks wherever people gather especially supermarkets.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: bonnie benge
	Address: 114 tryon dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:20:39 AM

to protect ourselves and others, mask wearing should be mandated.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bonnie Devall
	Address: 5622 Last Ridge Rd.
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:31:24 AM

I understand the logic for wearing masks. What I don't understand is the logic for NOT wearing masks. To subject anyone to this disease, young or old, doesn't make sense. Each of you could easily contract this disease by being around someone without a mask. What I'd like you to ask yourself is "Why would we ever not require each individual to wear masks and each store to require that masks be worn?" If the answer is, "We don't want people to not like us or greed or ego or major political figures aren't wearing them..... really doesn't matter whatever it is, I want you to question your reasoning." Masks need to be worn at this time by everyone. Thank you for reading my thoughts.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

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Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: bonnie hoffman
	Address: 739 Eagle View Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:45:09 AM

Masks need to be mandated when shopping anywhere. People are complaining that their rights are being violated. What about my right to stay healthy.??
Wearing a mask is a courtesy to others to protect them if you have the virus.
Also, I don't believe movies theaters should open.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bonnie Lawhon
	Address: 2660 Byron Cir
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:25:43 AM

I support the required use of masks in public. The increase in covid-19 over the last couple weeks proves our citizens are not responsible enough to protect others on their own.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bonnie Stark
	Address: 1143 Pine Street, Tallahassee, FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:04:08 PM

I want the Commission to approve the wearing of masks in Public as mandatory. Will help the county to Keep moving forward. Otherwise we are going to continue to see more and more cases risking us having to shut down more and more businesses. Wearing masks is a responsible decision. Thank you for considering this.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bonnie Yu
	Address: 715 middlebrooks circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:23:05 PM

Leon county should mandatory Wear mask in public!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Brandon Singletary
	Address: 3943 Magellan trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:42:46 PM

Requiring masks would be a good measure given the exponential spread of COVID-19 that we are seeing in the State of Florida. Locally, it is apparent that a lot of people have refused to take it upon themselves to wear a mask as a common courtesy to others, and for their own protection. Since people are too stupid to protect themselves, their neighbors, and their loved ones; a requirement that forces them to do just that by simply wearing a face mask out in public, seems more than reasonable.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Brandy Hoppes
	Address: 8055 Evening Star Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:02:59 PM

Please vote to make masks mandatory. The science is so simple and the effect so positive.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Brenda Boggs
	Address: 3423 Mahoney Drive Tallahassee, Fl. 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:58:45 PM

I support wearing mask over mouth and nose when inside public places or outdoors in crowds.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Brenda Granthum
	Address: 4266 Little Osprey Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:27:01 PM

Please make mask mandatory in public. Keep us safe.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Brenda Jackson
	Address: 4424 Anastasia Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:50:21 PM

Commissioners,

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns as they relate to COVID-19. As a 74 year old healthy senior, I am interested in remaining as such. My husband and I have self isolated since February except for shopping necessities and doctor appointments. When in public we use face covering and gloves and it is very disturbing to see so many people out in public without any face covering. I have seen small and large groups of people gathered with no protection. Since the number of new COVID-19 cases has significantly increased, not only in the entire state, but specifically in Leon County, I'm concerned the precautions my husband and I are taking are not enough. **SEVERAL COUNTIES THROUGHOUT FLORIDA HAVE REQUIRED THEIR CITIZENS TO WEAR FACE MASKS/COVERING IN PUBLIC, IT IS MY GREAT DESIRE THAT LEON COUNTY WILL DO THE SAME.** The CDC and many endocrinologist have stated wearing a face mask and the washing of hands are the safest ways to deter the COVID-19 disease.

I implore each of you to seriously consider face covering in public as an enforceable mandate. I realize you will get quite a push back for this, however, many more of us would like to see this pandemic end safely. My husband and I would love to live out our retirement in good health and have the ability to once again travel and visit our 3 year old great-granddaughter. Heck, it would be great just to visit neighbors again.

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to express my concerns. I sincerely hope you take them seriously.

God bless,

Brenda

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: brenda moore
	Address: 4125 chelmsford road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:11:46 PM

i do believe the whole idea of wearing a mask should be optional for us, except for the rules that a business, aka restaurant, gym, clothing store etc.. we should abide by their signs at the door, but the mask between the biz and my car, or the lake i walk around, should be optional, i have many nurse and doctor friends that tell me these masks do not make a whole lot of difference, but do help a little if you got it, from spreading from you to others, the numbers are so low in leon county and tallahassee, the mandatory is not necessary

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Brendan Crellin
	Address: 140 China Doll Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:27:51 PM

It is essential that county government make masks mandatory in public. There is plenty of evidence that shows mask are effective at slowing the spread of COVID-19. Florida is moving in the wrong direction compared to other states and the U.S. as a whole in comparison to European Union and other countries. In the absense of leadership and mixed messaging on the state and federal levels, it is important for leadership on the local level to take action to control the pandemic.

I also feel that much more can and should be done on a local level to educate citizens about the virus. The county should implement education initiatives aimed at providing safety information, providing accurate statistics, and dispelling myths and false information about the virus and treatments. Local government should provide information to citizens that helps remove the politics and focuses on the scientific information.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Brenton Machado
	Address: 2421 Jackson Bluff Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:24:01 AM

Commissioners, the state government seems to have little interest in taking steps to mitigate the spread of Covid-19. In the past few weeks the Voluntary usage of masks in public places have dropped immensely. People feel that the crisis has past due to the silence of our state and federal government. It is time for local government to step in and sound the alarm, and take steps necessary to prevent an epicenter forming in Tallahassee.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Brett Wellman
	Address: 2255 Nanna's Loop, Tallahassee, FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:15:05 AM

Please make masks mandatory.
Please.
It's only for a short while in the grand scheme of things, and it's for everyone's benefit.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Brian Chadwick
	Address: 2481 Elfinwing Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:09:47 AM

It is my opinion that mask wearing in public should be mandated as it is beginning to be done in other forward thinking States. I worry enormously about the safety of workers in stores, or their loved ones that they return to each day, if customers are not doing everything in their power to reduce spread of COVID19. Not only has it been scientifically proven that mask wearing is an effective proactive means to reduce community spread, but if we do not do all that we can, we will likely move closer and closer to the need for a repeated shut down. Such a scenario will have the very real potential of permanently putting local stores out of business which would be terrible for Tallahassee and the individuals impacted. This is not about rights, but doing the right thing for everyone.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Brian Waterman
	Address: 4275 Raleigh Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:22:26 PM

If you are going to impose a mandatory mask requirement, here are the questions/concerns I have.

1. What is the requirement being based on? If it is being based on the cumulative new cases, that may not be an accurate measure of the level of impact since many of those people in the total have recovered and may no longer be spreading the disease. The approximate 450 cases represent 0.0015% of the total population of Leon County (293,582 as of 2019). Assuming a 21 day incubation period, we can probably assume there are around 120 active cases or 0.0004% of the population. Or is being based on the percent positive testing of 2.5% (Source Florida COVID-19 Dashboard).

2. Under what conditions would the mask requirement be lifted? Using the previous numbers, can we assume the mask ban would be lifted if the testing positive rate is under 2%. Or do we want less than 100 active cases? The mask requirement should be based on a measurable value so we can get an idea on when it will be lifted and not be based on when you think it is appropriate.

3. Under what requirements am I required to wear a mask? May I walk around outside without a mask if I can maintain at least 6 feet of distance from those around me? According to virologists, this virus does not survive very long outdoors, and the risk of catching it is extremely small. How about if am walking to/from my car to my office? May I forgo wearing a mask? Due to limitations in the offices in my building, I rarely interact with anyone as I travel to/from my car.

4. What happens if I choose not to wear it when required to? What are the enforcement mechanisms? Due to this challenging times and relatively high unemployment, not everyone may have mask or the means to acquire one. Is the County going to provide a mask to those who cannot afford them? If not, are they then exempt from the requirement?

Please understand this is a challenging/interesting time we are in and I don't envy your position. Public policy recommendations, however, such as this require a balance between public health and personal freedom. While i think it is in your power to enact this requirement, I think it should be extremely restricted since the virus has an extremely low mortality rate for the majority of the population and there is a very small number of people in our community with the disease.

Thank you. I would appreciate an answer to my questions.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Brian Waterman
	Address: 4275 RALEIGH WAY
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:16:07 PM

I apologize, but I want to add to my previous comments. Sorry for my typos in my first set.

Basically, I want to know for how long the mask order would be in affect and/or under what conditions would it be lifted? If you cannot answer those questions, then the decision is rather arbitrary and really should not be imposed.

My concern is that you are basing your decision only on cumulative rates which is a number that never decreases and does not look at percentage of positive tests, levels of hospitalization, active cases, rate of growth, etc. Many of those people who are part of the cumulative number are either asymptomatic, received a mild case, or are no longer infected and not contributing to the spread. Related, there is some emerging research that COVID is losing its virulence as it evolves as a means to survive. I think that should be taken into consideration. If this disease just becomes a bad cold/flu (a likely scenario) and a vaccine is 'never' developed, then your mask requirement could continue in perpetuity under a cumulative total scenario.

If you want me to support this requirement, then I assurances that this is based on sound public health principles and there is an end in sight.

Thank you for your time.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Briana Hall
	Address: 1313 Lehigh Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:09:57 PM

I am writing in favor of making masks mandatory in public in Leon County, on an ongoing basis until either a vaccine has been developed or the number of cases in Leon County drops under a significantly low threshold (e.g., a few dozen new cases per day) and remains low and decreases for a period of three weeks or more. There is no reason not to enact an order that has zero disadvantages and provides a huge benefit to public safety. Requiring a mask in public places does not infringe on any personal rights, and is no different than safety regulations on vehicles or laws that prohibit being drunk and disorderly in public.

It is clear that a large number of our fellow citizens do not take the Coronavirus pandemic seriously, and these people are putting the lives of their fellow citizens at risk. Masks are widely and readily available now, and even homemade cloth masks provide significant protection against spread of the disease. The intention of wearing a mask is to keep the wearer from spreading an infection they may not even know they have - leaving this decision up to individuals risks asymptomatic spread by those who may not know they are infected and thus see no reason to wear a mask. Making this mandatory in public places is the only way to ensure compliance.

There is a wealth of research to prove the effectiveness of wearing masks in decreasing the spread of COVID-19 (<https://health.clevelandclinic.org/heres-how-wearing-a-cloth-mask-helps-fight-the-spread-of-coronavirus/>). Failing to enact such a simple, cheap measure to protect the lives of our citizens would be a failure of your duty of care to the community. This is a no brainer - make masks mandatory!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bridgid Shannon
	Address: 1110 Missionwood Lane 32304
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:54:22 AM

Please protect public safety and mitigate risk by making masks mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Brittany Maddox
	Address: 950 W Orange Pkwy
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:07:58 PM

The CDC has stated that healthy people shouldn't wear masks. Many doctors agree, along with common sense, that breathing in the co2 our bodies expel forgiord reason is extremely harmful. Doctors have also found that the virus just collects on the outside and becomes a concentrated contaminant. It does more harm than good. The fatality rate and death rate don't justify the insanity plaguing our country. The death rate is actually at an all-time low. It's even lower than the death rate of the flu, and only harms people with comorbidities just like the flu would, and yet here we are taking ridiculous precautions and harming jobs, businesses and the livelihoods of so many people. There is a hidden agenda here, and many American citizens are aware of this. Thank you for your time.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Brooke Kong
	Address: 1238 Camellia Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:29:36 PM

Dear Commissioners,

Please make wearing masks in public mandatory. We must make the responsible choice to protect ourselves, our neighbors, and our essential workers and businesses. I have been shocked while doing curbside pick up this last weekend near very busy retail locations with many recent positive COVID-19 cases in staff members and have seen almost no customers wearing masks going in and out of these locations. It makes me feel very unsafe and concerned for our community.

Thank you

Brooke Kong

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Brtsy McKnight
	Address: 3648 Velda Oaks Circle. Tall. 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:18:08 PM

Please require face coverings when in public. Follow the science and medical guidelines. It's going to take everyone's cooperation to get rid of this virus. I am over 65 and I'd like to feel safe as possible when I leave my home. Been stuck at home for 3 months now:(
Thank you for your attention.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bruce Deterding
	Address: 4841 Old Bainbridge Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:32:10 AM

As a Leon County resident and a former director of several state medical and healthcare boards, I would like to know if the county commission is seriously considering a requirement for indoor mask-wearing in public places.

I realize the political answer to that question is that the commission is "seriously considering all public safety and health options..." but a requirement for indoor masks in public places is the simplest and most expedient measure for lowering transmission of the virus--if we truly want to protect people.

Many people are voluntarily stepping up in these situations by wearing masks. Judging by the number of homemade masks and scarves, these good people are actually protecting YOU from THEMSELVES.

Others who don't wear masks are a walking threat. Their right to threaten the rest of us should not extend beyond our right to protect ourselves from bodily harm. Legal requirements for public behavior should reflect that sentiment.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment.

Bruce Deterding

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bruce Van Stratum
	Address: 4064 Shady View Ln.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:22:36 PM

Please recommend or require Facemasks in public Buildings where more than 10 people may convene for a few weeks more.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Bryan Smith
	Address: 1203 South Meridian Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:40:00 AM

Thank you for allowing input and gathering to discuss our public health crisis. We as Floridians should be smart enough to treat this pandemic no differently than a hurricane season and severe storms. We bring awareness around all of those threats and get people engaged in taking proactive measures to protect themselves and others. We get people to have their "hurricane buckets", to learn to have a plan to evacuate, we create checklists. I feel the county (and city) have done a pretty good job at marketing the recommendations for the CDC's guidelines, but we can do better.

Masks or face coverings (nose & mouth) should be mandated. This isn't political and shouldn't be treated as such. Hurricane's aren't political, and seat belts aren't political. This is about the health and safety of our community and the people in it. Masks won't make the virus go away, but they will help slow the spread. All businesses should require masks for their customers to come inside. This should include all essential businesses and non-essential. Let's follow New York and Tampa's lead where "any situation where someone is in public and comes within six feet of someone else". Exceptions include: Children under 2. Those observing federal social distancing guidelines (the 6-foot rule.) Anyone who has pre-existing health conditions that would be adversely affected by a mask. Those working inside in a business or profession who don't interact with other people. Those inside a business who socially distance themselves from others. Those working in a business or profession where a mask or face covering would prevent them from performing their duties. Exercising while social distancing. Eating and drinking. The mask rule doesn't apply when a hearing-impaired person needs to see the mouth of someone wearing a mask in order to communicate.

What's the penalty for not wearing a mask? Nobody should have to be arrested. But small fines (like what Tampa did) should be considered.

The county should also continue its mask-wearing marketing campaign and look to continue to offer masks for free. I was glad to see them getting passed out this weekend. Let's do the right thing to protect each other and mandate masks. It's not too much to mask. #MaskOnLeon

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Byron Johnson
	Address: 1511 Hasosaw Nene, Tallahassee, Florida 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 7:24:27 AM

DO NOT make Mask “mandatory”! This would be an illegal rule, you have no legal authority to do this. You should not even be considering this. I will not comply! You will push in to civil disobedience. You will draw out those that just want to be left alone. You do not want this.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: C Futch
	Address: 4304 Mossy Top Ct.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:38:43 PM

Good evening. Regarding the mandatory usage of face coverings in indoor public places where recommended distancing cannot be assured, I am in favor on a temporary basis. With Corona cases on the rise, this seems like a logical step to ensure that we protect our community and give businesses a better chance of staying open during these tough economic times. I am interested to know about the logistics, however. Will, as I've heard about in some other places, there be any consequences for not wearing a mask, such as a warning or fine? It seems like "teeth" of some type would be needed, or the requirement isn't much different than the current suggested use. And if someone is unable to wear a mask for health reasons, etc., how will that be addressed? Though most people can safely wear masks, that may not be the case for everyone.

I don't support this lightly. I am also very aware that as the cases have gone up, the death rate has come down and don't know how the cycle of the virus will leave us over the long period. Perhaps the mandating of masks could be set for a limited time and then be reevaluated. I personally care for somebody that is very medically fragile, so I want to be particularly careful for her sake and also am expecting a new baby in the family and so want to protect those folks especially as well. I know many other people have special cases such as these and when I put on a mask, I'm trying to protect them as well.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: C. Gary Williams
	Address: 307 Rosehill Dr. E.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:57:16 PM

Please immediately enact an ordinance or order **REQUIRING** masks be worn inside all buildings at all times...**NO EXCEPTIONS**, other than eating inside a restaurant. **SCIENCE** has proven masks are effective. It's no longer a matter of personal preference. Masks are necessary to protect the public, particularly citizens at risk.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Caitlin Downey
	Address: 1017 Shalimar Drive Tallahassee 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:00:51 PM

Please make masks mandatory! Please help us get out of this pandemic faster!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Caitlyn Wolff
	Address: 123 white drive drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:01:39 PM

As someone who has to work in a public area, considering how many places have had positive cases, it would make me feel better if our patrons also wore masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cameron Forfar
	Address: 4921 Annette Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:23:50 PM

Regarding the mask requirement controversy:

I wear a mask to protect you. Therefore, if you have common courtesy, you will wear a mask to protect me.

This is not a civil rights issue! We have speed limit laws, DUI laws, laws to sanction shooting guns into the air, no bare feet in restaurants... These laws mandate ways in which we must behave so as to prevent injury to others and are necessary social limits.

Finally, it amazes me that we had citizens who voluntarily crashed Flight 93 to prevent harm to others, but now we have people who feel it is too burdensome to being cover their exhale portals when they are in public!

Yes, require facial coverings.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Camille Beasley
	Address: 520 Talaflo st
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:38:27 PM

Please make masks mandatory inside every retail space, every government building, and any other indoor environment where a mask does not preclude the service provided in that establishment. Masks have to been shown to be effective at preventing coronavirus spread. I want to feel safe when I buy groceries. For restaurants, I'm not sure of the best solution, as I only get take-out. Staff should wear masks, regular testing or screening at the very least should be mandated, and perhaps a tip line to report restaurants that allow parties over 10 or have tables too close (6 ft is insufficient, should be at least 10). Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Candice Monroy
	Address: 1935 Willow Run Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:00:33 PM

Please vote in favor of the mandatory mask mandate. Matters of public health cannot be left to individuals to decide. The risk is too great. Please take a strong stance in defending our most vulnerable populations.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Capt. Joseph W. Haley III
	Address: 611 Collins Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 8:16:59 PM

Don't let Commercial interest stop you from doing what is necessary to protect public health. What I have seen, are people running around with no separation and without masks. They are dragging their children around unprotected as well. Be smarter than they are and do what you can to inform them.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Carl & Linda Tinsley
	Address: 5634 Mossy Top Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:19:28 PM

Please require that masks be worn in public places. We have been following CDC guidelines and staying home for the greater good and our own protection since March 13th. We believe the pandemic would have been under control by now if everyone had been doing their part.

Sincerely,

Carl and Linda Tinsley

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Carlene Strandell
	Address: 8031 Red Eagle Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:10:39 PM

I am 66 years old and my husband is 64 but with numerous health issues and very much at risk for COVID. I run a busy cat rescue group and like to consider myself a valuable member of the community that gives back whenever possible.

I hate wearing the mask. I do wear it however because i believe in it. I think all businesses (with the obvious exception of food services) should require that people should wear a mask. No one enjoys it. Costco requires it and I have seen people turned away. I seriously doubt the requirement has hurt business. We just have to get used to it.

One thing that I haven't seen mentioned is a possible impact on cold and flu season as well as COVID.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Carli Morrow
	Address: 4085 N Monroe St
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:33:08 PM

I am strongly against mandatory mask wearing policies.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Carliayn Kell
	Address: 9378 Settler Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:10:50 PM

Please vote in favor of requiring public mask wearing. I'm 4 months pregnant and have been socially isolating even from my mother and in laws to keep my family safe. Anytime my husband and I go out, we see so many people not wearing masks, choosing not to protect themselves or others. As the line outside Patients First gets longer and the numbers of infected in our state and county rise, I'm terrified that my friends or family will get sick because other people have been to selfish to wear a mask.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Carol Belancsik
	Address: 2008 Chowkeebin Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:48:53 PM

I feel very strongly all Leon County residents should be required to wear masks when entering any building, and outside when circumstances don't permit proper social distancing.
I feel it is our "civic duty" to help protect each other, and that our local government should step up and make mask wearing mandatory for the greater good.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Carol Christensen
	Address: 1537 Heechee Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:35:36 AM

On April 3, 2020, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new guidance advising all individuals to wear cloth facial covers in public areas where close contact with others is unavoidable, citing new evidence on virus transmission from asymptomatic or pre-symptomatic individuals. Please make face coverings in all public areas in Tallahassee mandatory until the pandemic ends.
It's not too much to "mask".
Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Carol Hays
	Address: 3448 Rosemont Ridge Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:32:55 PM

As a senior citizen and 4th generation Floridian, since the governor is not going to require that the state of Florida wear masks when out in public, I feel that our county should do so. We will then follow Miami, Ft Lauderdale, Tampa, St Petersburg, Orange County and the Florida Keys. The great state of California, just this past week, is now requiring all of the state to wear masks. What are "we" waiting for?

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Carol Knox
	Address: 1606 Chinnapakin Nene Tallahassee
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:51:31 PM

Please require that people wear masks in public. If we can implement masks and other CDC recommendations it will protect the public health. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Carol Rosen
	Address: 6236 Hines Hill Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:10:46 PM

I wear masks, social distance, and stay home. However, I don't think that requiring masks will be enforceable. I do not see TPD being able to effectively write citations for not wearing Masks and carry their current responsibilities as well. How will you enforce this? Doesn't do any good to growl if you won't bite.

Conversely a community education program might be beneficial. I also have noticed that Costco and Fresh Market have effectively required masks to enter their stores. No mask no entry, but that enables a consumer choice.

Whatever you do people will complain about. Good luck!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Carol Thompson
	Address: 201 Winn Cay Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:05:21 PM

I am employed at Sunshine Alterations and members of the public are the customers that come in for alterations, so it would be right to have masks worn by all who come in the shop.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Caroline Kirk
	Address: 1232 Penny Lane Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 8:01:23 PM

Hi, my name is Caroline Kirk. I am a graduate of Leon High School and current student at the University of Virginia, home in Tallahassee during this time of COVID. I am writing to strongly urge the city to mandate the wearing of masks in indoor spaces and for groups of 10 or more. While my other home state of Virginia has mandated this for the entire state, I understand that Florida has left the decision up to cities and counties. As we are a college town, have influxes of students in and out, and also are experiencing major spikes in cases the last three weeks, I implore the city of TALLAHASSEE to follow suit of other communities and require the use of masks. Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Carolyn Cohen
	Address: 14242 Turkey Creek Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 2:20:13 AM

I DO NOT SUPPORT A REQUIREMENT FOR WEARING MASKS IN PUBLIC IN LEON COUNTY

"There is also no scientific evidence for the effectiveness of face masks in healthy or asymptomatic individuals. On the contrary, experts warn that such masks interfere with normal breathing and may become "germ carriers". Leading doctors called them a "media hype" and "ridiculous"."

(<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/health/coronavirus-news-face-masks-increase-risk-infection-doctor-jenny-harries-a9396811.html>)

VERY GOOD INFO RFOM SWISS POLICY

"On the effectiveness of masks

--Regardless of the comparatively low lethality of Covid19 in the general population (see above), there is still no scientific evidence for the effectiveness of masks in healthy and asymptomatic people in everyday life.

--A cross-country study by the University of East Anglia came to the conclusion that a mask requirement was of no benefit and could even increase the risk of infection.

--Two US professors and experts in respiratory and infection protection from the University of Illinois explain in an essay that respiratory masks have no effect in everyday life, neither as self-protection nor to protect third parties (so-called source control). The widespread use of masks didn't prevent the outbreak in the Chinese city of Wuhan, either.

--A study from April 2020 in the journal Annals of Internal Medicine came to the conclusion that neither fabric masks nor surgical masks can prevent the spread of the Covid19 virus by coughing.

--An article in the New England Journal of Medicine from May 2020 also comes to the conclusion that respiratory masks offer little or no protection in everyday life. The call for a mask requirement is described as an "irrational fear reflex".

--A May 2020 meta-study on pandemic influenza published by the U.S. CDC also found that respirators had no effect.

--The WHO moreover declared in June that truly "asymptomatic transmission" is in fact "very rare", as data from numerous countries showed. Some of the few confirmed cases were due to direct body contact, i.e. shaking hands or kissing.

--In Austria, the mask requirement in retail and catering will be lifted again from mid-June. A mask requirement was never introduced in Sweden because it "does not offer additional protection for the population", as the health authority explained.

--Numerous politicians, media people and police officers have already been caught putting on their respirators in a crowd especially for the television cameras or taking them off immediately when they believed that they were no longer being filmed.

--In some cases there were brutal police attacks because a person allegedly "did not wear her mask properly". In other cases, people with a disability who cannot and do not have to wear a mask, are not allowed to enter department stores .

--Despite this evidence, a group called "masks4all", which was founded by a "young leader" of the World Economic Forum (WEF) Davos, is advocating worldwide mask requirements. Several governments and the WHO appear to be responding to this campaign.

--Many critics suspect that the masks are more likely to have a psychological or political function ("muzzle" or "visible sign of obedience") and that wearing them frequently might even lead to additional health problems.

--A study from Germany empirically showed that the introduction of face masks had no effect on infection rates (see graph). Only the city of Jena appeared to experience a strong decrease in infections, but Jena simultaneously introduced very strict quarantine regulations.

--Introduction of face masks in German cities had no impact on infections (IZA)"

(<https://swprs.org/a-swiss-doctor-on-covid-19/>)

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Carolyn Shi
	Address: 661 Eagle View Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:59:20 PM

PLEASE MAKE MASKS REQUIRED! There have been such an increase in COVID19 cases in Leon County these past couple days and masks are shown to decrease transmission BY 70%! Its such a little action that can go SO FAR.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Caronell Zatoris
	Address: 10646 Valentine Rd N
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:29:04 PM

Please pass a face mask mandate. Our governor has already passed the buck, so it is up to you to protect us. This is not going to be accomplished with a heavy suggestion. Please show more concern for your constituents than the governor has, especially the ones in our neediest and heaviest hit area codes. They cannot afford to stay home but are forced to be exposed to the science deniers and ignorant people refusing to wear masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Carrie Boyd
	Address: 4229 Summertree Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:11:19 PM

Please make the wearing of masks mandatory and provide them to the public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: CARRIE RICHARDS
	Address: 1905 DOOMAR DR
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:33:50 PM

All the numbers since the beginning of this "pandemic" have been skewed, erroneous, and politically motivated. We have never seen the "overflowing" hospitals them claimed we would. A simple research on an unbiased search engine will show you Dr. Fauci, WHO, CDC, NIH, and Bill Gates are all corrupt. They have contradicted themselves on numerous occasions, and even admitted they were wrong. They stand to make a lot of money for themselves and the oligarchs on mandatory vaccines, which will be next if we go along with this scam. Also, basic middle school science teaches you about herd immunity. Masks do not work anyway. Why do all the strictest closed states have democrat governors? I strongly urge you to not make masks mandatory. Too many small businesses are struggling and will go out of business. The news is purposely misleading the public. This goes way deeper than whether we should wear masks or not. This has to do with taking away our rights, shutting down small businesses (why is WalMart okay, but small mom and pops are not?), and ruining an economy that was on its way up. It will eventually lead to mandatory vaccines. It is a huge step in the wrong direction.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Casey Laurienzo
	Address: 3219 Del Rio Ter
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:03:56 AM

Leon County Commissioners,

Please consider requiring masks when citizens are out in public. It isn't always the popular choice but this is the last opportunity we have as a county to flatten the curve before Universities, state offices, and most importantly leon county schools, open. I try only to go out when necessary and it is terribly challenging staying home. However when I do go out to grocery stores I see droves of people without them as if nothing is happening. I see more without than with. Many restaurants have chosen not to follow CDC guidelines and subsequently have had to close. It's obvious we've opened too soon and too briskly. Please consider requiring masks through July to hopefully bring the curve back into a downward spiral. A concerned citizen.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Casey Weiner
	Address: 1362 Lawndale Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:48:07 PM

I would like for the meeting to require masks be worn. The COVID-19 pandemic is getting to dangerous and unhealthy levels, particularly in this county. The lack of a mask mandate is resulting in a stark rise in cases.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cassandra Dolgin
	Address: 1848 Celtic Rd.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:28:27 PM

If the county is truly interested in slowing down the incidence of COVID-19, then the use of face masks should be mandated within indoor spaces. At present, I believe that of shopping businesses, only Costco is requiring both employees and customers to wear face masks. Some restaurants are doing the same as well. At Publix, only employees are required to wear masks. Leon County will continue to see the numbers of infected rise as the State continues to "reopen" unless something affirmative is done to "stop the spread." Research has demonstrated that the use of face masks changes the rate of transmission, significantly. See <http://www.advisory.com/daily-briefing/2020/06/16/mask-covid>. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cassidy Hetteema
	Address: 404 Terrace Street
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:19:21 PM

To whom it may concern:

I am a mother of 3 and my youngest is only 9 weeks old. As I return to work in 3 weeks, I'm frustrated and cautious and overwhelmed by the recklessness in our county. I would love for masks to be mandated as we see positive cases rising. I would appreciate not being an outlier everywhere I go. I would sleep better knowing that our community considered others before ourselves and I was not jeopardizing the health of those I encounter by simply going to work each day and then coming home because no one cared to wear a mask that day.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Catherine McRae
	Address: 1925 Sageway Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:51:16 PM

1. Please require all businesses to require masks of their employees and customers. It is very clear that this is crucial if we are to prevent further spread.
2. Pull our medical providers together to partner in providing critical and timely testing for rrc Covid. The situation on Mahan at Patient's First where people had to wait in line for 8 hours to be tested is both ridiculous and dangerous. CHP , both hospitals and the private clinics could partner to help test and get faster results. Do the rapid test at Bragg they had a good system but the results took a week.
3. Please keep the public informed about areas of outbreak in a timely and transparent manner. Do not hide the facts it us not helpful.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cavell Kyser
	Address: 10286 Thousand Oaks Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:02:11 PM

Masks should be mandatory when in public. Other than another shutdown, there is really no other viable option to prevent COVID19 from continuing to spread. If for no other reason than out of respect for people who are out in public working to provide the general public with groceries, health care, or other services, masks should be worn. No, they aren't comfortable, but the consequences of not wearing one is even more uncomfortable...even dangerous. And the idea that wearing a mask infringes on one's rights is ridiculous; does it infringe on one's rights to have to wear shoes and a shirt in a restaurant, or even to wear clothes when in public?

Thanks for "listening".

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Chantel Hormuth
	Address: 1328 lola dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:11:31 PM

Mandatory mask ordinance please!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Chantelle Tuffigo
	Address: 3279 Emerson Lane, Tallahassee FL 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:09:28 PM

I support a mask mandate. Unfortunately we have seen people are not making the responsible choice on their own. We need it to be mandatory. We need to be forced to do the right thing. A mask mandate will literally save lives.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Charles Newell,M.D.
	Address: 1744 Tarpon Drive, Tallahassee 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:55:59 PM

I would highly recommend that our community adopt a resolution that masks be worn in all public facilities. In my opinion we are late on this resolution. It's not a coincidence that as the state reopened the numbers of SARS-Cov 2 numbers have rapidly increased. I understand we have to live our lives but we should proceed with caution. Masks reduce transmission of viruses as does hand sanitizing. In addition to requiring masks, I would recommend that public facilities also try to provide hand sanitizing upon entering their facilities. This can be done quickly, at minimum costs with spray bottled 70% alcohol which is readily available. The argument that requiring people to wear masks in public "violates their rights" is a weak argument. Others have a right to not be infected by asymptomatic carriers who are not wearing masks. Certainly when vaccines and therapeutics become available or herd immunity is achieved we can relax but not until then.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Charlotte Curtis
	Address: 5112 ILE DE FRANCE DRIVE
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:31:08 PM

Please pass that masks be worn in all public faciticies as well all Doctor offices and Medical offices. i am shocked that a Doctor is not wearing a masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Chelsea Cook
	Address: 819 Miccosukee Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:02:38 PM

Wearing a mask should be mandatory. Florida is an absolute disaster right now thanks to this pandemic. Please, slow it down with masks. Otherwise, we will be forced to shut down again.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Chelsea Rimert
	Address: 176 Parkbrook Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:34:41 AM

Our funds need to be allocated more appropriately. We are seeing time and time again we are building out and not using our current infrastructure and revitalizing and investing in our neighborhoods. We have a downtown area that most people from out of town question because it is unused except by lobbyists and firms.

More money should go into the ethics office and we should look into TPD's Bill of Rights and abuse of Marsy's law.

Our commissioners need to stop with the rhetoric of "we are so great we have done this" and focus on moving forward and doing better. Your constituents are speaking and you need to listen.

There should be a mandatory mask order. Florida is having rising numbers every day. You have cops posing with citizens maskless with their arms around them for photo ops in the middle of a pandemic. Our police force is funded more than our doctors and we also need to invest in helping get rid of health disparities, voters suppression, and the huge economic divide that is very evident in Tallahassee. We have growth, but no sustainable job market. We have poverty-stricken areas that we talk about investing in, but the projects that are rushed and actually funded are for the elite. We have an amazing HBCU that needs better staff. We need to put resources into underfunded communities and start making real change and creating and real sustainable job market in Tallahassee not just for the locals, but also to retain people and help Tallahassee grow and move forward.

Why did you not wait for public comment before voting for the citizen review board? That is not what the public wanted. They wanted a private CPAC not appointed by commissioners and with more teeth.

With TPDs release to the public of their practices there are certain instances in which they can turn off their body cams which can leave citizens vulnerable. I know you are working on an app, which could be problematic being on a local level, but maybe just seeing if there is anything similar for Android similar to the siri function.

In TPDs practices it does not show the maximum retention of their videos it just sets a minimum, and in light of recent events nation wide, funding for the police such as for Pepperballs, the SRT etc should be looked into since it is such a highly funded department as well as the employment of our current police chief. No other country has the incarceration rate, or death by police officer that we have here in the United States.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Chelsea Rimert
	Address: 176 Parkbrook Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:13:40 PM

Masks need to be made mandatory and there needs to be funding to provide masks to lower income communities. This pandemic is not going away and our numbers are only increasing. Masks are proven to reduce to rate of transmission of COVID-19. Listen to our doctors and health experts. We as a community urge you to implement this necessary life saving order.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Chelsea Zupofska
	Address: 2913 N Meridian Rd, Tallahassee FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:16:23 PM

Please make masks mandatory. It is also important we help reduce the chances of healthcare workers becoming overwhelmed as Florida keeps seeing record breaking numbers of new cases and to help protect the vulnerable population.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cheryl Gratt
	Address: 9086 Veterans Memorial Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:21:20 PM

I am writing to request, at the June 23 Commission meeting, that LEON COUNTY require ALL people residing in, or visiting Leon County, PROPERLY WEAR A MASK in public areas. I am including the regulations from California for an example of DOING THE RIGHT THING! My cards have not been read at other commission meetings regarding Leon, so am trying to contact each of you for inclusion in your discussions of this matter. The cards are read at live commission meetings, why not during digital also? Zoom allows for people to be muted and unmuted. Thanks. Cheryl Gratt 850-591-0121

Here is when and where masks are required

- Inside, or in line to enter, any indoor public space.
- Obtaining health-related services including, but not limited to, a hospital, pharmacy, medical clinic, laboratory, physician's or dental office, veterinary clinic, or blood bank.
- Waiting for or riding on public transportation or paratransit or while in a taxi, private car service, or ride-hailing service vehicle.
- Engaged in work, whether at the workplace or performing work off site, when interacting in-person with any member of the public.
- Working in any space visited by members of the public, regardless of whether anyone from the public is present at the time.
- Working in any space where food is prepared or packaged for sale or distribution to others.
- Working in or walking through common areas, such as hallways, stairways, elevators, and parking facilities.
- In any room or enclosed area where other people (except for members of the person's own household or residence) are present when unable to physically distance.
- Driving or operating any public transportation or paratransit vehicle, taxi, or private car service or ride-hailing vehicle when passengers are present. When no passengers are present, face coverings are strongly recommended.
- While outdoors in public spaces when maintaining a physical distance of six feet from persons who are not members of the same household or residence is not feasible.

Here is who is exempt from wearing masks

- Children 2 years or under. Children this young must not wear a face covering because of the risk of suffocation.
- Persons with a medical condition, mental health condition or disability that prevents wearing a face covering. This includes persons with a medical condition for whom wearing a face covering could obstruct breathing or who are unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.
- Persons who are hearing impaired, or communicating with a person who is hearing impaired, where the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication.
- Persons for whom wearing a face covering would create a risk related to their work, as determined by local, state or federal regulators or workplace safety guidelines.
- Persons who are obtaining a service involving the nose or face for which temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service.
- Persons who are seated at a restaurant or other establishment that offers food or beverage service, while they are eating or drinking, provided that they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet from persons who are not members of the same household or residence.
- Persons who are engaged in outdoor work or recreation such as swimming, walking, hiking, bicycling or running, when alone or with household members, and when they are able to maintain a distance of at least six feet from others.
- Persons who are incarcerated. Prisons and jails, as part of their mitigation plans, will have specific guidance on the wearing of face coverings or masks for both inmates and staff.

The California Department of Public Health previously issued these guidelines for cloth masks:

- Face coverings can be made out of cloth, factory-made or hand-sewn, or improvised using bandannas, scarves, T-shirts, sweatshirts or towels.
- The material should cover both the nose and mouth.
- Ideally, face coverings should be w

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Special Meeting	Name: Cheryl Mcfarland
	Address: 8046 archer circle Tallahassee FL 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 12:05:23 AM

The vast majority of evidence suggests masks can reduce the spread of viruses such as coronavirus. I encourage the county to mandate use of masks in any indoor space and outdoor spaces where social distancing is not feasible.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Chris Bertoch
	Address: 2619 South Hannon Hill Drive 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:28:16 PM

I am in favor of requiring masks in public places, stores and restaurants. Employees and customers.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Chris Hawkins
	Address: 4049 Blind Brook Court
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 1:14:20 PM

I am a 74 year old white male. I have heart issues and diabetes type 2 and type A blood. I feel very strongly that Leon County should REQUIRE that face masks be properly worn for ALL individuals in enclosed spaces (stores and supermarkets) outside the home and at public outdoor gatherings. Social distancing measures should also be REQUIRED, not merely suggested. As you know, this has become a requirement in the FL Keys and not just Key West. We can't have a healthy economy if we don't have a healthy population.

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: chris mahoney
	Address: 14242 turkey creek drive
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 12:26:51 PM

<https://swprs.org/a-swiss-doctor-on-covid-19/>

I include above a link to Swiss Policy Review. It is not a government organ but a group that has been monitoring data on the virus since its inception. Their information has been data based and not politically driven like WHO and even sadly, CDC.

Much is still unknown about the virus but enough is to realize that the lockdown of the whole society was a tremendous mistake. The colossal damage to citizen health by the shutdown

is just one example that has not yet been completely analyzed. The economic damage has cast a very good economy into a perilous situation.

In these circumstances, Governor DeSantis has taken a pragmatic data driven approach. He has been successful though the partisan press in Florida and his Democrat opponents have continued to politicize the issue.

And so it is with the current rise of positive virus cases. However, when examining the data, you find that the media age of those testing positive is now 37 whereas it was 65 in early April. As you will know the threat the virus poses is to our senior citizens, those in nursing homes and those with pre-existing conditions. The governor's cautious approach acted to protect these populations while allowing everyone else to resume their lives. It is the only practical policy. Our ICUs and hospitals are not over capacity which was the rationale for the shutdown in the first place. Virus deaths and hospitalizations are not at the levels of April or May.

As you will recall the false models were used to justify a complete unconstitutional shutdown

of society. The Emergency Health Act enacted after 9/11 was misused to enact the unprecedented Draconian measures. There will be time to review and analyze these events

in the future and many sources will do so.

What is important now is for our country, our state and our county to move forward with life.

Do not slow down the phased return to regular life. The data does not justify it. Citizens can be trusted to socially distance as the political term goes. That of course excludes the protests/riots/looting/desecration of national monuments and historical statues in dozens of Democrat run cities that went -and continues- unchecked.

Let's set a good example and keep Leon County on the road to recovery. Fear is unnecessary.

Trust the citizens- unlike some Democrat run states who clearly have not done that, nor followed the data.

Thank you for your attention.

p.s. As a postscript I include an essay by Michael Leshner .

[https://www.zerohedge.com/political/lies-damned-lies-covid-](https://www.zerohedge.com/political/lies-damned-lies-covid-19?utm_campaign=&utm_content=ZeroHedge%3A+The+Durden+Dispatch&utm_medium=email&utm_source=zh_newsletter)

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The title will suggest his anger but his analysis is nevertheless acute

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: chris mahoney
	Address: 14242 turkey creek drive
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 1:28:15 PM

The wearing of masks has been demonstrated to be an ineffective means of dealing with the virus. N-95 masks do not reach the one micron size of Covid-19 particles, rendering their use by the general public as ineffective.

See for instance this article on why Sweden never mandated masks.

<https://www.thelocal.se/20200514/explained-why-is-sweden-not-recommending-face-masks-to-the-public>

Another example would be this article from the New England Journal of Medicine

In hospitals, necessary, outside health facilities it offers little if any protection

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2006372>

Similarly a CDC article from May 2020 found masks ineffective.

https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/5/19-0994_article

WEF/Davos is an example of the political campaign for masks .WHO has contradicted its own studies to urge the general use of masks. You would think their deplorable performance as an organization during the virus crisis would discredit their advice.

Here are several quotations from a paper entitled "Why Face Masks Don't Work"

"Between 2004 and 2016 at least a dozen research or review articles have been published on the inadequacies of face masks. All agree that the poor facial fit and limited filtration characteristics of face masks make them unable to prevent the wearer inhaling airborne particles. In their well-referenced 2011 article on respiratory protection for healthcare workers, Drs. Harriman and Brosseau conclude that, "facemasks will not protect against the inhalation of aerosols."

"Health care workers have long relied heavily on surgical masks to provide protection against influenza and other infections. Yet there are no convincing scientific data that support the effectiveness of masks for respiratory protection."

"It should be concluded from these and similar studies that the filter material of face masks does not retain or filter out viruses"

Or here from NCBI

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7181938/>

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

There are also health risks and psychological risks in the use of masks. The campaign to mandate their use is the last gasp of those who wish a longer lockdown, despite the observable folly of that failed approach.

Masks may be a nice social signal but they are not medically proven. On the contrary. They should not be mandatory. It would be a grave mistake for the county to believe it was moving toward "greater safety" by making their use mandatory.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_b0AhqvAVw 1 minute video

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Chris Tanzer
	Address: 204 Britt St.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:45:28 PM

PLEASE for the love of god institute a mandatory mask policy! There are people dying because others are too inconvenienced to wear a piece of fabric over their faces. You allowed the public a chance to be smart, now it is time to step up to the plate and do what you were elected for, helping the city of Tallahassee.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Chris Wallace
	Address: 6528 Man O War Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:07:58 PM

Nothing should be made Manatory. We live in a free country still. Everyday you try to take more freedoms away from us. Why don't we research these test? Are they accurate how do we know? There are many different covids we live with day to day. Use common sense there is much more y'all can do in leon county like jobs..... Roads

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Christi Gray
	Address: 5092 bird nest trail
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:17:49 PM

Please require mandatory masks like Orange County.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Christina Harrelson
	Address: 4135 Charles Samuel Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:50:20 PM

Yes to masks in Tallahassee! Especially indoors!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Christina Owens
	Address: 1126 N Bronough St
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:56:06 PM

I am writing to urge you to pass a county-wide mandate that would require everyone to wear masks when they are inside non-residential buildings. FSU has announced that masks will be mandatory on campus in their next stages of re-opening and other counties in the state have already taken the important step of issuing county-wide mandates. Creating a blanket policy for Leon county will clarify expectations for everyone and make it much easier for individual institutions and stores to enforce mask-wearing on their premises. That said, the mandate should make it clear that no one will be arrested or detained for failing to wear a mask. The only penalty should be removal from the premises.

Given the increasing scientific evidence pointing to the effectiveness of masks as deterrents to the spread of coronavirus, mandating their use is a necessary public health intervention.

Sincerely,

Dr. Christina Owens

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Christine Chiricos
	Address: 6608 Reigh Count Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:21:34 PM

I am in full support of a mandate to require Leon County citizens to wear face masks when out in public. I hope that the Leon County Commission will move forward with a yes vote on this issue.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Christine Reilly
	Address: 3315 Whirlaway Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 1:18:07 PM

I support science based health and safety measures to control the pandemic. This shouldn't be about feelings and politics.

I am fine with masks. I still won't eat in a restaurant and will do take out instead.

I'd love to have things go back to before SARS-CoV-2, but the reality is that it is here, and we are still in the first phase with the flattening of the curve starting to fail especially in other parts of the state.

Reality may stink, but we can't wish it away.

I am a retired 66 year old woman and I hope to survive this. I believe in science.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Christopher Holmes
	Address: 4106 Poe Pl
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:59:22 PM

I support making masks mandatory in public spaces during the COVID pandemic. Scientific evidence suggests that masks can effectively limit or prevent the spread of COVID-19. The inconvenience of wearing a mask is far outweighed by the benefit of reducing mortality, disease, and stress on our healthcare workers and hospital systems.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Christopher Riley
	Address: 4870 Heritage Park Blvd
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 4:42:34 PM

Please make it mandatory for masks to be worn in public, businesses, and in general when people interact with other people. I think what alot of people forget is that masks are there not just to protect you but protect others. Pentalities would include a warning then a fine of \$100 or something along the line in order to make it a deterant. Random inspections of businesses via code enforcement and police would also help enforce these rules.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Christy Fulater
	Address: 5385 Sullivan road 32310
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:27:40 PM

Please make masks mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Chuck Booker
	Address: 10549 Old Centerville Road tallahassee 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:53:41 PM

with the current escalation of Covid 19 cases and the consensus among scientists and doctors that wearing mask will help slow the spread, it only makes sense to make wearing mask mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Chuck Zaruba
	Address: 1320 n Duval st
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:59:52 AM

I am against the required use of masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cicely Clary
	Address: 192 Sugar Plum Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:51:49 PM

I would like to address the need of Churches during and after COVID19.
They are free mental health services for our communities and creating assistance for them to get acclimated digital is a necessary service.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cindee Zurko
	Address: 2617 Nantucket Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:01:37 PM

In the wake of Leon County's numbers rising rapidly daily since we went into Phase Two, face masks should be mandatory and not wearing them should be punishable by law.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cindi Cavallaro
	Address: 8394 Chickasaw Trail, Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:17:06 PM

I'm concerned about breathing in high levels of CO2 while wearing a mask.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cindi Cavallaro
	Address: 8394 Chickasaw Trail, Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:28:36 PM

Here is a link regarding masks from the New England Journal of Medicine:

<https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp2006372>

I'd prefer for masks to be recommended only for those most at risk, but with a warning about not wearing them too long because of concerns breathing in CO2.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cindy Miller
	Address: 1544 Cristobal Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:07:26 PM

Please consider requiring masks in public spaces.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cindy Rodrigue
	Address: 3152 Foley dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:38:12 PM

Please don't mandate masks. The dangers associated with them includes hypoxia and dropping of blood oxygen levels which can lead to illness and death. There are no studies that prove that masks prevent the spread of COVID or any other virus. Please don't succumb to fear mongering and let's use proven science.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Claire Blunden
	Address: 6720 Lodi Court, Tallahassee, FL 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:35:52 PM

I support the mandatory use of masks in public buildings, public spaces and public transport.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Claire Cohen
	Address: 925 E. Magnolia Drive, Apt. E2 Tallahassee, Florida 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:26:17 AM

I strongly support mandatory wearing of masks in public and any and all other measures that can reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other communicable diseases.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Claire Kercheval-Roig
	Address: 2504 Armistead Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:00:26 PM

Please require the city to wear masks. Not only are the overall cases in in Florida rapidly rising, so is the percent positive. My father is in his 60s and everyday I am worried he will become infected doing only the minimum required tasks such as grocery shopping because of the carelessness of others. I am a Health Policy major at the University of Pennsylvania and have been frankly appalled by the lax rules regarding public health in Florida. I loved growing up in Tallahassee, and still hold hope that I can continue to be proud of my hometown. However, failing to mandate masks will be a shameful, even murderous decision. Especially as Tallahassee prepares for college students from all over the state to travel back to Leon County, all necessary and reasonable precautions should be taken - and requiring masks is the least you can do. Please.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Claire Wolters
	Address: 2039 N. Meridian Rd. #111
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:48:50 PM

Please make it mandatory for everyone to wear a mask. There are many of us that are scared to go out now due to the lack of masks, so we end up staying at home. If we could be guaranteed that everyone is wearing a mask, we'd feel much safer going out and supporting local businesses, instead of just ordering things online.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Clara Arnold
	Address: 3592 CHANTILLY CT
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:01:24 AM

I am opposed to mandatory mask wearing in public in Leon County. T

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Clare Tucker
	Address: 3616 Buckner Ct, Tallahassee 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:43:56 PM

I am writing in favor of making masks mandatory in public in Leon County, on an ongoing basis until either a vaccine has been developed or the number of cases in Leon County drops under a significantly low threshold (e.g., a few dozen new cases per day) and remains low and decreases for a period of three weeks or more. There is no reason not to enact an order that has zero disadvantages and provides a huge benefit to public safety. Requiring a mask in public places does not infringe on any personal rights, and is no different than safety regulations on vehicles or laws that prohibit being drunk and disorderly in public.

It is clear that a large number of our fellow citizens do not take the Coronavirus pandemic seriously, and these people are putting the lives of their fellow citizens at risk. Masks are widely and readily available now, and even homemade cloth masks provide significant protection against spread of the disease. The intention of wearing a mask is to keep the wearer from spreading an infection they may not even know they have - leaving this decision up to individuals risks asymptomatic spread by those who may not know they are infected and thus see no reason to wear a mask. Making this mandatory in public places is the only way to ensure compliance.

Please consider this for the safety of my 10 year old daughter and my 72 year old diabetic mother. We feel unsafe venturing to any store other than Costco, and even they could use more safety guidance. The more Leon County individuals that feel like myself, the less money we put into the local economy, simply because we are afraid. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Claudia Sperber
	Address: 1920 Wahalaw Ct Tallahassee FL 32302
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:03:33 PM

Please pass an ordinance requiring mask wearing. Please language it in a way that combines loving our country, being proud Floridians, doing our duty, and making the choice to do what's right.

Thank you,
Claudia Sperber,
Indianhead, Tallahassee, FL.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Claudia Vaccaro
	Address: 895 Eagle View Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:52:01 PM

Please make face masks mandatory for all Leon County. Mask-wearing is not an infringement of personal rights or liberties--it is a matter of public health. There is scientific evidence that some carriers of the virus are asymptomatic. Additional evidence shows that mask-wearing impedes the spread of the virus. As the caregiver for my elderly mother, I am deeply concerned about exposing her to the virus. As the mother of a high-school student, I am deeply concerned that the virus is increasing dramatically within that demographic. I will not have the confidence to send him to school in the fall without mandatory face masks. If he brings the virus home, it will inevitably spread to us and my elderly mother, which could ultimately kill her. A uniform county policy would simplify matters for everyone.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Clifford Munding
	Address: 1540 verdun blvd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:11:14 PM

First I cannot even fathom city and county leaders would consider such a proposal. None of the members of council are qualified to make decisions like this. Unless you sit on the board of directors for Shands, John Hopkins or other leading medical centers and then, you would need to back your opinions with decades of validated research. For with every reason of thought to wear a mask there is just as many documented reasons not too including violation of a persons constitutional rights. As a tax paying citizen of Leon county I would strongly recommend NOT to try and push through a mandatory mask wearing agenda.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cody Chism
	Address: 3294 Salinger Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:58:02 PM

I have fought in two wars for my freedom and the freedoms of others. I will die in jail before I let any of you idiots mandate I wear a mask and infringe on my constitutional rights.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cody Cook
	Address: 1318 Aintree Ln, Tallahassee FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:13:04 PM

Yes! More people should be wearing masks! I'm a service worker who is very concerned about the few people visiting my business without masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cody Neff
	Address: 4170 Buttercup Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:18:43 PM

Here is what I wrote, if you need some inspiration: "I am writing in favor of making masks mandatory in public in Leon County, on an ongoing basis until either a vaccine has been developed or the number of cases in Leon County drops under a significantly low threshold (e.g., a few dozen new cases per day) and remains low and decreases for a period of three weeks or more. There is no reason not to enact an order that has zero disadvantages and provides a huge benefit to public safety. Requiring a mask in public places does not infringe on any personal rights, and is no different than safety regulations on vehicles or laws that prohibit being drunk and disorderly in public.

It is clear that a large number of our fellow citizens do not take the Coronavirus pandemic seriously, and these people are putting the lives of their fellow citizens at risk. Masks are widely and readily available now, and even homemade cloth masks provide significant protection against spread of the disease. The intention of wearing a mask is to keep the wearer from spreading an infection they may not even know they have - leaving this decision up to individuals risks asymptomatic spread by those who may not know they are infected and thus see no reason to wear a mask. Making this mandatory in public places is the only way to ensure compliance.

There is a wealth of research to prove the effectiveness of wearing masks in decreasing the spread of COVID-19 (<https://health.clevelandclinic.org/heres-how-wearing-a-cloth-mask-helps-fight-the-spread-of-coronavirus/>). Failing to enact such a simple, cheap measure to protect the lives of our citizens would be a failure of your duty of care to the community. This is a no brainer - make masks mandatory!"

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cody Williford
	Address: 1837 Cottage Grove Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:23:11 PM

Please do not allow the attempts to politicize the pandemic affect this public health decision. The more people wearing masks, the more effective it will be. Even asymptomatic people are able to spread the virus so just wearing one when you are showing symptoms doesn't work. With such an aggressive reopen plan in place and no sign of any directives coming down to account for the massive increase in cases...wearing a mask in public places is an integral step in trying to hinder the spread.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: COLE GRADDY
	Address: 1017 Green Hill Trace Tallahassee FL 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:27:11 PM

It's coming. It's coming to Leon County and all surrounding counties. We need the government to make us do what's best, apparently. Institute a mask requirement.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cole Tessier
	Address: 2646 Faversham Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:46:04 AM

Please consider making wearing a face covering a requirement if inside a business or restaurant in Leon County. Please consider making a face covering a requirement for public gatherings when outside when social distancing cannot be maintained.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Colleen Ellis
	Address: 1916 Ty Ty Court
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:39:17 AM

The numbers do not support wearing a mandatory mask. We have had 8 deaths in the entire county. Most of the uprise lately is from kids getting tested and they are asymptomatic. If you pass this, it will be remembered when it's time for re-election.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Colleen Ganley
	Address: 3123 Mulberry Park Blvd Tallahassee, FL 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:21:41 PM

The scientific evidence we have thus far supports the effectiveness of wearing masks. If things are going to be opened up, a combination of masks and social distancing is our best bet to reduce the spread of the virus. It's not perfect, but it's the best we can do right now. It is terrifying to go to public and see how few people have masks on when it is such a small inconvenience that leads to a large societal benefit.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Colleen Thorburn
	Address: 6851 Seabiscuit Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:38:38 PM

Please mandate masks. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Connie Garrett
	Address: 2026 Chowkeebin Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:39:37 PM

Yes require masks

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Connor Jordan
	Address: 3909 Reserve Drive #327
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:11:01 PM

My name is Connor Jordan. I have been a resident of Tallahassee since 2004. I grew up in this city and have become an active member of my community. I want Tallahassee to set an example for the rest of the nation.

I write to the County Commission today to encourage commissioners to take more active measures to stop the rising number of COVID-19 cases across Leon County. While we have been fortunate so far to avoid the disaster currently unfolding in South Florida, it is clear that the extent of community spread within Leon County has been underestimated and we must do more to protect our most vulnerable residents. As of the time of writing, over 122,000 Americans have tragically lost their lives to the coronavirus epidemic, with over 3,000 of these deaths in Florida alone. If we want to avoid becoming the next New York, we must act swiftly and implement measures that we know can save lives.

Specifically, I would encourage the County Commission to adopt a measure that would mandate wearing face masks in Leon County, especially when residents enter a public, indoors area, where the risk of transmission is highest. Recent research from health experts confirm that wearing a mask is one of the most effective methods of reducing transmission of the COVID-19 virus (See, for example, Lyu & Wehby, 2020, "Community Use Of Face Masks And COVID-19: Evidence From A Natural Experiment Of State Mandates In The US" in the journal Health Affairs, or Howard, et al., 2020, "Face Masks Against COVID-19: An Evidence Review", available online at <https://www.preprints.org/manuscript/202004.0203/v1?fbclid=IwAR0h7PBSAB6ZEcr-DzBaTTIEV9kjuJiRZA7Eassb-rs75raKtOKIVKWcsFk>). In my personal experience, mask adoption across Leon County remains low, which I believe has contributed to the rapidly rising number of cases across the county. Therefore, I believe that it is prudent for the Leon County Commission to encourage mask use using all available methods.

At the same time, I understand that masks may be difficult for individuals to procure themselves, and cost remains a barrier for our poorest neighbors. Thus, I would also like to encourage the Leon County Commission to work with employers, local businesses, city governments and local institutions to provide masks as much as possible, and, if necessary, to subsidize the purchase and distribution of masks to those who do not have one. A mask mandate carries a heavy cost, implementing the full power of the legal system, and, while I support a mask mandate, I also believe that we should minimize penal consequences wherever possible. While vitally necessary, a mask mandate should not be an excuse for law enforcement to further harass people of color, who disproportionately face the burden of police violence. One option would be for Leon County to follow the model of Tampa and other localities that have offered to distribute free face masks to residents, so that a mask mandate can be implemented with a minimum of coercion. A number of local sources have offered to distribute masks for free, and Leon County should take advantage of these offers. I encourage Leon County law enforcement to work with providers to distribute masks for free when they encounter a person without a mask, rather than use ticketing and legal consequences as a first resort. Thank you for your time and attention to this vital matter.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Constance Bersok
	Address: 1905 East Indianhead Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:32:55 PM

Given the data that shows increase in the number of cases of Covid 19 (positive testing for the corona virus), both state wide and in Leon County, please require the use of face masks/face coverings when in public indoor settings (all stores, restaurants except when actively eating/drinking, houses of worship, etc) and in public outdoor gatherings.

Please also consider closing or limiting operating hours of non-essential business that are considered high risk, such as bars.

In addition, please continue to provide testing.

Please protect our citizens by listening to the science, not the politics!

Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Constance Bersok
	Address: 1905 East Indianhead Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:23:05 PM

Please consider requiring businesses to post any positive corona virus tests amongst employees. I know that privacy laws (HPPA) would apply, such that no one would be named, but a statement to the effect of "XX (number) employee(s) tested positive on xx/xx/2020 (date)" made available on website and front door of an establishment would be much more helpful than rumors. Kudos to the restaurants and bars that have done this; every other business should, too.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Courtney Nester
	Address: 934 Delores Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:10:15 PM

Masks should be required in Leon County.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Courtney Preston
	Address: 954 Richardson Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:37:58 AM

Please require public wearing of face masks. We are having a drastic increase in cases in Leon County, that is beyond just more testing- the positive test rate has quadrupled and research is showing that masks are an effective prevention.

The only places I don't see masks being necessary are exercising in specific places outdoors- specifically tennis courts, biking, hiking and trail walking. Given the number of restaurant workers who have tested positive, I would shut restaurants down to only take out again, but at a MINIMUM, would shut bars down again and reduce indoor restaurant capacity to 25% again.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Craig Ramsden
	Address: 1175 Tumbleweed Run Tallahassee FL 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:32:01 PM

Mandatory masks is not necessary.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cristi Burns
	Address: 924. Chestwood Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:26:03 PM

Please require Leon County residents to wear masks in public. Over the course of the past few weeks, I have seen the number of people wearing masks decrease as the new infections increase. We have to protect our residents and our community. Relying on people to “make the right choice” isn’t enough. Businesses trying to protect their employees and customers are on their own without clear requirements. If people are going to be out and about, masks are the only way to prevent and reduce COVID infection rates. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Crystal Ralys
	Address: 6636 Reigh Count Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:41:14 PM

I would feel safer if masks are mandatory in public.
Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Currie Leggoe
	Address: 1319 Diamond St.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:46:08 PM

I'm in favor of requiring folks to wear masks when in public spaces where maintaining social distance is not possible. It's all about protecting each other.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Curtis Chapman
	Address: 12086 WATERFRONT DR
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:03:27 PM

Dear Commissioners: Initially, I would like to commend our BOCC for carrying out very tough choices regarding the novel Corona virus COVID-19. I am proud of each and every one of you for considering your fellow citizens needs ahead of your own! Thank-you. I fear that the worst of Phase 1 of the pandemic is yet to come if we utilized public health and independent health and epidemiology experts as our source of information. Without question, the decision this particular Board of County Commissioners literally has the power of life or death for a number of our fellow citizens. This is a heavy burden and I am confident that all will do their very best in rendering near term medically based restrictions with A U g u s t 20 return to school in mind. 3822 cases of Covid-19 were diagnosed in Florida 6/20/2020. During the previous quarantine, the high mark of daily infections was 1343. History reveals that in about 2 weeks (July 4th weekend) deaths will also spike. Needless to say, Florida is leading the nation in new cases of Covid-19 and the possibility remains that we will become the new epicenter of the Pandemic. There is also phase 2 of the pandemic which has a reasonable likelihood of occurring after our children return to school. It is a fact that there are a number of businesses in Leon County that are acting in their short term economic interest rather than the long term health of the general public. It is not enough to applaud those responsible businesses, schools, churches that are following the CDC guidelines. Lives have been lost. Period. Geographical. racial, and political boundaries are not observed by this disease although African Americans, Senior Citizens and others with special health conditions will suffer higher rates of death, the " super spreaders" are the primary source of new infections. Within 59 feet of my home is an entity that qualifies as a " super spreader." Hundreds of unmasked, non-socially distanced persons gather each weekend in close proximity in order to celebrate intoxication. P E r s o n s arrive from 3 states. No masks are worn. This entity did not follow previous Commision rules and guidelines because there is no enforcement in my rural area. This is not a socially responsible business nor one that operates within the law. While the responsible ones of us remain quarantined so as not to endanger ourselves or our neighbors, there are some businesses that do not. I know of an individual that is in need of a liver transplant. He is an acquaintance of our Commission Chairman. He abides by the CDC guidelines for two reasons. First, he is a good citizen and second he is at high risk of death. There is a local Physician of many years that is also acquainted with Chairman Desloge. This Doctor was receiving experimental treatment for recurring cancer at M.D. Anderson clinic in Houston. His treatment was stopped because of the risk of COVID-19. These are not simply anecdotal stories to occupy the BOCC's time. This is to help you FOCUS on the life and death decisions you will be making the next few weeks and hopefully months. I know of that which I write. I had to wait 7 weeks to receive testing for a pulmonary embolism. One of my physicians put it bluntly. You can live for a while with this condition. Maybe a year or two. Should I catch COVID-19 the result will be a miserable death. Please use the wisdom God gave to each of you in making tough decisions. Mine is easy. I self quarantine. I live. I go out and party like the folks at the entity next door, I die a " miserable death." Guess where I will remain. Your decisions can and should be based solely upon the good of PUBLIC HEALTH. The economy will never prosper unless we have people well enough to operate small businesses. We did not enforce our previous CDC guidelines properly. We also re-opened too soon. Now is the time to begin over and make tough decisions for all of us not just the ones making the most noise. M A Y God bless and keep all of you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cynthia Keuthan
	Address: 6979 Standing Pines Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:43:31 PM

Please require the wearing of face masks in Public in Leon County. Too many lives have been needlessly lost already.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Cynthia Sheppard
	Address: 9610 Deer Valley
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:43:43 PM

Yes, please make masks mandatory at all private indoor venues, and for waitstaff at outdoor venues.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Daettia Butler
	Address: 2711 Allen Rd Apt D1
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:37:22 PM

Please note that I support the ordinance to make masks mandatory, some people will literally cut off their nose to spite their face unless they're legally required to do something.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Damien Maradona
	Address: 2610 hayward drive unit 1
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:23:05 PM

Please make masks mandatory in Leon County, we have a chance to keep our infection rate low unlike other parts of the state that are gearing up to become new coronavirus hot spots on the level of New York

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Dana Farmer
	Address: 1990 Mallory Square
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 2:50:27 PM

Please put into place as soon as possible a mandatory mask policy. This is a CDC recommendation, supported by science. As treatments are limited and imperfect, vaccines nonexistent, a responsible response is to mandate mask wearing. Thank you for your consideration, please act responsibly on this request.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Dana Farmer
	Address: 1990 Mallory Square
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 2:50:48 PM

Please put into place as soon as possible a mandatory mask policy. This is a CDC recommendation, supported by science. As treatments are limited and imperfect, vaccines nonexistent, a responsible response is to mandate mask wearing. Thank you for your consideration, please act responsibly on this request.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Dana Martin
	Address: 4416 Siesta Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:42:01 PM

Please make masks mandatory then free! Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Daniel Brown
	Address: 2618 Faversham Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:09:53 PM

Please masks mandatory, I feel very unsafe to see unmasked people while grocery shopping.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Daniel Schoonover
	Address: 501 Blairstone Rd. #2503
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:27:55 PM

I strongly support the requirement of face masks in public. Thank you for your service and your consideration.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Danielle Freeze
	Address: 7316 Ox Bow Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:19:01 PM

I want to have the right to Choose what I wear on my face. My body; my choice. I also have a child with sensory issues and she will not keep a mask on her face. This will Be a huge problem for my family. Please do not mandate masks for Leon County.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Danielle Taylor
	Address: 1525 Pepper Drive, Tallahassee, Fl 32304
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:26:24 PM

Make masks mandatory! Stop the spread of this virus. We are quickly becoming the epicenter and the governor is ignoring this issue! Please act and protect us!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Danny Wood
	Address: 1433 Milton Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:15:36 PM

Please please please support local businesses who are having to choose whether or not to mandate masks. The commission will fail to protect our county if it doesn't support basic public health by requiring masks in public NOW. Local businesses are STRUGGLING due to Covid19 and everyone will continue to struggle until we find our way through this pandemic. By not requiring masks, you are setting a poor example for people who trust you to look out for our interests. Our public health will suffer far more and for far longer if you put this off.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Danyele Martin
	Address: 1527 Payne Street
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:16:19 PM

Everyone should wear masks!!
Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Darlene Polhemus
	Address: 5503 Hampton Woods Way
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:38:43 AM

Please consider the ramifications of the Americans with Disabilities Act on employees and employers when an employee tells an employer that they are not able to wear a mask due to a medical condition. Many, many scenarios come to mind. Please consider.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Darlene Robinson
	Address: 8373 Caplock Road
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 4:10:13 PM

Hello to you all,

First off, thank you for your service. I imagine it is difficult serving during this trying time, but remember you should serve all of us as you were sworn to do and not your own political agenda.

With that being said, I believe we have opened Florida way too soon and the numbers support that statement, which includes Tallahassee. Yes most of us are very sick of this situation, and I for one miss being able to hug my family and be close. However I would like to be able to see my Grandchildren graduate, get married, have kids, etc. and to be able to do that not only my family must use precaution, but our entire city and county. Unfortunately if you don't require some to use precaution they are selfish, unknowledgable, and uncaring. I bet not one of them that use no restraint have had one they care about get sick, but if they had I pray they would understand how serious this is.

May I suggest each of you talk to someone who has had or does have Covid 19 with symptoms and get an idea of what they are or have gone through before you let things slide? Maybe then and only then will you truly understand and do the right thing.

Think about this, would you want your Mom, Dad, Wife, Husband, Sister, Kids exposed to this especially by someone who does not care? Would you want them to be in the hospital hooked up to machines and YOU cannot be there with them fighting for their life?

This should not be political, it should be about protecting who you serve even if you get flack from businesses, friends etc.

This is real, talk to a family member of someone in icu. Look at the lines waiting to get testing in Tallahassee.

I pray you make the "right" decisions for all of us.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Darlene Roqueplot
	Address: 1215 oaks edge rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:45:27 PM

I work in the medical field front line. I see numbers, I see sickness. I think masks should be mandatory when out in public with a fine if you are not wearing one. I wear one 12 hrs a day and then when I'm in public. I have underlying conditions and have children I want to live for. People should think about people like me. I protect and put my life at risk enough caring for people, I shouldn't have to be at risk in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: David Amwake
	Address: 961 Parkview Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:12:53 PM

Masks should be mandatory for all indoor businesses where social distancing rules cannot be observed.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: David Brightbill
	Address: 9601 miccosukee road, box 9
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:53:41 PM

We need to enforce mask use in Leon County for the next several months.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: David Jordan
	Address: 2932 Parrish Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 9:18:21 AM

It is clearly past time to mandate masks in Leon County. The COVID 19 cases are rising because we have not taken this plague seriously. Masks are only inconvenient, not deadly like the virus. Mask wearing by all may allow businesses to stay open or to reopen sooner.
Please require masks!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: David Lipten
	Address: 554 E. Georgia St., Tallahassee, FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:59:45 PM

Hello,

I understand that a vote will be held regarding whether or not to make wearing masks in public, indoor places a requirement. I support doing so. This is not something that should be left to those who are ignorant of the facts, whether by no fault of their own, or by their own doing. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: David Newton
	Address: 2814 tartary drive Tallahassee Florida
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:27:48 AM

Will there be a penalty in order to enforce masks and social distancing? I'm under the impression that people are ignoring the policy's set by the state. And therefore are contributing to the spread of the virus.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: David Richards
	Address: Lakeshore
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:05:00 PM

I am writing to say that I am 100% against any mandatory requirements for mask usage or otherwise as relates to my personal body. If you want to issue a standard recommendation, I'm all for it, but considering mandatory requirements just for venturing outside your home is insane.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Dawn Jones
	Address: 2595 Centerville
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:37:54 AM

PLEASE ask businesses to REQUIRE masks for all people entering. Especially businesses like grocery stores.... we all need to eat. We don't have a choice to go. I must go - with my autoimmune disease - to purchase food.

I would guess that 1/3 of people do NOT wear face coverings - and probably 1/6 of that group do not observe the 6 ft of distancing recommendation.

Further, I have witnesses children wandering without face covering with their hands on everything within reach - they are trusting their parents to protect them and their parents are failing them.

I think the lack of face covering is born of ignorance and fear, but at this point, it doesn't matter WHY people won't protect others - we need to legislate it or our healthcare system will be in trouble and we will lose lives.

PLEASE recommend that groceries require face covering. I cannot protect myself any more than I am.

I am a small business owner x 2 in Tallahassee and I do all of my shopping in Leon County (I reside in Jefferson) Please protect the citizens of Leon County from themselves and others.

Dawn Jones

MoJo's Backyard, dba Camp MoJo's.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Deanne Pool
	Address: 7064 Ox Bow Road, Tallahassee FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:49:47 AM

We are in the middle of a global pandemic that has already killed 122,248+ Americans -- 3,164+ of those Floridians -- and is projected to kill another 100,000-200,000 by September 1, before the second wave even gets here in October or November. If you scoff at those numbers, remember that many scoffed at the idea that we would have anywhere near 100,000 American deaths yet we passed that number and then some, and our numbers are steadily rising. Our cases are also skyrocketing, particularly here in Florida, which the top experts are predicting will be the next epicenter and is "on track to be the worst we've seen so far." The worst we've seen so far. Given that the previous epicenter, New York, already has 31,215 deaths, do you really want to take the chance that we will surpass New York's dire numbers? Do you really want to take chances with our lives and risk not taking necessary and responsible precautions? If you wait until our growing numbers have exploded and we're the new epicenter, it will be too late. It's that simple.

PLEASE care enough about the citizens of this county to take the necessary measures to protect us. Lets be real: Our governor and our president are both refusing to do anything to stop our rising deaths and Covid-19 cases. If you don't do something on the county level Leon County will be in serious trouble, not only from rising cases and deaths but overloaded hospital and health systems and businesses decimated by Covid-19 infected staff. We're already seeing responsible businesses shutting down when staff members test positive for Covid-19. If masks had already been made mandatory perhaps those employees would not have been infected and those businesses would not have had to shut down and face even more financial devastation. And what about those who aren't responsible and prioritize making money over the health and safety of their patrons? How many lives will be affected or, worse yet, taken from us by leaving these decisions up to individuals who have their own agendas that are more important to them than the health and welfare of strangers?

We know people who have gotten deathly ill and people who have died from Covid-19, including a previously healthy teenager who died in his sleep. While positive cases in Florida are skyrocketing our median age is plunging, proving this is no longer a virus that primarily targets the elderly. Currently, our median age is 37. The majority of our new cases are in their twenties and thirties, while people in their 60s and above now have the fewest cases. We just had our second Leon County infant test positive. Every day we break our previous daily new cases record. How many more statistics have to be spouted -- how many more horrible records have to be broken or lives lost before you do the responsible thing by mandating masks in order to protect us? It's such a very simple thing, really, so we don't understand why all of you are hesitating. Please don't wait until it's too late. We're counting on you to protect us. We need you to save our lives.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Deb Cullars
	Address: 2626 East Park Avenue, apt 6101, Tallahassee, Fl 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:25:14 AM

I do not agree with mandatory wearing of masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Debbie Hanson
	Address: 505 Middlebrooks Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:11:40 PM

Please make masks mandatory. There are a shocking number of people who aren't wearing masks, and it's a minor request especially in comparison to the good it can do. If people aren't willing to protect their fellow humans on there own, measures need to be put in place to ensure everyone's safety.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Debbie Norberto
	Address: 1215 Oaks Edge Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:43:34 PM

Please make masks mandatory everywhere people are in public. I am 65 with I hope a lot more years to live. I am afraid to walk in Publix with my mask and see more than half of people without masks. Same in Walmart. Masks should be mandatory everywhere in public. People are dying from something so easy to fix. Use your power, and keep us alive. Mandatory masks for everyone everywhere.

Thank you
Debbie Norberto

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Special Meeting	Name: Deborah Berlinger
	Address: 2502 Willamette Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:22:25 PM

I understand the decision to make wearing masks mandatory in Tallahassee is on the agenda for an upcoming meeting. Please register my plea to make it mandatory to wear masks in public enclosed spaces (stores, gyms, service centers, etc.) because it is a matter of life and health. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Deborah Cahan
	Address: 1517 Chowkeebin Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:35:44 AM

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to ask – no, DEMAND – that masks be made mandatory in Leon County, on a continual, ongoing basis until such time as a vaccine has been developed or until the number of cases drops to a statistically insignificant quantity daily and maintains at that level for at least a month. There is no reason not to enact an order that will increase public safety and does not in any way infringe on personal rights; this does not differ from safety regulations for operating vehicles.

Every two weeks I have to leave my house to get medications, and each time I am shocked and appalled at the number of our fellow citizens who are not taking the Coronavirus pandemic seriously; these people are putting the lives of their fellow citizens at risk. Masks are widely and readily available now, and even homemade cloth masks provide significant protection against spread of the disease. Wearing a mask primarily prevents the wearer from spreading an infection they may not even know they have - leaving this decision up to individuals risks spread by those who may not know, or, more dangerously, do not care that they are infected and thus see no reason to wear a mask. Making this mandatory in public places is the only way to ensure compliance. The research demonstrating the effectiveness of wearing masks in decreasing the spread of COVID-19 is readily available – (an example: <https://health.clevelandclinic.org/heres-how-wearing-a-cloth-mask-helps-fight-the-spread-of-coronavirus/?fbclid=IwAR0x0LoCERBBruXPQSN2JGMdd3yUhwZ5TtRtJ2MA83e9YUOnnIS4Nf32gio>). This is a low-to-no cost solution to protecting the citizens you are sworn to serve; to do anything else will surely leave your mark on the wrong pages of history books.

Sincerely,
D. Stacey Cahan
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Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Deborah Foote
	Address: 3254 Newberry Blvd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:50:39 PM

Please require masks in any facility that is open to the public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Deborah Lemley
	Address: 4715 Crump Road 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:23:18 PM

Please REQUIRE masks in public.
Please limit gatherings.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Deborah Lemley
	Address: 4715 Crump Road 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:23:54 PM

Please REQUIRE masks in public.
Please limit gatherings.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: DEBORAH MORNINGSTAR
	Address: 112 Blue Heron Point
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:14:52 PM

Please mandate that everyone wear Masks whenever around other people!
This is scary!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Deborah Robinson
	Address: 3208 TRITON CIR
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:45:28 PM

Please make this mandatory. While I understand the reasons why folks want to to exercise their 1st amendments right which I hold precious to my to rights. The conflict is when does public health concerns address constitutional rights of individuals are lowered. This is the same as yelling fire in a theater. I do all of the precautions, even make my own masks and social distance. But when I must go out, everyone should be respectful. We need to reach a middle ground, respecting my rights and others that could care less. Please make Tallahassee safe for all.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Debra Dowds
	Address: 3821 Leane Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:25:11 PM

With the rising numbers of positive Covid cases and seeing so many people without masks and not social distancing, I strongly encourage the Commission to require that people in Leon County wear masks in indoor public places.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Debra Dowds
	Address: 3821 Leane Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:25:32 PM

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Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Debra Ervin
	Address: 1500 Cristobal Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 2:35:46 PM

I would like to see an agenda so that I can comment.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Debra Ervin
	Address: 1500 Cristobal Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:05:11 PM

I am very concerned about students returning to Leon County in August. I know this doesn't sit well with the governor, but the numbers of cases, deaths and hospitalizations are spiking, we will be in deep doodoo if the kids bring COVID with them and don't social distance. Just go to Publix to see how many people are blasé about masks and distance. Please strengthen safety measures on masks, restaurants, retail, bars, etc before they come back. Or better yet, keep university classes virtual. We've been pretty safe in Tallahassee so far, but when tens of thousands of kids come back from central and south florida, we won't be safe any more.

Debra E

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Debra Katz
	Address: 3531 Kimmer Rowe Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:06:36 PM

Leon County needs to seriously consider making the wearing of masks mandatory in any place of business or enclosed building. The cases of coved-19 are increasing, not just in south Florida but in Leon and the surrounding counties as well. Wearing a mask has nothing to do with politics but has everything to do with the health and safety of everyone living and working in this community.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Deepti Reddy
	Address: 744 E. Carolina St., Tallahassee, FL 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 2:09:36 PM

I strongly support making masks mandatory for Leon County residents. I work in an outpatient healthcare facility and we are seeing an unprecedented number of positive tests this week and last. Students are returning from their homes as they are no longer interested in living their parents and are engaging in risky behaviors across town. Masks are an important form of source control - wearing one helps prevent others from getting sick. It's a way we can protect those around us and a way to help prevent surges like those we've seen in other parts of the country. I believe it is a necessary stop-gap measure to prevent worsening of this public health crisis until we have a viable vaccine.

Thanks for taking the health and well-being of Leon County residents into consideration.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Deirdra Shupe
	Address: 1320 Lake Avenue apt. 219 Tallahassee, FL 32310
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:12:45 PM

Florida's response to COVID-19 has been an absolute disgrace. We need to continue to wear masks. You need to set an example by wearing a mask.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Delvis Catchman
	Address: 6573 Wildemeade Place
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:02:38 PM

Please do not mandate face masks. It should be a recommendation not a mandate. As long as everyone does their part to exercise proper hygiene, and businesses are sanitizing and adhering to social distancing guidelines, it should be up to an individual to decide if they want to wear a mask. Thank you for your consideration.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Dena Shrum
	Address: 3449 Cedarwood Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:09:19 PM

With numbers rising I think it is imperative for the protection of all, but especially for store employees, that we make masks mandatory for everyone when indoors.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Denis Burns
	Address: 1112 Ivanhoe Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:59:00 PM

As a resident I find it highly uncomfortable to go out in public in Leon County to stores and see only 10%-50% of people wearing masks. Further, I feel embarrassed to be part of a population that feels this is appropriate. The message exuded by every member of our community that doesn't wear a mask is simple: My pride and comfort is more important than your safety and well being.
We, as a county, and a community, can do better.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Denise Barber
	Address: 2813 Misty Garden Circ
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:45:01 PM

PLEASE pass a mandatory mask ordinance! Our health, safety, and LIVES depend on it!
Thank you.
Denise L. Barber

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Denise Dannels
	Address: 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 2:43:36 PM

I strongly support going back to stricter restrictions (no one inside restaurants, stores, no gatherings of more than 10 people, etc.) until there have been no new local cases for at least a week or two. Masks inside grocery stores should be mandatory. Look at what more successful states have done and follow their lead. I'm very glad to see that this rise in new cases is being addressed. -Denise Dannels, BS Biomedical Engineering

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Denise Dennis
	Address: 1606 Paula Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 2:54:18 PM

Please require masks/face covering for all indoor and outdoor public gatherings, all retail, grocery, drugstore, etc establishments, encourage restaurants to return to 25% seating capacity or better yet to consider being take out and delivery only. Please encourage day cares and summer camps to require masks for all staff. Please protect our citizens. We also need to consider limiting capacity of hotels that may be booked in August due to the RNC and our closeness to the convention. I'd like to suggest that defying the mask/face covering ordinance be a ticket with a \$250 fine. I appreciate your consideration of this request. Your commitment to the safety of your citizenry is in the public's best interest. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Denise Griffin
	Address: 204 N Dellview dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:26:26 PM

Thank you for allowing public comment. I am in favor of a mask mandate for Leon County. I have witnessed diminishing adherence to masking in grocery stores and have closely watched as the positive results have risen in our county. This is coupled with positive results by front line workers at grocery and restaurants, where employees are exposed for long periods of time to many individuals. In order to continue to have an open economy, I believe we should all wear masks in situations where we cannot distance, and our city/county leadership should align and enact policy or mandates that follow current guidelines. CDC recommends wearing a mask in public when you cannot socially distance to slow the spread of covid 19. It is clear that state and national leadership will not lead in this respect, so I hope our county does so that more of our neighbors and businesses will operate safely. Our neighbors in Gadsden county currently have a mask mandate, and if we do not enact one, I will consider driving to shop for my safety and the safety of the vulnerable people that I love and interact with.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Denison Graham
	Address: 376 Castleton Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:42:18 PM

Please vote to require the wearing of masks in public. Thank you for your consideration.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Dennis Fiorini
	Address: 2619 Blair Stone Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:54:44 PM

Please do not make it a requirement to wear masks. The science is dubious on this matter. The best masks are not what people are wearing. A bandana or a surgical mask does nothing to stop a corona virus. It is too small and will encourage people to get closer than they should get. Social distancing is the only way of continuing to slow the spread. The virus will indeed spread and will take longer for us all to come in contact with it. That is how the body produces antibodies. Vaccines for these types of virus are inadequate at best. We need to be in contact with "germs" for our body to be able to learn to fight them. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Derek Spalla
	Address: 202 Hoffman Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:02:15 AM

Please make masks mandatory. Please follow CDC guidelines.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Destiny Gilpin
	Address: 6410 Forward Pass Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 5:58:47 PM

No mandating masks! Please look into research on the negative effects of this. Ex. Decreasing overall immunity, headaches, etc.
This is also an infringement on rights!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Diana Jones-Ellis
	Address: 211 N Dellview Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:00:32 PM

Dear Commissioners:

The science about masks is clear: they reduce the spread of infection.

As we head into these harrowing days when local infections are rising quickly and businesses are closing because staff are becoming infected, it's time to require masks in all public spaces.

Best,

Diana Jones-Ellis

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Diana Williams
	Address: 2271 Hampshire Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:31:56 AM

In light of increasing COVID-19 cases in the state of Florida and Leon County, and the lack of state leadership on this issue, the Leon County Commission has a moral obligation to take action to protect public health. Mandating the wearing of face masks in all indoor public spaces would be straightforward, easy to implement, and according to the available epidemiological data, highly effective in preventing spread of this virus. Please follow the scientific evidence on this and help keep Leon County residents safer during this pandemic.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Diane Austin
	Address: 1060 Merritt Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:56:46 AM

I would like you to mandate the wearing of face masks in public for everyone over 2 years old for the next 2-3 months at least. I think Leon County is a great place to live and my husband and I would appreciate many more years able to do so! Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Diane Breinholt
	Address: 2916 Edenderry Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:16:46 PM

I would like to discourage mandatory mask requirements.

There is no evidence that a fabric mask does anything more than serve as a reminder of social distancing. A fabric mask has a 98% penetration rate. It is like putting up a chain link fence to stop mosquitoes.

Two main factors to consider with these masks are cross contamination and a false sense of security leading to an increase in risky behavior.

Just by watching the general public wear these fabric masks you will see they are touching them with their hands after touching surfaces that should be considered contaminated. They are setting them down on surfaces that should be considered contaminated and then putting them on their face. This is a huge risk!

They also give people a false sense of security so people are going out more and taking more risks than they would without a mask.

Just because masks seem like an easy solution does not mean that there may be other unintended consequences from wearing them. I think cross contamination and perceived safety leading to an increase in potentially risky behavior is enough reason to take a real look and what the best course of action should be.

Let people make decisions that are best for them. If they feel better wearing a mask then they can wear one. If they feel they can navigate in public without one and stay safe with hand washing and social distancing they should be allowed to.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Diane LoCastro
	Address: 1618 Harbor Club Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:09:14 PM

Please make wearing face masks in public mandatory.
Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Diane Thompson
	Address: 1509 Jackson Street
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:49:44 PM

Please make facemasks mandatory in public!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Dianne Flynn
	Address: 83 Gertie Brown Rd Sopchoppy, FL. 32358
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:03:27 PM

Yes re mandatory masks. We depend on a Tallahassee for our health care and some necessary purchases. We are seniors with comorbidities. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Dianne Mahlert
	Address: 106 Hoffman Drive Tallahassee 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:15:40 PM

I would like to see masks being mandatory when in public. I would like indoor dining/drinking to be considered whether safe enough. Outdoor dining would be much preferable.

Large congregations of people should be monitored. I understand there was a geocash event on Sat. where people had to wear masks to enter. Many removed them afterwards.

Movie theaters will require masks to enter, I understand. How will it be monitored when people remove them once seated?

Apparently, our younger residents are getting a disproportionate number of the virus. This has to be due to their thinking age is on their side - not so. Then it was said that, "oh well, their case will be milder." But who do they infect?

I would like a strong statement from the county that this is a serious matter; it is not over.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Dianne Perkins
	Address: 9080 Old Chemonie RD
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:12:56 PM

Please consider having masks in stores be mandatory. I am not comfortable going into places (Publix and others) with people that are not willing to wear a mask to protect others. Stores can state “no shirt, no shoes, no service”, but state we need a city ordinance to require a mask. We are opening up, students and the legislature will be in town. Please consider a mask ordinance.

Thank you,
Dianne M Perkins

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Donald Shrum
	Address: 119 willaura fir Tallahassee FL 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:33:03 PM

I am in the age group that is special at special risk, masks should be required to protect everyone, i hate to think of people dying because someone couldn't be bothered to wear a simple mask, it does not seem to be a difficult decision to me,

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Donghu Sun
	Address: 1183 Conservancy Dr W
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:22:46 PM

“WEAR FACE MASK IN PUBLIC”
PLEASE MAKE IT MANDANTORY! PLEASE!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Donna Anderson
	Address: 876 Willow Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:22:36 AM

Please make it mandatory that citizens wear face masks when they are inside in public spaces and outdoors when within ten feet of others. We know now that it spreads primarily through droplets. Leon county has the opportunity to stand out in the state by taking serious steps to prevent the spread of Corona virus. Please, for all of us, make it mandatory that people cover their faces in every effort to prevent spreading this horrible disease.
Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Donna Babchuck
	Address: 4707 Stoney Trace Tallahassee FL 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:44:59 PM

The complacency of some people is very disturbing. I find when I go into a store like Publix, even though they are doing everything they can with their own employees, I want to feel safe in there by having all customers wear a mask. I think it's wrong of people feeling they are holier than thou and don't have to comply. I know for a fact that our local COSTCO took someone's membership away because he refused to wear a mask (no health reason for not wearing one, just felt entitled). This virus WILL NOT go away until everyone is on board. Thank you.

Donna Babchuck

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Donna Jackson
	Address: 3472 Rosemont Ridge Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:59:00 PM

PLEASE REQUIRE MASKS IN ALL INTERIOR PUBLIC PLACES.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Donna Samaan
	Address: 4074 Cottage Wood Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 1:52:07 PM

I fully believe mask should be required in all public places. With covid numbers rising, it is very important.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Donna Sementino
	Address: 6397 Carpenters Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:18:51 PM

Please REQUIRE (not simply recommend) that in ALL public places, employees as well as patrons be required to wear a mask. Further, please continue to put out PSA's and educate places of business on HOW the masks should be worn correctly (i.e.: covering both mouth and nose). I see too many places of business where the employees have masks on but they are pulled down around their necks, on their chins, or covering only their mouths but not their noses. I also strongly feel that patrons/customers should be asked to correctly cover up or required to leave the stores if they do not abide by these guidelines. They need to realize that this is not to protect themselves inasmuch as it is to protect others and those "others" have rights as well to shop and conduct business in as safe of an environment as possible. Stores should also be able to enforce the internal safeguards put in place such as following the aisle markers on the floor to direct shopping traffic in one direction and to maintain social distancing. Thank you for your time and consideration. We appreciate all that you are doing to help keep our city and county safe. May God bless you all.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: donna shrum
	Address: 119 WILLAURA CIR, Tallahassee, Fl 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:38:15 PM

I request that Leon County Florida require face coverings for all people in public to prevent the spread of Covid-19. The mask rule should apply to all people working, visiting, living or doing business in the county in public places where social distancing is not possible. This should apply to both indoor and outdoor spaces.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Dori Lynn
	Address: 123 Harper Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:13:59 PM

Mandating masks is against our constitutional right and government over reach. People that want to wear them should do so but people that do NOT should mint be required to. This should be a recommendation NOT A REQUIREMENT!!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Dorina Bernard
	Address: 2906 Woodrich Dr Apt C
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 5:36:26 PM

Leon County needs to mandate that face masks are required when out in public. It is absolutely absurd that this has not been made a requirement yet. We will soon go from low community transmission to high spread if something is not done. Require face masks in public!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Dorothy Hart
	Address: 1908 Ty Ty Court
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:20:50 PM

I think with the rise of COVID cases that mask should be mandatory in public places.
I think there would be less cases if we had done this at the beginning of the virus.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Doug Schrock
	Address: 1913 Wahalaw Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:48:13 PM

Masks should be mandatory. With young people currently driving the illness in Tallahassee and the local schools and universities getting set to reopen to some extent, without requiring public mask wearing, you are unnecessarily putting our lives on the line.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Dustin Bledsoe
	Address: 3520 Cherokee Ridge Trail. Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:39:22 AM

Please require mask usage inside businesses. Being mildly uncomfortable for 20 minutes is worth not having businesses shut down again and people killed for no reason.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ed Bowman
	Address: 2000 Lake Hall rd.
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:40:52 AM

I recommend everyone be required and enforced to wear a mask in public and all gatherings of more than 3 people be discouraged also all bars should be closed down until the number of infections is reduced to a low number. Social distancing should be required in all restaurants and masks worn by all restaurant employees as well as the tables disinfected after each customer. This is too dangerous of a situation to take a lax action or not act soon enough to prevent widespread infection of our county's population. Act now not later to be on the safe side. Ed Bowman.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Eda Jill Sandler
	Address: 1519 Marion Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:19:36 PM

Please mandate the wearing of masks at all businesses for employees and customers. Obviously, masks can be removed while eating as long as other social distancing requirements are met.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Eileen Bischof
	Address: 2899 Royal Oaks Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:44:36 PM

I whole-heartedly agree that masks (that cover the nose, mouth, and over the chin) should be mandatory for all stores and public spaces. This is a matter of public health and safety.

Thank you for putting the health and safety of our loved ones and community before money.

The sooner we lock down the spread, the sooner we can get back to regular life.

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Eileen Hoy-Walker
	Address: 3711 Shamrock St W Apt O268
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:08:04 PM

Please vote to make wearing masks mandatory while in public places. As a grocery store employee, I have been putting myself and my family at risk while providing an essential service to our community. Since my employer refuses to instate a mask policy for customers without a government order, I am asking for the help of our elected officials to advocate on behalf of myself and my fellow retail associates who's cries for a safe working environment have fallen on deaf ears.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Elaine McConnaughay
	Address: 2201 Trescott Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:59:00 AM

Yes to mandatory face masks

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Elaine Merritt
	Address: 276 Timberlane Road
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 2:08:03 PM

I am told when breathing in carbon dioxide while wearing a mask, the gas goes in and destroys the lung tissue. That is a grave concern but the other concern I have and have not been able to get clear in my mind is if you are breathing in oxygen through your nose and your mouth while wearing a mask, what good is a mask? If someone coughs or sneezes on your mask you have to take it off because the virus is resting on the mask that you are breathing through. Is everyone carrying a second or third mask with them in order to immediately change? Is the fabric mask like the pretty masks I have been seeing going to be mandated to immediately be thrown away? Where will fabric or disposal ones be discarded if someone coughs or sneezes on them while shopping or at work? Will the Commission mandate disposal bins in working places and places of business?

Experts have mixed answers. One study says: "There's been enough research done to be able to confidently say that masks wouldn't be able to stop the spread of infection, that they would only have a small effect on transmission. We shouldn't be relying on masks to help us go back to normal. One thing everyone does agree on is that, whatever containment provided by non-fitted masks do provide, homemade fabric masks are the least effective."

If the Commission mandates masks, will the Commission provide the appropriate number of reusable masks for adults and children free to constituents? Please provide coronavirus "recovery" statistics deducted from "positive" statistics. Do not provide new "positive" numbers added to old numbers! From day one, either the people reported "positive" are dead, in hospital, or recovered!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Elaine Cox Jones
	Address: 2908 Modred Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:31:23 PM

Public safety and economics are critical to surviving the pandemic. Policy and enforceable laws with teeth should be implemented. No mask, no entry should be enforced by every business/public place (regardless of social distancing). Restaurant employees must be masked as well as patrons unless they are sitting at their table, even putting their mask back on if they need to use the restroom.

Responsibility has been put off on DBPR or Dept. of Health to enforce a rule like this. I understand that the staff is not available to take on these additional duties. How much training does it take to randomly monitor whether a public place is not following the rules? Not a lot of training and it would be good use of the coVid dollars that have come to the county. Plus give people jobs. A few substantial fines would get the word out and businesses would enforce the rules. Now I think they are afraid to offend customers who walk in without a mask. A fine with the teeth of the loss of their business license would take priority over offending a few customers.

I am especially afraid of the time when students return. Strict enforcement of mask-wearing would be heeded if they are not allowed admittance to the grocery store, pizza joint, bar, or anywhere that is a public place. Same principle as wearing clothing/shoes. Your freedoms end when you put my life in danger. I am 71 years old and don't want to live being mortally afraid. Masks would go a long way in alleviating that.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Eleanor Boudreau
	Address: 501 Blairstone Rd Apt 1804 Tallahassee, FL 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:38:39 AM

Requiring masks will reduce spread of COVID-19 and save lives. If you don't require masks, more Leon County residents and healthcare workers will die than if you do require masks. I don't understand why there is a debate about this. Please save the lives of Leon County residents and healthcare workers. PLEASE require masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Elena Miralles
	Address: 1624 Cherry Hill Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 12:39:39 PM

I apologize for submitting this comment at a much later time than was recommend, but I've just been informed that this meeting was taking place. The COVID-19 pandemic has effectively altered the way our communities operate nationwide, but it must be noted that these changes are to ensure the safety of all Americans. Preventive measures such as social distancing, wearing a face covering, and other precautions have been proven to be effective in decreasing the risk of getting the virus. Although I have the upmost respect for the members of my community and understand they dislike the disruptions this virus has caused, making masks mandatory would not only protect those who are immunodeficient, but according to this study by The National Center for Biotechnology Information and several others, is also one of the most effective methods to decrease inter-transmission for most individuals. (<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7191274/>). According to John's Hopkins University, Florida is one of the over 20 states that have seen a rapid increase in corona virus cases since reopening, as there have been between 3,000 and 4,000 new cases almost daily. Enjoying the outdoors and supporting our businesses should be encouraged, but the way in which we do it should be regulated. In states like Massachusetts where masks are required in most capacities, social distancing rules aren't lax, and reopening is occurring in slow stages, cases have been on a steady decline. I can only speak from personal experience, but since reopening most businesses and entertainment facilities, I've seen a decrease in people wearing masks and actively keeping their distance from each other, causing me to believe that there's a positive correlation between the lack of enforcement of safety measures and increase in numbers. (<https://www.google.com/amp/s/www.local10.com/news/local/2020/06/22/coronavirus-florida-100000-cases-covid-19-latest-numbers/%3foutputType=amp>) The curve was initially flattening in Florida, but because safety precautions have not been enforced throughout the phases of reopening and the misinformation that's being given by our government officials (ex. cases are going up because more testing is occurring, when cases have been going up regardless of the rate of testing) cases are now up almost 50% in the state. I ask that this information be taken into account when trying to mitigate this virus and I thank you all for taking the time to listen to the community.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Elisabeth Goodman
	Address: 3085 Shamrock St N
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 4:46:54 PM

Please mandate face coverings for all adults at places of business that are indoors.

Based on personal experience and the American Academy of Pediatrics, children wearing face masks may cause them to touch their face more frequently than not wearing it. In a long time-period group settings such as camp or school excessive face touching would defeat the purpose of wearing a mask.

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Elizabeth Frederick
	Address: 1590 Lee Av
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:56:29 AM

Mask-wearing in public places should be mandatory! Please address this.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Elizabeth George
	Address: 1839 Cottage Grove Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:13:58 PM

I believe the best way to get control of the Covid virus is to for all businesses require 100% of their employees to wear mask as well as all those who enter to shop. This includes all public buildings as well as spaces. I do NOT think police should ticket anyone not following the rules. The police can ask them either wear a mask or leave. Business owners can ask people to wear a mask or leave. There will be those who will not obey the rules just like when seatbelt wearing became mandatory. No mask? Not leaving? Then ticket!

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Special Meeting	Name: Elizabeth Halvorson
	Address: 2309 Tuscavilla Rd Tallahassee FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 7:51:40 PM

I would like to see Leon County mandate masks in public places. In the last week multiple businesses have opened back up only to close again for quarantine and deep cleaning. If we want our local businesses to remain open we all need to do our part to help keep them open and safe for all.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Elizabeth Harris
	Address: 2925 Ivanhoe Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:53:25 AM

I am appalled at the number of people not wearing masks, covering for their nose and mouth or social distancing when in the company of others. I know covering your nose and mouth can be uncomfortable but that is the thoughtful and caring thing to do to protect your loved ones and others. Our city is showing a concerning increase in people testing positive for this virus because it is being spread by people ignoring doctors and medical scientists. Stores that opened only a short time ago are now closing due to infected employees. Many people are afraid to go out or shop due to the lack of people wearing protection and distancing.

I would like to see mandatory facial covering or masks and social distancing when outside in the company of others. Trader Joe's and Costco already have that in place and all stores should insist the same.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Elizabeth Harris
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	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:55:36 AM

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I would like to see mandatory facial covering or masks and social distancing when outside in the company of others. Trader Joe's and Costco already have that in place and all stores should insist the same. People need to protect the community they live in and not just think about themselves.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Elizabeth Hyman
	Address: 8300 Sapphire Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:04:09 AM

The fact there is a debate about the immense risk to the public without masks is astounding to me. Thousands of people are diagnosed every day. Over 1,000 people have died in Florida alone.

People think masks are an infringement on their rights. What about my right to live without fear of seeing my 4 year old on a ventilator. Or my husband, mom, dad, grandmother, sisters, nieces, nephews, etc.....

People say they can't breathe with the mask. Clinicians and doctors in my office wear their masks 8+ hours a day. People can handle a 30 minute trip to the store.

My husband and I both work in Healthcare. We wear masks to protect others from anything we are exposed to, but since reopening maybe 1 in 5 people I see when I need to go to the store are wearing masks. They are risking my life, the life of my husband, and the life of our 4-year old.

We've already had places in Tallahassee close due to the number of staff testing positive.

Please, please, please don't let people die because half of the population is being willfully ignorant to the facts and data and don't care about the lives of others.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Elizabeth Markovich
	Address: 1308 Betton Rd.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:11:44 PM

Hi

I have a few comments on handling COVID19 in Leon County.

Please do note that although cases have gone up, hospitalizations and deaths have NOT increased at this time. This indicates that either people are not becoming very ill (perhaps because they are younger and healthier) or there is a time delay and hospitalizations and deaths may still rise.

I'd urge monitoring and tweaking the measures rather than drastic changes at this time. I think we should try to prevent and discourage large unprotected gatherings and focus on protecting the elderly and high risk. For instance, the high risk shopping hours are probably very helpful but have mostly been discontinued.

Thanks for your efforts on our behalf,

Elizabeth Markovich, DNP

Nurse Practitioner, Integrative Healthcare.

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Special Meeting	Name: Elizabeth Markovich
	Address: 1630 Riggins Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:40:01 AM

Hi

One more comment - We should commend the doctors and nurses at CRMC Capital Regional - on their work at their COVID unit. They have taken care of most of our local COVID patients and had very low death rate.

Elizabeth Markovich, DNP

Integrative Healthcare

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Special Meeting	Name: Elizabeth Schneider
	Address: 10415 Rose Rd.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:14:29 PM

Please vote to require face masks in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Elizabeth Schold
	Address: 112B W 8th Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:22:59 AM

Please make wearing masks mandatory in indoor areas with potential close contact! The citizens of Leon county deserve this basic protection, especially in light of the rapidly climbing number of cases in the state of Florida.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Elizabeth Smith
	Address: 4202 Stargazer Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:07:05 PM

Absolutely make masks mandatory. At my age and with a 5 year old grandchild with an autoimmune disease, we are only able to minimally participate in the local economy. Unless everyone wears masks, that will not change.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Elizabeth Walker
	Address: 6700 Visalia Pl
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:52:06 AM

I am NOT in favor of making the wearing of masks mandatory in public. I am a healthcare provider and my opinion is based with some medical knowledge. I feel that if there were more of a certainty that masks would prevent the spread of this virus then I would be more likely to support it. The inconsistency coming from scientists about masks from day one should make anyone question how effective they are preventing anything. We were told on day one that N95 masks were necessary and that hospital employees without them were unprotected. Then they said that any medical mask would be ok. Now we are being told that any piece of cloth will suffice. Now we are to think that a silk bandana in front of someone's face is enough to protect us from this virus when health care workers are in full body suits when dealing with COVID patients? This doesn't make sense. If the virus is this easily spread and this scary - a simple piece of cloth over someone's face should not be the difference here.

Moreover, when one observes the behaviors of those in public wearing masks, it becomes obvious that wearing them alone does not stop the spread of the virus. People are touching their faces, adjusting masks, rubbing their noses, touching phones, masks and then everything else in the store. The masks "might" contain droplet spread for a few inches in front of someone's face but this doesn't stop the spread from surface contact. It's like trying to stop rain from coming into a porch by putting screen up on part of the porch. Yes, it will reduce some of the rain in that one area but certainly does not keep the rain out.

The public is alarmed right now about the spike in numbers recently. This should not come as a surprise. The shutdown and social distancing was never intended to eliminate the virus. It was to slow it down and it did. This rise in numbers is not a reason to panic again.

At this point people have been educated about this virus and should be well aware of the the risks that they take when going into public. Those who are at highest risk for complication should avoid public places when possible and wear masks if that's what make them feel more safe. I feel that the emphasis should be focused on more hand sanitizing (which has completely fallen to the wayside and instead the emphasis is on masks) and avoidance of high risk areas by high risk individuals.

In addition, how long will this have to go on? This could go on for months to years. The virus isn't going anywhere, it will take time to achieve herd immunity. Are we seriously prepared to walk around with masks on everywhere for months to years? And are we going to do this everytime another strain of the virus rolls around? The death rate for this virus just doesn't justify this. At some point people have to be responsible for making decisions for themselves and the wearing of masks or lack there of isn't going to make this virus go away or continue to hang around.

How will the mask wearing be enforced? What are penalties for not wearing? Are we really ready to go down that road?

I ask you not to make this decision (to make masks mandatory) just to feel like you are "doing something". Decisions this big that affect everyone should be based on sound science - not on doing something for the sake of doing something. Have you looked at data that suggests that wearing masks can actually cause more of a problem? It's out there. This is such a slippery slope. How long are we willing to walk around in masks, hiding from something that isn't going away? Do you have a plan for the end of this? When to stop wearing the masks? This can't go on forever and there will be such a difficulty enforcing this....we allow protests and destruction of property with no consequences. What are your plans for penalizing those who choose not to wear them?

Again...slippery slope.

I wish you good luck with your decision making. Thanks for your time and your service to our community.

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Special Meeting	Name: Elle Davis
	Address: 3458 Gardenview Way, Tallahassee, FL 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:55:02 PM

Pls discuss wearing masks in Leon County. I am 'for' it.
Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ellen Berler
	Address: 2761 Fox Hollow Court
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:39:18 PM

I would like to see masks required in all indoor locations, in addition to social distancing. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ellen Piekalkiewicz
	Address: 8327 Inverness Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:35:50 PM

Dear Leon County Commissioners, Thank you for working to keep the residents of Leon County safe during the COVID pandemic. I would request that you continue your decisive leadership to protect public health by passing a mandatory face mask ordinance. Face masks need to be worn in public when 6 feet distance is not possible. This is an important step to stop the transmission of the virus. As part of a mask ordinance, i am requesting that Leon County distribute free face masks to the public; and increase public health messaging about the importance of wearing masks. It will be important that the community pull together in this effort before FAMU, FSU and TCC students return to Tallahassee; and k-12 students go back to school.

Thank you for this opportunity to comment and thank you again for service to Leon County.

Regards, Ellen Piekalkiewicz

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: ELLENE REEDER
	Address: 3648 Loma Farm Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:35:51 PM

Please require masks in public where social distancing is not possible. Anything we can do to protect people and stop/ lessen the spread is important.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Emanuel Nicholson
	Address: 408 Perkins Street, Tallahassee, FL
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:51:22 AM

I think it's imperative that we require citizens to wear masks for the next three months, at least, regardless the increasing number of Covid-19 cases in the state.

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Special Meeting	Name: Emilee Applegate
	Address: 1574 Cristobal dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:58:16 AM

No mask mandate!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Emily Baumgartner
	Address: 1817 west call street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:55:19 PM

No masks!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Emily Bran
	Address: 2994 Cranbrooke Dr 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:43:39 PM

Please make mask wearing mandatory. People are not taking this seriously and I am concerned for the well being of my 4 day old son.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Emily Davis
	Address: 2325 W Pensacola St
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:28:20 PM

Facial coverings MUST be required in public places in Leon county. It is simply a matter of public health. We have all heard about the restaurant and grocery store employees who have tested positive for the virus who no doubt contracted it from folks who refuse to wear masks. This is not a political discourse. It is SCIENCE. It is FACT. Masks will help prevent the spread of a DEADLY VIRUS. I cannot believe that it hasn't been mandatory this entire time. People are dying. People who aren't dying are going to be living with permanent lung damage or could be hospitalized for the rest of their life. Is that living? One death is too many if it could have been prevented. I know you don't want that blood on your hands. The sooner the virus is contained the sooner we can get back to the normal lives I know we're all desperate for. I live with my mom who has COPD and is at high risk for contracting and dying from this virus so every time I go to a grocery store for her I have to wear two masks and take a shower and wash my clothes as soon as I get home because Publix is filled to the brim with people not wearing a mask to contain their germs and not following the social distancing protocols the store has in place. You have the power to get our normal lives back as soon as possible and it requires mandatory masks, mandatory stay-at-home order for non-essential errands, and a mandatory 2 week quarantine for people coming into our city from other places. This MUST be enforced.

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Special Meeting	Name: Emily Forinash
	Address: 3217 Tanager Court
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:13:54 AM

Make mask-wearing in public required. CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

We now know from recent studies that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms (“asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity—for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing—even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms.

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover.html#:~:text=In%20light%20of%20this%20new,community%2Dbased%20transmission.>

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Special Meeting	Name: Emily Fulkerson
	Address: 3716 Biltmore Ave 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:32:56 AM

We should be doing everything we can to stop or slow COVID-19. Since we've despised to reopen everything the LEAST we can do is require everyone to wear a mask in public. Please.

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Special Meeting	Name: Emily Jackson
	Address: 1301 Burgess Drive Tallahassee FL 32304
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:02:55 PM

I believe we should absolutely make masks mandatory for Leon county. Florida is on its way to becoming one of the big epicenter states, I want our county to stay safe and set a good example with mandatory masks.
To proceed otherwise is reckless, foolish, and unethical.

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Special Meeting	Name: Emily Malone
	Address: 683 W Virginia St APT 20, Tallahassee, FL, 32304
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:38:03 PM

As an employee from a mask-required business, I think masks should be required when inside public places regardless of social distancing guidelines. I've read research about the effectiveness of masks, as well as, opposing research that think masks aren't effective at all. I choose to stand by the research that not only makes sense, but gives us a chance to protect one another from a horrible virus that could lead to death or life-long negative effects. With the recent spike of positive cases, we need to do something to protect each other. I believe masks will show their true power against this virus if everyone is required to wear them.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Emily Payton
	Address: 143 parkbrook cir
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:56:56 PM

I believe that Leon county needs to make masks mandatory. It is in the best interest of all residents and given that this could be a matter of life or death for our most vulnerable community members, I don't see how any other option could be considered

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Emily Stancil
	Address: 1334 Charlotte St
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:33:38 PM

Hello,

I am astonished at the spike in Covid-19 that is occurring in Leon county. I expected it but I am now watching it with my own eyes. Restaurants and bars closing en masse as their employees test positive. I am an essential worker and I fear those who refuse to protect others by simply wearing a mask. They are the ones being careless while the rest of us are victim to it. The first step to reversing this is enforcing masks. As well, this must be accompanied by education. Many who don't wear masks are ignorant of their purpose, or more often, simply don't care. This is unacceptable in a pandemic. We must protect each other. Please do the right thing and enforce masks, LIVES ARE AT RISK IF YOU DON'T. MY LIFE IS AT RISK IF YOU DON'T.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Emma Cyphers
	Address: 4442 Maylor Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:00:10 PM

Hello! I am in full support of making masks mandatory in Leon County. With businesses opening back up and people eager to return to their usual outings and gatherings, wearing a mask properly, along with social distancing practices, is the absolute best way to combat the spread of COVID-19. I live with my 76 year old grandfather, my parents, and my two young sisters (9 & 10). When I go grocery shopping, I want to be sure I'm not putting my family at risk due to others' ignorance or unwillingness to wear a proper face covering. County-wide enforcement, as well as the education of the importance of wearing a mask in public settings is of the utmost importance while we continue to figure out how to deal with this virus spreading throughout our communities. The enforcement of wearing masks until the cases of COVID-19 in Florida go down substantially is the ONLY sensible option in protecting Florida's residents. I urge you to consider how much the benefit of making masks mandatory county-wide can protect our citizens, especially those at higher risk. Thank you.

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Special Meeting	Name: Emma Vieira
	Address: 600 victory garden dr apt a9
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:18:54 PM

It should be required in every store and restaurant unless customers are eating in that moment. Restaurants should make it mandatory upon entry to protect customers and employees from exposure.

Anywhere in public where people congregate they should be wearing a mask to protect the citizens of Tallahassee. It's unfair employees are being forced to be exposed to customers because it isn't mandatory and restaurants will not turn down a customer unless it is mandated. Employees have no choice because it is their job. Employees are testing positive and it's because of customers who fail to show any respect for others. Make it mandatory so they have no choice. It's to save human lives and it doesn't harm anyone. Masks should be worn unless you are in a car for instance.

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Special Meeting	Name: Emoryette McDonald
	Address: 2509 Cline St.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:24:16 PM

I believe requiring masks is a critical component of being able to keep businesses open, thus maintaining some level of economic health for the community. And I think that should actually be the messaging -- do it for the economy. It's clear that people haven't thus far been particularly willing to wear masks in order to keep their fellow citizens healthy, so maybe appealing to their monetary interests would be more impactful. We are about to have an influx of college students into our community. It's important that we have a mandatory masking policy in place immediately, for all ages to be able to support the local economy.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Eric Hand
	Address: 2349 North Monroe St
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:39:19 PM

I am for everyone wearing masks indoors when around other people.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Eric Miller
	Address: 2311 Chester Ct., Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:19:26 PM

Re: Measures responding to increased number of positive COVID-19 results.

Commissioners: The CDC guidelines, Governor's guidance, and advice from the medical & research communities support the issuance by the County Commission of continuing strong recommendations that all in the county wear protective masks and practice social distancing when in public for any interactions. Although a number of medical practitioners and associations urge local governments to impose mandatory wearing of masks, backed up with available civil or criminal sanctions, those recommendations cannot change the fact that neither the counties nor municipalities have inherent authority under the Florida Constitution nor authority under chapter 252, Florida Statutes, to impose long-term requirements on personal behavior. Mandating wearing masks by all in public (even with the inevitable exceptions) is beyond this Commission's authority and would invite unnecessary litigation. The better alternative is for the county to use its existing statutory authority to license and regulate certain business activities, such as bars and restaurants, by mandating mask wearing and social distancing in such facilities as part of the necessary health requirements for those activities. Instead of a questionable action that would be almost impossible to enforce meaningfully, the county can better direct the resources of the health department and the LCSO to ensure compliance with the modified licensing standards in fixed, known locations.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Eric Schoonard
	Address: 773 Timberwood Circle E
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:30:42 AM

One of the roles of government is to provide for public safety. Speed limits, seat belt rules, crosswalks and signage, building codes, fire codes, etc. These rules are made and enforced, even though it might inconvenience a small group of people, because it is promotes safety of the general public. These rules are enforced in public spaces.

The current situation demands the same philosophy be applied to the use of masks in public areas. It should be mandatory in any public area, and any private company or store that facilitates groups of people for shopping or gathering should also have to enforce the rule (similar to fire or building codes).

Please help make Leon county a safer place. These rules in place will, in turn, increase consumer confidence and help the economy return quicker as well.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Eric West
	Address: 225 Parkbrook Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:53:27 PM

I support mandatory face mask wearing in Leon County. Widespread usage of face masks can significantly reduce, or even eliminate, the spread of COVID-19. This is the only way that we as a county can fully “re-open” and not jeopardize the lives of citizens. The burden of having to wear a mask is at most a minor inconvenience and multiple opportunities have been made available to provide free masks to residents.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Erica Jenkins
	Address: 949 Hawthorne street tallahassee FL 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:00:43 PM

Masks should be mandatory when in public. This is for the safety of all of our citizens. It should be a no-brainer.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Erika Edwards
	Address: 3238 Foley Dr. Tallahassee, Fl 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 4:27:03 PM

Please for the health and safety of our citizens male mask wearing mandatory in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Erika Fundelius
	Address: 1704 Atkamire Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:43:27 AM

Dear Commission members,

I beg that you make mask wearing while in businesses or where many people are present mandatory. With the rise in COVID19 numbers, and our community members unable to take responsibility for their neighbors, there must be action in made on the top. College students have yet to stop partying in my neighborhood. They never did,even during lock-down. One can not go to Walmart, Publix, or other stores because they have no mandatory mask guidelines. They even stopped cleaning the carts. The only places we do not hear employees getting sick are Trader Joe's and Costco, as they require masks and continue social distancing policies.

Gordos finally closed on Friday, they never followed the CDC guidelines, and operated their outdoor area with live music since we entered phase 2 with elbow to elbow seating. Potbelly's is advertising a concert for this weekend.

Mail delivery and carrier services come to my door without masks on.

I understand that people are tired, but a mask should be mandatory to help those who are stuck in homes as safe as possible.

Thank you for your consideration,

Erika

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Special Meeting	Name: Erin Easterling
	Address: 1301 Cross creek Cir Tallahassee 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:36:33 PM

Make masks mandatory in public places!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Erin Lamonica
	Address: 1818 Gina dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:47:32 PM

Please take steps to protect citizens from covid. I am 39 and both my parents and step parents are in their 70's. They are being put at risk daily. Please make masks mandatory and shut down all non essential businesses immediately. Reinstate curfew, close bars and restaurants. The numbers are spiking like crazy and it's a not a coincidence that at least 10 local restaurants have had to close down for a 2nd time due to many staff testing positive for the virus. Please do the right thing and protect our most vulnerable people. The economy can recover, but a life lost is lost forever.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Erin Luaces
	Address: 715 E College Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:23:58 PM

This is pertaining to the COVID safety measures.

I think it is a great idea to implement mandatory mask wearing protocols. A simple effort to wear a mask can help save the lives of many. Please consider enforcing mask wearing as a COVID safety measure.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Erin Strong
	Address: 2106 Faulk Dr TLH FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:41:06 AM

I would like to strongly encourage something put in place that requires masks when people are out in public. I am a new mom. My son was born 6 weeks early in January and in February I was diagnosed with cancer. My surgery to remove the cancer was postponed almost two months because of covid. I am probably cancer free now. However, the fact that I had cancer, along with two autoimmune diseases, and gestational diabetes that decided to stick around after my son was born makes my prognosis, if diagnosed with covid, pretty grim. My kid needs me. He's already down one parent. People will get over their having to wear a mask for a little while. I wear one at my job as a veterinary nurse all the time. They will be alright. Mask wearing protects our most vulnerable citizens. Please do what is right for our community.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Esther Alexander
	Address: 5700 Japonica Court
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 1:48:51 PM

Please make masks mandatory. Shoes and shirts are mandatory in restaurants and grocery stores. For that matter, clothes are mandatory too. Why? Because we can more easily spread germs by not wearing those items. Mandating masks for public health is no different.

I know a few people on NextDoor claim a mask might interfere with their health in some way. I have asthma and a pulse oximeter to measure my blood oxygen levels. I tested myself with and without a mask to see if a masked interfered with my ability to get sufficient oxygen. There was no difference. So claims that a cotton mask causes hypoxia are ridiculous.

Please consider a rule that masks are necessary when in grocery or other stores or in public gathering places.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ethan Bischof
	Address: 2899 Royal Oaks Dr Tallahassee FL, 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:56:21 PM

Leon County should implement a mandatory mask policy in public spaces, similar to other Florida counties in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Evan Key
	Address: 3023 Verdura Oaks Trail, Tallahassee, FL, 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:26:52 PM

Commissioners,

I'm an 'essential worker' at a grocery store here in town. I help bag groceries, count register funds, answer phone calls, assist customers, and clean-constantly. I also constantly see customers come in without wearing a mask, even though we provide complimentary ones at the entrance. Our store requires employees to wear masks, but we can't enforce customers to do so without a mandate. And it's not possible to be 6 feet away from someone if you're at a register, stocking shelves, or simply walking down an aisle. We've already had 3 employees contract COVID-19. Many of us are concerned and scared that it's only a matter of time before we also contract it. With testing being limited, and many of us not able to afford taking time off from work, we're not only putting our fellow employees at risk, but also the public.

Masks have been shown through numerous studies to help prevent the spread of flu and corona viruses(https://www.nature.com/articles/s41591-020-0843-2?fbclid=IwAR2pgjPIeB5bxzrIR-HTWWbcsv2c_1RRn1dzDiy-A5ZkkNsIcy2_A11i2Ik). Other studies have shown that lock-downs alone cannot stop a second wave, but adopting face mask mandates would limit the reproduction number below 1.0 (<https://royalsocietypublishing.org/doi/10.1098/rspa.2020.0376>). Not to mention the mental toll this places on workers- depression, anxiety, PTSD. If we're serious about stopping the spread of COVID-19, then we need to mandate masks not only county-wide, but also state-wide. I urge all of you to vote yes on this mandate, not only to protect my health, but the health of all residents in Leon County.

Thank you for your time,

Evan Key

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Special Meeting	Name: Evangeline Ciupek
	Address: 1550 Coombs Drive, Unit A, Tallahassee, FL, 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:40:58 PM

With Covid cases on the rise, and Tallahassee about to fill up with students from around the country and the globe, please make masks mandatory in Leon County. It hurts no one, and the opposite would hurt and probably kill many. Anyone on this commission who does not vote for mandatory masks will not have my vote in the next local election.

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Special Meeting	Name: Ezra Goldstein
	Address: 472 W Jefferson St, Apt 209, Tallahassee FL 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:27:54 PM

I cannot stress how much I support an mandate for masks in public spaces. I, of course, believe that the individual should be able to decide for themselves of what type of medical care and preventative measures are right for them. The problem arises when their own decisions affect the potential health of those around them. Masks are a common sense public health policy.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Faith Hazelip
	Address: 3011 Barclay Ct Tallahassee Fl
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:39:42 PM

I support mandatory mask wearing to prevent the spread of the COVID 19 virus.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Feng Ji
	Address: 2555 Carthage Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:14:15 PM

COVID-19 suggestion: ask all people wearing masks in public
I am working and living in Tallahassee, Florida.
In the past week, there are more COVID-19 confirmed cases in Florida and in Leon county.
Per following new article, wearing mask in public is very important to control the COVID-19 spreading.
<https://www.bradenton.com/news/coronavirus/article243681522.html>
thank you very much,
Feng Ji

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Fiona Sunquist
	Address: 3810 buck lake road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:51:38 PM

I support mandatory masks in Leon county. Would like to see more testing and masking
During this time

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Fiona Sunquist
	Address: 3810 buck lake road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:52:23 PM

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Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Frances Taber
	Address: 1453 Vieux Carre Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:08:07 PM

The wearing of masks in all public areas should be mandatory. Social distancing in all public areas should be enforced.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Francoise King
	Address: 5249 High Colony Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:00:45 PM

I hope that you consider making face masks mandatory in a public. Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Frank Armetta
	Address: 1419 Avondale Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:25:42 PM

With the growing number of COVID19 cases throughout Florida it would be medically sound to have the public wear masks at all indoor Leon County locations. If we can prevent even a small amount of people from contracting this virus it will help the public as a whole in the long run. In addition, please open more testing locations. It is not prudent to back up Mahan Drive daily. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Frank Boerger
	Address: 13234 Laurel Hill Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:27:28 AM

I understand that the commission will be discussing matters of public health. I am in favor of mandating the wearing of face coverings in public spaces until this pandemic is under control.

Thank you,
Frank M. Boerger

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Frederick Bertolaet
	Address: 1434 Lucy Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:58:11 PM

An ordinance should be enacted and enforced requiring all to wear a mask in public. There should be a \$500. fine or 30 days in jail if one is caught not wearing a mask in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Gabrielle Gabrielli
	Address: PO Box 12861
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:03:57 PM

Please make wearing masks mandatory in Leon County. Absolutely YES. I appreciate all those who currently are considerate enough to wear masks. I am highly immunocompromised with leukemia going through chemo now. I have not ventured out much the past few months, but when I have, I feel much safer when we are all wearing masks and social distancing. Now that the numbers are spiking, it makes more sense than ever to make this a requirement like other cities have. Let's please stop the spread of COVID-19. In your own words, "It's not too much to mask."

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Gail Bauman
	Address: 2113 Charter Oak Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:22:57 AM

Require face masks in indoor spaces.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Gail Dixon
	Address: 2427 Basswood Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:40:56 AM

Please require masks in all public spaces. I am a single person living alone with underlying health conditions, I have been quarantining very strictly. But it is impossible for me to NEVER go out in public. Even if I have medication and groceries delivered, I need those people to be masked.
Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Gallagher Crook
	Address: 66 Sam Smith Cir
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:53:09 PM

Mandatory mask you can ****REDACTED****. This is media fear mongering driven by the political season. This was such an issue the police should've been handing out regular beat downs to the rioters. Get over yourselves already quit living in fear and quit Tryin subject Americans to a dictatorship lifestyle

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Garrett Edmunds
	Address: 2805 Little Deal Rd Tallahassee, Florida
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:45:49 PM

I encourage making mandatory the wearing of masks in public. The best scientists from the CDC and around the world have proven that, even if not as effective as N95 masks, cloth masks reduce the transmission of Covid-19 by 70%. This dramatic reduction will absolutely save lives. We are all in this together, and we must all do our part.

I also wish to advocate for accessible and wide-spread testing, with effective contact tracing. This is especially true for our community's most vulnerable members; testing should be free and accessible for all.

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Special Meeting	Name: Garrett Pletcher
	Address: 531 E Van Buren St
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:47:22 PM

I am writing today to encourage the county commissioners to vote to make masks a mandatory requirement. I understand the issue has become unfortunately, and dangerously, politicized in our country but please look at the facts. COVID-19 hasn't left. Florida is on its way to becoming the next epicenter due to our governor's failure to properly lead our state. 200,000+ people are projected to die in the US. While we cannot protect the entire state we can protect our own here in Leon County. Wearing a mask has become the most important way to stop the spread of COVID-19. By making masks mandatory, lives will be saved and keep our hospitals open for those who really need it. I encourage you all to do the right thing and make masks mandatory. It is necessary for the health and safety of everyone in our county.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Garrett Riggs
	Address: 2013 E. Indianhead Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 5:21:52 PM

Please take measures to stop the spread of COVID in our community that are based on science and medical research rather than opinions by non-experts. Opening up the economy without taking proper measures to keep people safe will, in the long run, have a much more devastating effect on the economy and on the lives of those who live and work in Leon County.

We need to ensure that we do our best to stop the spread and keep it contained as cases are rising so we don't overwhelm our hospital system.

Masks in public should be mandatory. This has proven effective in other countries where there has been more success in fighting the spread of the virus.

We have not yet met the CDC guidelines for safe opening. Leon County could set the example for the rest of the state. People should still be encouraged to make only essential trips to places besides work, medical appointments, and grocery/supply stores. Restaurants should be encouraged to continue curbside and delivery over dining room seating. Bars, cinemas, and other non-essential indoor businesses should remain closed while cases in Florida continue to rise.

In Leon County, we also need to consider that Hurricane Season is also here and come up with plans for keeping people safe should they need to evacuate.

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Special Meeting	Name: Gary Thomas
	Address: 1902 ROSEDALE DR
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 1:26:13 PM

I am suffering from some ailments that put me at elevated risk to contracting the novel coronavirus. On the rare occasion I have gone to some stores, I am appalled at the number of people refusing to wear masks. Doing so is not a political statement, although some apparently believe it to be. This is a public health issue. Such reckless behavior endangers others. I believe the rush to open up is dangerous at a time when cases are on the rise here in Leon County and elsewhere in Florida. I strongly urge that Tallahassee and Leon County do what some other municipalities and entities have done and require that people be masked when they go out, be it to an enclosed area like a building or an outside venue like a stadium. Some people may not like wearing masks - but they'd like wearing a ventilator a whole lot less.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Gene Nelson
	Address: 2792 Julieanna Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:40:16 AM

Please mandate the wearing of masks and social distancing in all public spaces; including but not limited to playgrounds, sporting events, bars, restaurants, stores, hair salons and gyms.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Genezone Loy
	Address: 230 Atkinson Cir
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:21:20 PM

I do not think there should be a mandatory mask wearing none of you produced enough proof to say that it actually works if I can blow smoke through a mask it's not going to stop my speaking through it you're assuming that all of us have the cove it in assumptions are like **REDACTED** we all have them if you people keep pushing the narrative the people will start leaving the city leaving the state and also remind you November comes soon I do not believe in the mass worry I do wear a mask if I cannot stay away from people I am responsible I maintain my distance and if I can't I will put the mask on but that is my decision not yours you are not God you're not scientist and you cannot provide one percent fat most of the scientist have been wrong over and over and over again an old saying is fool me once shame on you fool me twice shame on me

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Special Meeting	Name: Genezone Loy
	Address: Tallahassee
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:13:08 AM

I believe that you should give businesses the option to acquire a mask I do not believe it should be the governments job or responsibility to mandate this the problem with this is if I'm tested and I am negative then I'm no longer a threat to anybody if I've had the virus and quarantine myself and I have the antibodies then I'm no longer a threat to anybody else this is a free country is based upon individual And also if you want us to social distance then we shouldn't have to wear a mask I do wear the mask if I cannot socially distance myself but there's also people who have breathing problems that the mask restricts their breathing What are you gonna do about those people also our cops are gonna waste time and money trying to enforce this in a town in which we have a very high crime rate we're people are being shot every other day I do stand behind the police officers I support the police officers and I know they have a hard job and they really do not have time to go around babysitting people to wear a mask allow businesses to do this on their ownIt would be like no shirt no shoes no service then we the people can decide if we wanna shop there or not

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Special Meeting	Name: Genezone Loy
	Address: Tallahassee
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:16:32 AM

What about if you're in the gym if you're working out wearing a mask this decreases the amount of oxygen you breathe which could also be harmful so when you make this mandate carefully understand there's lots of variables to this from peoples health from people feel like claustrophobic and those who have breathing issues because if we have to wear a mask then there's no need to social distance

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Special Meeting	Name: George Luke
	Address: 1816 Chuli Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:20:13 PM

I support a mandatory mask ordinance. The science is clear the public health benefit is obvious. We are in the middle of a pandemic. The only reason this is even a question is a complete abrogation of leadership at the state level and the federal level. This should not be a question for the county. Nevertheless the federal and state governments have failed to act leaving it up to you to protect the people. This is a public health emergency. Act like it.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: George Slade
	Address: 9049 Eagles Ridge Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:56:48 PM

Please strongly consider the issuance of mandatory face mask for all citizens in public because of the dramatic increase in COVID 19 infections now prior to the additional university/college population's arrival in August

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Geraldine Seay
	Address: 2014 Chuli Bene
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:12:07 PM

Let's follow the science and the best practices from other countries: New Zealand and Italy. We are a college town; can we follow the advice of the learned!! The state leadership is absent; the county needs to step up and take the lead!! Let's follow the science and Dr Fauci.

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Special Meeting	Name: Gina Gamble
	Address: 3405 native dancer trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:26:08 AM

This is absurd! It is not right to make people wear a mask. I personally am claustrophobic and they make me sick to my stomach and dizzy. This is not quality of life!! I respect those that want to wear one but I should not be forced to do so!! This virus is no more contagious than the common cold or flu. If it were Publix employees would all be effected! Many many people swarmed Publix Costco Walmart Home Depot etc that maybe 2 or 3 people were infected. Out of thousands!!! And at that time NO ONE wore masks or gloves! Now that we are the numbers seem to be creeping up. Hmmm... interesting! Probably bc the mask is causing some type of bacteria to grow and it's just being labeled as covid. Even if it were, the majority of people survive. More so than the flu. It completely depends on the individual!! I'm sorry for the ill effects it has on some but sadly that's just life! God has a plan. We don't get to alter it!! What's meant to be will be! If there's no quality of life then what's the point anyway?!?! Being locked up or masked when out is absolutely NOT A QUALITY life!!!

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Special Meeting	Name: Gina Palmisano
	Address: 2010 Faulk Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:27:43 PM

These rising numbers are extremely scary. I think that Leon County should follow other countries around the state and the country and make masks a mandatory requirement for all citizens when leaving their homes. Though this is an inconvenience to many, it is one step we can all take to do our part as citizens of this country to protect each other. My husband is immuno-compromised and we struggle getting our autistic son to wear a mask but we will continue to wear them everywhere we go (even when we are often the only ones doing so). It is the least we can do as shoppers during this time to protect all of us, including those who have no choice but to work.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Gina Whitfield
	Address: 916 Barrie Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:46:25 PM

I think the reopening should be held at present levels and masks required until this increase levels off. Our hospitals only have so many ICU beds. They serve the region— not only Tallahassee

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Special Meeting	Name: Ginny Laffitte
	Address: 3002 Brandemere Drive Tallahassee FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:28:34 AM

Dear Commissioners,

The rising COVID cases in our city are deeply concerning. Please vote to require masks. We have reached the point where it is a public safety issue. We wear seatbelts in cars and shoes in stores, this should be no different. There are some who would want you to believe this is a political issue but it is not. This is a health issue. Thank you for considering these thoughts.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Gladys Bass
	Address: PO Box 7332 Tallahassee, FL 32314
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 9:14:35 PM

Hello I am a Licensed Practical Nurse living in Leon County and I am very concerned about the spread of COVID-19 and Leon County's unpreparedness.. We have been pretty good with keeping the numbers low but I'm concerned about people flicking over here to get away from counties with a higher infection rate and going to places such as the beach.. I'm just throwing out some random suggestions.

(1) Set up a COVID- 19 contact tracing committee to keep track of positive cases, with assistance from Lab Corp, Dept of Health, church testing sites, school testing sites, etc.. providing results to the tracing team. Collaborate with Dept of Health to call people to reach out to people who are supposed to be quarantining and provide masks to those people in case they are non-compliant, impose a fine if they do, pay them to stay home if their job doesn't. GPS tracker bracelets .. Have outside vendor deliver groceries or food so they may stay home for that period of quarantine.

(2) Secure and send out mobile testing vans daily, wherever large crowds may gather or for those that would like to now stay home. Try to find out where the sources of COVID are coming from.. and keep the public updated via a contact tracing website. Allow people to input data and report high temperatures using zip codes as their ID, so we can see if there is a cluster we can isolate or reach out to that community and send testers out in a van to peoples homes if they need it. Just a thought

(3)Before it gets out of control, reach out to area and outside nursing agencies to find ICU nurses and a COVID nursing team to have on standby to work in Leon county and surrounding areas and provide sufficient funding to encourage nurses to continue working in this high risk area of nursing if staff levels are affected. Reach out to NYC Governor to request nurses, as some of Florida nurses went down to NYC to assist and we may need the favor back.

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Encourage AT ALL TIMES for the community to continue using masks to reduce the spread and to not be selfish to others.

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Special Meeting	Name: Glen Doran
	Address: 1117 Azalea drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:30:44 PM

Require people to use face masks and follow CDC guidelines for opening. Nothing wrong with trying to control the pandemic and save lives. Stupid to act like nothing is going on.

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Special Meeting	Name: Glencora Haskins
	Address: 3972 Camino Real
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:16:54 PM

In this country, we are committed to the constitutional rights to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. I think we need to understand, however, that these things are not of equal importance at all times, since they depend on one another. Happiness requires liberty in order to pursue, and there is no liberty without life. '

Despite being 21 years old, I have a genetic disorder that compromises the structural integrity of my hollow organs. Being that the lung is a hollow organ, contracting COVID-19 could very well kill me, prohibiting me forever from getting to enjoy any of those constitutional rights.

There is scientific evidence to support the health benefits of wearing a mask in public. Requiring masks in public does not inhibit anyone the right to live, nor liberty, nor their ability to pursue happiness (unless their happiness is solely contingent on the ability to grocery shop with their mouth uncovered). My right to life is not less important than this -- it is not even equally important to this. My right to be alive is more important than someone's hour-long experience in the grocery store.

Asking people nicely to do the right thing is insufficient. Wearing masks in public needs to be made mandatory immediately.

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Special Meeting	Name: Glenda Smith
	Address: 1095 Walden Road, Tallahassee, Fl. 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:47:35 AM

I believe masks should be a choice, not a mandate.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Gloria Arias
	Address: 2211 KILLARNEY WAY
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 9:32:48 AM

Please vote “no” on mandatory masks.

Even Dr. Fauci recently told 60 Minutes Overtime, no masks. Leave them to the medical professionals.

He, along with Drs. Siegel, Samadi, Qanta Ahmed and others, all strongly recommend social distancing and washing hands. Alot.

Masks give a false sense of security not to mention the contamination for improper handling of them, the lack of washing hands, etc.

Please don't put many of us on house arrest for agreeing with the experts .

We all want to rid our country of the virus.

Thank you,

Gloria M. Arias

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Gordon Cherr
	Address: 2438 Bass Bay Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:51:22 PM

Make mask wearing mandatory in business/shopping settings please.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Gordon Erlebacher
	Address: 9695 Centerville Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 5:30:42 PM

I am Chair of the Department of Scientific Computing working with collaborators in Computer Science and Communications Our project involves developing a model of Leon County taking households and businesses into account in order to predict the impact of population behavior on the spread of Covid-19 taking real-time data into account (assuming access to this data). At the same time, we have developed a contact tracing app on Android (iPhone to follow soon) and hope to deploy it to help track infected students when FSU reopens its campus. We would like to collaborate with the authorities of Leon County to help identify the effect of different decisions involving the usage of masks, social distancing, in order to achieve a common-sense approach to reopening the economy of Leon County taking local conditions into account and propose measures to be taken to balance health and economic concerns. I plan to attend Tuesday's meeting and look forward to meeting Health Care and City representatives that would be interesting in collaborating with us for the good of the community.

Gordon Erlebacher
Chair and Professor
Department of Scientific Computing

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Grayal Farr
	Address: 3315 Reading Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:50:25 PM

I support as strongly as possible a requirement for Leon County to require safety protection measures including masking in every reasonable circumstance (not, for instance while aerobically exercising vigorously or consuming food or beverages) and requiring social distancing.

This is a complicated issue but it is an epidemiological one, not a political one.

Tallahassee has a wealth of public health expertise in FSU's medical school and there is also much information available from national and international experts with locally learned lessons.

But there will always be more to learn. Please act decisively NOW - tweak later.

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Special Meeting	Name: Gregory Cohen
	Address: 612 Talaflo street
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:49:24 PM

I would like some rules made where restaurants have to publicly report if they have had an employee infected with COVID-19. Of course this is only needed if that employee was in a position to also infect other employees or customers.

I also would like rules on how long these restaurants should keep potentially effected employees away from that restaurant (eg. the ones who worked with the infected employee) to prevent further spread.

Some restaurants in Tallahassee have re-opened as soon as 24 hours after the problem was detected. This is in opposition to the CDC that calls for at least 24 hours to pass before cleaning an establishment after suspected exposure let alone how long to wait before testing is possible.. According to news reports it takes a while after exposure before a test for COVID-19 can even work. The virus seems to need to be in the body for a while before you can be sure that the test won;t give a false negative. Whatever this time is, restaurants should be asked to keep exposed employees away from the establishment until the risk of transmission is passed.

I am hoping for some guidelines so that the public can trust restaurant after an exposure, and so the public can know if they have been possibly infected so they can take appropriate action.

If the public does not trust that restaurants are safe, re-opening is pointless.

Requiring face masks to be worn in public can help too.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Gregory Eberhardt
	Address: 9919 Waters Meet Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:00:05 PM

Absolutely No, to requiring masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Greta Lin
	Address: 2500 Merchants Row Blvd Apt 46
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:21:53 PM

Make it mandatory that people need to ware face mask in public area. Thanks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Gunilla Trull
	Address: 1407 Fairway Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:53:05 PM

Face masks need to be mandatory anywhere in public. My weekly trip to Publix on Blair Stone Rd. ended when I found out today many staff were infected IN SPITE of all wearing masks.

Leon County has been lucky so far with low numbers of Covid 19. It is beginning to change....

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Gwen Drake
	Address: 1143 Pine St.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:26:09 PM

Wearing face masks should be made mandatory any time one is inside a public building or place of business, along with continuing social distance measures in order to control the spread of COVID-19. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32355904/>

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Gwen Warren
	Address: 2754 Pecan Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:05:54 PM

My concern is why doesn't restaurants have to report COVID cases also since the COVID-19 cases is rising I would like to see mandatory masks in public places and going back into quarantine.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Habib Alothman
	Address: 2915 Sharer Rd, 1222 Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 2:22:27 AM

I want the study to be a face-to-face in the fall. But I hope that the school will provide all means of protection. Social spacing is applied to the class.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Haley Mehta
	Address: 1521 Heechee Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:53:35 PM

Please vote to make masks mandatory is all indoor public spaxes.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Hannah Hiester
	Address: Payne Street, Tallahassee, FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:13:29 AM

I would urge the committee to consider strict policies to be implemented across Leon County that cover the three areas that come up consistently across CDC guidelines to help prevent spread of covid-19 (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>)

- wearing masks/a cloth face covering
- social distancing, as well as the distance between people, aspects such as one way systems in stores and capacity of buildings
- hand washing/availability of hand sanitizer

The implementation of these is inconsistent across the county and even when places do have notices posted, for example about number of customers, adherence to their own policy is not necessarily implemented. While not wholly responsible for all behaviors, inconsistency and lack of adherence sends the message that these actions are not necessary or prudent.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Hash Wij
	Address: 1484 Marion Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:33:20 PM

Please make masks mandatory in Leon County. With the number of cases spiking, it's a matter of health and safety for our families.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Haven Cook
	Address: 310 N. Dellview Dr., Tallahassee FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:13:05 PM

Please decide to require everyone to wear masks. I know the average age for Leon County is very young, but we need to protect the seniors among us. This won't last forever.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Hazel Rosser
	Address: 2870 Manila Palm Ct.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:23:36 PM

Make masks mandatory county wide and reduce restaurants to 50% capacity.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Heather Diaz
	Address: 626 w 10th Ave, Tallahassee, FL
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:15:48 PM

Please require masks in spaces where social distancing is not possible. Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Heather Potter
	Address: 6308 Sinkola Dr Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:12:10 AM

I want to put my vote in for mandatory mask wearing while out in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Heather Shandin
	Address: 1500 Branch St.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:05:09 PM

It is imperative that restaurants, bars, and other businesses who have received complaints regarding COVID—19 be subject to punitive measures until they create a safe environment for employees and customers.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Heather Shiver
	Address: 3806 Rolf St
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:28:44 PM

Require mandatory face masks. Save Florida. Please. Your residents are more important that your tourists.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Heather Waller
	Address: 4112 Zermatt dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:16:30 PM

I request no mandatory mask requirements for leon county!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Heidi Fox
	Address: 1300 West Indian Head
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:04:30 PM

I really support a mask mandate. Do it for 90 days and revisit. It would keep us all safer and slow the virus. I think businesses need some backup from the county to enforce their private property rights to request that people inside the premises, as well as staff, wear masks. I think, otherwise, this opening and closing of businesses due to COVID+ staff or customers will really erode public confidence in the reopening.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Heike Sanford
	Address: 256 Robinhood Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:36:56 AM

We need everyone to wear a face cover after leaving their house, or car.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Helen Hunt
	Address: 910 Limbo Lane, Tallahassee, 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:36:32 PM

Please, support the mandatory wearing of masks and do what you can to provide masks for those without, or support agencies working to distribute them.
Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Helen Light
	Address: 621 Terrace Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:36:14 PM

I strongly support mandatory wearing of masks in public places in addition to social distancing. The record-breaking surge in cases in Leon County in the last week makes it clear we all must do a better job of blocking human-to-human transmission of the virus. The primary method of transmission is airborne - it's critical that we all do what we can to reduce airborne transmission. Masks are exactly what we need for that.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Helen Zhanh
	Address: Zh123@hotmail.com
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:53:02 PM

“WEAR FACE MASK IN PUBLIC”
PLEASE MAKE IT MANDANTORY! PLEASE!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Helene Linn
	Address: 2225 Glenwood Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:04:54 PM

Mandating face masks and Social Distancing is no longer an option but a necessity. For the sake of everyone Please do this today!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Helene Linn
	Address: 2225 Glenwood Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:10:06 PM

Mandating face masks and Social Distancing is no longer an option. For the sake of everyone Please implement this immediately with the the penalty being that businesses that do not comply will have to close their doors for a thirty day or longer period.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Henry Norona
	Address: 3278 Pioneer Road
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 6:37:58 AM

Masks may be our best intervention at this time. Yes, masks should be required but I am not sure how you will enforce their use. It is obvious to me that the issue is not whether or not they are useful but rather whether or not people are willing to put their need for "you can't make me wear one" second to the reality that we wear the masks for others as much as for ourselves.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Holden Bitner
	Address: 618 Truett Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:31:17 PM

Dear County Commissioners,

While many of the leaders in our federal and state governments are refusing to take the current health crisis seriously, I hope and wish that you will not follow their lead. Please take COVID seriously. Florida looks like it could become a new epicenter of the virus, and without strong leadership from ya'll we could lose many lives here in Leon County. As a Leon County resident I find it concerning that folks are socializing in bars and restaurants, without masks, even showing open contempt for those wearing them - this makes no sense to me and worries me that many of these folks are quite possible acting as inconsiderate spreaders of the virus. I support restrictions similar to those we had back in the spring here in Leon County, including making it necessary to wear masks in public.

Sincerely,
Holden Bitner

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Hollie Myers Elhilow
	Address: 1444 Denholm Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:13:16 PM

Please do not mandate mask wearing. Each individual should have the right to decide if they will wear a mask, just as each individual will need to decide if underlying health conditions, fears, or concerns require them to remain at home, in a bubble.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Holly Hanessian
	Address: 554 East Georgia Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:51:10 PM

I understand the decision to make wearing masks mandatory in Tallahassee is on the agenda for an upcoming meeting. Please register my plea to make it mandatory to wear masks in public enclosed spaces (stores, gyms, service centers, etc.) because it is a matter of life and health. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Hong Li
	Address: 1304 Wodgate Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:42:23 PM

“WEAR FACE MASK IN PUBLIC”
PLEASE MAKE IT MANDANTORY! PLEASE!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Howard Pardue
	Address: 809 Maderia Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:55:39 AM

You, our County Commission and Staff, have a long history of coming up with sensible solutions to complex problems. Balancing a life threatening pandemic and economic well being will not be easy. One of the simpler, middle of the road solutions which restores economic growth/employment and provides a reasonable measure of public health protection is social distancing and wearing masks when distancing isn't possible. Yes, that's old news. The reality is that in many places in our community, including restaurants and stores, it is still not happening. It's not happening in our surrounding counties and Georgia. That puts our community at serious risk. AND that increases the chance that our rate of infection will sharply increase and require YOU to enact and enforce MORE EXTREME measures later this year.

PLEASE act now to require social distancing and masking now to PREVENT having to take more extreme measures when health conditions worsen and our infection rate sharply spikes like the rest of Florida.

Howard Pardue, an at-risk senior, with children and grand children who need protection.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Howard Pardue
	Address: 809 Maderia Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:57:41 AM

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Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Hue Reynolds
	Address: 2155 Amanda Mae Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:18:05 PM

Please let people make their own decisions on whether they should wear a mask.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ian Miller
	Address: 2551 Pecan Rd, Unit 3
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:35:29 PM

Dear County Commission,

I am writing today to urge you to vote yes to mandate mask use in public places in Leon county effective immediately. This is a public safety issue. Masks greatly reduce infection rates, and by continuing in the way we have by “reopening” our economy with little to no mitigation measures has already had a clear and very dangerous impact. It is critical for the county to take action now. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Ian Miller

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ian Weir
	Address: 2131 Harriet Dr. Tallahassee FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:35:34 AM

Masks should be mandatory because they have been shown to be effective and slowing the spread of Covid-19. It's not a political issue it's a public health issues. Please be the adults in the room and make this happen before it's really too late. Thanks!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Iris Palazes
	Address: 1646 Hedgefield Court Tallahassee FL 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:46:22 AM

Please support mandatory masks in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Isabel Ruano
	Address: 2631 Yarmouth Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 8:55:58 AM

Please vote yes to mandatory masks in indoor public spaces. Please encourage residents to NOT bring their babies to the store. Babies can't wear masks but they do spread disease when they cry or scream. There's no need for any baby to go shopping.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jacki Barber
	Address: 19626 North by Northwest Rd., 32310
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:42:59 AM

I live and conduct the majority of my business in the southern and far western parts of the county which is primarily rural and low income residences. There is a disturbing lack of preventive measures in these areas such as not wearing masks or maintaining proper distances. I believe it would be beneficial to conduct awareness campaigns and provide masks, (and perhaps hand sanitizer), free of charge to people in these areas. For example many people I speak with do not understand the purpose of masks, believing they are only to protect the wearer. Business owners and store managers seem reluctant to request, much less enforce customer mask use. I worry this area may be prime to become the next hot spot of infection in the county.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jackie Russo
	Address: 728 E 6th Avenue
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:51:37 AM

I do NOT want to be mandated to wear a mask

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jackie Toops
	Address: 1935 Buckwood Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:26:21 AM

Please make the wearing of masks mandatory in Leon County to help slow/stop the spread of Covid-19. This is especially prudent in indoor settings like stores and medical offices — anywhere people in public are congregating.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jacob Paglialonga
	Address: 2113 Monticello Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 3:48:18 PM

Your mandatory mask "emergency order" is profoundly unconstitutional.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jacob Warren
	Address: 2636 mission rd apt 134 tallahassee, florida 32304
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:37:09 PM

Please require masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jacqueline Bist
	Address: 1062 Anaheim Court Tallahassee, FL 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:27:49 PM

In regards to the question of whether masks should be required in buildings throughout Leon County, I think that each citizen should be given the liberty to decide when and where they wear a mask. Having said that, I would exclude health care facilities, assisted living facilities, or any other facility where there are a number of those most vulnerable people who should be protected within that environment. My opinion is based upon the local data that I have been following throughout this pandemic. Based on the information from the Florida COVID-19 Dashboard, Tallahassee, unlike some other counties in Florida, does not, at this time, need further tightening of restrictions, such as a universal mask requirement.

I believe that it should continue to be our right to decide, based on our own health and well-being, whether to “mask” or not. Those with ANY symptoms should choose to wear a mask. People with or without masks on should practice vigilant social distancing. Unmasked people may be making that choice for their own health (claustrophobia, already recovered from COVID-19, just received a negative result on a COVID-19 test, or other personal or emotional reasons).

It will also remain important for those who are most vulnerable to choose their level of participation outside their home. Some may choose (as I see many have as I go through the city) to remain unmasked as a part of their own health and well-being. Those people should also not feel that they are being judged by the masked citizens.

Individual businesses should have the right to require those who enter their building or place of business (or worship) to wear masks. Citizens can then decide whether they will wear a mask, or shop or do business elsewhere.

Lastly, a reminder that the reason the lockdown began in the first place was to make sure that the hospitals did not get overrun with cases, to the point that medical personnel were not available for all, or that medical equipment was not available. Thankfully, Leon County never reached that point, and it is my understanding that our hospitals are prepared and ready for any severe cases that might occur. Sadly, at some point there may be some severe cases, but, based on the data, it doesn't look like that would be the norm for our area. Through social distancing, good hygiene (frequent washing of hands, not touching our faces) and wearing masks when necessary (in certain environments) Leon County can and will continue to move forward back to normal.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jada Sptaghins
	Address: 9601 Miccosukee rd #44
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:11:10 PM

Please mandate masks be worn in public for the safety of Leon county

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: James Cassady
	Address: 4548 Grove Park Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:24:13 PM

Simple....masks need to be required by staff and customers in all commercial businesses including food, retail, services, etc until this situation is seriously mitigated. There are far too many people of all ages showing no regard for others OR themselves.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: James Charron
	Address: 2620 Hickory Ridge Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:27:08 PM

Please, DO NOT implement mandatory mask wearing in Leon County. The level of threat from COVID-19 no longer warrants violating our 1st Amendment right to assembly more than what has already been implemented. With Large scale testing in place, less than 600 total confirmed cases, and 8 deaths in Leon the mandate is a gross over step of our rights. It also contributes and needlessly feeds into the unrest that is currently growing around our nation at this time. Please heed my words.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: James Gandy
	Address: 1997 N Monroe St Tallahassee Fl 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:12:49 PM

I am in favor of making the wearing of masks in Leon County Fl mandatory in regards to social distancing in public places and ALL places of business

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: James Harrison
	Address: 231 Timberlane Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:24:44 PM

I encourage you to require wearing of a mask when in public places!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: James Hovey
	Address: 48 Deer Creek rd.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:03:46 AM

My body my choice period. The Seargon General of the United States doubled down when he said wearing a mask of a healthy person runs the risk of getting sick or infected also it would be a violation of my constitutional rights so a mandate to wear one would allow me and my fellow citizens to be able to sue the Commission.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: James Kirkpatrick
	Address: 812 Elizabeth Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:52:16 PM

I would like to throw my voice and opinion behind the idea that for public safety we make mask coverings for mouth and nose mandatory for all public, in door spaces.

I always believe in the idea of individuals liberty but partaking in public spaces is not your right to endanger those around you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: James Mogle
	Address: 1951 N Meridian Rd Apt 24
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:47:06 PM

The right to individual liberty stops at the point where other people's actions become dangerous to the public.

This is the crossroads we are now at. Wearing a mask is only an infringement on liberty if you are a fool. There is a large number of people, including me, who refuse to engage in local commerce because other members of the public could be putting my life in jeopardy by breathing without a mask. Please add strong enforcement, also.

I strongly support making masks mandatory until the health crisis is solved.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jamie Peeters
	Address: 1333 Cherry Street, Tallahassee, FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:06:29 PM

I strongly support the implementation of mandatory mask wearing in Leon County. It should not be a political issue but a public safety one. So many people in Tallahassee are not wearing the masks and the Coronavirus rates here getting worse as a result. Tallahassee should be taking this seriously.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jan Calvin
	Address: 603 Eastwood Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 7:02:15 PM

Thank you Commissioners for addressing the horrific events in Florida since opening businesses.

I certainly hope that local governments have the ability to make corrections that will ensure Leon County [and others] will see a reverse in cases.

I'm 72 years young and plan on being around a lot longer. I stay home, ususally curbside pickup, might go in Publix or Walmart once a month.

My personal recommendation would be from my Facebook post, I copied.

All stores should post this, hold to it and enforce it.

No Mask

No Brains

No Service

With the RNC convention in Jax August 24-27 and just down the road, it scares the stuffings out of me knowing that people from Leon County will attend and bring it back to share.

Thank you for your concern,

Jan Calvin

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jan Giunipero
	Address: 2345 Tour Eiffel Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:44:25 PM

Please make face masks mandatory!!! Only “proven” way to curb the spread.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jan Keshen
	Address: 5114 CHINA BERRY LN
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:48:11 PM

Please do something to make wearing masks mandatory in public. It cannot hurt and it can only help save lives. PLEASE!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jane Fletcher
	Address: 4149 Arklow Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:57:54 PM

I would urge the county commission to adopt a policy requiring people to wear face masks when in public including in stores, restaurants etc. when they could foreseeably come within 6 feet of another person not in their household. This is crucial to protect the health and wellness of Leon county citizens.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jane Goree
	Address: 1720 Vineyard Way
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 8:14:12 AM

Please make masks mandatory.
Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jane Goree
	Address: 1720 Vineyard Way Tallahassee, Florida 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 8:19:59 AM

Please make masks mandatory.
Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jane Jordan
	Address: 2932 Parrish Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 9:26:51 AM

Make mask-wearing mandatory in public, whether social distancing is maintained or not. This is a public health issue, not a political one. The requirement to wear masks in public is no more a threat to anyone's Constitutional rights than the requirement to drive on the right-hand side of the road or to stop at Stop signs. We must all act to support the health and well-being of citizens of Leon County, including our schools and businesses. I grew up in my parents' small business. My Dad created jobs and wealth where they had not been before. Small businesses, especially are susceptible to economic upheavals. If we lose our small employers the ripple effect throughout the County will be devastating. We must all work together to flatten the curve, slow or stop the virus from spreading, and get to our "new normal" as quickly and safely as possible. This isn't about politics. It is about hard-headed, clear economic thinking, and sound public health policy.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jane Mann
	Address: 3329 Nottingham Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:38:32 PM

I believe it is essential for the Leon County Commission to require the wearing of masks for everyone when appearing in public. Leon County still has new Covid19 cases appearing every day. This pandemic is not over. The mask I wear protects YOU from me and by you wearing a mask, I am protected. We should not be fully opening up places where people can come into close contact or proximity to each other, such as restaurants, bars, shopping centers, schools, etc.

Every person should wear a mask when not at home or at least outside and practicing distancing oneself at least 6 feet from another person. I hope the Leon County Commission will step up to the responsibility of requiring masks and physical distancing when outside the home in public. To not do so means the appearance of new infections will continue for some long time.

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Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jane Nelson
	Address: 2160 Orleans Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:05:33 PM

I fully support requiring everyone to wear masks in public, except for specific exceptions (people with health conditions that prevent it, very small children, etc).

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jane Nipps
	Address: 1450 Denholm Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:15:55 PM

Absolutely NO to mandatory face masks.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) website plainly states that cloth face masks and/or surgical masks "Will not protect the wearer against airborne transmissible infectious agents due to loose fit and lack of seal or inadequate filtration."

Normal fresh air contains 20.95% oxygen. OSHA defines an oxygen deficient atmosphere as an "atmosphere with an oxygen content below 19.5% by volume." The reason we breath air is only for our lungs to harvest the oxygen it contains so that we don't suffocate and die.

OSHA documents the effects of the first level of oxygen deficiency from 16% to 19.5%:

At concentrations of 16 to 19.5 percent, workers engaged in any form of exertion can rapidly become symptomatic as their tissues fail to obtain the oxygen necessary to function properly (Rom, W., Environmental and Occupational Medicine, 2nd ed.; Little, Brown; Boston, 1992).

Increased breathing rates, accelerated heartbeat, and impaired thinking or coordination occur more quickly in an oxygen-deficient environment. Even a momentary loss of coordination may be devastating to a worker if it occurs while the worker is performing a potentially dangerous activity, such as climbing a ladder.

Every employer and government entity that mandates the wearing of face masks are required to do two things: first, they must provide atmospheric testing to each person to measure average oxygen levels inside the mask when it is being worn and second, if oxygen is below 19.5%, they must be provided with an oxygen enriched breathing system.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jane Terrell
	Address: 9601 Miccosukee Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:04:59 PM

As we've seen all over the world, the countries that have mandated mask wearing in public spaces have had many fewer cases. Yet in Florida, our governor is not willing to require it. Tallahassee has had relatively few cases compared to south Florida, but with students returning and Phase II lifting of restrictions, many more people will be exposed. I understand it's hard to wear a mask when you're jogging, etc.--transmission is easier to avoid outdoors. But indoors, in closed space, especially when handling food, the dangers of transmission are very concerning. I urge you to adopt measures that require mask-wearing in all public indoor spaces, as well as social distancing, and most especially bars and restaurants. Let's keep Tallahassee safe!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jane Tillman
	Address: 810 Livingston Court
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:35:04 PM

Please make masks in public mandatory.
Everyone not wearing a masks puts me at risk!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Janet Childers
	Address: 3144 Ferns Glen
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:24:03 PM

Everyone in Leon County should be required to wear a face mask (Including children in schools) to help stop/slow the spread of Covid-19. As we are seeing now, with the increasing number of positive cases, without minimum, required standards some will not “volunteer” to follow suggestions/guidelines, and this will affect the rest of us negatively, both health-wise and economically.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Janet Dennison
	Address: 5997 Miles Blake Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:41:37 PM

Make masks mandatory with a fine if someone is not wearing one!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Janet Evans
	Address: 4130 Arklow Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:25:27 PM

I support mandatory masks for Leon County. Public health benefits are great with minimal citizen responsibility- just obtain a mask and wear it correctly to protect everyone.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Janet Ferris
	Address: 525 Bobbin Brook Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:35:41 PM

Masks in public must be mandatory. This is a public health issue, not a political one. The intentional spreading of misinformation, which is rampant on social media, must be addressed with intelligent decision-making supported by science. This state is an embarrassment, and people will get sick and die because of this stupidity unless our local government acts responsibly. Please do that.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Janet Olin
	Address: 11049 Pennewaw Trace
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:48:51 PM

Please require masks if in areas such as stores or anywhere that you cannot keep people 6 ft apart. Recent weeks have shown less and less voluntarily complying, and with the numbers going up, we cannot wait for the Governor to take appropriate action.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jason Sell
	Address: 1206 Cross Creek Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:48:32 PM

Please do not make masks a requirement. We do not need any more interference in our lives because of COVID19. Let people have their natural autonomy to decide when, where, if, how, or why they do or do not need to wear a mask. People intrinsically have their own self-interest in mind and will do what's right if you just leave them alone. Making more requirements is just going to cause a further rift between groups of people. I understand it can be scary and you get pressure from your constituents but COVID19 will pass and people can handle their own lives just fine. Please, don't make it any worse by implementing overbearing rules and laws which will only turn another group of people against you. When in doubt, it's best to leave people alone and let them handle themselves.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jason Verschage
	Address: 2864 Cery Trace Tallahassee, Fl 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:39:35 PM

I add my voice for mandatory mask wearing for indoor public spaces. As we move deeper into the summer, the need for more powerful air conditioning and circulation will spread the virus within enclosed spaces at a greater rate. Even if a mask is not 100 percent effective all the time, it reduces the potential aerosol spread enough that transmission likelihood drops by over 3/4. Given the increasing likelihood that there will not be a second shutdown, adding a simple step such as this can help keep the hospitals from achieving critical mass.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jean Smith
	Address: 119 Hoffman drive Tallahassee Florida 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:01:55 PM

Our national and state governments have failed to enact simple policies that can protect the public from COVID-19. If everyone were to wear masks, we could all protect each other. Most of the new infections may be young adults, but having more cases in the community puts everyone at an increased risk. The higher infection rates are causing older and at risk individuals to double down on quarantine, which will not help the economy. If we all wear masks, everyone is safer.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jeanne Lebow
	Address: 1918 Wahalaw Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:47:53 PM

Please, make masks mandatory!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jeanne Schroeder
	Address: 6892 Glenmeadow Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:05:37 AM

The county needs to be under a mandatory mask order. Parents are crazy about not wanting kids to wear masks at school. As a 60year old teacher, I am concerned. I have to interact with 100+ students per day. Make those masks mandatory or stay home. This is a no brainer. Stop the crazy.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jeff Breinholt
	Address: 2916 Edenderry Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:44:05 PM

Do not mask the community!

Just because it is easy to put on a piece of fabric on you face it does not mean you should. There are other risks to wearing a mask that need to be considered.

This information is right from the WHO's website:

At the present time, the widespread use of masks by healthy people in the community setting is not yet supported by high quality or direct scientific evidence and there are potential benefits and harms to consider.

The likely disadvantages of the use of mask by healthy people in the general public include:

- potential increased risk of self-contamination due to the manipulation of a face mask and subsequently touching eyes with contaminated hands;(48, 49)
- potential self-contamination that can occur if nonmedical masks are not changed when wet or soiled. This can create favorable conditions for microorganism to amplify;
- a false sense of security, leading to potentially lower adherence to other critical preventive measures such as physical distancing and hand hygiene;

Masks have been around now since March and all day every day you see the majority of people who are wearing masks using them improperly. Improper use is more of a risk then there is any possible gain by forcing people to wear them.

Social distancing and hand washing are much more effective ways to reduce your risk.

If you have a study showing that a fabric mask does provide protection from the virus I would love to read them. The best the CDC can say is that they "may" reduce the risk.

I realize you are in a lose lose situation but I urge you to read deeply before voting to mask an entire community.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jeff Smith
	Address: 5771 fox bridge, Tallahassee Florida 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:32:58 PM

“WEAR FACE MASK IN PUBLIC”
PLEASE MAKE IT MANDANTORY! PLEASE!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jeff Wright
	Address: 2122 Claremont Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:46:37 PM

Please make masks mandatory. I believe it will help bring the cases back down.
Thanks

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jena Dorminy
	Address: 4458 Camden road Tallahassee FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:48:37 PM

I have NEVER before written in or commented on meetings. I've paid attention and listened over the years but never felt the need to voice my opinion. However, I'm writing today because that has changed. I am asking that you please vote NO to mandatory mask wearing in public within Leon co. The science is not there and the numbers for COVID not reliable enough to justify such a strict order.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jenifer Fonseca
	Address: 416 Merlin Way Tallahassee, FL 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:37:53 PM

Good afternoon,

I would like to oppose implementation of mandatory masks in public outside areas. I am not opposed to mandatory masks in indoor businesses and other indoor areas. The wearing of a mask outside, unless in a crowded area, has not been recommended that I can find. I can't imagine having to wear a mask while exercising in Tally heat and humidity. Enforcement and fines are another concern.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Blanca
	Address: 6705 Pomona Court
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:26:39 PM

Masks should be mandatory when in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Cameron
	Address: 1543 Chowkeebin Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:13:13 AM

Make masks mandatory. This is a public health concern. Indoor only.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Davis
	Address: 3424 Osprey Ridge Court
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 4:01:20 PM

After attempting to visit four different retail stores today (Saturday, June 20) and seeing three people wearing masks out of about 30, and no staff wearing masks, it is clear that Leon County residents cannot be trusted to voluntarily wear masks. And with clear guidance from the CDC, the Florida Department of Health and many other credible organizations that masks can significantly prevent the spread of COVID-19 - the responsible action from our city and county would be to mandate masks until there is an actual decline of cases in the state.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Davis
	Address: 4332 Carnwath Rd, Tallahassee, FL, 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:15:12 PM

Masks should have been mandatory from the beginning of reopening. MAKE MASKS MANDATORY. I don't even care about people's BS "health conditions" no mask no entry PERIOD. They can order online or have someone go for them like they have been. MASKS SHOULD BE MANDATORY and the peaking numbers are evidence of that fact!! We cannot count on effective leadership from our governor. It is up to US to do what is necessary. Also, should be mandatory for staff AND citizens. I went to the Lake Jackson postal office last week and masks are required to enter the building but not a single staff member was wearing one themselves. HOW IS THAT SUPPOSED TO WORK?!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Delgado
	Address: 3730 Lifford Cir
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:12:24 PM

Please please consider making masks mandatory in Leon County for the foreseeable future. We are a high-risk household and have so many friends and family who are in essential services. They deserve even the littlest bit of help trying to stay safe and healthy.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Edwards
	Address: 1200 Pedrick Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:39:58 PM

Please require masks for all public areas and work places in Leon County

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Hill
	Address: 4810 Ballygar Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:05:25 PM

Mandatory masks are not the answer. Herd immunity is the only way. If you are sick stay home. If you are old or immune compromised be careful. It's not that bad out there!! People need to be able to make their own choices. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Kanke
	Address: 607 Collins Drive Tallahassee, FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:30:17 PM

The positivity rate in Leon County jumped this past week to 3.78% from .93%. While we are not in the same situation as those in South Florida, we are seeing an increase in the number of cases. The time to act is now, not once we're at the 10.75% of Palm Beach or 11.45% of Dade. Requiring everyone to wear masks would help prevent this kind of a spike in our county.

Many people will turn the debate from mandating masks to a debate about what the punishment would be if people don't wear masks. These are two different conversations. They will say that if you don't strictly enforce it then people won't do it. They might make the argument that you shouldn't punish people harshly for not wearing a mask and if you can't strictly enforce it, then you shouldn't do it at all. This logic ignores the fact that most people don't need a carrot or a stick to do the right thing. Jaywalking isn't strictly enforced. The wearing of seat belts is dealt with in much the same way. But most people don't jaywalk and do wear their seat belts. Sometimes what people need is for their government to take a stand, to let them know that something is important. Mandating masks in our county shows people that leadership considers it necessary and important.

There are some people who won't wear a mask even if it's mandated. I, and others like me, will keep wearing our masks even if it's not. But there are a lot of people in the county looking at you for leadership and guidance. They're trying to figure out what they need to do in this situation. Please don't let them down. Mandate masks in Leon County.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Koslow
	Address: 3218 Constellation CT
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:22:48 PM

Please make masks in public spaces mandatory. This isn't a political issue it is a public health one. Since people are not voluntarily wearing masks, it needs to be mandatory. This will help businesses not hurt them.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Morafates
	Address: 1189 Greensward Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:28:50 PM

Do not make masks mandatory. Especially in this summer heat!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Morgan-Byrd
	Address: 6260 Old Bainbridge Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:23:45 PM

Dear Commissioners,

Thank you for your hard work to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. I wanted to share my thoughts regarding the issue to mandate mask wearing in Leon County. I personally feel that it should NOT be a mandate. I understand that finding a balance between individual freedoms and safety is a challenge. Leon County has done a great job in educating the community, and has entrusted its residents to decide their own ways of mitigating the spread of COVID 19. I pray that you continue to do this.

Some thoughts that come to mind on whether to mandate. How will it be enforced? Are you going to redirect the precious law enforcement resources to respond to every complaint reported? (There are a lot of people willing to report mask wearing 'violators.')

Will this new requirement by law enforcement negatively impact the community relations, especially with all the negativity circulating in the media re police officers? Will it open up concerns from the community with poor relations with our local law enforcement that it gives law enforcement with more authority to target individuals unnecessarily? [BTW - I support our men and women in Blue!] If violators were reported, and there was no response from law enforcement or Leon County, does it open up the county and law enforcement to liability of anyone in the county gets Covid 19? Will Leon County be required to provide masks to residents unable to afford a mask? Can someone have an exception to mask wearing, such as a person with disabilities (who may not wear one) or person with a medical condition. Will Leon County issue a card for them to flash so they are not harassed by the 'Community Mask Patrol.' If the mandate goes into effect. When will it be lifted?

COVID 19 isn't going away. Instead of focusing on how many people contracted COVID 19, please focus on the number of people who recovered. The rates are comparable to the rates affected by the flu. Once you open this door, will the county be obligate to apply this policy in the future with the different variations of the the flu and COVID that impact our community?

Please consider my information in your decision with mask wearing mandates.

Thank you and may the Lord provide you with guidance in finding the best solution for your constituents.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Pace
	Address: 1201 Victory Garden Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:41:22 AM

Please require the use of face masks. People are not making good choices here.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Paredes
	Address: 2308 Aster Way, Tallahassee, Fl 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:33:48 PM

Following CDC recommendations for masks is essential to curb the spread of COVID-19.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Parker
	Address: 1107 Benjamin Chaires Road Tallahassee, Fl 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:22:33 PM

Mandatory masks please!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Peckham
	Address: 6420 Dancers image Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:13:28 AM

Please make it mandatory to wear a mask in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Schellinger
	Address: 631 E Call Street, Apt 117, Tallahassee, Fl 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:49:03 PM

I'd like to voice my concern over the increasing Covid-19 numbers occurring in Florida and Leon county with little to no action being taken by leadership. I am in strong favor of new restrictions including a requirement for all to wear masks in public spaces.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Shaw
	Address: 1918 Nanticoke Cir
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:02:43 PM

Masks should be made mandatory for all public areas. You will still have a handful that will never comply but by mandating it will create an increase in our protective measures during this obviously rising crisis.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Stancil
	Address: 432 High Point Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:32:32 PM

For the safety of all of Leon county residents I am advocating for the Leon County Commission to enforce masks for all residents while out in public. The safety of all is more important then the comfort of a few.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Steiner
	Address: 342 thornberg dr tallahassee fl
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:55:21 PM

I am gravely concerned with what will happen come August if students return to campus at FSU and FAMU. As a faculty member at FSU, I and many of my colleagues are very worried about the spike in cases that will arrive in tallahassee with the return of students to the community especially as many of those students will be coming from hotspots in south Florida.

In addition to this concern I feel that the majority of our community has continued on like covid is not here in tallahassee. I rarely see masks worn now , even at stores in which they are provided, social distancing is not adhered too and many are holding social gatherings again. I'm not sure beyond restricting business again there will be much that can be done to slow the spread until people decide again that covid should be feared. I hope you can come up with some ways to slow the spread and get public to adhere to common sense guidelines.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Sullivan
	Address: 1068 Winter Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:31:44 AM

As a teacher, it looks like I will be returning to the classroom this fall, and a mandatory-mask policy could create a significant decrease in the rate of community transmission. Kids are dependent on their parents, so requiring masks of adults (and children 2 and up) in spaces where social distancing is not feasible will also protect children.

I understand that other cities have mandated masks, and that it is largely unenforceable (we don't want the police to enforce this, for example), but simply having this policy in place may reduce transmission by 70%.

We are not past this. The pandemic is still happening—and the countries most successful at preventing a wave, or bringing down the rate of infection, have done so with universal mask policies. With our current knowledge, wearing a mask makes sense, and is a minor inconvenience when considering that someone's life may be endangered by an asymptomatic carrier.

Many folks are ignoring the science on this, not understanding that the "no mask" recommendation at the beginning of this pandemic was about medical-grade masks (mostly N95s), that the general public does not know how to use effectively, and are still needed in great numbers as PPE for medical professionals.

We need to continue clarifying the mask recommendation from the CDC (a cloth covering, not an N95), and reference the success stories of other cities/countries, while officially requiring masks (with medical caveats, of course) of our citizens in places where social distancing is difficult.

I say this as a healthy, 34-yr old woman who is in one of the least-risk groups, because I know this is not just about my personal health. We are the #1 most individualistic country in the world, and this prevents us from coming together on this issue to protect others before inconveniencing ourselves. We do not think in terms of "what is best for my community," but rather "what is best for me," or "what do I want." The recent rise in cases shows us that giving Americans leave to make this decision for themselves is not a successful strategy, and we must begin to shift toward community-based best-practices.

I truly wish that we could separate the groups, and allow those who do not want to wear a mask congregate separately from those who want to protect the community, but that seems much more difficult than requiring everyone to wear a mask. As long as asymptomatic carriers are a threat to public health, we need a mandatory-mask policy in place for Tallahassee.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Sweeting
	Address: 3472 Welwyn Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:36:14 PM

I support the mask mandate. It is vital for keeping our community safe and avoiding another shutdown.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Whitaker
	Address: 6186 Hugh Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:55:00 PM

Considering the significant upswing in the number of Covid-19 cases in Florida and to help prevent further spread, I strongly support an ordinance requiring masks. This is the best way to keep the economy moving and protect the community, especially those most vulnerable.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Wilmot
	Address: 2030 Doomar Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:45:24 PM

The absolute least you can do to protect our community is to make masks mandatory. This is a no-brainer. Mandatory masks are a must.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jennifer Winchester
	Address: 6522 Iron liege Trl
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:18:08 PM

Masks have been proven to work to slow the spread. Please make them mandatory at minimum if you're working at a food establishment.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jenny Beesley
	Address: 3174 wood hill drive tallahassee FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:58:52 AM

Please enforce a mask mandate. It is a simple courtesy that will benefit our entire community as noone is exempt from Covid. Please do it for the children.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jeri Damasiewicz
	Address: 7923 Preservation Dr., Tallahassee, 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:41:48 PM

I understand you are meeting about the increase in cases of COVID-19. I implore you to continue with allowing businesses to open. Our economy truly cannot afford going back to the full shutdown. I know many small business owners that are hanging on by a thread as it is. Our hospitals and health care workers are not being taxed by the increase which was the biggest fear.
Again, PLEASE, continue to cautiously open businesses. I truly fear the extremists calling for more stringent measures and swaying the council's decision.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jerry Thigpen
	Address: 7645 Tanya Court, Apt, Suite, Bldg. (optional)
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:21:51 PM

Please require masks in all public places.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jerry W
	Address: 2561 Ulysses rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:36:31 PM

“WEAR FACE MASK IN PUBLIC”
PLEASE MAKE IT MANDANTORY! PLEASE!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jesse Teeter
	Address: 4262 Augustus Oak ct
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:13:06 PM

Look at how services like instacart and shipt, operate. People such as myself grocery shop for 6-8 people a day, and deliver to their door step. I see many, many people without masks. If I am to catch COVID, with limit testing available- I could unknowingly infect many, many- many people.
Please MANDATE THE MASK!
thank you -Jesse

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jessica Buanno
	Address: 2851 par lane unit c
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:56:31 AM

I would like masks to be mandatory in Leon county. This county contains the capital city. Shouldn't we lead by example? Shouldn't we care about the lives of our citizens and protect everyone, especially our most vulnerable. Many immunocompromised people have to work because they need to pay their bills. Shouldn't we try to protect them? If it saves even 1 person then it's worth it. The state and county numbers are growing everyday. This is not a political issue! It's about respect of others. Stop worrying about your commission seat and worry for the lives of people in your community.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jessica Ferris
	Address: 5436 Calder Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:22:39 PM

Hello,

My name is Jessica Ferris. I am fortunate to call Leon County home and am grateful for the opportunity to serve as a Leon Soil and Water supervisor beginning in January 2021.

While I am relieved that our infection rate is low in Leon County, I am in agreement with public health experts that the best way to prevent an out-of-control outbreak is to require masks in public. I do not think this is a violation of personal rights any more than requiring people wear pants or shoes.

"Wearing a mask combined with other preventive measures, such as frequent hand-washing and social distancing, help slow the spread of the virus." - Mayo Clinic.

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/coronavirus-mask/art-20485449>

Now more than ever, we need our elected leaders to set good examples and prioritize public health and safety over partisan arguments against mask-wearing.

Thank you,

Jessica Ferris

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jessica Gibson
	Address: 2916 battle Mountain way apt b
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:54:09 PM

Mask wearing should not be a political statement. It should be common sense to not spread covid-19 if you have it and don't know yet. We should be taking care of our community and some people have proven to be too selfish or mislead to wear a mask to protect the vulnerable population of this town. Requiring it seems harsh, but it will save lives and reduce business shut downs. The biggest issue I do see is being able to tell if someone legitimately cannot wear a mask due to breathing issues. They're not always visible or obvious, and worse, people with covid-19 may be experiencing breathing issues for the first time in their life and not realize that it is why before testing. We need a clear definition of who does not have to wear a mask.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jessica Gutierrez
	Address: 1527 Coombs Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 10:49:58 AM

Good morning,

I am writing to ask that you please make masks and social distancing mandatory, but to also oversee that people are not brutalized by the police for not doing so (as we've seen happen to black communities in other states). It would be helpful to provide free masks to the public in some way that more people have access to them. Also, I would like to ask that you consider the reopening of colleges and universities. This will bring back thousands of people to our community, and can potentially cause a bigger wave of infection in our community. Thank you, and I hope you make the right decisions that stay true to scientific evidence and public health. Your decisions can save lives.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jessica Johns
	Address: 850 Capital Walk Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:00:59 PM

Please make it mandatory to wear face masks in public spaces for the duration of the Covid19 pandemic. Face masks are scientifically proven to help prevent the spread of infectious disease and, in the current circumstances, not requiring their use is irresponsible and a direct threat to public safety.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jessica Kimelman
	Address: 831 Washington Street
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:26:00 PM

PLEASE require the wearing of masks in Leon County—& specify that they are worn *covering nose and mouth.* Going out in public spaces without masks contributes to community spread. And wearing them partially-covering is a joke. No one loses freedom by keeping others safe.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jessie Beck
	Address: 254 Sturgeon Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:30:01 PM

Pertaining to the issue of making face masks mandatory in Leon Country, I would ask that you vote no. I trust the people of Leon County & Tallahassee to make good decisions for their well-being and the well-being of others, and not to have to be told by local government that we cannot make the choice for ourselves. With the total cases of Covid-19 under 600 in Leon County, I think we have done a good job, without mandatory masks, to keep the spread low. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jill Bodner
	Address: 1952 Charlais Street
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:31:06 PM

I am NOT in favor of mandatory masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jill Hudson
	Address: 1733 sunset ln
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 4:56:06 PM

Please make masks mandatory. Reduce the spread. Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jillian Comstock
	Address: 3225 Coneflower Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:54:17 AM

Good day to you. As a resident of Southwood and a paralegal working in the 32308 zip code, I feel it necessary for masks to be made mandatory when people are out in public places, especially store/ grocery stores, common areas of dental and medical offices. Bars and restaurants should go back to no contact delivery to curbside pick up only. We need to protect our entire population, young and old. And we need to let the rest of the US know that Leon County takes care of their people so it's always safe to send their kids to our schools. We already know that wearing masks is best for the health of all. We know this. Please make the right decision. Wear the masks now and stop this second spike from happening here. Thank you for taking the time today.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jim McConnaughay
	Address: 2201 Trescott Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:00:33 AM

Masks should be mandatory

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jim McMurtry
	Address: 402 Coldstream DR Tallahassee FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:11:35 PM

In the interest of public health and safety, I ask the commission to initiate a policy requiring masks in public. Minimal imposition with life saving ramifications.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jim Miller
	Address: 1544 Cristobal Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:05:44 PM

Please consider requiring masks to be worn in public. Take into account the extent/limit of commission authority to do this in order to avoid lawsuit and order enjoining against compliance.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jo Messer
	Address: 1203 Circle Dr..
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:49:55 PM

Please make wearing masks in public places mandatory. We're never going to get a handle on the spread of this virus unless we take this necessary step. Thanks for considering this issue.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Joan Bertolaet
	Address: 1434 Lucy Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:56:33 AM

To the Leon County Commissioners,

Unfortunately we are in uncertain times which call for clear thinking. In my opinion, the governor of Florida is unwilling or unable to do so and is putting economy before the health of Florida citizens by opening beaches, salons, restaurants, etc. One simple way to TRY to stop the spread of COVID-19 is to require citizens to wear masks in public. Although many people don't like doing so, I equate it with wearing seat belts. It's in everyone's best interest to do so because it's safer and saves lives. Insurance companies agree and so do automobile manufacturers.

Please consider the required use of mask in Leon County.

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Joan Hagen
	Address: 292 Astro Ct Tallahassee FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 12:08:13 PM

My husband and I request mandatory masks in indoor public areas. Especially in Publix . We are in our late sixties . I shop once a week and need to be safe. We will watch the commissioner votes and will vote accordingly.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Joan Kanan
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Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Joan Sangree
	Address: 884 Maderia Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:29:40 AM

Please vote in FAVOR of mandatory mask wearing. It is a very important layer in preventing more spread. Massachusetts has this, and their numbers of new infections r much lower than ours. Great thanks to stores that are already insisting on this. Examples are Costco and Verizon. Thank you, Joan Sangree

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Joanna Southerland
	Address: 1117 Sandhurst Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:05:59 PM

Masks

I would ask you to protect my freedom and my husband from getting sick at a vulnerable age, and especially my son's life fragile life if he gets Covid with Type 1 Diabetes as well as the rest of my family and friends and the world by requiring masks.

I understand the big argument is about "freedom." It does not help to have freedom if you are dead. It is also clear that someone, somewhere has to step up and be a leader and the time is now.

Thank you for your consideration

Joanna Southerland

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Joey Bazzell
	Address: 2054 Doomar Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 4:36:01 PM

I am self employed hairstylist of 39 years, this year has been a nightmare for many of us, I have totally recalculated and restructured my entire way of working and living, my salon is cleansed fully after each client with bleach and germicide, i use UV sanitation at night, my comment is:
We must as a community fight this together, we must go beyond the term comfortable to protect each other, could Leon County possibly address a mandatory mask wearing plan, I feel constantly like the work i put in is not worth it since it makes little sense to go through all this protection when restaurants and bars seem to be spreading faster than we can clean, it is virtually impossible to drink or eat with a mask on so 6 feet distance would be only option in a restaurant or nightclub , however, have you ever tried to cut and style hair with gloves on? It can all be done, we just have to do it different ways!
Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Johanna Frese
	Address: 3860 Beechnut Gum Trail/9601-33 Miccosukee Road
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:42:09 AM

You need to do whatever it takes to get this situation, which is out of control, under control. Instead of delaying and putting off the inevitable problems of this pandemic, just require masks and social distancing so we can get this pandemic whipped, and life can get back to some semblance of normality. I blame the government at all levels for not being brave enough to handle this effectively. I really lack any hope that you will do so now. I am pretty much resigned to living out the next 2-5 years right here in my home.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: John Baker
	Address: 5423 Appledore Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:56:20 AM

In that positive infections are still on the rise in Florida, it is my belief that mandatory masking in all public places be enforced with no small penalties attached for violation.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: John Barbour
	Address: 3150 Windsong Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:12:10 PM

Presently, we are disgusted with your leadership (for example; no playgrounds or swimming pools, or even the fountains at Cascades Park for our children,) but if you go beyond this and mandate face masks , expect a backlash. The electorate is waking up to your tyranny and draconian measures.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: John Bischof
	Address: 2899 Royal Oaks Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:54:13 PM

I would like everyone to wear masks. Putting the blind reopening of the economy before the health off our people is dangerous, uninformed, and will cost us more in lives and damage to the economy in the long run. Let Leon County lead the way!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: John Feng
	Address: 3233 Pinebrook Court, Tallahassee, Florida
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:35:22 PM

“WEAR FACE MASK IN PUBLIC”
PLEASE MAKE IT MANDANTORY! PLEASE!! THANKS!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: John Kenny
	Address: 1233 Penny Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 3:00:43 PM

I strongly oppose the mandatory requirement of face masks. This does not mean I do not believe we have a problem with Covid. It means I believe the citizens of Leon County can be trusted to act responsibly. To care enough to wear masks when they believe it is important or will make others feel safer. That can not be mandated.

It is often quoted, but if you give up freedom for security means you soon have neither. This is not a political statement but it is "easy" to make policy for "safety". But where does that end? Do you mandate vaccines? Do you mandate other personal restrictions on my liberty for the sake of "safety" Trust in freedom and liberty. It is more precious than you are considering at this time.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: John Robertson
	Address: 1314 W. Indianhead Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:54:43 AM

Dear Commissioners,

Masks need to be mandatory for all public spaces and essential commercial businesses. My rights end where my neighbor's rights begin. If protecting each other from infection is optional we should do away with minimum blood alcohol levels for measuring D.U.I. as well. It follows the same logic. We are either obligated to care for one another or it is a free for all. You had no trouble mandating a curfew for our own good, do the same here.

Thank you,

John Robertson

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: John Rothwell
	Address: 2345 Hartsfield Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:49:27 PM

I believe mandatory mask use should be implemented to slow the spread of COVID-19 in Leon County.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: John Schmaltz
	Address: 1425 Streetview Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 1:47:14 PM

Please do NOT mandate wearing of masks. Take seriously the personal concerns of those unable to wear a mask, and do not create divisions in our community over masks. There is a reason most people are NOT wearing masks -- they are not the ignorant, selfish fools that the hysterics would have you believe.

Please do NOT mandate wearing of masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: John Viele
	Address: 5809 Countryside Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:42:19 PM

As we know a high % of people infected with COVID show no symptoms. Wearing masks is not about personal freedom it is about protecting people we come in contact with. Those of us in the high risk category don't care how confident YOU are that you will survive the virus. We need everyone to do the right thing and help keep us safe. As safe as possible. If we can insist people wear pants, shoes and shirts, we can insist for a short number of months that they wear masks for the safety of others.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: John Wallace
	Address: 412 East Georgia St.,
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:24:27 PM

I am absolutely in favor of a countywide required mask wearing ordinance while in public. Absolutely in favor. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Johna Costantino
	Address: 3120 briarwood Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:22:45 AM

Leon Co. should NOT require mandatory masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Joi Berry
	Address: Do not want to be on public record
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:11:47 PM

Please require every single person to wear a mask in establishments such as restaurants, indoor spaces, meeting rooms etc. The leadership when it comes to the coronavirus is extremely disappointing and disgraceful. Why is it other states that actually closed can open up now because their numbers are going down, but Florida never actually shut down so we're suffering because of it. Think.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jon Anderson
	Address: 11791 Grazing Buck Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:24:18 PM

No mandatory mask for Leon County! I just read a lengthy study that says mask make no real difference either way. If an individual business wants to make mask wearing mandatory that's fine. I have a choice. If you make mask wearing mandatory I will go out of county to do my business.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jon Henderson
	Address: 1807 Hill N Dale Dr South Tallahassee, FL 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:35:51 PM

I am 100% opposed to making the wearing of masks mandatory. This is not China, this is still the United States of America. It is illegal and wrong. I will actively campaign against everyone who votes in favor of making masks mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jon Lutz
	Address: 2750 old St Augustine Rd Apt H80
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:14:26 PM

To help prevent the spread of covid-19 I am in favor of requiring masks be worn in public when appropriate social distancing can't be maintained.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jon Mason
	Address: 3582 Strolling Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:54:57 AM

I am deeply troubled by the increase in Covid-19 cases throughout Florida and the irresponsible response by the Governor- we should have a statewide, mandated, order to wear face masks. As a community member I urge you to require a face mask mandate, when social distancing is not possible, for Leon County. I also urge you to shut down youth sporting event, there is zero way to social distance while playing a soccer game (for example)- nor would it be responsible to have children running around during the Florida summer while wearing a mask. Let's set a example for the rest of Florida!
Thank you for your time.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jonathan Batailles
	Address: 1516 Glenway Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:40:15 PM

Masks must be made mandatory in all public places. With the virus numbers getting to unprecedented levels both here in Leon County as well as Florida in general, it is imperative that we slow the spread. Masks are not a political statement, they are a public health matter. Please do not allow a misguided sense of entitlement to cause this pandemic to further harm this community and its economy. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jonathan Jerez
	Address: 2614 West Tennessee Street
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:55:58 PM

Masks are an easy way to help prevent the pandemic from spreading and should be implemented for anyone who goes in public to help reduce the risk of the virus. Considering how many new cases Florida has seen, this can be a great way to help Leon County's cases stay down (when compared to other counties in the state). Our governor has done barely anything to help Florida's cases go down, and this would be a great first step.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jonathan Rimert
	Address: 176 Parkbrook Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:58:12 AM

Leon county needs to set an example for the rest of the state and mandate the use of masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Enforce it with fines, because people are walking around every day, willfully spreading a deadly virus. The mayor of Tampa is already moving forward with a similar plan. We're the state's capital, let us behave more like it, thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jonathon Durkee
	Address: 2905 primrose lane tallahass fl 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:41:20 PM

I don't believe an order needs to be put out making masks mandatory. To tell me i have to wear a mask feels like a violation of my rights. Im also not sure how something like this would be enforced, would someone be arrested for choosing to not wear a mask? If someone chooses to wear a mask, than i say more power to them. I only wear one at work as an essential employee at a hospital because i need fo keep my job to continue to support my wife an I. If i wouldn't be asked to leave the hospital for not wearing a mask i wouldn't wear one. Not to mention if this virus is really as bad as it has been said to be, the cloth masks everyone are wearing are pointless, the only way to truly stop the spread would be for everyone to wear an n95 mask or better. Since that is not possible (due to needing to making sure medical professionals actually working with covid-19 patients have enough) i stand by my statement that i don't think it is right to try to enforce a mandatory mask law.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jordan Dwellen
	Address: 155 Fields Road, Havana, FL 32333
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:19:30 PM

We do all of our shopping in Leon County. Three of the five members of my family have health conditions that prevent them from safely wearing a mask. If Leon county mandates masks, we will face discrimination and the inability to get groceries etc because MANY retailers will take this too far and refuse to care about people like us. It has happened to me already! That's why I do not shop in Gadsden County! I am asking that you PLEASE reconsider this decision.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Jordan Engelke
	Address: 631 E Call St, Apt 115
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:26:37 PM

Dear County Commission,

I am writing today to urge you to vote yes to mandate mask use in public places in Leon county effective immediately. This is a public safety issue. Masks greatly reduce infection rates, and by continuing in the way we have by “reopening” our economy with little to no mitigation measures has already had a clear and very dangerous impact. It is critical for the county to take action now. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Jordan Engelke

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Joseph Clark
	Address: 921 Abbiegail Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:47:22 AM

I wish to speak in favor of mandating mask wearing in public when social distancing is not possible. This is a medically recommended practice to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, and is a simple step to take to help protect our fellow citizens. Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Joseph Gabriel
	Address: 1920 Wahalaw Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:46:14 PM

Dear County Commissioners,

I am a faculty member in the Department of Behavioral Sciences and Social Medicine at Florida State University. I am writing to you as a resident of Leon County, but also someone with significant knowledge about public health.

As you all know, Florida is currently experiencing a spike in covid-19 cases. I strongly encourage the County Commission to hold a vote on instituting a mandatory mask requirement. Evidence shows that widespread masking has the potential to significantly reduce the spread of covid-19.

Please vote on this important issue. And please follow the evidence when you do so.

Thank you,

Joseph M. Gabriel

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Joseph Noble
	Address: 10047 Covey Ride St.
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 12:16:01 PM

Leon County is in very good shape with respect to COVID-19 mainly due to smart decisions made in the past at the local government level. I hope this trend of smart and responsible decision making will continue with a period of mandatory masks until we see fewer numbers of infections. This in not just about Leon but about the capital county setting an example for the rest of the state.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Joseph Public
	Address: 1 Dwelling Some Street Tallahassee, FL 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:43:10 PM

If you're planning to mandate the wearing of a protective piece of medical equipment, you had better define the specifications of said equipment based on (quoted) medical research and be prepared to enforce such specifications as well as have a plan in place for provisioning and availability of said equipment. If you can measure the amount of tint on a car window for compliance you must, in the same manner, measure the effectiveness of a mask. To simply order "face mask required" is negligent at best. Who will be held liable for a virus spread from a person wearing a dime store Halloween mask? It is, after all, a face mask. The same would apply to the majority of masks that clearly state from the manufacturer that it is not intended to prevent the spread of disease. Proper handling of disposed equipment must also be implemented if this is to be considered "hazardous material". We are still discussing a highly contagious infectious disease, are we not? And if so, to consider these masks anything but hazardous material is also negligent at best. Will the county be placing hazmat collection boxes throughout the city? If not, who is liable for the spread of the disease via improperly disposed of equipment?

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Joseph Reed
	Address: 277 banner man
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:39:48 PM

I am 100% AGAINST a mandatory mask order. While I am all for recommending things, a mandatory order is too far.
I will vote against any commissioner voting in support of such a mandatory order and will donate to their opponents and will encourage others to do the same.
Thank you for your time.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Josephine Yu
	Address: 930 Blackwood Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:17:04 PM

Dear Commissioners,

The science is clear. Masks reduce the spread of the virus. Masks save lives. Please protect our elders, our vulnerable, our healthcare workers, our neighbors and family by requiring masks.

Thank you,
Josephine Yu

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Josette Capuano
	Address: 2215 Mulberry Blvd.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:26:11 PM

It is imperative that this commission take action to slow downtime spread of this virus. Our numbers have been increasing, not just because increased testing, but incretspread. Take action now, before it gets the point of being unable to treat people. It is a small thing to requir masks in public, to require limited numbers of people in a location together. Do what'sright. Put health and lives above politics! Evidence around the country and aroundthe world shows masks work. If you want businesses open, people working take steps to keep people safe

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Joshua Gold
	Address: 9052 Ravena Rd Tallahassee, FL 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:34:54 AM

As a resident of Leon County, I believe it is not up to the government to require face masks or similar measures. A private business may choose what their requirements or recommendations are and can provide protection for their employees, but the government should not mandate it.

For county buildings, employees should be recommended to follow safety procedures and provided the proper protection, and those that are sick should not be allowed to enter without required protection (provided by facility) or screening.

For outside spaces, a face covering should not be required or recommended. Where social distancing can not be achieved, then the recommendation and personal choice of further protections are ok, but should not be required or punishable. Who is responsible if something happens because of a medal issue if caused or exacerbated by wearing a mask and exerting ones-self with a face covering?

For young kids, this requirement would be unreasonable and unsafe. How in a daycare or school setting is this even thought of as safe or practical? And similar to above, what underlying medical issues would this elevate or possibly cause in developmental years? And is the county liable for these if it is required?

Are there exceptions for individuals who have medical, psychological, or social issues that would not allow them to wear a mask? How is this proven to a business or if it was going to be punishable with a fine? Who would decide these exceptions and what would the proof be?

I believe that requiring face masks and similar regulations is not right from a public office, and recommendations for safety steps is as far as the government should suggest. I believe it is way beyond your scope to make this a legal requirement for any citizen unless entering a private business that has decided on their own to set up regulations.

There should be no legal or punishable basis for not wearing a face covering, except with a private business that can ask the individual to leave.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Joyce Ansley
	Address: 3309 Vassar Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:06:53 AM

I'd like to see mandatory masks. Churches required to social distance and use masks. Restaurants, stores, etc held to the 50% occupancy. Citizen review board formed to monitor restaurants and bars for compliance. Mobile testing sites at shopping centers. Testing for state employees.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Joyce Tschieder
	Address: 7117 Towner Trace Tallahassee Florida 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:31:45 AM

No to required masks use

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Judson Hand
	Address: 2965 Shamrock St N, Apt J34
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 8:21:42 AM

Masks should be mandatory. We must ensure the health of the community, especially the people who are elderly or immune compromised. We have to make sure that we can safely reopen businesses while keeping disease spread under control until an immunization is available.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Judson Searcy
	Address: 2856 Braddock Court, Tallahassee, FL 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:52:34 AM

I support enacting an ordinance requiring masks to be worn in indoor public places. Unfortunately, everyone cannot be trusted to do the right thing when it comes to the health of others. If everyone wore a mask in public places, there would be little transmission, and the public at large would be protected.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Judy Howes
	Address: 1520 China Grove Trl
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:14:19 PM

Masks should be required in all indoor facilities that are open to the public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Judy Mendoza-Sanchez
	Address: 1545 Myrtle Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:32:51 PM

I believe the city should require people to wear masks in public places

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Julia Walls
	Address: 3211 Lord Murphy Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:20:07 AM

Following CDC recommendations, and making masks mandatory, is for the greater good of the community. It is not permanent and it is not “unconstitutional”, anymore than it is to require people wear clothes in public. Your jobs are to make decisions for the greater good, and this is one of them. Help businesses in this community continue to stay open, employees to work and keep us all healthy, by mandating masks to reduce spread.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Julia Young
	Address: 207 Grace St Tallahassee, FL 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:12:12 PM

I work in retail. I don't have the option to stay home and ride this out. My job has a policy that all employees wear masks but they don't enforce it at all. If associates do wear masks, they wear them incorrectly. They have made no effort to encourage customers to wear masks let alone have any requirement. Visit any retail store in town and you'll see what I'm describing.

I also have asthma so I'm at a high risk of dying if I catch COVID-19. Again, I don't have the option to stay home. I have to keep risking my life to have enough money to survive.

We need a mask requirement to protect everyone. We need that requirement to include wearing the mask correctly over both nose and mouth. It's necessary to save lives.

I'm sympathetic to people who do have respiratory problems who will have difficulty with a mask. And a good rule should include exceptions for these people. But, unless this exception requires some form of documentation, people will abuse it.

I desperately need you to take this crisis seriously and to require masks for everyone in public places. My life and so many other lives depend on it.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Julie Childs
	Address: 3176 Ferns Glen Dr., Tallahassee, FL. 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:53:29 PM

As a health professional who works with the elderly on a daily basis, I am 100% in favor of the mandatory use of masks in Leon county. This is for the safety of my patients and the safety of my family and me.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Julie Coffey
	Address: 6473 Justin Grant Trail, Tallahassee Fl 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:43:21 PM

Please vote 'no' to having masks mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Julie Davis
	Address: 1149 mosswood chase
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:57:00 PM

Please make masks mandatory. People are obviously not smart enough to be afraid.
Protect them from themselves and protect us.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Julie Dybendahl
	Address: 16161 sunray rd
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 3:26:43 PM

Please do not make it mandatory for leon county residents to wear a mask. We live in the country and do not want to be affected by having to wear a mask daily for basic duties.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Julie Frantz
	Address: 5986 Colonel Scott dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:26:57 PM

Please make MANDATORY the wearing of masks in all indoor businesses, shops, schools, etc. Please make this for a period of 3 months!
Please make this responsible decision to safeguard the health of our citizens, students, legislators, and visitors.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Julie Green
	Address: 3595 Crump Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:42:34 PM

Make wearing masks in public mandatory!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Justin Fuentes-keuthan
	Address: 6979 Standing Pines
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:50:41 PM

I support mandatory face masks to combat COVID-19

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Justin Fuentes-keuthan
	Address: 6979 Standing Pines
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:52:37 PM

I support mandatory face masks to combat covid-19

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Justin Kraft
	Address: 4036 Roscrea Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:52:08 PM

PLEASE pass an ordinance to require masks. I ran in to Target the other day and MAYBE 5% of people were wearing masks. It's awful...and with students about to flood the town, it will only get worse.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kacie Prowant
	Address: 3704 Cassandra Drive, Tallahassee Florida. 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:21:27 PM

I believe masks should absolutely be necessary. At least until we have subsequent days (7 days? 10 days?) where the number of confirmed cases has declined. We are responsible for one another. This is a small, easy way we can protect each other and ourselves.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kai Ou
	Address: 5603 Burnside Cir
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:26:51 PM

WEAR FACE MASK IN PUBLIC

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: kai qu
	Address: 5652 burnside cir
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 8:28:18 AM

Wear masks in public. Mandatory!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kanisha Scott
	Address: 770 Appleyard Dr, Apt 6E
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:10:51 PM

Masks should continue being mandatory. Until we get the virus under control and receive a cure, we are still putting our most vulnerable populations at risk.


Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karalee Poschman
	Address: 1481 Idlewild Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:40:28 AM

Masks should be mandatory in all businesses and public spaces. Masks are the best way to contain the spread of the coronavirus and literally the least the public can do to help our community. Restaurants that do not follow the social distancing and mask guidelines should lose their liquor license temporarily. We need to protect people working in the service industry so businesses can remain open and we can keep the economy going.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karalyn Petersen
	Address: 3490 Torchmark Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:12:20 AM

I don't not wish to have mandatory masks for Florida. It is becoming ridiculous and I can't breathe!! Stop this madness and get this state back to work. I have not stopped working since it began and I have yet to know anyone with this .

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karen Alexander
	Address: 3911 Forsythe Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:07:17 PM

Please make mask wearing mandatory inside all businesses. This is the easiest way to reduce transmission.
No shoes, no shirt ,no masks, no entrance or service.
Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karen Andrews
	Address: 9524 Rose Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 2:52:54 PM

Please require mask at indoor public settings.
Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karen Asher-Cohen
	Address: 1301 Lawndale Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:20:04 PM

Please require masks be worn by all people in Leon County.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karen Cooley
	Address: 1504 Seminole Drive, 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:59:27 AM

I believe that masks should be required when Leon County residents are in indoor spaces or in a situation where proper distancing guidelines cannot be maintained. This requirement should stay in effect until Covid-19 numbers go down and the spread of this virus is no longer of concern.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karen Frost
	Address: 9916 Turtle Dove Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:43:10 PM

The World Health Organizations most recent guidance states "At present, there is no direct evidence (from studies on COVID- 19 and in healthy people in the community) on the effectiveness of universal masking of healthy people in the community to prevent infection with respiratory viruses, including COVID-19." Some of the "Potential benefits/advantages include: making people feel they can play a role in contributing to stopping spread of the virus; reminding people to be compliant with other measures (e.g., hand hygiene, not touching nose and mouth). However, this can also have the reverse effect; the production of non-medical masks may offer a source of income for those able to manufacture masks within their communities." Some of the "Potential harms/disadvantages include: potential increased risk of self-contamination, potential headache and/or breathing difficulties, potential development of facial skin lesions, irritant dermatitis or worsening acne, a false sense of security."

Healthcare decisions should be evidence-based or the treatment may do more harm than good.

There is ample evidence-based medical research on the benefits of hand washing and the prevention of the spread of respiratory viruses though, so it would be more beneficial to the community and those at high risk of developing serious complications from this virus if that was the mandate. This would be difficult to enforce so I do not believe this mandate would necessarily work either, but I fear making the focus on masks will inadvertently make the spread worse than it would be if we just stay focused on the message of washing hands and not touching your face. This message would in turn help with multiple public health issues, not only respiratory transmitted ones.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karen Kimel
	Address: 1904 Greenwood Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:24:59 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing in support of requiring masks in public in Tallahassee to reduce the spread of COVID-19. This measure is necessary to protect the health and welfare of all citizens.

I also would like to encourage greater enforcement of the CDC guidelines in businesses to prevent the continued spread of COVID-19. In order for citizens to feel safe patronizing these establishments, we must have confidence that these guidelines are being upheld.

As the COVID-19 rates rise, I would support even stronger precautions at local level if necessary.

Thank you,

Karen Kimel

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karen Lett
	Address: 3215 Sharer Road Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:27:44 AM

Although I think enforcement is problematic, I support a mask order for indoor establishments.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karen May
	Address: 2222 woodbine dr Tallahassee Fl 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:32:13 PM

Yes require masks in Leon

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karen Ostendorp
	Address: 6743 Walden Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:56:45 AM

Masks should continue to be encouraged and Businesses should be able to decide if masks are required to shop in their store. When the numbers are looked at objectively, there is no need to require everyone to wear one.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karen Richards
	Address: 2023 Taylor road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:41:51 AM

Please make masks, indoors, a requirement for the safety of your constituency!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karen Scott
	Address: 409e 7th Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:05:13 PM

Make masks mandatory in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karen Stanford
	Address: 1990 Mallory Sq
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:28:38 PM

Masks Until an effective vaccine is available, our only protection is the mask.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karen Stump
	Address: 1611 Fernando Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:48:58 PM

Please mandate use of masks when social distancing cannot be enforced!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karenmarie Immenhausen
	Address: 1110 Missionwood Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:18:12 AM

I would like to see unified masks be a statewide choice, but I will practice small calls for action here. Leon county please make this a uniform order for Leon county, the schools in Leon County and all public places . Life is precious and we have lost too many - we have a large at risk population. Example : FACE MASK EXECUTIVE ORDER. Orange County FL (Orlando / Mouse House) has issued an executive order requiring all individuals to wear a face mask. This order goes into effect on Saturday, June 20. This process has been initiated due to the increase in positive cases. All residents/businesses and visitors will be required to participate. ❤️ us 🍊 GOV DeSantis make this a Statewide Unified Order !

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Karima anderson
	Address: 6610 man o war trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:37:27 AM

hi,

I am a 33 y/o female that resides in Tallahassee. I have asthma and last year i had cancer and underwent treatment. Both of these conditions make me immunocompromised. From my appearance you would never know this and I do everything in my power to stay healthy. However, i have had to resort to online delivery of everything and fear when I have to do anything in public such as get gas, pick up an immediately needed supply of something, etc. This is because everywhere I go people are not wearing masks. It is nowhere near as effective by only me wearing a mask. I am upset by people that are saying that use of ppe such as masks are a violation of rights? It is purely a way that we protect our fellow citizens, such as me. You never know who is immunocompromised around you and could suffer severely from this disease. I implore you to please make face coverings mandatory. Newest research is also showing face shields are most protective and I will be implementing that soon. Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns.

Sincerely,

Karima Anderson

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kasey Anderson
	Address: 3166 Baringer Hill Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:52:49 AM

I support making the use of facemasks mandatory. We know that the use of facemasks helps slow the spread of the virus. It is the right thing to do to protect each other and to keep businesses open.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kasha Young
	Address: 2418 Harvey Mill Creek
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:25:05 PM

Did you make it mandatory

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Katarzyna Bugaj
	Address: 1435 Marion Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:35:19 PM

I would like to voice my support FOR mandatory masks at this time in Leon County. Thank you. Kasia Bugaj

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Katelyn Stark
	Address: 501 S. Blairstone Rd. Apt. 1804
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:59:40 PM

Please require masks! It's such a small measure that can make a huge difference!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Katharine Gossman
	Address: 4611 Inisheer Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:05:43 PM

I am in favor of mandatory masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Katharine Long
	Address: 1861 Copper Axe Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:33:55 AM

Yes to mandatory masks! And fines imposed on individuals and businesses who fail to comply.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Katharine Summerlin
	Address: 2590 Hickory Ridge Road, Tallahassee, FL 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:07:28 AM

People are getting sick, not staying home, not wearing masks, crowding stores and parks. Citizens refuse even basic organization like one-way aisles at the grocery store. Masks need to be mandatory. Schools cannot open with Florida's increasing numbers.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Katherine Adams
	Address: 19068 Talquin Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 1:19:43 PM

SUBJECT: Current Status of Coronavirus and Economic Recovery-June 23, 2020 meeting

I am a strong proponent of mandating masks for all ages above 2 years old while in public.

The only way one can feel safe in public is if a majority wear masks. Believe me, I want to be able to go to stores and purchase items. However, until the majority wear masks, I will have to limit my exposure. I believe that states and countries that have mandated masks have proven declines in spread of the virus. Until we get a vaccine and get a majority of the population immunized, we should continue following the CDC guidelines. We cannot deny that there is no danger in allowing this virus to spread.

I do not want to ask anyone (police, sheriff deputies or business owners) to have to enforce it. I do not think that is needed or appropriate.

I think that business should be allowed to post signs on their doors indicating masks are required for entry. That seems to work at the hospitals and labs. I think eventually, those that resist masks will eventually start wearing them out of shame and out of the need to access places of business that require them.

Thanks to the commission for starting a public education program for wearing masks on line. That is a good start!

Katherine G Adams

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Katherine Easterling
	Address: 429 w 6th Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:36:18 PM

Please mandate masks in indoor public spaces for a limited period of time. Please provide free masks at grocery stores. Please allow for those who cannot safely wear masks to opt out.
Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Katherine Moore
	Address: 1925 Nena Hills Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:51:09 PM

Hello. My name is Katherine Moore. I'm currently a student at Florida State University where I am also employed as a graduate assistant. At FSU I teach French language. I have been a resident of Leon county for 6 years while I pursued my MA and now my PhD.

I am writing to ask that the County Commission take more active measures to stop the rising number of COVID-19 cases across Leon County. Specifically, I encourage the County Commission to adopt a mask mandate for anyone who enters a public, indoor area where the risk of transmission is highest. Mask adoption, from what I've seen, seems to be relatively low in Leon County. When I venture out to grocery stores that are not themselves implementing a mask mandate for all staff and customers, I see few people wearing masks at all, and even fewer wearing masks correctly. Especially with the current uptick in positive cases in Leon County, I feel less and less safe going out even to businesses that require masks, let alone those that don't. This puts me in a rather unfortunate position as it means that I am not able to get many of the groceries that I need -- I must either put myself at risk by going to the store personally, or put someone else at risk by having groceries delivered by a third party. Ultimately what this means is that I am not able to go out and support the local businesses the way I would like to, even though they have been allowed to re-open.

I have been actively watching the steps that FSU is taking to ensure the safety of all faculty, staff, and students this coming fall, and I am pleased that they are taking such a cautious approach to re-opening. However, even with a decreased number of students coming back to Tallahassee as so many courses are moved online, I am doubtful of whether the laudable measures that FSU is taking will have much of an impact if the rest of the community is actively flouting CDC guidelines and best practices for preventing the spread of COVID-19. I am very eager to get back to teaching in a face-to-face setting which is the most pedagogically sound environment for language learning, but I fear that without widespread community support and engagement in public health and safety, I will be stuck teaching online for the rest of my tenure here at FSU.

I also commend FSU's dedication to providing masks free-of-charge to students so that cost is not a barrier to public health. I hope that the County Commission also works to ensure that access to masks is equal opportunity so that all of our residents, regardless of income, are able to engage in community activities in a responsible manner.

Therefore, I urge the County Commission to work in conjunction with FSU to implement mandatory masks in public, indoor settings so that we can keep our community as safe as possible and help all residents, student and non-student alike, enjoy the wonderful Tallahassee community.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kathleen Brennan
	Address: 4778 Lancashire Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:25:43 AM

The CDC and recent research shows that wearing a mask decreases the spread of Covid-19. Unfortunately, mask-wearing has become political. By mandating mask-wear, the Commission would remove the political, slowing the spread of this disease at a critical time when cases are spiking. It would greatly help employees who feel isolated and fearful of losing their job when wearing a mask because their employer does not mandate it. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kathleen Koburger
	Address: 6451 Joe Cotton Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:21:41 PM

Please vote to make masks mandatory

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kathleen McCharen
	Address: 2716 Lucerne Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:51:20 PM

I urge the County Commission to seriously consider requiring the wearing of face coverings for everyone who has any direct or indirect contact with the public. This would include government employees who interact with the public, employees of all eating establishments, employees of all retail establishments including all grocery stores, and businesses which provide personal services. It would also include customers in these kinds of establishments. Businesses should be encouraged to refuse service to customers who are not wearing face coverings.

I am a 68-year-old healthy female but I have not eaten at a restaurant because of concerns about customers and establishments not following CDC distancing and mask wearing guidelines. My shopping has been limited to once a week grocery store visits and very occasional trips to my local drugstore or Ace Hardware (always at opening time). Economic recovery in Leon County won't occur until all segments of the population follow CDC guidelines so that everyone feels safe venturing out into public places.

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kathleen Parrish
	Address: 4498 Corbin Ct., Tallahassee, FL
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:31:53 PM

I would like to promote making mandatory the wearing of masks in public (indoors or outside in groups of 10+). This includes employees and customers. A public business or agency should be able to restrict their clientele to people who wear masks. And to limit the number of people who enter.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kathleen Spehar
	Address: 1410 Chocksacka Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:59:12 PM

Dear Commissioners- I applaud you for gathering again this week to discuss mask wearing in Leon County. Since your meeting last week, COVID cases in this county and throughout Florida continue to rise. To keep re-openings and other economic-related initiatives going, it is imperative our community keeps each other safe through mask-wearing. Your leadership is needed at this moment, to put a policy in place for mandatory mask-wearing. Please help your community at this critical time and require mask-wearing throughout the county. Your community is behind you and will support this change, to keep us all safe.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kathryn Mareci
	Address: 1837 Cottage Grove Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:22:36 AM

As someone who works in the healthcare field, I am imploring you to listen to the scientific and healthcare community. There is no question, we are in the middle of a country defining pandemic and it is your duty to protect your citizens. Even if the mask mandate isn't enforced, the public pressure on others to wear masks will make a huge difference. Please pass this mask mandate, do not allow this to be a politicized issue. The CDC has made the recommendation for masks. As the state reopens and we have no clear leadership or plan to handle this pandemic, clearly a recommendation is not enough. We have seen hairstylists in Missouri who tested positive for Covid and due to them wearing a mask, none of their 140 guests tested positive. Please pass this mask mandate, it is literally the least we can do to protect each other. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kathryn Pennington
	Address: 3401 Monitor Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:12:50 AM

I think masks should be required in public. Research is showing that masks and distancing work to reduce the spread of COVID-19. In light of the lack of state and federal leadership, please take a stand to protect our area.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kathryn Smith
	Address: 1205 Richmond Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:00:25 AM

Yes, there needs to be a mandate on face masks in public places. It needs to be enforced before college students return to campus.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kathy Drake
	Address: 2044 Thomasville Road
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 9:17:25 AM

All public spaces should require masks to be worn CORRECTLY when social distancing cannot be done.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kathy McLeskey
	Address: 3259 Gramercy Place
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:58:37 AM

Masks are a must. Business must require them. Fines imposed on both citizens and businesses. Stop pussyfooting on this. Take a stand.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kathy Pilkenton
	Address: 13001 N. Meridian Rd.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:46:58 PM

Please require masks/face coverings in all businesses and public spaces.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kathy Romans
	Address: 8355 Springhill Rd, Tallahassee, 32305
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:22:51 AM

I believe it would be detrimental to make wearing masks mandatory. Unless you know you are sick-in which case you shouldn't be out anyway-or you have a pre-existing condition that makes you immune-compromised, I firmly believe the masks do more harm than good. I've read too many articles that indicate they are really not effective. I also believe they are depleting our immune systems which would make us very susceptible to another, more serious, outbreak, and wearing them for extended periods of time is creating a plethora of other health issues.
Please stop the panic. Do not make wearing masks mandatory. This is an overreach.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kathy Romans
	Address: 8355 Springhill Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 3:07:45 AM

I believe it would be detrimental to make wearing masks mandatory. Unless you know you are sick-in which case you shouldn't be out anyway-or you have a pre-existing condition that makes you immune-compromised, I firmly believe the masks do more harm than good. I've read too many articles that indicate they are really not effective. I also believe they are depleting our immune systems which would make us very susceptible to another, more serious, outbreak, and wearing them for extended periods of time is creating a plethora of other health issues.
Please stop the panic. Do not make wearing masks mandatory. This is an overreach.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kathy Tripp
	Address: 5227 Wild Olive Way Tallahassee, Fl 32305
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:33:53 AM

I would like our county and state to make it mandatory for everyone to wear a mask when out in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kathy Von Hoff
	Address: 1253 Sedgefield Road Tallahassee FL 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:13:50 PM

Yes, I believe a mandatory face mask ordinance would be in the best interests of all our citizens. Please vote yes to put this into effect.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Katie Dufford
	Address: 4447 Sierra court
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:03:29 PM

Require masks in public. We MUST slow the rate of covid transmission.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: KATIE GRASTY
	Address: 4701 TORY SOUND LANE
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:40:37 AM

Please require masks in public for Leon County. We have to do our part to stop the spread in Florida and wearing masks in public will help save lives!
Katie

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Katya Taylor
	Address: 1053 Myers Park Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:13:44 PM

Dear Commissioners --- PLEASE protect ALL of our citizens, by MANDATING wearing masks in public places. The hit and miss approach is contributing to the alarming spike. i see people in grocery stores without masks breathing on the vegetables! i even see grocery store workers without masks setting a bad example to shoppers.

The faster and more fully we ALL wear masks in enclosed public spaces (walking in the fresh air, not necessary, as long as people social distance), the faster this pandemic will flatten and hopefully be gone.

Thank you for DOING THE RIGHT THING. This is not about politics, this is about the HEALTH of all of us.

Thank you for listening.

Katya Sabaroff Taylor

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kaye Rhinehart
	Address: 205 Cactus Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:58:00 PM

I understand the decision to make wearing masks mandatory in Tallahassee is on the agenda for an upcoming meeting. With the rapid rise in covid cases in Tallahassee, I feel it is crucial to the health and safety of our community that everyone wear a mask in public places (stores, gyms, service centers, etc.). Unfortunately, I've seen many, many people NOT wearing a mask in public. Please make them mandatory, for the sake of us all. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kayla Harrison
	Address: 3279 Emerson Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:08:02 PM

I support a mask mandate.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kayla Wyatt
	Address: 1951 N Meridian RD Apt 38
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:14:47 PM

As a Tallahassee resident for the past 10 years I have appreciated the way this city works in connecting, listening and valuing the communities voice. As Covid hit in Florida I felt like I was able to easily assess information to see what Leon County was doing to keep us safe. As things relax up each day I continue to seek information and ways to keep myself and those I love around me safe too. I am in favor of face masks in Leon County. I would be proud to live in a community where we value keeping each other safe and healthy and that means face masks should be required. Thank you for valuing the voices of the community and considering mandatory face masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kearstin Hess
	Address: 2015 Wahalaw Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:45:31 AM

I believe that as the capital county we have an obligation to lower our Covid cases. By enforcing masks and having our leadership set an example, that simple step can help inhibit the spread in our county and to surrounding counties that may be getting slop over from us.
A simple thing can save the lives of thousands.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Keith Halpern
	Address: 1139 Greensward Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:48:22 PM

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR KIND & THOUGHTFUL SERVICE ESPECIALLY WHEN LIVES ARE AT STAKE. My greatest concern is for OUR CHILDREN, MEDICALLY NEEDY, and ELDERLY.

I humbly ask as a Father, Citizen, and in your support, that YOU USE EVERYTHING IN YOUR POWER TO BRAVELY & COURAGEOUSLY TAKE ACTION, NOW, through ALL MEANS POSSIBLE to ELIMINATE LOSS OF LIFE and/or illness until this National State of Emergency has concluded. I stand ready to assist you should that be requested.

Please protect my young daughter, and elderly mother. You have our support in the mandatory use of N-95 Level Masks, and I ask that you please help in providing them to your constituency.

Take no risk, waste not a moment. Whatever liberty, now, we must forgo, we shall recover. Life Lost is Irrevocable.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Keith Planner
	Address: 6458 FITZ LN Tallahassee, Fl 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:56:48 PM

My concern with a mandate for masks in Leon County is the enforcement of it. During protests in Leon County, protesters were permitted to blatantly ignore the Governor's executive order to limit public group sizes to 50 or less. No enforcement action was taken. If a mandate for masks is enacted and enforced by Leon County, it will illustrate a clear double standard. If it is enacted and not enforced, it's a waste of our Commissioners time to go through the motions.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kelly Goddard
	Address: 2201 Monticello Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:52:27 PM

As for the question of requiring residents of Leon County to wear masks while in public and indoor spaces, I say YES! Absolutely! Make it a requirement that all businesses, w want to remain open for business, require that customers wear a mask and observe AT LEAST 6 ft - or as per CDC guidelines. Perhaps you may also consider limiting capacity for businesses based on square footage, or something like that.

I urge you all as respresentatives of our community to make this happen. The only real way to stop the spread is to stay home, but since we must continue to go out for some things- I think making masks a requirement will go a long way towards that end. Can bring back #flattenthecurve ??

Thanks!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kelly Johnson
	Address: 511 Bobbin Brook Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:15:49 PM

In favor of requiring masks in public settings. I.e. Publix, Target, nail locations, etc.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kelly Vinson
	Address: 1352 Lawndale Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 8:45:07 AM

Please do not make masks mandatory. With asthma, wearing a mask is giving me headaches and causing me to have other upper respiratory issues. My daughter is also struggling with masks due to asthma. Our family is also very concerned that we are blocking the other viruses and will cause more issues in the future, when we try to move to a no mask society.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ken Koburger
	Address: 6451 Joe Cotton Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:23:09 PM

Hello commissioners,

The science is clear - you need people to wear masks, you need social distancing, you need contact tracing, and you need testing. The numbers are rising in Leon County because we're not following the science. Please make masks mandatory.

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ken Winker
	Address: 1791 Cassatt Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 5:05:11 PM

For the health and safety of all citizens in the county and as long as Covid-19 continues to remain a threat, I am strongly encouraging the Commission to mandate required usage of facial coverings for all staff and all customers for all restaurants and bars and any other business or service where there is the likelihood of groups of people are gathered. In addition, any restaurant, bar, or other business must require all staff to be tested on a bi-monthly basis. And, if any staff tests positive for Covid-19, the restaurant, bar, or other business must stop all inside services for at least one week. Outside and take-out services may be permitted during the stoppage of inside services. Mandatory deep cleaning should also be required. The Commission should also monitor the hospital admission data and ensure that there is adequate in-patient, ICU, and out-patient services for all Covid-19 patients should they be needed. Thank you for doing all you can to ensure the health and safety of all citizens of Leon County.

Ken Winker.....

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kenneth Durkin
	Address: 1421 Mitchell ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:21:12 AM

Its unconstitutional for this ridiculousness. Stop. This isnt Communist China and we dont need government compelling us to protect ourselve. We have this, thanks but no thanks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kenneth Johnson
	Address: 861 Sheline Drive, Havana, fl 32333
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:03:57 PM

Please, please insist on wearing mask in public and in places of business. Rampant increase in infection will lead to economic and personal tragedy. I'm 69, diabetic and asthmatic and fear for my life. Do what is morally right ! I was born in Tallahassee, lived there most of my life, and dine, recreate, shop and visit constantly. Since economic seems to be THE factor in Florida government decisions these days, ya'll need to face the FACT that it won't take long for all the ignoring of facts and science will cost our citizen's and the government WAY MORE in the NOT TO LONG run.....just look at the cost of our Federal attitude.

Kenneth Johnson

ken654321654321@gmail.com

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kenneth Lanese
	Address: 8313 Thornridge Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 5:30:43 PM

I am a resident of Leon County. If we are to get this issue under control we as a community must be willing to look like we over-reacted. There is no way to perfectly thread the needle on mitigating the spread of the virus. If we as a community choose to under-react, the consequences can be catastrophic. Our hospitals and iCU's will continue to fill and the cost will be paid in human lives.

We must make the wearing of masks in public mandatory - at a minimum. Do we re-close non-essential businesses? I would hope not. I would hope the wearing of masks can mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in Leon County to avoid that. But we must take action immediately. We must also be willing to re-asses after two weeks to determine if the mandatory mask wearing on public is having the desired effect. If it's working - terrific! Let's stay the course. If it's not working let us have the courage as a community to then enact whatever measures come next to stop the spread of this infection.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kenny fulater
	Address: 5385 Sullivan road 32310
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:23:47 PM

Please make masks mandatory. This has gotten out of hand.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kenny Reeves
	Address: 2116 Croydon Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:41:35 PM

I would like to add my voice to those who support a measure that makes it mandatory to wear a mask outside of the home.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kent Thompson
	Address: 416 Terrace Street
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:56:47 PM

As of June 21st the Covid-19 negative rate in Leon County is 97.5 percent. The entire state is 94 percent. To try and require mandatory wearing of masks is a gross overreaction to such a small positive rate. We have a greater problem with cancer, stroke, obesity and STD's in this county. Will you also be taking measures to curb these? One can just imagine... Don't swat a mosquito with a sledge hammer— I pray common sense will prevail. Vote NO on mandatory masks!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kent Thompson
	Address: 416 Terrace Street
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:59:58 PM

As of June 21st the Covid-19 negative rate in Leon County is 97.5 percent. The entire state is 94 percent. To try and require mandatory wearing of masks is a gross overreaction to such a small positive rate. We have a greater problem with cancer, stroke, obesity and STD's in this county. Will you also be taking measures to curb these? One can just imagine... Don't swat a mosquito with a sledge hammer— I pray common sense will prevail. Vote NO on mandatory masks!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kerry Burner
	Address: 2116 Croydon
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:38:31 PM

Please mandate masks outside of ones home or POV. Masks should be mandatory in all work settings and public spaces.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Keva Ambre
	Address: 3662 BILTMORE AVE.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:46:32 PM

Reconsider mandates for health decisions such as mask wearing. It's still "My Body, My Choice." Individuals, in consultation with their health care providers, will make individual decisions. Governmental recommendations per individual health are fine, mandates are not.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kevin Bist
	Address: 1062 Anaheim Court, Tallahassee, Florida 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:15:53 AM

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback regarding the potential implementation of additional measures to reduce the incidence of COVID-19. I respectfully submit the following data and information for your consideration:

*Since the outbreak there have been less than 600 cases of COVID-19 reported in Leon County- a county with a population of almost 300,000 people. While the number of reported cases has increased, the number of individuals being tested has increased as well. Sadly, of the ~600 reported cases, 8 people in Leon County have died from the virus, six of them at the same mental health treatment center. Data source: Florida Department of Health website.

*The World Health Organization has stated that individuals who are asymptomatic "rarely" transmit the disease to others.

*The Centers for Disease Control states, "Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing serious complications from COVID-19 illness." The CDC website also states, "The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected." The cloth face covering is not meant to protect an individual from other people who may be infected.

*Local hospitals are nowhere near capacity and have had to lay off employees due to lack of patients receiving care.

*Approximately one-fifth of all virus cases come from the 32304 zip code. Data source: Florida Department of Health website.

In conclusion, rather than require all individuals to wear masks in public, it may be more beneficial to the community to remind individuals with underlying conditions, who are elderly, or who are symptomatic that they should take precautions to avoid exposure to individuals and areas where they may be at greatest risk in spreading or acquiring the virus.

Thank you for your review and consideration of this information. Please contact me with any questions you may have.

Kind regards,
Kevin Bist

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kevin Jones
	Address: 4066 Four Oaks Blvd.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:06:27 PM

It is of utmost importance for the economy that people do what they can to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. This includes social distancing when possible and masks worn anytime someone is within 6 feet of someone they don't live with. The upward, exponential rise in infections in Florida and Leon county show that more leadership is needed. The use of masks inside of businesses must be mandatory, and more importantly, this should be enforced with fines to businesses that allow patrons to enter without wearing a mask.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kim Allen
	Address: 2210 Wall Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:38:28 AM

It's circulating you all want mask wearing mandatory. I disagree 100%. If people feel safe with them on that's great but we shouldn't be forced to wear something we don't need to wear. Stand in a parking lot and go into publix and watch people. They touch everything with their hands then adjust their mask touch again the milk doors the milk to find the right date etc....and then get in car touch steering wheel and some with cotton mask have never washed them! Really yet these same people look like your trying to kill them because you don't have one on. I have gallons of sanitizer and prefer to use that and be cautious while out. Again if people feel safe with them then wear them but they are not using them properly then what does it matter. I don't go to stores that require them either. Businesses are being hurt don't make it worse please. Also my 95 year old grandmother has Dementia and doesn't understand the mask. We are struggling even getting her to doctors and have discontinued some treatments because of it:(oh and how are you gonna keep then on small kids.. then the places will say those 6 and under don't have to wear one but those are the group that touches everything and sticks things in their mouths. People just need to sanitize and only wear mask is your sick or just scared! Period!

Thanks for listening.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kim Anton
	Address: 6420 Dancers Image Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:06:42 PM

EVERYONE should be wearing a face mask! You will not be able to get the economy up and running without face masks and social distancing. Both should be mandatory. You will destroy the state of Florida quicker if you don't start fighting to protect the people living in our state.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kim Branciforte
	Address: 2145 armistead Rd Tallahassee FL 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:33:00 PM

Short and simple: please make mask wearing mandatory in public!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kim Dressel
	Address: 4005 Aradara Drive, Tallahassee, Florida
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:39:15 PM

Please enact an ordinance that makes the wearing of facial coverings, over the nose and mouth, mandatory in all Leon County businesses and public settings where there is either a roof overhead, or social distancing is not possible in an outside setting. This is one of the few tools you have to protect employees, customers and the general public against the spread of COVID-19. As of June 22, ACHA reports about 75% of Leon County's adult ICU beds are already full, we are approaching 600 COVID-19 cases, and students will be returning to school very soon.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kim Johnson
	Address: 520 Martin st
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:28:40 PM

Please make masks mandatory

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kim Ross
	Address: 1203 Buckingham Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:42:23 PM

Dear County Commission,

As you may recall, I offered each of you to speak with an expert epidemiologist to learn some of the concerns the 'epi' community has about the ways data is being tracked and the way the public and our government is behaving. Only one of you took me up on it. Hopefully that person will speak up tomorrow.

As I stated then, my trust lies in you all, our local government, to do the right thing. I hope your actions at the Tuesday meeting will confirm that trust.

I think, given the numbers both locally and statewide, that things are only about to get much worse and therefore the only right thing to do is to mandate masks in indoor settings. The people who are whining about that idea are of the same nature as those who complained about mandating seatbelts. But we decided long ago to mandate seatbelts for public safety, and we need to do the same for masks. We are beyond the time for just cute or campaigns.

I would also like you to mandate businesses to report to the public when they have cases and what they are doing about it. This transparency is also necessary to keep the public safe. It is difficult to impossible for me to keep my family and I safe without that information.

To use an example that currently has me standing in a long line at Bragg stadium as I type this, because Publix does not mandate Masks, and because there is no transparency requirement, the rumor mill began on Saturday to report that the governor's crossing Publix had a "few" cases. It took several reporters to determine that the exact number is 2, and we still don't know the time frame that it those individuals were working. That is the main store that I shot that for my immuno compromised family that that one person with cancer, one person with asthma I'm a one person with Parkinsonians syndrome, and for people over 65. So basically people not being required to wear masks indoors inside that Publix has not only put me at risk but more importantly my family that I shop for heard they rely on me to not get sick, and to not make them sick. And because there was no transparency and reporting list I am unable to determine if I was put at risk or not.

Hence I am getting tested and otherwise self quarantining until I have the results. So please take action and don't rely on our state government to do the right thing. Btw, I'm also doubtful that you will get through all of the comments the people are submitting and I am curious if you have read this. Therefore please send me an email either from yourself or your staff to confirm that you have read this.

Thank you and I appreciate your time.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kim Ross
	Address: 1203 Buckingham Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:14:26 PM

(AN updated version of previous comments to correct typos. Please replace if possible)

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Given the numbers both locally and statewide, it is predicted by medical professionals and scientists that things are about to get much worse. These professionals also confirm that wearing masks greatly reduce transmission and is much better at keeping the public safe. Therefore, the only right thing for the County Commission to do is to mandate masks in indoor settings. The people who are complaining about that idea are of the same nature as those who complained about mandating seatbelts. But we decided long ago to mandate seatbelts for public safety, and we need to do the same for masks. We are beyond the time for relying on cute PR campaigns.

In addition, I would like you to mandate that businesses report to the public when they do have cases and what they are doing about it. This transparency is also necessary to keep the public safe. It is difficult to impossible for me to keep my family and I safe without that information.

To use an example that had me standing in a long line at Bragg stadium earlier today, because Publix does not mandate Masks, and because there is no transparency requirement, I became very concerned when the rumor mill began on Saturday to report that the Governor's Crossing Publix had a "few" cases.

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Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kimberly Aers
	Address: 416 Hillcrest Street
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:50:59 PM

The problem I have with this is there are more disadvantages than advantages. And out of the 5 advantages one is making people feel better and the other is an economic stimulus by now selling masks. Neither of these items are helping to stop the virus. People should be allowed to make their own decisions considering the type of masks is normal people have access to don't actually prevent the virus. Its not right to force another person to wear a mask just to make others "feel better".

Potential benefits/advantages. The likely advantages of the use of masks by healthy people in the general public include:

- reduced potential exposure risk from infected persons before they develop symptoms;
- reduced potential stigmatization of individuals wearing masks to prevent infecting others (source control) or of people caring for COVID-19 patients in non-clinical settings;(70)
- making people feel they can play a role in contributing to stopping spread of the virus;
- reminding people to be compliant with other measures (e.g., hand hygiene, not touching nose and mouth).
- potential social and economic benefits. Amidst the global shortage of surgical masks and PPE, encouraging the public to create their own fabric masks may promote individual enterprise and community integration. Moreover, the production of non-medical masks may offer a source of income for those able to manufacture masks within their communities. Fabric masks can also be a form of cultural expression, encouraging public acceptance of protection measures in general. The safe re-use of fabric masks will also reduce costs and waste and contribute to sustainability.

Potential harms/disadvantages. The likely disadvantages of the use of mask by healthy people in the general public include:

- potential increased risk of self-contamination due to the manipulation of a face mask and subsequently touching eyes with contaminated hands;(48, 49)
- potential self-contamination that can occur if nonmedical masks are not changed when wet or soiled. This can create favourable conditions for microorganism to amplify;
- potential headache and/or breathing difficulties, depending on type of mask used;
- potential development of facial skin lesions, irritant dermatitis or worsening acne, when used frequently for long hours;(50)
- difficulty with communicating clearly;
- potential discomfort;(41, 51)
- a false sense of security, leading to potentially lower adherence to other critical preventive measures such as physical distancing and hand hygiene;
- poor compliance with mask wearing, in particular by young children;
- waste management issues; improper mask disposal leading to increased litter in public places, risk of contamination to street cleaners and environment hazard;
- difficulty communicating for deaf persons who rely on lip reading;
- disadvantages for or difficulty wearing them, especially for children, developmentally challenged persons, those with mental illness, elderly persons with cognitive impairment, those with asthma or chronic respiratory or breathing problems, those who have had facial trauma or recent oral maxillofacial surgery, and those living in hot and humid environments.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kimberly Lisenby
	Address: 1505 Myrick Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:57:08 AM

Please vote to make masks mandatory, I have my older parents living with me and I do fear they will get it because I have to go to work

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kimberly Pisano
	Address: 403 Castleton Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:12:33 PM

I am a dental hygienist here in Leon County. So, I feel like I have a good understanding of cross-contamination and virus spread. My family and I spent the first month of the coronavirus stay at home order Only going out when necessary. Primarily the grocery store and to check on parents.

In the last two weeks, I have needed to make trips to Costco, Publix and Trader Joe's.

The compliance in Costco with mask wearing was good. However, visiting Publix on North Monroe was the absolute opposite experience. Probably less than 20% of customers in masks.

I feel strongly that, at this point in time, unless there is a mandate to wear masks compliance will be low.

Research also suggests a much lower spread of the virus if everyone simply wears a mask in public !!! I feel like this is little to ask for things to get back to normal much sooner.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kirstin Heagney
	Address: 4902 planters ridge dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:13:13 AM

I support a mandatory mask ordinance. We should have already had one in place. It is detrimental to the health of our state if people (and government) are allowed to pretend like the virus doesn't exist. Other states and countries that have enforced mask wearing are starting to pull out of this and Florida is burying its head in the sand. Please pass this.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kishore Choutupalli
	Address: 4117 Raleigh Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:24:30 AM

Please make masks mandatory for employees and customers.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kitte Carter
	Address: 6550 Hidden Lakes Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:16:50 AM

Please make wearing masks required to be inside businesses.

I own Management Recruiters Of Tallahassee, for 33 years and I have 15 employees. We place professionals in the manufacturing industry- if we can't flatten the curve, safely get people back to work where they are confident they will still have a job next month then they will not make purchases of manufactured goods, manufacturing will not reopen and my business closes and employees that have worked with me for 30 years will be unemployed.

Say yes to Mask-

No shirt

No shoes

No mask no service

Kitte Carter

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kiz Mcleod
	Address: 1810 Sageway Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:07:59 PM

Face coverings for your nose and mouth should be mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kody Boswell
	Address: 2610 Hayward drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:23:40 PM

I do not think it should be mandatory for individuals to wear masks due to COVID-19.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kris Kimel
	Address: 3815 Shamrock Street West
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:18:20 PM

Please mandate masks in public. No one seems to be wearing them without it being made mandatory. Thanks!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: KRIS SALATA
	Address: 180 MAGNOLIA CT
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:55:08 PM

Please require everybody to wear mask when in public! We need to stop the spread of the virus in our community.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kristen Bowers
	Address: 812 E. Call St.
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 9:00:07 PM

I strongly support a mask requirement for businesses and large gatherings in Leon County. The re-opening of non-essential businesses without such a requirement at the end of May has caused cases of Covid-19 to increase in our county.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kristen Ellington
	Address: 1106 Mimosa Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 5:16:21 PM

Please pass a requirement for all people to wear masks when indoors other than one's home and in gatherings where social distancing isn't possible. This may be hard to enforce but let's try. Publix won't require staff or customers to wear masks unless there's a local ordinance.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kristin Ervin
	Address: 317 Mabry St # 1122 Tallahassee, FL 32304
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:35:18 AM

Please vote to make the use of masks mandatory in public. It is essential for public health and safety. State and Federal leadership are not going to act on this issue, so it is in your hands. There are countless examples of other localities implementing similar measures, and it has been shown to be effective at reducing transmission. Not acting on this issue will directly result in the hospitalization and deaths of those that you serve.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kristin Kline
	Address: 3308 Robinhood Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:49:05 AM

Please require masks!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kristina Tutton
	Address: 4361 Kimberly Circle, Tallahassee, Fl 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:29:56 AM

In response to the commissions consideration for mandatory masks in Leon County, I am apposed.

Never in the history of this country have we forced the country into an economic shut down or forced communities to close or even wear protective devices over spread of illnesses. We didn't do it during the Spanish Flu, Polio, or even the Flu. The cases of the virus among Florida is 6% of those tested. That is not even 6% of the population, that 6% is of those tested in the entire state of Florida. This is a VIRUS. We are not able to rid this disease from our country or state or city, just as we are not able rid our communities of the FLU. We have the right to choose over own bodies and our own health whether we want to wear a mask or gloves. Just as we have the same rights to choose whether we want to obtain a FLU Shot.

The commission is over stepping our civil liberties in mandating wearing masks in our community.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Kyle Walters
	Address: 1112 S. Magnolia Drive, Apt. L201
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:49:46 PM

Since phase 2, it has become a rare occurrence for people to wear masks in even the most crowded of areas such as supermarkets. What furthers the problem is the fact that these supermarkets fail to mandate a 6 foot policy. The worst is that there are several small businesses that do not even enforce their employees to wear masks. As such I believe it fully necessary to make the wearing of face masks mandatory indefinitely. Please listen to the scientists. Make face masks mandatory in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lacey Jernigan
	Address: 2018 Walden Road Tallahassee, FL 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:21:18 PM

Mask so should NOT be mandatory

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lacey Rawls
	Address: 1838 Mary Ellen Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:47:06 PM

PLEASE vote NO on mandatory masks in Leon County. This should be an individual's choice just as staying home should be an individual's choice. Studies have not proved that masks work. They do however in fact cause respiratory problems in the long term. Again, please vote NO and leave this decision to the residents of Leon County

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lacy Douglass
	Address: 6224 Wake Robin Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:57:51 PM

Please consider making masks mandatory when in enclosed spaces. As an essential worker I am at the mercy of other's decisions about masks and too many do not seem to care about their fellow citizens.

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lala Clark
	Address: 3909 Reserve Drive 2914
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:31:15 PM

Some establishments say “ no shirt or shoes” no service. I think enclosed spaces or crowded spaces should say “ no mask, no service”

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lamyia Mollay
	Address: 301 s lipona rd apt 12
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:25:07 PM

Masks should be mandatory. Whenever I go out to get groceries no one is wearing a mask. Everyone seems to have forgotten about COVID-19 or they simply do not care. Sadly, with this mindset we have seen an increase of cases. Hopefully implementing mandatory masks in public will help deter transmission.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lana Arnold
	Address: 3441 Jasmine Hill Road
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 8:37:59 AM

Please require masks in Public. You can ease this rule when Covid dies back.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Laney McLean
	Address: 3105 Waters Meet Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 1:23:34 PM

Please require masks in public spaces. there are other ways to mitigate the spread of this virus, but everyone wearing a mask is the simplest way.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lateef Bryant
	Address: 2509 Arthur's Court Lane, Tallahassee, FL 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:44:37 PM

People should be required to wear masks because Florida's number of new cases continues to rise. We are past the point of people voluntarily doing the minimum to protect the health of others. I say this not even liking the idea of it being mandated and enforced. I believe it is an infringement upon our rights but public safety matters more. To me, there is no such thing as acceptable losses when it comes to something like this which could have been avoided if people weren't so selfish.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Latika Young
	Address: 2105 Croydon Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:42:31 PM

Please pass a mask ordinance. This will help provide cover for businesses that want to enforce it now and cannot. At least anecdotally (from what I have personally experienced and what friends have described to me), the number of people wearing them inside stores has dropped significantly the past few weeks. All the recent research is coalescing around mask-wearing being one of the most essential tools for preventing a further spike in cases. An ordinance can help normalize their use. Thank you for your consideration!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Laura Camoesas
	Address: 3454 Austin Davis Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:22:43 PM

Please vote to make masks mandatory in Leon County. Protect your citizens.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Laura Chandler
	Address: 6073 WW Kelley Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:04:18 PM

Mask should be mandatory! Help us help ourselves!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Laura Dunaway
	Address: 2319 Trimble Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:40:34 AM

I fully support mandating face coverings while in public places and businesses. I shop primarily at businesses that require them, and actively avoid businesses that don't, especially where employees don't wear them. I always wear a mask when running essential errands. Always. And expect others to wear them as well. We are still in the first wave of this health crisis! Citizens take their cues from leaders. If leaders wear them and encourage others to do so, more citizens are likely to do so as well.

Thank you for taking time to consider this extremely important issue. Laura Dunaway

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Laura Fordham
	Address: 6733 Layton Ct Tallahassee FL 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:33:49 PM

I wonder if it would work to put out a recommendation to wear masks ONLY if backed by science and statistics. Allow businesses to decide if they will require a mask or not. People that are fearful to be around others without a mask have the choice to conduct business only at places where masks are required. Costco for example. Businesses that don't require a mask might run the risk of losing customers, but it's their business to run and make that choice. People insisting on mandates already have the choice to not go places where they are not required.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Laura Hewitt
	Address: 7538 Bridle Path Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:32:49 AM

I do not agree that masks should be mandatory for all. Adults should be able to make that decision for themselves. If someone is at high risk, masks will not protect them from getting it...

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Laura Minor
	Address: 3318 Thomas Butler Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:42:15 PM

Please make masks mandatory in public indoor spaces when not immediately about to eat. Provide them to the public as needed. Please also provide some way for enforcement for the poor employees being harassed and threatened when asking customers to comply. Also, start enforcing limits at bars and restaurants. The number of cars I'm seeing at these places must be well over the limit unless every person is driving a separate car. If we wait until we think we need the mandatory mask policy, it is already too late. Please also implement mandatory testing across staff at long term care facilities. Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Laural Arnaldo
	Address: 3509 Gallagher Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:50:35 AM

Please do not mandate that everyone wear mask in public! I believe that keeping it optional is the best way to go. Our economy has suffered so much due to this virus and if you make people wear masks in public, I truly believe you will only hurt small businesses. People will keep ordering on-line because they don't want to wear a mask out in public. Also, it is so extremely hard to breathe with them. Every time I am made to wear one, I end up with a sore throat. Again, I am asking that you keep mask OPTIONAL!!!
Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lauren Antista
	Address: 306 Birch Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:20:54 AM

I would like to strongly urge that it be mandated that masks are required in Tallahassee and Leon County to reduce the spread COVID-19. All partisan debating aside, masks seem like a common-sense solution for reducing the spread of the coronavirus. There are understandable exceptions like infants and those with medical conditions that excuse them from mask-wearing, but it is an essential step to curb the spread of the disease. Masks should be required in public and in all manner of businesses as it has been shown to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and serves as a reminder to maintain social distancing. I have experienced first-hand that people are not taking this pandemic seriously in our community and putting the rest of at risk.

I appreciate the concern for our economy, but I also think we should be thinking long-term about how to avoid another lockdown or mass quarantine by taking a simple step like mask-wearing to avoid more drastic measures. The question has been raised as to whether or not it is a violation of a persons' rights. I think it is a silly and unnecessary argument for a simple step to protect the entire community. It is not an attack on an individual or their rights, it is an easy measure to prevent unnecessary death or illness and one that is accessible for a majority of people without unnecessary hardship.

As a community, we are particularly vulnerable to a major spike in cases as students will be returning to the multiple college campuses in our community. We all have a high number of senior citizens, which we value in this community, who are at an increased risk. I think it a necessary step to require mask-wearing in our county and the city of Tallahassee until we see a marked decreased in new cases per day. Please, please make the tough but necessary decision to protect all citizens.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lauren Brooks
	Address: 7437 CreekrIDGE Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:23:15 AM

I am a resident of Leon County, an attorney, wife, and mother of 3 children. I am completely opposed to mandating all residents wear face masks in public. This is political theater and completely contrary to our constitutionally protected personal liberties and the founding principle that our government has limited power.

Leon County does not know better than me how to protect my family. I am responsible for the parenting choices that I make for my family and the personal health choices that I make for myself--not this government. This governmental body should consider the state and federal constitutional issues before assuming that it has such authority to issue any such mandate.

Beyond the constitutional issues, not only does mask wearing deplete the amount of oxygen that a person intakes, it increases the ingestion of CO2--none of which is beneficial. Additionally, the types of masks that people are wearing are completely inconsistent--from scarves, to winter face coverings, to crochet. How does Leon County plan to enforce a requirement to wear masks? Will any covering suffice? Does Leon County plan to use our taxes to enforce such an idea? With more police? I completely oppose such a faulty and unenforceable concept.

Additionally, even assuming that everyone is wearing an appropriate mask and such mask-wearing is effective, it reduces exposure to contagions that our body needs to build an immune system. I expect that once this hysteria passes, our weakened immune systems will lead to more illness than before this pandemic.

Finally, if this governmental body is willing to ignore our personal liberties and mandate that all residents wear masks of whatever kind--in 90+ degree heat--how about considering mandating that at-risk people stay home, instead?

This is the time to show leadership based on reason, common-sense, and science--not the hysteria of the masses and political theater for your constituents. Our founding fathers did not forge this country on populist decisions, but on the principle that the government has limited power.

I will not vote to re-elect a commissioner who votes in favor of any such mandate.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lauren Kelly-Manders
	Address: 2402 Balsam Terrace
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:21:10 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I urge you to adopt a mask requirement in light of the skyrocketing number of COVID-19 cases in Florida. The last few months have only served as proof that people are not willing to act responsibly on their own volition, and being that Gov. DeSantis shows no sign of halting or reversing the reopening process, it is incumbent upon our local governments to act in consideration of public health.

Citing Mayor Castor's Tampa mask EO, please consider incorporating the following exceptions to wearing a mask:

Children under 2.

Those observing federal social distancing guidelines (the 6-foot rule.)

Those working inside in a business or profession who don't interact with other people.

Those inside a business who socially distance themselves from others.

Those working in a business or profession where a mask or face covering would prevent them from performing their duties.

Exercising while social distancing.

Eating and drinking.

The mask rule doesn't apply when a hearing-impaired person needs to see the mouth of someone wearing a mask in order to communicate.

Respectfully,

Lauren Kelly-Manders

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lauren Moody
	Address: 2404 Shalley Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:34:21 PM

Hello,

I am astonished at the spike in Covid-19 that is occurring in Leon county. I expected it but I am now watching it with my own eyes. Restaurants and bars closing en masse as their employees test positive. This is a simple policy you can enforce to help protect everyone in the community. I am personally at a higher risk due to a preexisting health condition. Forcing people to wear mask does not negatively impose on anyone. This could save people's lives. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lauren Perlman
	Address: 6349 Fitz Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:50:30 AM

I would like to see masks required in Leon Co. Thank You!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lauren Prince
	Address: 5573 Hampton Hill Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:45:28 PM

Essential employees have worked too hard to prepare for/prevent the spread of covid-19 for us to give up on them and risk their health because it's inconvenient. Local businesses need us to come out and support them but we can only do so when safety is the top priority. Let's try requiring masks to see if this small step can help us avoid community crises - virus hotspots, business and school closures, over capacity ICUs, etc. Let's protect one another!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lauren Smith
	Address: 3233 Storrington Dr., Tallahassee, FL 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:03:49 PM

My family and I are not able to participate fully in our local economy without all people wearing masks. We're very selectively participating and in a limited way in economic activity due to the sporadic use of masks.

If we're all on the same page to wear a mask to protect our community, we can fully participate in our local economy. It is essential that everyone wears a mask in public to make full economic participation possible.

We require people to wear pants/shirts/shoes to go in stores, etc. It is basic that we require people who can infect others to simply wear a face mask to not endanger others.

The only way to get more back to normal before a vaccine is to have everyone wear a mask. I wear my face mask to protect others from getting it from me, and likewise they should wear theirs to protect me.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lea Anna Davis
	Address: 1237 Sarasota Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:59:38 PM

Please require all citizens to wear masks. It just makes sense.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Leah Chapin
	Address: 6763 Circle J Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:32:07 AM

Yes please mask required.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Leah Mikola
	Address: 419 Whippoorwill Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:57:36 PM

I am requesting a vote to uphold our medical freedom- against mandatory masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Leanne Gregory
	Address: 1961 Charlais st
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:07:41 AM

I would ask that you not make masks mandatory in Tallahassee for many reasons...

- 1) our law enforcement officers have so much on their plates right now, please don't make them enforce masks during this time. They have much more important issues to deal with during this difficult time.
- 2) my neighbor with COPD and my 90 yo father don't do well with the masks. They wear them as long as they can tolerate them. They also do not go out any more than is necessary. Don't make it difficult to breathe when they go out or make them an oddball for not wearing a mask when they can't.
- 3) let people take personal responsibility for their actions and their bodies. Don't politicize something like masks wearing. I believe people who can wear them are and for those who don't they are vigilant about hand washing and sanitizing as no one wants COVID.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lee Warner
	Address: 2611 Opequon Bend
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:26:38 PM

Hello - when you meet to discuss wearing masks in public places:

Have you looked at the long, long lines of citizens waiting for COVID-19 tests at FAMU?

Have you seen the long, long lines waiting at Patients First?

An acquaintance waited nearly 7 hours yesterday.

Do you understand the deep level of concern many citizens have about coronavirus?

Do you understand we do not want unnecessary risk when it can so easily be ameliorated?

Please, if you care about your jobs, resolve to mandate wearing of masks in Leon County public spaces. You may believe your trump that masks are unnecessary; however, not all citizens are trumppers... we all deserve your consideration.

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lee Warner
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	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:27:48 PM

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Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lee Ann Godwin
	Address: 920 Barrie Ave, TLH FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:41:25 AM

I do not agree with the mandatory wearing of masks. Many people suffer from breathing issues. I have 2 in my home. Plus, some people are very claustrophobic and can only handle for a short period of time. These can lead to more of a mental health issue for some. I believe that if people would have been keeping good hygiene all along with washing hands and stop wearing gloves everywhere. The gloves are the biggest issue we have. They are cross contaminating everything and everyone.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lenoir Brewer
	Address: 1579 Escadrille Dr 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:54:07 PM

Please make masks mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lesley Nolan
	Address: 6460 Justin Grant Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:10:25 PM

I was skeptical at first about mandating the use of face coverings or masks during the pandemic. However, many businesses feel uncomfortable enforcing the "store policy" to wear masks. It is beyond their capability to enforce it. Since so many are unwilling to comply, I think we have to mandate it in the county. I would encourage businesses to have some masks available for those that do not have them, however, for the safety of the general public we must insist.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Leslie Cohen
	Address: 6515 Aqueduct Court
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:59:16 PM

Please make it that everyone needs to wear a msk in closed public areas.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Leslie Greene
	Address: 1710 Cordell Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:18:47 AM

In regards to COVID-19 and requiring a mask in public: I do not feel that the commission has the authority or even should have the authority to require a mask. I do feel that it is important for individuals to do their part to prevent the spread of this virus. I believe that indoor places like the library and other public type buildings should require a mask; however, it will be difficult to enforce. I was given the example that the law requires a seat belt because it is proven to save lives, in this instance, we know wearing a mask will prevent the spread of the illness, but, again, it is difficult to enforce. Driving without a seat belt results in a fine. When you begin to fine individuals or arrest individuals for not wearing a mask in public places, you absolutely will affect those with low income. Unpaid fines tend to lead to suspension of other "privileges" being revoked for those who would be the most adversely affected by an inability to use said privileges. For example: unpaid court costs can result in suspension of driver's license.

If my fellow citizens determine that requirement of a mask will be enforced, you must find a way to prevent a disproportionate number of low income households from being punished in a way that cannot easily be resolved. Remove the financial burden or the legal burden of that type of enforcement. Unfortunately, I believe that everyone will eventually become infected with this virus and we should be preparing to care for large numbers of sick individuals.

If there is a way to convince the public of the importance, make all efforts to do so.

Thanks for your time.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Leslie Harden
	Address: 1825 Cottage Grove Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:27:08 PM

PLEASE MAKE MASKS MANDATORY WHILE IN PUBLIC IN LEON COUNTY FOR THIS SUMMER!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Leslie Mille
	Address: 4063 Longleaf Court
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:48:47 AM

Thank you, Commissioners for considering the health and well-being of Leon County's residents. My thoughts are concerning the wearing of masks and enforcement, as well as the opening of certain establishments. Taking into consideration that our outdoor space in Tallahassee/Leon County is not particularly dense (as opposed to Palm Beach/Broward/Dade and other large population centers), mandating masks at all times is not necessary. People need to be encouraged to exercise and get sunlight, and mandatory outdoor masks would deter from that. I am FULLY in support of an indoor mask requirement, with the exception of restaurants (however, I think all restaurant staff should be wearing them). I hate what I have seen at grocery stores with people completely disregarding the health of others by walking the wrong way down the aisles, no masks, germ-festering children, etc.

In terms of enforcement, if you put a mask mandate into place, who will you have enforce it? Relations between the police and the public have been so strained the past few weeks. Why add this to the plate of TPD and LCSO right now? Police don't need to be dealing with "mask enforcement." Wasn't the public (media) just talking about taking health and social issues off the plate of police departments? If someone refuses to put a mask on before entering a store or refuses to leave, who will handle that? Do the establishments need to hire their own "mask-enforcement security", costing them even more money? Another item of concern is the bars. It's tough because there are many, many places that are being extra careful. But then you have Potbelly's. The difference is that college students don't care about wearing masks, and that's where they congregate. But I also wouldn't want to hurt places like Bar 1903 and Fermentation Lounge that cater to a different clientele.

Perhaps a better option rather than mandates and enforcement would be a coordinated and collaborative approach on part of the County's business to be consistent. Have the Chamber get involved. Create a marketing campaign to really get in front of people. I'll keep wearing a mask, but we have a A LOT of people here who will react badly to a mandate. Please consider trying a different approach.

Thank you!

Leslie Mille

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lester Word
	Address: 4235 Little Osprey Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 8:11:40 AM

I am ALL FOR wearing of masks:

I truly believe that we as a Country and a State are moving in the wrong direction when it comes to the COVID-19 virus. We know by all the research of professionals that are trained to manage these kind of issues. One of my biggest fears in this is that the employees of the neighborhood Publix grocery store become infected with the virus and the store is forced to close due to the employees not being able to work because a few people don't want to wear a mask. Remember those employees mostly teens and workers that have minimal health insurance if become really ill, we will have another situation of the TWO hospitals becoming over powered with cases. I am all for everyone having their rights, but let's be crystal clear. It is a proven FACT by Doctors and Scientist that wearing a Mask help control the COVID-19 virus. Science and Medicine when is for the good of all supersede your right of not wearing a mask.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lewis Megan
	Address: 924 W Pensacola St
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:17:11 PM

Hello,

I am currently a healthcare worker and my roommate tested positive for COVID-19. She did not get COVID-19 from working, she got it from going to bars and places around Tallahassee that do not require a mask. Everyone should be wearing a mask and the bars should not be open.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lily Kates
	Address: 2204 Woodlawn Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 4:14:10 PM

I am a concerned Tallahassee citizen writing in support of a county-wide mandate requiring masks to be worn in public or in groups of ten or more. The State of Florida has not been proactive in protecting its citizens' health, and the county must step in now to help combat record-breaking infection rates in our state.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Linda Clark
	Address: 2214 Demeron Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:17:35 PM

I strongly support wearing facial masks. Not wearing a mask is irresponsible and shows a lack of respect for others who are trying to prevent the spread the COVID 19 virus.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Linda Cox
	Address: 1440 Vieux Carre Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:42:43 PM

Please take charge where our national and state leaders have failed to protect our health and well-being but making face masks mandatory and enforcing with consent/fines. Ant dollars raised from fines could be used to support local businesses during the pandemic.
Clearly this is not over and is in fact worse than we have previously experienced in Leon County. Therefore I would also support limiting hours and occupancy for all non essential business.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Linda Edson
	Address: 1841 Myrick Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:02:39 PM

As a senior citizen, I consider mask wearing essential. My health and the health of all seniors is a risk. Please require masks be worn in Leon County.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Linda Hyson
	Address: 510 N Meridian St
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:10:58 PM

I strongly support an ordinance for the wearing of mask in all public indoor spaces. Some kind of enforcement would be my preference. I will add that I dislike wearing a mask, but unless we are all locked down at home until there is a reliable vaccine that has been administered to all, we must wear masks to protect our residents. It will also help our economy to allow businesses to carefully remain open, rather than having to close down when employees become infected. We have seen this happen with several restaurants in a short period time. Please protect us!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Linda Mabry
	Address: 2404 Oakdale Street, Tallahassee FL 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:53:48 PM

I support the mandatory use of masks to cover both mouth and nose inside public spaces.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Linda McCarthy
	Address: 2716 Brenner Pass
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:09:01 PM

I am in favor of requiring masks indoors.
We need to slow this surge of virus down.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Linda McNeal
	Address: 2524 Noble Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:56:27 PM

Given the rise in COVID-19 cases in Leon County, I would like to recommend that the County take the advice of our medical community and require that masks be worn in all indoor spaces until such time as the number of cases starts dropping. It is not too much to ask to keep safe and healthy all those who must report to work at this time in order to keep their jobs. Businesses should be allowed to bar access to or remove patrons who refuse to wear a mask without risk of liability.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Linda Meadows
	Address: 2033 Chowkeebin Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:53:01 PM

Yes, please make masks mandatory in all public indoor spaces and retail establishments.
Science-based evidence shows the value of proper mask wearing.
Thank you for helping us all help each other stay healthy.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Linda Menke
	Address: 114 Glenhaven Terrace
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:46:36 AM

Please mandate masks for Leon county. They slow the spread of the virus and protect us all if we all wear them. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Linda Miklowitz
	Address: 2542 Arthur's Court
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:23:52 AM

Requiring wearing a mask in public will protect the majority of us from those without social responsibility. They are the ones most likely to be infected because of their lack of care. Please vote to join the other responsible counties where masks are required.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Linda Rigot
	Address: 3266 Citation Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:56:47 PM

I strongly oppose mandatory masks. We are adults, not children, and are capable of reading the studies, analyzing the statistics, and making informed personal decisions re where we are going and whether a mask should be worn in that location. We do not need local politicians telling us what to do about every facet of our lives. The virus restrictions have gone too far for too long.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Linda Vaughn
	Address: 3303 Dartmoor Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 9:58:09 AM

To open our economy, which we desperately need to do, we need to reduce Covid transmission. The science is clear: masks reduce transmission. Please vote masks! thanks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Linda Wester
	Address: 1969 Sagebrook Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:01:25 PM

Mandate wearing of masks for everyone!!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Linda Zeigler
	Address: 2909 Donau Court, Tallahassee, FL 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:39:58 PM

Other than offering more sites for antigen and antibody testing, no additional mitigative measures should be implemented at this time. Decisions need to be based on the number of hospitalizations and deaths, rather than the number of new cases.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lindley Fredrickson
	Address: 4112 Castellon Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:09:41 PM

I, as a Registered Nurse, feel face masks should be mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lindsay McGee
	Address: 3144 Flastacowo Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:31:29 PM

Please mandate masks in all public places! If we must reopen prior to the first spike of the pandemic even ending, we must do everything in our power to protect the vulnerable in our community. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lindsey Hartsfield
	Address: 4791 Gautier Drive Tallahassee FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:11:28 PM

Please do not make masks mandatory!! It is very hard for those of us with asthma to breathe with them especially during the hottest time of year.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lindsey Reanier
	Address: 607 Truett Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:44:44 PM

Hi,

I feel very strongly that masks need to be required in public spaces due to concerns about Covid-19. I've been feeling less and less safe even when I just need to go grocery shopping, as fewer people are wearing masks while cases of the virus increase. Please consider what can be done to require or at least strongly encourage the use of masks in public while this pandemic continues.

Thanks for your time.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lipika Frith
	Address: 4136 Sugar Bear Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:04:15 PM

Masks for everyone is beneficial for my family. Both children and I fall into high-risk categories, and my husband has to work outside of the home as an essential employee. Though he takes great precautions and exercises frequent hand hygiene, it is a worry for all of us that he might encounter someone unmasked and asymptomatic and expose us.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lisa Ard
	Address: 6001 Veterans Memorial Drive, Tallahassee 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:50:41 PM

My husband has cancer and he has to have surgery at Mayo in three weeks. If he contracts COVID, they will not operate. We are very careful and wear masks wherever we go. But most people are not wearing masks and practicing social distancing. They are putting my family in danger. Please vote to require masks until the cases stop climbing.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lisa Chadwick
	Address: 2481 Elfinwing Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:00:31 AM

Thank you for considering this topic. As a Leon county resident, and a scientist, I am strongly in favor of requiring face coverings to be worn in public - in Leon County. This is a common sense rule that supports both the health of our residents, as well as the health of our local economy. Wearing face coverings helps control the spread of a virus like this one, which is spread through droplets. Although the covering does not necessarily stop viral particles from passing through, it does capture those droplets and dampen the force of the air they are traveling in, reducing the distance they are able to travel. Just in the last few days, we have all seen restaurants in our county closing back down temporarily as their staff are diagnosed with COVID-19. This is going to become more and more common, and these temporarily closures are going to hurt businesses as much as the initial shutdown. In addition to protecting the vulnerable staff working in these businesses, more people (including myself) will be far more likely to go out and patronize local businesses where both staff AND customers are required to wear masks. This action will need to be coupled with education about WHY face coverings help prevent spread (misinformation on this topic leads to comments like “well if you’re scared of catching it, just stay home” as the face coverings do not protect the wearer!), and for our local leaders to be unified, and lead by strong example. The only way to keep both the economy and our population healthy is to require our residents to wear face coverings in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lisa Folmar
	Address: 2399 Ryan Place
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:03:59 PM

Yes to masks! We need to get a handle on this before we have to shit down again!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lisa Whiting
	Address: 1932 Sageway Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 5:31:57 PM

Please, for the love of God, make masks mandatory in Leon County indoor spaces. We all would love to improve our freedom of movement, but without safety measures, we will be forced into another stay at home order. Too many are ignoring this virus and perpetuating the spread of it.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lisa Wixted
	Address: 6471 Justin Grant Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:51:27 AM

PLEASE make every effort to require mask wearing in all public places in Leon County. The numbers of positive cases has increased dramatically over the past couple of weeks in our county. "My mask protects you. Your mask protects me."

THANK you for focusing on protecting all of our health rather than focus on freedoms and policies. Life is more important.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lise Ryder
	Address: 1508 A China Grove Trail, Tallahassee 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:41:52 PM

Please require masks for everyone when in stores, restaurants, etc.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Liz Crawford
	Address: 1602 Groveland Hills Dr Tallahassee, FL 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:27:44 PM

Not in favor of mandatory mask wearing when in public. The science does not support it. As a research scientist I think it's a waste

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Logan Reed
	Address: 623 Arbor Station Ln #12 Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:11:47 AM

Please look at the data and the huge spike we as a city have seen as well as across the state.
Masks are a necessity to keep everyone safe. That includes inmates in jails and prisons.
The general population in Tallahassee is acting as if Covid is something we will just live with now. The posts that I've seen in social media are shocking. We need leadership.
Make masks a necessity when going in public. Look after the health of all citizens.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lois Van Stratum
	Address: 512 Ausley rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:30:18 PM

I would respectfully ask the Commisioners to mandate masks in indoor public spaces in Leon county.

As a mother of an infant and 2 other young children, I feel like currently I can't take my children to any public buildings. My infant is too young to wear a mask. If other adults and children were all wearing masks, I would feel it is safer to go into the library, stores, or other public spaces with other people.

I would not like to be required to wear masks outdoors, as the evidence points to outdoor transmission being less common. And, wearing masks is certainly less comfortable in the summer heat while walking, biking, running.

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Loretta Bonner
	Address: 4125 red cedar ct
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:46:33 AM

Following the science of everything, yes, masks should be required.

The sooner we follow the science - mask wearing, social distancing, hand washing, etc. the slower the spread and hopefully get things back to normal sooner than if we keep creating new spreads.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lori Holcomb
	Address: 1668 Brush Hill Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:52:49 PM

Please require masks in all indoor businesses for employees and customers. At the very least all employees of business that interact with the public should be required to wear a mask. While as a consumer I can choose to not patronize a business where masks are not worn, a practice I have adopted, there are some business that cannot be avoided. I can avoid unmasked customers but cannot always avoid unmasked employees if that is the only option available. Thank you for your consideration.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lori Huskisson
	Address: 2300 Bluff Oak Way, 7110, Tallahassee, FL 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:23:36 PM

Make face masks mandatory

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lori Huskisson
	Address: 2300 Bluff Oak Way, 7110, Tallahassee, FL 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:24:49 PM

Make face masks mandatory

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lorri Mon
	Address: 1553 Chowkeebin Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:19:35 AM

Mandating masks is critical to getting this virus under control, since people can be infected without showing symptoms and without knowing it. All other places that have gotten their COVID-19 outbreaks under control started by requiring mask wearing when in public. If we don't do this, we will continue to see increasing outbreaks that not only hurt people and families, but also our local businesses that are forced to shutdown after employees become infected, as we are seeing right now with many restaurants in Tallahassee. It's simple and easy to do - wear a mask to keep our people, our families, and our local businesses safe!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Louise Sadler
	Address: 542 Groveland Hills Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 2:21:09 PM

Make wearing masks & distancing in public places mandatory.
Require businesses to do the same.
Provide authority to issue fines for noncompliance
,..... until #s are declining

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lucia Bunge
	Address: 640 Voncile Av
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 10:58:23 AM

The only way I will feel safe to get out and have a relatively normal life is if everyone is using a mask. The use of mask should be compulsory to everyone.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lucia Fishburne
	Address: 7645 Tanya Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:29:50 AM

Masks need to be mandatory anywhere there are others - stores, restaurants, public gatherings, etc.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Luke Flynt
	Address: 3512 Doe Run Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:03:59 PM

As the spouse of a retail worker, I see the toll stress takes on those who are working in small business right now as they try to balance their health and safety with continuing to provide a high-level of service to the community.

There must be clear, consistent guidance for businesses to follow. Consistency is key so that those who venture out to shop know what is expected of them everywhere they go.

That type of consistency can only come from the County Commission. I urge you to do the right thing for all citizens of Leon County and mandate the wearing of a mask in public spaces.

Thank you for your time.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lulu Hosford
	Address: 2304 Old St Augustine
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:37:13 PM

No mandatory mask wearing

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lynn Jones
	Address: 3211 Notre Dame Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:03:42 PM

Everyone over the age of 2 should wear a mask in public. Especially the grocery stores, schools, health locations.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lynn Jones
	Address: 3211 Notre Dame Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:07:29 PM

Correction. I am not a lobbyist. Everyone should wear a mask if you about 3 years or older. Especially in the grocery store, health facilities and schools.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lynne Babchuck
	Address: 3100 n shannon lakes dr 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 1:50:19 PM

Leon County residents should be required to wear protective masks outside of their homes. We should take every possible measure to reduce COVID spread while we still can.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Lynne Metz
	Address: 1310 Avondale Way
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 1:28:17 PM

Due to the acceleration of COVID-19 cases in Leon County, and in keeping with CDC guidelines to help stop the spread of Coronavirus SARSV2, please issue a countywide order for wearing face masks or other such face covering mandatory when outside of your home. Additionally, please consider a moratorium on children being taken to grocery stores and pharmacies. They cannot wear face masks safely but may be shedding coronavirus asymptotically. Discuss the plans for the future of Leon County as it relates to the Governor's plan for re-opening. Are we going to continue re-opening despite the data?

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Madeline Hart
	Address: 3302 Robinhood Road
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:30:12 PM

Hello,

I am writing to request that the Commission mandate masks whenever in public indoor spaces in Leon county with a written fine for non compliance. We need to enforce this policy strongly to contain the spreading virus in this county. This is not a political issue, it is a public health and science issue. I hope that even the Republican members of this Commission can recognize that.

I think it would also be wise to consider a public service campaign about mask use and safety in the areas near the colleges and among our poor and vulnerable residents. There is no excuse for wealthy college kids not wearing masks but I understand some people do not have resources or time to afford them, locate them and be educated on their use.

The county commission should also consider mandating a reduced capacity at restaurants and gyms, enforced by the sheriff's office and TPD. The Governor's guidance is not working, he is not following the CDC guidelines (positive cases are going up and so is the percent positives per test) and continuing to recklessly open up everything too quick.

Thank you,

Madeline Hart

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Madeline Hart
	Address: 3302 Robinhood Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:29:24 PM

Commissioners,

Please please please mandate and enforce a mask ordinance in Leon County. Make it punishable with a fine for non-compliance and make the Sheriff's office agree to enforce it. This is absolutely out of hand and dangerous for all of us, even if we are making the right decision and staying home.

I would also suggest, now that we know listening to DeSantis and opening too early was a bad, dangerous idea, that we attempt a 7-10 day shutdown in our county to prevent further spread of infection. Hopefully that would also decrease traffic from neighboring states and counties full of people that don't believe science. Ideally, we could provide grants to small businesses that need it during this time, as they don't deserve to lose their livelihood and should have been taken care of originally. We now see what some of us predicted coming true, that reopening too soon was also just as bad or worse for the economy. Places that remained open for curbside and takeout during the original shelter in place are now having to close completely. We were warned and we didn't listen and now we must deal with it. We have more than enough Blueprint money going to waste on sprawl projects no one wants.

Thanks,

Madeline Hart

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Madelo Horwich
	Address: 10210 Miccosukee Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:44:46 PM

We need to follow the example of many other municipalities and require the wearing of masks in public buildings. It is common courtesy and common decency. People accept that they have to wear shoes and a shirt, for example, and can't smoke, in a public building, and not wearing a mask endangers staff and other members of the public, and we have blood on our hands if we don't take the minimal step of trying to protect people from this pandemic. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Madison Harris-Parks
	Address: 6748 Visalia Place
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:23:52 PM

Leon County should mandate wearing masks in public. Wearing masks has been proven to curb the spread of the virus, especially when indoors. This mandate is necessary to save lives.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mallory Davis
	Address: 1246 Circle Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:16:28 PM

Mandatory face masks please.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marci Ryan
	Address: 1202 High Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:16:31 PM

Please mandate mandatory masks in Tallahassee. Safer city for everyone. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marcia Collins
	Address: 8742 Greenridge Ln Tallahassee FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:50:56 PM

Mandate masks, implement curfews again, take seating capacity back to 50% at bars, restaurants.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marcia Gorin
	Address: 2700 Welaunee Blvd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:41:31 PM

Please require the use of face masks in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marcia humphress
	Address: 947 Richardson Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:05:56 PM

Yes, wearing a mask should be required for everyone who leaves their home and will be in public places. Some exceptions would be needed eg infants, toddlers, and adults who aren't able to cope with wearing a mask and/or can't understand the need for one. This includes people with autism, or breathing issues, or dementia for example.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marcia Meale
	Address: 1452 Mitchell Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:51:19 PM

Please require all citizens to wear a mask inside grocery stores, dr. Offices. Stores, restaurants basically any time they are not in their home or in a wide open outdoor space.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marcia Roitberg
	Address: 6322 Coach House Ct.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:46:51 PM

We need a broader county-wide response to bending the curve, including more social distancing for a longer period of time and mask requirements in public. A strong communication campaign is essential. Otherwise we risk a longer first wave, a higher second wave, and a deeper economic recession. It would be far worse to go back to shelter in place. Hope is not a plan.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Margaret Clark
	Address: 1515 PAYNE ST
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:56:13 PM

Please mandate the public wearing of masks. The science supports the evidence accumulating that indicates masks are effective in slowing transmission. My mother who is 82 years old lives with my sister who works at a big box store in Tallahassee. To avoid possible contamination by customers and staff who don't wear masks, she voluntarily goes to work at 3am so she is not in the store when there are crowds. If my sister contracts it, both she and my mother will be at risk. I, myself, will not shop at grocery stores that don't require masks. This will be as beneficial for business as it will for all of the community. If our state won't mandate it, I ask you to lead on this.

Thank you,
Margaret C. Clark

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Margaret Haynes
	Address: 7221 Covey Trace
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:57:53 PM

It would be greatly appreciated if an order was issued that face coverings be required inside any essential business or service in the county, including grocery stores, pharmacies, healthcare facilities, gas stations, banks, laundromats, pet supply stores, childcare centers, and funeral homes.

Also anyone making deliveries or providing delivery services must also wear a face covering.

Also include something regarding face coverings in any public place or gatherings.

Thanks,

Margaret Haynes

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Margaret Haynes
	Address: 7221 Covey Trace
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:59:02 PM

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Margaret Haynes

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

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	Address: 7221 Covey Trace
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:02:52 PM

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Also include something regarding face coverings in any public place or gatherings.

Thanks,

Margaret Haynes

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Margaret Holland
	Address: 2100 Apalachee Parkway, 3B
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:08:59 PM

It is my opinion that masks should be required in public to protect our most vulnerable neighbors from getting COVID19.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Margaret McColley
	Address: 1106 Albritton Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:33:22 AM

Please make masks mandatory--its the only way we will really see a drop inCovid cases and be able to return to something more like business as usual. It is the best business choice and the only sustainable choice.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Margarita Amado-Blanco
	Address: 2614 W. Tennessee St. apt 5212 Tallahassee, FL 32304
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:26:16 PM

I think it is extremely necessary to make masks mandatory in Leon county. I am only 21 years old & not “vulnerable” to the virus yet I do not feel comfortable leaving my house to go to work or go grocery shopping. I say this because I have a lot of friends my age in Leon County that do not comply with the social distancing guidelines nor do they wear masks. There are so many people, like my friends, who believe that just because they are not vulnerable to the virus that it is okay to put others at risk. That is immoral. We need to protect EVERYONE. I understand that people are fed up with being inside & isolated, so I am not saying that we should not be able to go out & enjoy ourselves. I am saying that everyone should wear masks as it SIGNIFICANTLY reduces the risk of COVID transmission. It is not fair to those who are a vulnerable to the virus to just be told to “stay home”. I say this because that person can follow social distancing guidelines, wear a mask & gloves, wash sanitize consistently, & only leave their homes for absolute necessities & still contract the virus due to someone else not wearing a mask. Vulnerable people should still stay home as much as possible & follow social distancing, but they must be protected for when they do need to leave their homes for necessities.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Margot Bishop
	Address: 1849 Easton Forest Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:36:10 PM

My employer in Tallahassee has provided both masks and face shields to all employees and we have a choice of which to wear when interacting with colleagues in offices or visiting common areas. We are conscientiously working to prevent the spread and protect each other. It is the selfless thing to do.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marguerite Matthews
	Address: 3284 Whitney Dr E
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:43:12 PM

Please require masks in public ~ please!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mari Theorem
	Address: 2213 Limerick Dr Tallahassee Fl 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:34:48 PM

Please consider mandating mask wearing in public spaces indoors or where physical distancing can't be maintained! The cases continue to rise. This is not a 2nd wave... it's still the first here! I fear that without adhering to scientific best practices we are ensuring another shutdown!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marian Reid
	Address: 3617 Cherry Bluff Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:12:29 AM

It should be mandatory to wear a mask in public. Right now it is a mess - some stores say wear one but don't enforce it, some don't say anything and some won't let you in without one. Wearing a masks protects the people around you and if everyone is masked it decreases the chance of contracting Covid-19 dramatically.

I have been making masks (and giving them away) since the beginning of this mess. Probably made over 500 and will keep making them. We need to protect our citizens. No one is trying to take away anyone's constitutional rights - you can't smoke indoors at a restaurant or on a plane as it endangers the health of others (not to mention your own). This is the same. If you are a carrier and don't know you are ill, you could be exposing many other people as you go about your day. I am distressed that only about half the folks in Publix are wearing masks while Fresh Market says they are mandatory. Trader Joes asks you to wear a mask but doesn't enforce it.

This isn't about rights and freedoms. This is about life and death and science!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: MARIE DENNIS
	Address: 1675 vineyard way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:59:20 PM

The research on Covid-SARS2 has shown that the transmission is decreased significantly when everyone wears a mask [even home made]. The citizen that refuse to wear mask should not put at risk citizen that have to work in jobs that put them at risk. Employee should not either be task in enforcing rules.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marina Pecorino
	Address: 870 Kingsway Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:48:57 PM

Internationally, masks are proving to be an effective community protective measure against the risks of COVID. Right now is the time to enact requirements at a community level to protect our citizens and healthcare workers. Unfortunately, some citizens are currently unwilling to take this necessary altruistic step to protect their neighbors on their own. Optional protective measures as businesses continue to prematurely open is already resulting in elevated cases and strain on our area hospitals. Waiting to make this measure mandatory will result in further sickness, death, and economic tolls on our community. Please make masks mandatory for the safety of our community.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mark Licht
	Address: 2399 Clara Kee Blvd.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:39:50 PM

I understand you will discuss mandatory face masks. I strongly support requiring face masks at all times in indoor public places. They also should be required outdoors if strict social distancing is not maintained. I support these moves because I believe they are necessary to protect the health of our population by limiting the spread of this disease. The scientific evidence supports the efficacy of face masks for this purpose. Wearing a mask in public is easy and involves minimal inconvenience. It is the least we can do as responsible citizens.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mark Patton
	Address: 852 Maderia Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:24:03 PM

Please require masks!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marleen Ahearn
	Address: 6248 Crestwood Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:04:54 AM

It is imperative that masks be required. Covid 19 takes down the elderly and those with preexisting conditions. If those who don't wear masks were the only ones to get sick, then so be it; but, that's not how it works. In addition, I have stopped at Publix and Sams because they don't require masks. Costco requires masks so that's where I'm shopping now. Failure to require masks negatively impacts commerce!
Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marlana Wims
	Address: 1417 Pullen Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:27:46 PM

Masks should be required in all public locations.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marlinda Bullock
	Address: 912 McGuire Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:04:41 AM

No I do not believe that masks should be mandatory. This is another violation of our rights. If you are sick, in fear, stay home. Do not tell me what I must do if I am well and know about how a healthy immune system works.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marsha Hosack
	Address: 1123. Martin Street
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:41:03 PM

Thank you for efforts to protect the health of our community. Leon County was an early leader in taking steps to mitigate the virus. I am concerned with the recent uptick of coronavirus cases in the county which likely will worsen with the return of the students to FSU. I support requiring people to wear masks when in public. Also making testing easy and available with contact follow up on positive cases. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: MARSHA RULE
	Address: 1207 MAPLE DR
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:35:40 AM

Please require people to wear masks in restaurants, stores & any public place when they are within 6 ft. of others. Masking is a public health issue, not a "personal health choice" as some argue.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marsha Slade
	Address: 1340 Terrace Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:45:46 AM

Please, please please make it required to wear masks in public!! I am disappointed that stores like Publix and others have not required them, but now you have the power to do so for all businesses in Tallahassee!
THANK YOU!! Marsha Slade

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marsha Tate
	Address: 1539 Miccosukee Loop
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:05:24 AM

Please follow the science in relation to mask wearing. I am appalled at how many people are uneducated on this subject and refuse to wear masks in public areas because they don't believe they offer protection. They seem to think if you don't have an N95 masks, there is no point in wearing one at all. It has almost become a political statement to not wear a mask! I don't believe it is necessary to wear one if a person is outdoors and not likely to be close to other individuals. But anyone entering a public establishment, like a grocery store or other business, should be required to wear a mask. Here is a link to the latest Scientific article I have seen on the subject. Thank you for your consideration of this important decision.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/nightly-news/video/how-scientists-test-face-mask-effectiveness-against-coronavirus-85552709675>

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marshall Griffiss
	Address: 1249 Sedgefield Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:40:34 PM

Do Not make it mandatory for the citizens of the county to wear mask.. It is against my rights to be forced to wear any kind of face covering. The infection rate is no where near a need for this!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Martha Cunningham
	Address: 2123 Jenette Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:54:02 PM

Please require masks in our county, help us help each other to stay safe and healthy. Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Martha Norona
	Address: 3711 Shamrock Street W,Apt K253
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:53:10 PM

Please have everyone wear mask

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Martha Weinstein
	Address: 1121 Sarasota Dr. 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:34:23 PM

YES we must require masks!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Martin Kendal-Reed
	Address: 701 East Park Ave., #2, Tallahassee, FL, 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:01:35 AM

The recent increase in Florida COVID-19 cases appears to coincide with the previous relaxation of proven public health measures designed to limit the infection rate. While correlation does not imply causation, Leon County should consider the following public health measures to help reverse the trend of rising morbidity and mortality rates.

1. Mandatory use of face coverings in all public locations, indoors and outdoors. Enforce legal consequences for non-compliance.
2. Prohibit all public gatherings anywhere within county boundaries, with appropriate legal enforcement.
3. Limit meetings with non-family members in all public locations to two people only.
4. Closure of all non-essential businesses as well as County and State of Florida office locations.
5. Increase the free public availability of scientifically proven testing programs by private companies and the Florida Department of Health (FDOH). Provide effective contact-tracing and retesting. The goal should be to reach as close to 100% testing of Leon County residents as possible. Independently verified data to be published online every day.
6. Since the accuracy of FDOH morbidity and mortality data has been called into question, aim to restore public confidence in official statistics by providing Leon County citizens with independent state, national and international data, such as <http://91-divoc.com/pages/covid-visualization/?fbclid=IwAR3m387cdZ136PurTdmqdUlvX1-1cV416E6SBhdHN6ZrZZAVZEmTwZ6mtYY>.

While the social and economic consequences of these measures will very significant, they may be the only hope to reduce viral spread in our community. Thank you for your consideration, Martin Kendal-Reed Ph.D.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Marvin Collins
	Address: 1628 Mitchell Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:53:29 PM

I feel strongly that requiring masks in public as well as requiring group limitation and appropriate spacing is important in limiting the effect of the corona virus pandemic. Such practices will not be effective unless most people in all age groups comply. I support an enforced legal requirement.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mary Bradford
	Address: 931 Briarcliff Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:23:54 PM

I am appalled at how casual many people in Tallahassee are about this virus. I always wear a mask when I go to the grocery store and I go out only when necessary. My son is a paramedic and sent me some N-95 masks. He has been taking precautions while working, of course. Wearing a mask cuts down transmission considerably. I consider not wearing one dangerous, selfish and unsocial behavior. When people don't wear masks they are essentially saying "I don't care anything about you."

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mary Churchill
	Address: 1802 Atapha Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:15:42 PM

I am in favor of mandatory face mask ordinance.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mary Churchill
	Address: 1802 Atapha Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:07:39 PM

I support mandating the use of face masks in public spaces.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mary Duncan
	Address: 1398 Silver Pine Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 1:13:22 PM

I fully support more mitigative measures for Covid-19. Too many people do not follow the news and assume that if the government says it is safe to go out, they will without protecting themselves because they were not told to do so. Some opening can be safe if done properly. If not, people might die and I'm one of those that is susceptible. Please Ollie the CDC guidelines that even the federal government is not following. Even more restrictive measures is probably warranted.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mary Graddick
	Address: 1881 Hoot Owl Hill
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:12:23 AM

Requiring masks in public is absolutely assinine and a "feel good" response to all the hype out there. With social distancing becoming the "norm," requiring healthy people to wear masks makes absolutely no sense whatsoever. Please don't penalize people for wanting to breathe fresh air.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mary Norman
	Address: 119 Cadiz Street, #107
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:27:29 PM

Good Evening,

As a Leon county resident, I am in favor of an ordinance for mask wearing. As restrictions have been lifted across the state, I've found that many individuals are taking no precautions against COVID-19. My hope is that a mandatory mask ordinance may remind residents that COVID-19 is still on the rise in the state and that guidelines should be taken seriously.

Thank you for reading my input.

Best regards,

Mary Norman

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mary Riordan
	Address: 1010 Redbud Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:53:07 PM

I am a 40 year resident of Leon County. I would like to encourage the commission to vote to require all people to wear face masks when out of the home and when they cannot physically distance by 8 feet or more. This will so help protect vulnerable adults like me, who work with people with developmental disabilities.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

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	Address: 1010 Redbud Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:54:39 PM

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I am NOT a Lobbyist. I am writing this only as a citizen.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mary Striplin
	Address: 2037 Hanover ct
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:06:39 PM

Please, we are begging you, do your part in saving potentially thousands of lives in Leon County. As a customer service employee, I am constantly attacked, questioned, and berated over simply asking our clients to put on a mask. I am constantly scared for my health and the health of my coworkers, who are forced to work in an environment that is unsafe and unstable due to the amount of people who are fed misinformation, and follow it blindly, stating that this is "the land of the free". The land of the free means nothing to me if those who grew up protecting for it, our beloved grandparents and great-grandparents, are dead. If the tables were turned and this was an illness attacking and killing the young, our grandparents would gladly wear masks for us. I urge you to walk around college town bars one night and see just how many young people are blatantly disrespecting your life and your families lives by not wearing masks, sharing drinks, and hooking up. I urge you, no beg you, to be brave and have what it takes to look at the facts, listen to the medical professionals, and make mask wearing not only required, but punishable by law if one fails to do so. Do not think only of yourselves and the stir this would create, but think of the lives, actual living, breathing human lives, this could be saving. Think of your elderly mother, your immune deficient niece, Your alcoholic brother, all at risk of LOSING THEIR LIVES AND CEASING TO EXIST. Wearing a mask is the bare minimum any of us can do to protect each other. Please. Do what is right.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mary Sweet
	Address: 212 Winn Cay Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:38:04 PM

Please make the wearing of masks in public places mandatory when social distancing is not possible.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mary West
	Address: 1553 Heechee Nene 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 2:31:09 AM

Please support requiring people to wear masks in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mary Wolfgang
	Address: 1509 Parchment Cove, Tall, FL 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 2:36:19 AM

Please vote yes on face masks

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mary Ann Boatwright
	Address: 722 Sir Richard Road, Tallahassee, Fl 32310
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:50:27 AM

Commissioners,

Thank you for this opportunity. I am VERY CONCERNED about the rising numbers in Florida.

I agree that the numbers are increasing because the testing is increasing. I myself have to be tested before every hospital procedure I have to endure.

HOWEVER, if everyone is doing what they should be doing as an individual the numbers should not be going up because we were all "isolated" for 6-7 weeks more than enough time to "get over the virus"

So, where did this "new" outbreak come from??????

I have been working from home remotely and traveling to Shands for testing in the past month and am amazed at what I have seen just in the time from May 21 to June 20.

When we traveled on May 21 - People were wearing face masks and social distancing and crowds for lack of a better word were small VERY SMALL.

In the last month we have seen that change drastically.

We traveled to Shands on June 20, it scared me and my husband. I am glad that Shands is back open so I can get my testing done to find a cause to my problems but I am scared traveling there.

On June 20th, we saw more people NOT wearing face masks, people NOT social distancing, as a matter of fact even if you wanted to do social distancing it was NEAR IMPOSSIBLE. My husband and I ate our breakfast in our truck because there was no way to be socially distant from people. (I heard the same story from a neighbor when she went to get lunch at a local establishment. She didn't dare ask the gentleman behind her to please stand back 6 feet.)

Families are traveling and that is great for the economy but a family of 4 in a group blocking an isle makes it near impossible to get around or pass them in a socially distant manner. They may have isolated together or not. I don't know which. They are coming from another State maybe a State that DID NOT "isolate" their citizens.

I am jeopardizing my already fragile health trying to get around these people and stay safe at the same time.

Even the hotel I stay at so I can go to my testing, is questionable. I took my can of Lysol and sprayed EVERYTHING! And will again when we travel on the 23rd for more testing.

There are so MANY VARIABLES to control - how can we trust individuals to do what they should? We can't and I have seen this first hand. It is really sad !

Thank you again for this opportunity and if I can I will try to watch on the 23rd.

Stay well and safe,

Mary Ann

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mary Jane Ryals
	Address: 4144 Buttercup Way
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 6:25:01 PM

Mandatory face masks, please. Particularly in places people can't avoid going, like grocery stores. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: MaryAlice David
	Address: 3234 Salinger Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:53:57 PM

I have asthma and have a difficult time wearing a mask. I hope that you do not make mask use mandatory. Also, how do you plan to enforce compliance of a mask requirement?

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Maryam Hossianzadeh
	Address: 1997 n Monroe st Tallahassee fl 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:21:56 PM

I believe mask is should be required for safety and help the situation for all the businesses in town .

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: MaryCatherine Jones
	Address: 3232 Coneflower Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:17:49 PM

I support mask requirements.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mason Ballard
	Address: 3015 Brandemere Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:42:13 PM

Please require face coverings in public. Florida currently has some of the highest numbers of coronavirus numbers, and there have been an alarming spike in cases recently in Leon County and beyond. In the interest of acting proactively now so that we can return to normal sooner, please make it a public mandate that all who can wear face coverings in public and stay at home as much as possible. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mason Hall
	Address: 930 Delores Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:00:32 PM

I strongly support a mandatory mask ordinance in Leon County - any tool that can lesson the effects or spread of this virus should be implemented at the county level if the state is unwilling to do so.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Masona Daughenbaugh
	Address: 4767 Planters Ridge Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:05:00 AM

We should all be wearing masks voluntarily to protect those less fragile. Let's make it official. Let's have all leaders be good role models. Let's have more public health announcements about this.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Matthew Huffman
	Address: 2797 Beechwood Knolls
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:42:05 PM

I am deeply concerned with the way the novel coronavirus continues to spread in Florida far above rates in most other states. I feel that in the absence of action by the state government, a mask ordinance enacted by the county is absolutely necessary to keep our citizens safe.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Matthew Marino
	Address: 1816 Fernando Drive A
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:21:16 PM

Florida is quickly becoming the new epicenter of COVID, and it's clear that the Governor has no interest in protecting citizens of Florida. Continuing 'business as usual' is foolish and dangerous. Masks must be mandatory. Stay at home orders must be renewed. We are in the midst of a public health crisis, and we need leaders who will act accordingly. If you don't, we will find new ones.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Matthew Russo
	Address: 7712 Bass ridge trail
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:13:18 PM

Masks are the least that you could mandate. It puts no more undue burden on citizens than a shirt or shoes.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Matthew Schnippert
	Address: 920 Shadowlawn Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 2:07:57 PM

Please mandate the wearing of masks. Today, we saw a jump of over 4000 cases in Florida and 49 cases in Leon County alone. Numerous studies have shown that wearing masks is the best way to slow the spread of this disease. Since the governor has abdicated his responsibility to protect our citizens, I hope that you will take the steps to do so.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Max Epstein
	Address: 1001 San Luis Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:52:29 PM

Commissioners,

It is beyond time to require wearing masks in Leon County. Studies show that transmission can be reduced by up to 60% -- enough to cause the epidemic to plateau, or decrease, rather than continue its exponential climb. We are exposing everyone, especially essential workers, to unneeded sickness, death, or permanent disability.

Our reopening plans also should be reconsidered. Leon County does not qualify for reopening based on CDC guidelines, as we press even further forward to Phase 3.

We should consider moving back to Phase 1, and instituting strict social distancing guidelines in addition to the mask wearing mandate.

Florida is experiencing exponential growth, and is now expecting 18,000+ deaths by October. There is a major epidemic spreading in our younger, teen and college aged population in Leon County.

Unless this is taken seriously, there will be no school year, no football, with projected 5,000-15,000+ new cases per day in Florida in ONE MONTH! July 22. We have already beaten the trend line.

Leon County, if it were serious, should consider instituting a 7-10 day lockdown, with a massive free testing push to identify the epidemic, and then reopen in Phase 1.

Otherwise, people will get sick, and die.

Thank you,

Max Epstein

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: May Thigpen
	Address: 122 S Franklin Blvd. #4
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:51:02 PM

I would respectfully ask that Leon county take on mandatory requirement of face masks. Not only is it recommended by the CDC, and found to be of utmost importance in stopping the spread of Covid-19, it is already adopted elsewhere and found to be incredibly helpful. Personally, my husband has asthma, and I work in grocery. Please do what is right. I do not think that enough of the public will take this on voluntarily to make a difference.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mayda Williams
	Address: 2069 Cantigny Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:25:36 PM

Since the Governor won't act.
Since the Federal government won't either.
We need to act locally , administer best practices and apply good common sense that keeps the most citizens healthy.
Please be considerate and be part of the solution.
Wear a mask when in Public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Meg Bates
	Address: 721 Kenilworth Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:14:48 PM

I applaud the Commission for having this meeting to address health and safety issue. I would urge you to put a requirement for people - customers and employees - to have to wear masks in public.

There are some companies that are requirement this, but many are not doing so. For example, I contacted Publix about the fact that they don't require them. Their response was that they rely on local ordinances. So, since companies are not going to be responsible, I hope the County Commission will make this a requirement for the health and safety of residents.

IMMEDIATELY REQUIRE MASKS IN PUBLIC

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Meg Bates
	Address: 721 Kenilworth Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:35:40 PM

This is my second comment. Forgot to mention that it is ABSURD that people have to wait for 8 hours in their car to get a Covid test with immediate results. You REALLY need to work with Gov. to get more of this testing available.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Megan Choutupalli
	Address: 4117 Raleigh Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:51:27 AM

The State of Florida needs to require masks in all establishments.

While most workers and employees wear masks while on the job, customers and patrons are not required, and many of them choose not to wear one. This places workers at an extremely high and unnecessary risk. Masks protect others more than they protect you, and by not requiring customers and patrons to wear masks, you are risking the lives of workers merely trying to do their jobs and make a living. Workers themselves have no say in their company's mask policy, and it is absolutely despicable to give them the ultimatum of working and risking their lives, or quitting and risking their livelihood because the state does not require masks.

I am currently at a high risk of contracting COVID-19 as I am a Governor's Square Mall worker, and my employers have not deemed it necessary to require our customers to wear masks. I must now decide whether I want to continue working my job and risk potentially passing on this virus to my family (whom I live with), or quit my job because my employer has given me no choice.

There is absolutely no adverse effect of wearing a mask, and it is unfathomable as to why they are not required yet. You are putting millions of lives at risk for no reason. If you care about the workforce in Leon county in the slightest, you will require the widespread use of masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Megan Lewis
	Address: 924 W Pensacola St Tallahassee, FL 32304
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:07:59 PM

My name is Megan Lewis. I am a May 2020 graduate of FSU and only 22 years old. Your first thought may be “This young woman is immature and in the median age of all the people currently testing for COVID-19.” You aren’t totally wrong. The stats about the median age is true, but for sure wrong about the immaturity level.

I am currently writing you this email because this afternoon my roommate texted me, "I'm positive." Unlike most people, I immediately told my head nurse and was sent home before lunch. I told my nurse because I am selfless. I do not want to spread this illness even though I do not have any symptoms and my temperature has read 97.8 and 98.1 the past 48 hours. Now I am about to wake up at 5:00 am to get in line for the COVID-19 test at Patient First on Mahan. Then go get another test at FAMU at 11:35 am. Then get ANOTHER test on Friday, June 26th, at North East ER through TMH (since I work there on the weekends). Better safe than sorry. Lets not forget TMH already told me I am out of work for 14 days...we will see what Dermatology Associates of Tallahassee says after I get my test done tomorrow morning.

I have been working at TMH in the Surgical Care Unit for over a year now. I have recently started a full-time job at Dermatology Associates of Tallahassee through their DRAPS program. I am currently applying to Physician Assistant Programs around the country. Immaturity and lack of awareness are not in my dictionary.

Yes, my age may be young but I am not immature. I am well aware of what is happening around Tallahassee and beyond right now. I walk into Publix and feel unsafe as I wear a mask to protect myself and others around me, but the people around do not reciprocate the same. I feel unsafe in my own apartment with roommates who go out at night to bars and parties. I FEEL SAFE AT WORK WHILE EVERYONE AROUND ME IS WEARING A MASK AND IT IS MANDATORY TO DO SO.

This shouldn’t be a question to mandate masks, it should be a law. This law should have happened weeks ago. I thought if I were to get sick, it would be from working in a healthcare setting 6 to 7 days a week, not from my roommates or people around me not wearing a mask. I am not asking, I am telling you to mandate masks in this area. Be an example to other counties in Florida and the USA.

On top of the mask situation, please consider closing bars and other unnecessary places. Since the opening of bars (especially the college ones) numbers have been on the rise.

Sincerely,

Megan Lewis

P.S. I will update you with my COVID-19 results. I will not be too thrilled if I test positive either. On top of working full time I am still taking a post-grad class and applying to PA school which is stressful and time consuming. I do not need this extra stress on top of this.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Megan Lewis
	Address: 924 W Pensacola St
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 12:42:49 PM

Good afternoon,

I am the young woman who is a recent FSU graduate & 22 years old. I woke up this morning at 5:30 am & was the 5th car in line at Patients First to get my COVID test. By 9:30 am my test came back negative.

I am an example that wearing a mask protects people. I live with a roommate who tested positive for COVID-19 on 6/22/20. Neither of us are sure when she got the illness, but I started to wear a mask full time in the apartment on 6/20/20. Of course I didn't want to wear a mask in my own home after I wore one for over 8 hours straight at work. I even started to wear a mask when my roommate wasn't home. I urge you to see how serious this is. I am constantly washing my hands, sanitizing everything in my apartment, & wearing a mask. I have another test on Friday, 6/26/20, through TMH and hoping I do not develop any symptoms. The younger population may not "get it," but once they get the illness, like my roommate, they see how serious this is.

Thankfully I have great friends who offered me their apartments during this stressful time. I am not living in the same apartment at the moment, but all my belongs are still in the apartment. A simple vote on mandating mask will save millions.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Megan O'Malley
	Address: 136 Whetherbine Way West
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 2:52:28 PM

Please require masks in public settings. Science matters, and too many people are putting selfish political motives over the health and safety of our community. Worried about the economy? Me too. Wear a mask to help protect the essential workers and servers. I want to patronize more local restaurants and businesses to help support them but far too often staff and patrons are not wearing masks, not wearing them appropriately, and not respecting appropriate social distancing practices. It's easy and saves lives. The purpose of a local government is to protect the interests of the community. We mandate seatbelts and car seats among other things because it's what's best for public health. It's time to listen to doctors and scientists and require masks too. Do the right thing.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Megan Yariv
	Address: 1215 Smoke Rise Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:10:08 PM

I am strongly in favor of mandatory public mask usage. The science shows that masks are safe and effective. There is no reason that this should be a political issue; it is a public health matter. My wife is a healthcare worker and allowing covid-19 to spread uncontrolled in our community puts her at grave risk. Please protect healthcare workers, service workers, and other frontline employees by making public mask-wearing mandatory - especially in indoor spaces. Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Meghan Howell
	Address: 2958 N. Settlers Blvd.
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 2:37:43 PM

Please require face masks in public indoor and crowded outdoor spaces. This should not be a political issue. Public health officials around the world have recommended this for months.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mei Ji
	Address: 5747 Farnsworth CT
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:33:39 PM

Please make wearing mask a mandatory! Thx!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mel Sunquist
	Address: 3810 buck lake road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:57:22 PM

Please make it mandatory for people to wear masks while shopping, or out in public. We need to keep covid cases down in Leon county.
I appreciate your efforts in these difficult times

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Melanie Barton
	Address: 1305 Elwell Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:18:21 PM

Masks

As a psychotherapist and immune-compromised person I request you make wearing masks mandatory until there is a vaccine. I am only doing virtual sessions on a HIPPA compliant platform. My clients are anxious enough. Please require masks to help lessen the spread of Covid-19. Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Melanie LaHurd
	Address: 550 Fairway Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:28:35 PM

Please make masks mandatory for the health and well being of all of us who call Tallahassee home.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Melanie Leitman
	Address: 426 Wilson Avenue
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:57:41 PM

Please require masks in public places. The cities which have effectively managed their outbreaks have taken much more drastic measures to protect public health. It is the least we can do.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Melanie mclanie
	Address: 8396 innsbrook dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:07:18 PM

I dont need the local government telling me how to run my life. This was around way before everyone panicked. I'm totally against wearing them!! The CDC only reccomends them but doesn't mandate them. Such an over reach!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Melissa Marshall
	Address: 27 Ponderosa Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:23:19 PM

Do not mandate masks in Leon. I commute regularly from Wakulla and this will be a burden and violation of my constitutional rights. There are lawsuits going on in other counties regarding this issue. It would be smart to keep them optional and allow citizens to decide what is best for them not county governments.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Melissa Quinnell
	Address: 1001 Hays St
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:31:10 PM

Please make face masks mandatory for all public indoor spaces!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Melissa Raffensperger
	Address: 2824 kilkierane drive 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:47:30 PM

Please make masks mandatory so we can end this madness sooner and protect our vulnerable citizens and workers

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Melissa Staggers
	Address: 2480 Sunburst Place
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:44:19 AM

Please implement mandatory masks for the county.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Melissa Stocks
	Address: 3900 Leane Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:25:06 PM

Please make masks mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Melissa Strauss
	Address: 3037 Giles pl Tallahassee, fo 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:37:24 PM

Masks should absolutely be mandatory inside public buildings.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mia Minton
	Address: 5284 Wild Goose Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:39:35 AM

I would like to respectfully request that you consider making wearing masks mandatory. Our numbers are skyrocketing at an alarming pace, our positivity rate is 12.5% and testing has gone down (slightly). We know that the spike is not due to more testing or migrant workers. We know that masks can prevent infection and in many cases save lives.

I also think that the public should be made aware if a business has COVID-19 positive employees. The Publix store on Park and Blairstone has multiple employees test positive and they are not telling the public because they don't have to. This is not right. People should be able to make informed decisions. The public has a right to know.

Please do the right thing for the people of Tallahassee.

Respectfully,

Mia Minton

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mia Ries
	Address: 1914 Karen Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:17:03 AM

Make masks mandatory in Leon county so that we are all protected. It is the responsibility of local government to protect their community.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael Bolton
	Address: 7772 Bass Ridge Tr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:33:17 AM

I would like to see more enforcement of the "social distancing" for all venues and the mandate for wearing face coverings. It is my right as a tax paying citizen to be safe when I have to go out, social distancing should be mandated and wearing of a face covering protects both individuals. I also would like to see the School Board take a "pause" and think about sending our children back to a "brick and mortar" environment. These children are vulnerable and we need to protect them. It is much too soon to send them back as the numbers increase.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael Gomez
	Address: 2610 Hayward Drive, #2
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:12:43 AM

Please make masks mandatory! It is not debatable whether or not they reduce transmission of COVID. IT HELPS. If we want a football season in Tallahassee, get everyone in a mask!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael King
	Address: 5249 High Colony Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:58:21 PM

Please vote to make face masks mandatory in public. Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael Ledman
	Address: 4363 Cool View Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 12:20:28 PM

My concerns with requiring masks.

- 1) Masks are a breeding ground for germs, people are constantly touching the masks and spreading the germs .
 - 2). For people with breathing issues, masks are more than just an inconvenience, they exasperate these issues.
 - 3). People who don't wear the masks for health reasons are subject to ridicule, abuse, and as I have seen violence.
 - 4).Who would enforce the rules. Shop owners don't need to be the mask police, they are not trained to respond as necessary.
 - 5). Certain people already have little or no respect for the police, can you see the headlines if they have to restrain someone for a mask violation.
- Please do not feed the paranoia by over reacting with rules that are unenforceable.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael McLaughlin
	Address: 100 Cadiz Street Apt 205
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:37:33 PM

I encourage all my county commissioners to do everything in their power to protect essential workers during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The ongoing pandemic disproportionately impacts workers in the service industry who are considered essential, and who, besides being underpaid, face discrimination on account of race, gender, gender identity, sexual orientation, and immigrant status more than the general population. As such it is a matter of justice that the Leon County Commission takes actions which protect the most marginalized Leon County residents. Require face masks, and make available free masks to those who cannot afford them. Invite and encourage Leon County residents to adopt healthy, sustainable, social-distancing practices and give residents the resources necessary to make those adjustments.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael Mercier
	Address: 925 E Magnolia Dr J3
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:32:00 AM

It's an extremely reasonable requirement that everyone in our community wear masks while interacting with the community. We cannot expect to receive the benefits afforded us by society without being willing to make the sacrifices required to afford those benefits to all. If we do not mandate mask usage we will continue to see it politicized while our community is ravaged by the results. Anyone that has been on Magnolia/Mahan Dr this week has seen first hand the amount of people needing tests. We must mandate masks immediately. I would like to know how soon we can expect a mask mandate, and how it is to be enforced.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael O'Rourke
	Address: 122 S Franklin Blvd #4 Tallahassee, Florida 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:41:12 PM

I'd like to ask that masks be made mandatory for all staff and customers. As a working low income person classified as an essential worker (kennel staff at a local animal hospital) with multiple conditions that put me at high risk for the worst covid-19 related outcomes, I've been terrified at how lax some members of the community have become. It's not only dangerous, but also insulting to literally work 7 days a week since the start of the pandemic, risking my life to work and provide care for people's pets all to barely be able to afford rent. The animal hospital I work has tried to keep clients outside for appointments, but I've already seen them cave in to belligerent customers that insist on coming in and not wearing masks. In just this past week we've ended up with 2 people out of a 14 person staff informing my bosses that they've likely been exposed to Covid-19 and have to self isolate for a period before getting tested. Among staff, I am the only person that has consistently worn a mask every moment of every day. As we all know, the masks are more for the benefit of those around you than to protect the wearer. It is basically a matter of time before we are all exposed. Social distancing is not a possibility in this field. Aside from the small size and poor air flow of the exam rooms, it sometimes takes 4 people to restrain an uncooperative dog for a blood draw. As a medical facility, our sanitation standards are quite high compared to most businesses, but that is unlikely to help much with an airborne virus. I am concerned that the majority of animals we are boarding belong to people that are currently traveling out our the area. I have no way of knowing where they've gone or what they may be bringing back with them. While our area has not been hit hard yet, it inevitably will be without some basic rules in effect such as enforcing masks in public and social distancing requirements where possible. I've been absolutely blown away by the number of people behaving as if the pandemic is already over when we've barely seen the start of it. Officially requiring masks to be worn in public, would make it easier for businesses to deal with the difficult customers that don't want to wear a mask by allowing them to say it's a county rule and they're just following it. Masks are literally the least you can do to try and slow this virus.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael Ramage
	Address: 3214 Yorktown Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:25:36 PM

Leon County should mandate proper wearing of masks in enclosed retail and other businesses, punishable by fine if cited.

Repeated prominent signage re: distancing should be placed in parks, paths, etc.

Tallahassee businesses hire hundreds of college students as part time workers when colleges are in session. Those students MUST mask up at work, as should customers.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael Rothenberg
	Address: 5187 Icicle Hill Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:54:08 AM

I believe it is time to mandate wearing masks in public. The public will benefit from a directive. We are smart people in this county and we need strong leadership to reinforce a positive direction in how we fight the pandemic. Everything is too random and therefore there are too many risks and that is why we are seeing a rise in hospitalizations and deaths. We need to join together to protect one another. We can do this. I am nearly 70 years old and can't go out much because the dangers are too great. I would feel more confident to go out in public and contribute to the economy if there was a mandate for masking and social distancing,, if I knew that everyone was taking precautions. We have let politics run our response and the virus does not care for politics. I love this town. Let's be smart and brave and do what is best for one another. It is about positive messaging from leadership, we must unify in this campaign, we must win this fight! Please mandate masks and social distancing. Thank you,.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael Schoonover
	Address: 501 Blairstone Rd., Apt. 2503
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:44:06 PM

I support mandatory masks in public spaces. I'm a bagger at the Publix on Mahan, and only about half of our customers wear masks,. More and more people are going mask-less each day. I'm concerned that with the high number of corona-virus cases at Publixes around Tallahassee that our store may be next.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael Schwarz
	Address: 2031 Gardenbrook Ln; Tallahassee, FL 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:15:03 PM

Please make mask usage mandatory in public, including for all city/county workers and first responders. Data shows that wearing masks significantly reduces the spread of the coronavirus. If we want to have businesses reopen and stay open, and we want to avoid unnecessary death and life-limiting illness within our community, we must mandate and enforce mask usage. Please step up to the plate and do the right thing for Tallahassee.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael Sklens
	Address: 1901 Gibbs dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:39:25 AM

I think masks should be made mandatory in public until the pandemic has truly subsided. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: michael smith
	Address: 2658 Noble Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 4:49:43 PM

I am in support of required mandatory use of face masks in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael Weddington
	Address: 2457 Grassroots Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:13:44 PM

We all have a responsibility to each other in this time of pandemic. Masks have been very successful in other countries in stopping the spread of the virus.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael Widener
	Address: 1605 Augusta Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:20:24 PM

Masks should be mandatory in public spaces. Follow cdc guidelines. Remote work as much as possible and minimize public interactions.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael Yost
	Address: 401 W Park Ave Apt 206
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:44:50 PM

My name is Michael Yost. I am a graduate researcher and teacher at Florida State University, where I am pursuing a PhD in economics. I have lived in Leon County for 5 years. I am leader in my labor union and an active citizen.

For me, the COVID-19 crisis is personal. For the past two years, my mother has been homeless and living on my couch. She is 71 years old, and I deeply fear what could happen if she is exposed to the virus. I write to the County Commission today to encourage commissioners to take more active measures to stop the rising number of COVID-19 cases across Leon County. While we have been fortunate so far to avoid the disaster currently unfolding in South Florida, it is clear that the extent of community spread within Leon County has been underestimated and we must do more to protect our most vulnerable residents. As of the time of writing, over 122,000 Americans have tragically lost their lives to the coronavirus epidemic, with over 3,000 of these deaths in Florida alone. If we want to avoid becoming the next New York, we must act swiftly and implement measures that we know can save lives.

Specifically, I would encourage the County Commission to adopt a measure that would mandate wearing face masks in Leon County, especially when residents enter a public, indoors area, where the risk of transmission is highest. Recent research from health experts confirm that wearing a mask is one of the most effective methods of reducing transmission of the COVID-19 virus (See, for example, Lyu & Wehby, 2020, "Community Use Of Face Masks And COVID-19: Evidence From A Natural Experiment Of State Mandates In The US" in the journal Health Affairs, or Howard, et al., 2020, "Face Masks Against COVID-19: An Evidence Review", available online at <https://www.preprints.org/manuscript/202004.0203/v1?fbclid=IwAR0h7PBSAB6ZEcr-DzBaTTIEV9kVjRZA7Eassb-rs75raKtOKIVKWcsFk>). In my personal experience, mask adoption across Leon County remains low, which I believe has contributed to the rapidly rising number of cases across the county. Therefore, I believe that it is prudent for the Leon County Commission to encourage mask use using all available methods.

At the same time, I understand that masks may be difficult for individuals to procure themselves, and cost remains a barrier for our poorest neighbors. Thus, I would also like to encourage the Leon County Commission to work with employers, local businesses, city governments and local institutions to provide masks as much as possible, and, if necessary, to subsidize the purchase and distribution of masks to those who do not have one. A mask mandate carries a heavy cost, implementing the full power of the legal system, and, while I support a mask mandate, I also believe that we should minimize penal consequences wherever possible. While vitally necessary, a mask mandate should not be an excuse for law enforcement to further harass people of color, who disproportionately face the burden of police violence. One option would be for Leon County to follow the model of Tampa and other localities that have offered to distribute free face masks to residents, so that a mask mandate can be implemented with a minimum of coercion. A number of local sources have offered to distribute masks for free, and Leon County should take advantage of these offers. I encourage Leon County law enforcement to work with providers to distribute masks for free when they encounter a person without a mask, rather than use ticketing and legal consequences as a first resort. Thank you for your time and attention to this vital matter.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michael Sue Jenefsky
	Address: 2022 E. Indian Head Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:28:47 AM

Mandatory mask ordinance for the safety of all

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michele Buchanan
	Address: 9543 Dog Leg Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:14:48 PM

Dear commissioners,

With covid cases rising dramatically both in Florida and here in Tallahassee the time has come to make the wearing of masks while in public a requirement, as opposed to the current soft recommendation. The reasons for this requirement are as follows:

The wearing of masks has been shown to slow the transmission of the virus. Is that not what we want? As a community will we look back on this time and be prouder of our ability to come together to slow/stop the transmission or of Florida becoming the next hot spot for the virus?

I understand and support the reopening of businesses. The lack of consistent messaging, nationally, statewide and locally has helped cause this health crisis to become a political wedge issue and created problems for business owners who are attempting to individually enforce mask-wearing in their stores as a way to protect our staff and customers. This inconsistency has created multiple interactions with aggressive patrons refusing to follow our rules and places an undue burden on our staff, who are interacting face to face with hundreds of customers each day. As an HR manager I have a duty to provide a safe and respectful workplace to my staff and this is becoming an untenable situation.

Without consistent guidelines, businesses that are attempting to follow phase re-opening will find that they will have to close/re-open/close again and again as staff become infected. This creates a burden on business owners both in terms of the financial costs associated with cleaning their stores, but also in having the staff available to work. You cannot open if you don't have enough cooks, servers, cashiers or state workers. Without the requirement of masks in public the pandemic will last for a much longer period of time as it continues its journey through our community.

Mask-wearing is not a political issue; it is a public health and safety issue and it is the responsibility of our elected officials to enact laws which support the health and safety of ALL of our citizens.

Respectfully,

Michele Buchanan, SHRM-SCP, SPHR

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michele Gavagni
	Address: 2104 Napoleon Bonaparte Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 1:28:22 PM

I am very concerned about the rising number of positive cases of COVID-19 as businesses have begun to reopen. It is also worrisome that more and more people are running errands to stores without wearing face masks. I think people forget that the purpose of the face mask is to avoid spreading COVID-19 to others whether you are symptomatic or not.

I applaud businesses like Costco that implemented a mandatory mask requirement early and have continued to require them. I would like to encourage the county commission to implement a mandatory mask requirement when people are out in public as has been implemented in Orange and other counties in Florida.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michele Hafez
	Address: 7013 Lake Basin Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:51:13 PM

The Data shows that everyone wearing face masks in addition to social distancing works to significantly stop the spread of Covid 19. I feel that Leon County should require everyone to wear face masks in public. Especially those serving the public (ie..restaurants, salons). It's the responsible thing to do.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michele Lessirard
	Address: 3476 Lakeshore Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 4:55:04 PM

Mandate masks to keep us safe. The numbers are rising and we need to be proactive rather than reactive. We have to keep numbers down so as to not overwhelm the healthcare system.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michele Meyer
	Address: 4583 Berklie Dr. Tallahassee Florida 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:12:33 PM

Absolutely NO to mandatory masks. Some of us have medical issues that would make it impossible to wear a mask and I'm not going to stay home either. I would prefer not to battle anxiety for the next unforeseen amount of time because I'm told I have to put something over my face. Nor do I want to walk around with a nasty, itchy rash on my face because I had to wear a mask which made me sweat which then caused my eczema to flair up. Thanks but no thanks. DON'T MAKE MASK-WEARING MANDATORY.
Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michelle Arney
	Address: 3718 Longfellow Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:54:17 PM

Please make masks mandatory for indoor areas. The science has shown it will slow the spread without another shutdown, so great for our health and great for our economy.

I wish it could be left up to the people to take responsibility, but there are too many that don't understand that masks stop us from spreading it, not necessarily getting it, and are choosing not to wear masks for political reasons.

We can't mandate an understanding of science, but you can mandate rules to help us follow the science.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michelle Chason
	Address: 410 Oakland Avenue
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 2:48:57 PM

I'm very concerned over the number of cases that seem to be rising everyday. This is not about politics this is about people being safe and life or death. It's time to have mandatory masks if not more! I hope the commission will do the right thing.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michelle Gershon
	Address: 412 W Jefferson Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:35:15 PM

We have to require masks. To do otherwise would be a death sentence for the most vulnerable in our community. It takes so little effort to wear a mask, but will save countless lives. How is this even up for debate? To not require masks is to the day to the world that we don't care about the most vulnerable amongst us. My own aunt is diabetic and my father is immunocompromised. Would you sacrifice their lives just so someone doesn't have to cover their face in public for a few months? There is no question that masks help curb the spread of disease, so the only question then becomes do we want to save lives or don't we? I want to save lives. Masks should be obligatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michelle Gray
	Address: 802 Jamestown Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:50:48 PM

With all the restaurant closings this week and last, tied to an increase in positive COVID tests overall within the county, I think it's necessary to require a mandatory mask policy. Doing so would help reduce spread of COVID and would encourage people to remain cognizant of social distancing guidelines. Masks are most effective when everyone is wearing them, and with a surge of new cases that align with the transitions from phase 1 to 2, we need all the help we can get in reducing new cases. Furthermore, access to non-medical grade masks has increased substantially from March. There is honestly no reason no to wear one at this point.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michelle Pitts
	Address: 1475 Applewood Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:41:59 PM

1. Masks should be mandatory in public.
2. There should be a website link where you are collecting data that we can click on to see what businesses have had employees test positive. Everyone was real hot on getting things open but now that stuff is closing again, I can find no place where that is consolidated. People need to know if they have been in that same location around the time there was a positive person. This is how you stop community spread! Its common sense.
3. Having an info site set up by the county with scholarly articles showing that masks work as well as debunking conspiracy theories would go a long way to help stop some rabid disbelievers & their disinformation poets. It is NOT a political issue and governments on all levels have failed to make their constituents understand that. Just a cursory look at your local NextDoor app discussions should mortify you that it has been allowed to become a political issue to wear a mask. It's not political, I don't want to die!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Michelle Reyes
	Address: 2138 La Rochelle Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 6:27:01 PM

Please mandate mask wearing in indoor public places and crowded outdoor public places. It is the best way to slow the spread of covid-19. States that have instituted these ordinances have **DRASTICALLY** reduced infection rates. The state of Massachusetts is down to fewer than 100 new cases a day, meanwhile Florida has over 4000. Since they are most effective to prevent spread, mandates are necessary. Citizens aren't wearing them because they aren't very protective for the wearer. It's like requiring car insurance. We mandate car insurance because it protects others. I am married to a pediatrician. If covid-19 becomes rampant here, he doesn't have the option to stay home. Please do everything in your power to protect our medical workers and essential employees. They are safest if everyone around them is wearing a mask.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Miguel Ortiz
	Address: 1913 Raa Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:13:24 PM

The use of masks is imperative during this crisis. I feel businesses should require guests to wear masks in their facilities when possible.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mika Fowler
	Address: 1304 JACKSON ST
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:37:49 PM

In Orlando, 152 coronavirus cases were linked to one bar near the University of Central Florida campus, said Dr. Raul Pino, a state health officer. Yep, one bar. Can't wait to see the spike in Leon County cases when FSU opens. I have absolutely no confidence that the Leon County Commission will enforce CDC guidelines. Allowing FSU to open will put every citizen in Leon County at risk. Masks save lives, death is real.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Mike Mentillo
	Address: 2124 Orleans Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:13:41 PM

Please don't get caught up in the media hysteria - Look at the numbers

Reporters lie, exaggerate, sensationalize, numbers don't. If you can trust the numbers as being accurate.

First comment numbers are not consistently reported, even between Leon County Health (LCHD), and Leon County emergency Management (LCEM). But from what I could find reported

Leon County First Case.	Active Cases.	Rate (cases per day ave)
March 19 (LCHD).	1	
April 1 (LCHD).	28	2 / day
April 9.	120	11.5 / day
April 29.	219	5 / day
May 19.	304.	4 / day
June 1.	405.	7.7 / day
June 22.	587.	8.2 / day

Second comment - Do these increases, although I would say not that large, coincide with protests in which many younger people. Gathered in large numbers against guidelines, many without masks, and not practicing social distancing. It was reported the majority of cases in Leon county were young people. Further, protests were May 30 - June 2. Perhaps a curfew should be reinstated and enforced. It seems the previous curfews in March and April were effective. However, any requirement must be enforced against protestors, and if you are not going to do that, don't burden the rest of us law abiding citizens.

Third Comment - and no cases have been removed. According to the numbers reported not even 1 person has recovered. Is that reasonable?

If that is true - are all the 587 people under quarantine ? Why Not? It seems only reasonable that once you have tested positive you should be under quarantine until released by a doctor and then you should be removed from the count of active cases.

Fourth comment - Do not pass any restrictions you do not intend to enforce equally for all. Don't arrest working people and give "Protesters a pass".

Last comment - Open churches - if restaurants and other businesses not guaranteed under the constitution can open with guidelines - **SO CAN CHURCHES - FREEDOM OF RELIGION - JUST LIKE FREEDOM TO ASSEMBLE - IS GUARANTEED BY THE CONSTITUTION**, and open the movie theatre's also.

Sincerely,
 Mike Mentillo
 Leon County Resident

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Miles Newmyer
	Address: 5512 Touraine Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:22:52 PM

Good Afternoon, I believe it is an absurd result of American individualism that has brought us here today. All reliable research indicates that wearing a face mask in public spaces, ESPECIALLY those that are enclosed, reduces the spread of COVID-19. If this were implemented throughout the nation at the beginning of this crisis we might not have 100,000 American deaths, if this were implemented throughout the nation in March, we might not be anticipating the extension of this health crisis for the foreseeable future. Do something now, decisive action now could save thousands in the future, I and many of my fellow citizens demand it of you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Min Zhang
	Address: 7336 Anglewood Ln, Tallahassee, FL 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:29:37 PM

“WEAR FACE MASK IN PUBLIC”
PLEASE MAKE IT MANDANTORY! PLEASE!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ming Ye
	Address: 9670 Pebble Beach Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:58:28 PM

Please consider requiring people to wear face masks in public settings to prevent COVID-19 spreading, which has been confirmed in a good number of studies. See the youtube video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZWbFF3PLnQw>. Let the science speak

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Missy Johnson
	Address: 2198 Hickory Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:50:50 PM

Requiring people to wear mask is going to create alot of high emotions among people with different opinions. Required or not, some will not wear them and it's going to cause conflict in public places.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Misty Moderau
	Address: 2615 Bedford Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:00:24 AM

As a business owner and someone with underlying medical issues, I am becoming increasingly concerned about the lack of social distancing and people not wearing mask. We are an essential business and have been open for the entire duration of this pandemic, I am very concerned that many citizens have become complacent. I believe we need to emphasize the need for social distancing, wearing mask in public, hand washing etc. I have strive to protect my employees and myself, but we can not control where everyone has been, I have seen numerous large groups gathered which I believe is adding to our current surge in cases not simply more testing. As a community we owe it to every citizen to ensure the safety and well being, I am asking that we again go back to phase 1, require groups of no more than 10 people, please have restaurant be take out only and close the bars and night clubs, also require mask for anyone entering a store, I believe Leon County should do a mask distribution as I have witness individuals tell me they could not get mask or could not afford to buy a mask. I will tell you our business is down over \$350,000 which certainly hurts but the safety of our citizens must come first. Thank you for all your hard work and commitment to our great community

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: MJ Lord
	Address: 3309 Reading Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:21:00 PM

Please make mask wearing mandatory in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Monica Coco- Paris
	Address: 6264 Jordans Pass Tallahassee Fl 32304
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:47:24 AM

Please require the use of masks for everyone. Also would like to see the stay in place order reinstated. Our cases are rising and we need to get ahead of this and not wait until it's too late. Please think about your vulnerable population.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Monica Rios
	Address: 6760 Proctor Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:46:03 PM

I am in support of masks being mandatory to prevent the spread of Covid 19 in our community

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Monica Rodriguez
	Address: 7125 sleepy hollow circle
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 1:36:02 PM

I am a Republican resident of Leon County. I wanted to encourage mandating the use of masks . Unfortunately, I have been to places where mask use is very low. I have been shocked at the number of restaurants and stores that do not require their employees to wear masks. Masks have been shown to decrease the prevalence of Covid-19 and would encourage their use.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Najahla Gilchrist
	Address: 5404 Calder Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:35:22 AM

I think mask should be required in all public places especially for staff and customers. We opened our state up because of the economic impact and people's comfort of staying at home. Our health safety was not the top priority, but should be. Require mask.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nancy Greynolds
	Address: 2423 Wintergreen Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:15:18 PM

Please don't take away our choice as to whether we want to wear masks or not. That would be a huge infringement on our personal choices. We can decide for ourselves what is best for us and our families.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nancy Hoppe
	Address: 2213 Atapha Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:24:35 PM

I hope the county will require people to wear face masks while in public indoor spaces.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nancy Staff
	Address: 2000 Hickory Tree Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:50:28 PM

Please make mask use mandatory in common areas of buildings. You can revisit the ordinance every two months or so. But we need to do something Now to stop the spread and equally important make it seem safer to folks (like me) who won't go places where people aren't masked. In other words let's do this for our local businesses so folks will go out to brick and mortar stores and spend money.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nancy Stedman
	Address: 527 East Call Street
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:23:05 PM

As unfortunate and difficult as it is, people will not take the minimal protective measures against spreading a contagious, viral disease unless they are mandated to. It is up to you to mandate what is a simple way to cut the spread of Covid 19 in our community - please mandate mask wearing and social distancing when people enter occupied buildings which are open to the public, or else they simply will not (as we all know).

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Nancy C. Stedman

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Naomi Harris
	Address: 1843 Easton Forest Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:35:58 AM

I strongly believe masks should be mandatory for everyone out in public to reduce the spread of the virus. Social distancing is not enough and not being followed. Science and statistics show if everyone wore a mask/face coverings, we could slow the spread of this virus. Those of us in the high risk categories are in constant fear of getting sick and dying. We know the limited number of ICU beds means we, the sick, may be put last. We can't and don't feel comfortable and safe when so many go out acting like it's a "choice" and refuse to wear a mask and/or social distance. The Covid-19 Virus/mask-wearing debate is being politicized at the cost of citizens' lives. It's not right to fail us by being scared to upset people who don't believe in science or who only follow advice and model behaviors of our current administration. There must be clear, mandatory and enforced rules that protect everyone. While Leon County's numbers have been fairly low, the increase in cases after opening up the economy without these protective measures is causing these numbers to climb. I've gone out and have seen so many businesses with their staff not wearing masks. Social distancing isn't being followed by all either. When you politely ask some to keep their distance especially when they don't wear a mask, we're shamed like it's a personal attack on a political affiliation, shows a sign of weakness or being stupid. It's very frustrating. Other countries have gotten their cases under control, and the US is increasing at an alarming rate. The difference... their government took it very seriously and sheltered in place longer until the decline was steady and real. If we would have delayed reopening until the downtrend was steady and demanded all to wear masks, we wouldn't have businesses shutting down again due to an outbreak. If the Governor of Florida won't take charge for the health and safety of our state, let's at least keep Leon safe!!!! Florida looks very bad and careless right now - we need to make a bold move! PLEASE MAKE MASKS MANDATORY!!!! Please.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Natali Ramirez
	Address: 4434 Gearhart Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:19:41 PM

The issue to consider when it comes to mandating people to wear masks is enforceability.

This is not enforceable. The only way to even try is to increase law enforcement presence and it doesn't seem like that is best time for this.

Those who are not wearing masks are doing so because they don't have the means to make them or buy them (which is something perhaps you could help facilitate) or because they don't want to. Creating confrontation with police with people who feel being told to wear a mask is a violation of their right is just not something we need right now.

Offer masks as another way to encourage people to wear them. But don't take people's choice away.

Another thing to consider is that people may feel more emboldened to confront a non-mask wearer on their own because the county is mandating it. News of confrontations like this have been seen; don't add fuel to the fire.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Natalie Jordan
	Address: 3380 fred George rd apt 323 Tallahassee fl 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:45:16 PM

Please help protect our community and slow the spread of the coronavirus by making masks mandatory. We need to do everything we can to help protect the vulnerable like my best friend's 2 year old who has a heart condition and has had 2 open heart surgeries. Since businesses have reopened people are not being careful. Many aren't social distancing or wearing masks. We all need to do our part to help protect each other and help those healthcare workers by reducing the chance of them becoming overwhelmed with cases. This state has seen record breaking numbers of new cases for the last week and we need to do our part to help flatten the curve once again.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Natalie Lindbloom
	Address: 4028 Roscrea Dr. Tallahassee, FL 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:32:40 PM

I support mandatory mask wearing in public

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Natalie Webb
	Address: 9093 Ravena Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:07:31 PM

WE NEED MANDATORY MASK USE IN ALL PUBLIC PLACES WITH CLOSE CONTACT OR OVER 10 PEOPLE

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Natalie Yingling
	Address: 2610 Hayward Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:19:58 AM

Please make wearing mask mandatory in Tallahassee. I've gone out to many public places to see the trend of not wearing a mask becoming more and more popular. It's a small change that doesn't harm any individuals of our community yet a large impact to decrease a life threatening virus that is causing a global pandemic. With cases continuing to increase in the state of Florida, why wouldn't you regulate it.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nathan Ray
	Address: 7125 Sleepy Hollow Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:34:24 PM

I support mandatory masks here in Leon Co.
Whether or not to wear a mask has become a political issue and it shouldn't be. Masks help us protect ourselves and others. It's time for our elected officials to step in and save people from themselves.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nathan Vidal
	Address: 2915 Sharer Rd, Apt 424 Tallahassee Fl
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:18:27 PM

I ask that the counsel vote to make masks mandatory. My close friends are immunocompromised and are at high risk if they catch the virus. I still see only 10 - 20% of people in stores wearing masks, and many are wearing them incorrectly. Please make masks mandatory and send mail to reach resident with instructions for how to properly use make as well as resources on masks and COVID19.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nathan Williams
	Address: 1827 Chardonnay Place
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 12:45:41 AM

I'm writing to urge restraint as you consider a mask ordinance...perhaps limiting it to certain type of establishments where those vulnerable to this virus cannot avoid, such as the grocery store.

I also hope you are basing this decision on a variety of sources. In the end, it's not even confirmed that asymptomatic carriers can infect others.

Throughout the COVID crisis, I and many others have had grave concerns about the social conditioning caused by the lockdowns and other mandates...while we should all be on guard for our own health and that of others, we should also guard against actions that could have long-term or permanent effects on our basic humanity and function as a society. One example is the social distancing tape at establishments and their resemblance to a line at a prison.

If you must pass the ordinance, I implore that you not require children to participate.

As I understand from media reports, if this ordinance is passed, it will be reviewed weekly, so I'm glad the commission is at least hinting that this is very temporary.

Respectfully submitted,

Nathan D. Williams

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Necia Little
	Address: 1320 N Duval Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:36:14 AM

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to provide feedback in advance of this special set meeting. I appreciate your time and the discussion regarding this community. I know that we are all concerned regarding COVID and as we continue to move through the phases of re-opening Florida. I understand the commissioners are considering requiring masks in public all of the time. I ask the commissioners not to implement this. There is no reason for individuals who are outdoors and in spaces where social distancing is possible to wear masks. We must each take some personal responsibility for our own health.

I would encourage you to use the data to drive the decisions being made. Maybe we need to review the policies around bars and restaurants, If there are businesses who are not following the policies then hold them accountable. Maybe there is a target age group where it is increasing and look at where/how is it spreading and implement in response to that.

I encourage you all to have the courage to say the course and maybe continue to monitor the data for a little longer before making changes and again when those changes are made don't make sweeping requirements and target the actual concern.

I have discussed this amongst my community and there is not anyone I know who supports this measure.

Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Neil Miller
	Address: 3232 Black Gold Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:26:05 PM

Dear Leon County Commissioners,
Please mandate that Leon County citizens wear face coverings in public in order to slow the spread of cover-19.
Thank you,
Neil Miller

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nelson Ball
	Address: 217 W 6th Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:33:44 PM

If masks are going to be made mandatory, they should be provided to everyone for free. Otherwise, this will be another way to further disenfranchise people with lower incomes.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: NERISSA ROBINSON
	Address: 215 ARDEN RD
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 2:58:18 PM

My child is not going back to school she could do her class online

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nicholas Cooper
	Address: 3770 Cunard Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:03:14 AM

Please mandate the wearing of masks in public. Cases in both Florida and Leon are beginning to dramatically increase once more.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nick Parparian
	Address: 4208 Red Oak Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 9:33:53 AM

Please mandate masks before the pandemic gets even worse in Tallahassee and Leon County. It is such a minor inconvenience for helping to save lives. It is the least we can do to be caring citizens.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nicole Brown
	Address: 1238 Oaks Edge Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:13:47 PM

Please mandate masks in public. We can all do this simple task to help keep one another safe and minimize transmission of this horrible virus. PLEASE. Our community health depends on the commission making the choice to require masks in public. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nicole Richards
	Address: 163 Leah Martin court
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:27:43 PM

I am a healthy 32 year old health care worker. I am 30 weeks pregnant. My husband is 31 and on two daily medications that suppresses his immune system for myasthenia gravis. We are both working individuals. We both want to work.

Recently a coworker of mine tested positive for covid. Both my husband and I were tested and found to be negative. My work requires all employees to wear a mask. It is because of this safe practice I can continue to work.

While in line waiting to be tested I counted on more than one hand individuals who were in line (so one can assume had been exposed or have symptoms) get out of their car and go into a gas station without a mask.

It is sad that mandates have to be considered to ensure the safe return to our working population. The working population is diverse and full of individuals like my husband and myself who are currently immunocompromised. It is not a lot to ask to mandate the public to wear a mask until we have an option to protect ourselves with a vaccine.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nicole Schwartz
	Address: 4124 Tara Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:25:30 AM

Please make mask wearing in public spaces mandatory. I'm tired of being the only one wearing a mask in the grocery store. If you don't make it mandatory, they won't do it. And unfortunately, there are some places that I HAVE to go.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nikki Jordan
	Address: 2110 Great Oak Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:03:29 PM

I would like to have masks be a requirement for any public activities, and for employees working in both restaurants and stores.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nikki Mauldin
	Address: 3321 Lakeshore Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:29:19 PM

Hello,

My name is Nikki Mauldin, and I've been a resident of our beautiful county for the past 21 years. I urge you to vote in favor of requiring masks in public. Florida is going to be the next epicenter of the pandemic, and the only thing we can do to mitigate the spread of the virus is to wear masks. According to a study done by researchers at Texas A&M University, airborne transmission is the dominant route for the spread of the coronavirus. The same study found that mask-wearing is much more effective than social distancing and stay at home orders. (Source: [10.1073/pnas.2009637117](https://doi.org/10.1073/pnas.2009637117)). A study carried out by Chinese researchers found that face masks reduced the risk of transmission by 79% (Source: <https://gh.bmj.com/content/5/5/e002794>). A study in Nature Magazine found that "even loose-fitting surgical masks blocked almost all the contagious droplets the wearers breathed out and even also some infectious aerosols — tiny particles that can linger in the air" (Source: <https://doi.org/10.1038/s41591-020-0843-2>). Enforcing mask-wearing in public is the only thing we can do to reduce the transmission of the virus and save the lives of countless people.

Experts are resoundingly clear: masks have the most potential to stop the spread of the virus and to save lives. Our governor has decided to prioritize profit and greed over the lives of the citizens of our great state. If the governor refuses to make the right decision, then let us do the right thing. Please vote to require masks in public.

Thank you for your consideration,
Nikki Mauldin

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nikki Tribley
	Address: 1138 Green Hill Trace
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:10:07 PM

Everyone should be required to wear a mask. It's a severe health risk to have people walking around and in buildings without masks on.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nita Davis
	Address: 1111 E Paul Russell Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:09:23 PM

It should be mandatory to wear masks outside. Please do the right thing and vote for mask. Do you realize how much regular health Care is not being taken care of at this time? People are having to put off cancer screening and other tests. Not wearing mask is dangerous forefor everyone.
It is not right that people can't do essential business out for fear of people not wearing masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Noah Schreibman
	Address: 700 W. Virginia St. #330
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:00:26 PM

WE NEED PEOPLE WEARING MASKS!!! BUSINESSES WILL FAIL AND PEOPLE WILL DIE!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Nora Bailey
	Address: 2878 Frogs Leap Way
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 10:19:02 AM

Please require masks in all public places. As the mother of a 7 month old baby I cringe when I see people not wearing masks because their germs could potentially harm or even kill my sweet girl. We only go out for essentials and always mask up, and one of us always stays home with her so she doesn't have to go out, but we could easily bring the virus home to her. The scientific evidence is clear — face coverings can slow or eliminate the spread of this virus. Please step up where our governor has not. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Olivia Choutupalli
	Address: 4117 Raleigh Way, Tallahassee, FL 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:00:25 PM

Please mandate masks and do your part in keeping us safe from the virus. The death toll will only get higher, but you have the power to make it much less.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Olivia Mason
	Address: 3582 Strolling Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:59:50 PM

Please require masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Paige Apgar
	Address: 1903 fairlane rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:50:51 PM

Yes to mandatory masks please!!!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Pam Flynn
	Address: 2801 Sterling Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:13:41 PM

I am in favor of Leon County requiring masks indoors. This will not only be beneficial for COVID, it will also slow transmission of flu and cold viruses. This could possibly be our way of life from this time forward. People might as well get used to the routine of wearing a mask.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Pam Johnson
	Address: 3813 SAMPSON CT
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:04:21 PM

Face masks should be required when away from one's home in an indoor environment. This should be combined with social distancing, of course. It is necessary to address the cause of the recent large increase in cases. I think bars should be closed again because that is an environment where people will find it hard to socially distance and when individuals drink, it is more likely they will not take measures to protect themselves and others.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Pam McVety
	Address: 2012 Middlewood Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:09:29 PM

Please mandate the wearing of masks for all people in Leon County, residents and visitors when in the public until there is an effective vaccine and a majority of people have been vaccinated. Thanks. Pam McVety

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Pamela Chamberlynn
	Address: 3711 Shamrock Street West
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 10:52:49 PM

The Florida Medical Association, an organization for doctors in Florida, called on local governments to require people to wear masks as the state's coronavirus cases continue to rise.

If people don't want to wear masks because they feel it violates their freedom, then they are free to stay home. Their freedom to not cover their faces during a pandemic is not more important than the freedom of the rest of us to grocery shop and perform necessary tasks in the community.

They do not have the right to put our entire community at risk during a global pandemic.

They do not have the right to put our economy at risk. If things get worse - not to mention the second wave expected this fall - we may have to shut down our economy again just to survive. We cannot afford to do that again carelessly.

If essential services like grocery stores can't maintain full staffing then we are in way worse shape!

I'm not happy about wearing a mask either. But this is a global pandemic we know very little about. It has hardly been six months. It is not just the flu. It is rapidly mutating. We must work together as a community, follow best scientific and medical advice available and we all have to sacrifice a bit to stay safe.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Pamela Chamberlynn
	Address: 3711 Shamrock Street West
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:19:39 PM

WE NEED DECISIVE LEADERSHIP NOW.. VOTE YES TO MANDATING MASKS in Leon County

The FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH has now issued a public health advisory that everyone wear masks. <https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

"PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY

FDOH advises all residents to wear masks in public and socially distance."

<https://floridahealthcovid19.gov/>

Many people do not want to wear masks. Those people do not have the right to put the rest of us at risk or confine us to our homes for fear of catching what they are thoughtlessly and selfishly spreading.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Pamela COATS
	Address: 1010 Waverly Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:32:52 PM

I believe wearing a face mask in public places should be mandatory.... for now.
I strongly believe doing otherwise is an unconscionable course of action.
If everyone masks up, and it turns out it actually DOES reduce cases and deaths, hallelujah!
If everyone wears one, and it turns out it does NOT reduce cases and deaths.... what's the downside???? Inconvenience????

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Pamela Shank
	Address: 1615 SEQUOIA DR
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:55:38 PM

I wish our local government could make the wearing of masks mandatory in situations where the public is gathered, particularly indoors. The problem is, how to enforce this? And if it is enforceable, I'm sure some people will become irate; or will just refuse; or will sue a business or the government. Sigh. But, still I feel the local government should take a stand towards requiring or strongly encouraging citizens to wear a mask in situations where the public is gathered, particularly indoors.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Pamela Shank
	Address: 1615 SEQUOIA DR
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:15:39 PM

I am resubmitting my comment, because I noticed that the auto reply of my response to you indicated that I am a lobbyist. I AM NOT A LOBBYIST. I wish our local government could make the wearing of masks mandatory in situations where the public is gathered, particularly indoors. The problem is, how to enforce this? And if it is enforceable, I'm sure some people will become irate; or will just refuse; or will sue a business or the government. Sigh. But, still I feel the local government should take a stand towards requiring or strongly encouraging citizens to wear a mask in situations where the public is gathered, particularly indoors.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Pat Puckett
	Address: 3861 tan mouse dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:04:47 PM

Please vote to mandate mask use in public. The science is clear and concerns over civil liberties being diminished are absurd. We are in this together.
I believe masks should be provided by grocers and other establishments to prevent economic challenges or forgetfulness keeping people from obtaining food ,etc. Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Pat Simmons
	Address: 4611 Inisheer Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:00:01 PM

Wait, Mr. Desloge, wait? Wait until what benchmark? Until we have 10% more deaths in Leon, 25%, 80%? Wait until when. Until the FSU football coach is infected? Wait until 100 healthcare workers are dead from CV19? Wait until you are in the hospital with CV19? OK. Let's not be so heavy handed. Let's follow the un-leaders in DC and in our state Govenor's mansion and pretend all is well. Our Governor does not even know how to put on a mask, he wants the numbers manipulated or just not counted at all. Is that the lead you want to follow?

This is a dangerous health crisis, not a political crisis. We need leadership. We need local leadership from people with fortitude who believe that science speaks truth. I am one who hates wearing a mask all the time while in public, but I do it. I hate working with it, but I do it. A mask is better than a ventilator. Show us you have some guts and follow Commissioner Dozier's leadership, and let the residents of Leon County know that you care about them. Put huge, expensive projects on hold and keep our small businesses and non-profits that serve Leon in business until we zap the curve or find a way to combat this disease.

Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Patricia Dehart
	Address: 10387 Riger Hamlin Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:45:24 PM

Yes to Face masks being required for indoor public places, but during this pandemic could you add a burn ban as that adds tow worsening symptoms. We all get gone after wearing masks and then we got people burning trash and leaves. This should include government agencies from burning as well.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Patricia Dehart
	Address: 10387 Riger Hamlin Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:45:51 PM

Yes to Face masks being required for indoor public places, but during this pandemic could you add a burn ban as that adds tow worsening symptoms. We all get gone after wearing masks and then we got people burning trash and leaves. This should include government agencies from burning as well.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Patricia Parker Comer
	Address: 920 Hawthorne Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:16:28 AM

I am in favor of making masks mandatory in public in groups of 10 or more people. I am so in favor of keeping this in place through December 31, 2020, or until no new cases are being reported statewide (because we are all confined to Leon County, there is much cross contamination). Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Patricia Rivero
	Address: 600 Victory Garden, Apt F50
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:07:22 PM

Mask wearing dramatically reduces coronavirus spread. Even if it is a makeshift mask, or worn a little improperly, it still reduces spread!
Please recommend businesses with customer contact (clerks in stores, reception desk personnel) wear masks--or have plexiglass dividers.
Restaurants could offer outdoor seating (and waiting outdoor for a food pick up order) for those uncomfortable eating an enclosed space with others they don't know.
State business offices should require masks for anyone in communal spaces, lobbies, elevators and hallways.
Thank you!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Patricia Wellman
	Address: 2255 Nannas Loop, Tallahassee, FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:24:24 AM

Mask wearing should be required in public places.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Patrick Barber
	Address: 1392 Devonshire Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:31:04 PM

As confirmed cases of COVID-19 continue to rise, the CDC is recommending that everyone wear a cloth mask when they go out in public. This is only the right thing to do to prevent further spread. This should not be an option.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Paul Arnaldo
	Address: 3509 Gallagher Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:30:56 PM

Please, no mandatory face masks!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Paul Byrd
	Address: 6260 Old Bainbridge
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:47:44 PM

On Mandating Surgical Masks for Leon County

No, absolutely not.

This is my short answer.

Perspective: Lived through....

Mumps, Measles, Rubella, Influenza 1-5000, SARS, Chickenpox, probably many others, even the common cold, pneumonia, is quite deadly.

polio.... vaccinated

smallpox....vaccinated

...other than the 2, no vaccines, still living.....

On COVID, the N95 respirator may be thicker than a surgical mask, however, even the WHO/CDC cannot readily recommend it for public use.

Until it does....then, it doesn't before it does. The Virus is very small, microscopic, masks are too porous.

These ridiculous masks made from old clothing and old underwear do nothing.

imho, mandating masks is nothing than providing people who are hypochondriacs some type of tangible comfort. Be smart:

Wash hands

Be smart about physical contact

Be smart about the places one frequents

Get plenty of rest

Eat a healthy diet

Want a guarantee about staying Virus Free, take it up with the old man upstairs.

Thanks for listening

Have a Wonderful day

Paul Byrd

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Paul Clark
	Address: 1305 Ramsey Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:16:05 PM

As already enacted in other parts of Florida, consistent with guidance from public health officials and for the safety of our community, I strongly encourage passage of a local ordinance mandating the wearing of masks where social distancing is not feasible. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Paula Stich
	Address: 9143 Stargate way, Tallahassee
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:55:42 PM

It's much safer for the public to wear masks when in a public space. If everyone wears one then the chances of contracting COVID 19 are drastically lower.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Peggy Apgar'Schmidt
	Address: 15151 Flightline Ct. Fort Myers Florida 33905
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:24:43 AM

re: Masks

While I do not live in Tallahassee I have several family members who do reside in Leon County. Three of my relatives are well over age 65 and have co-morbidities. PLEASE vote in favor of making masks mandatory.

Florida needs a leader to do the right thing.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: peggy ball
	Address: 328 Hawksview lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:03:09 AM

I support mandatory masks...

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Penny Jackson
	Address: 1920 Nanette St
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:09:09 PM

The residents of Leon County are counting on our Commission to be strong leaders in this unprecedented time. Please take clear action to institute strong preventative measures in Leon County regarding the COVID outbreak. Please require public face mask covering and any other measures recommended by public health experts.

The majority of citizens here are responsible and appear to take the pandemic seriously, and will support your efforts to keep us all safe. The rapid increase in cases state- wide is alarming, and we are close to areas of neighboring states with high case numbers. So far, our immediate area has maintained a low rate of the virus spread. Let us do all we can now to keep safe, before we are faced with a crisis. Your decisive leadership is needed and supported. Thank you for your attention, and for all you do.

Penny M. Jackson

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Peter Butzin
	Address: 1628 Woodgate Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:17:21 PM

Our Federal and State Governments have done an absolutely horrible job of managing the Covid-19 pandemic.

For proof look no further than comparing the trajectories of the virus in the European Union and the United States. Our curve, which continues to show significant increases in both new cases and deaths, looks like one from third-world country.

At his rally on Saturday, President Trump boasted that he has asked his administration to reduce tests, because testing shows an increase in cases. Governor DeSantis essentially makes the same argument, while one day telling us that the disease is primarily confined to nursing homes and field laborer's (who apparently are expendable), and the next announcing that the disease mostly affects young people, who are more likely to survive.

I have much more confidence in local government to listen to the epidemiologists, who remind us that until an effective and safe vaccine is developed, we must:

1. Socially distance ourselves.
2. Wear masks when out in public.
3. Test.
4. Track.

I am well aware that our culture has a libertarian streak. Libertarians say, "I can do whatever I want to, as long as it doesn't hurt others." For those who refuse to socially distant themselves and who shun masks as a political statement, I say, "you run a very high risk of not only being infected, but also infecting others, including my wife and I, who are 76-years-old".

I urge the Leon County Commission to slow down the re-opening of public gatherings and require that our citizens wear masks. This is literally a matter of life and death.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Peter Lin
	Address: 2500 Merchants Row BLVD #46
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:07:01 PM

Require citizens wearing masks in public places countywide.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Peter Rassolov
	Address: 116 W 6th Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:51:01 PM

I strongly support the use of face coverings in public spaces, and I believe that a mandate to use them, with reasonable and necessary exceptions, is justified for two reasons.

First, face coverings are easy to implement universally (unlike mass testing) and are not disruptive to normal living and economic activity (unlike stay-at-home orders). The use of face coverings is therefore a reasonable precaution to expect of the general public. Second, controlling the spread of COVID-19, and specifically preventing the overwhelming local hospitals with many simultaneous cases, requires collective action based on collective responsibility. It is therefore necessary that this precaution be mandatory rather than voluntary (as it is at the state level).

Universal mask-wearing will help protect Leon County residents from illness, ease the burden on hospitals in Leon County, and reduce the impact of COVID-19 on local businesses. Please implement a mandate for the use of face coverings.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Phil Fusilier
	Address: 2552 Carthage Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:00:09 PM

My wife and I are in the high risk group of Senior Citizens. Everywhere we go, we see people not complying with store and restaurant rules regarding wearing masks and social distancing measures. Some restaurant employees don't wear masks at all, and sit down at your table to take your order. We are ready to spend money at our local businesses, but won't risk our health and lives to do it.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Philip Grise
	Address: 821 Arlington Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:14:56 PM

We are FAR from out of the woods with COVID19. Mandatory masks is the least support the Commission can lend. Curfews, banning non-family groups of more than 5, closing infected stores and public places. Now is the time to become VERY SERIOUS. It's the only way we can stay afloat until there is a vaccine, and that may well be at least a year awsy!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Philip Rubin
	Address: 3081 Pleasant Court
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:44:36 PM

I support mandating masks and/or face coverings in all public places in Leon County. As a medical professional, I wear a mask for 8+ hours each day at work, and they are not as burdensome as some seem to believe. It is a small sacrifice we can all make to get back to normal. Let's mask up Leon county!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Phyllis Kalifeh
	Address: 5419 Pimlico Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:07:12 PM

Please include face shields or masks as a requirement. The research on face shields show that they are even more protective and do not rely on the compliance of others to protect the wearer and others.

We employ more than 70+ employees and are providing face shields for each one. They are a more effective alternative to masks and do not restrict breathing. Furthermore, they are easy to clean.

We fully support the requirement of either facial masks or shields along with social distancing and good hygiene to reduce the spread of this virus. We highly recommend that business owners restrict patronage to those wearing masks or shields. This is a public health crisis that requires adherence and strict enforcement to prevent shutting down Tallahassee businesses and risking the loss of lives.

Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Phyllis Kirkland
	Address: 1922 Vineland Lane 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:23:34 PM

yes please mandate masks in areas where social distancing can't always be accomplished

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Phyllis Pancella
	Address: 2523 Staghorn Pl Tallahassee 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:39:37 AM

Leon County has the opportunity to model good sense and good manners by requiring masks in public settings. We'll only get through this by taking care of each other.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Phyllis Rosati
	Address: 6161 Pickwick Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:30:07 AM

I think everyone should be required to wear a mask, especially businesses.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ping Yan
	Address: 8112 Preservation ct
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:09:53 PM

Please make everyone wear mask in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Polly Beason
	Address: 708 Locksley Ln. Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:54:23 PM

Yes ! to masks in indoor places where social distancing not guaranteed. I was just remarking to my husband that people acted like it was back to normal behavior when Phase 2 was proudly announced. Thank you.
This is a Citizen Input Form. I don't understand why "Disclosure of information" is on here.
I am a retired citizen giving my input. I am not a lobbyist.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Qibo Zhang
	Address: 2928 Bluefield In
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:42:03 PM

“WEAR FACE MASK IN PUBLIC”

PLEASE MAKE IT MANDANTORY! It would be an effective way to stop COVID-19 virus spread and protect our senior citizens and children!
Please!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Qingfang Lu
	Address: 1204 Sandler Ridge RD Tallahassee, FL 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:08:05 PM

“WEAR FACE MASK IN PUBLIC”
PLEASE MAKE IT MANDANTORY!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: R M
	Address: 1210 Miccosukee RD Tallahassee FL 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 10:52:00 AM

I believe everyone should have the option of wearing a mask or not in public. We didn't mask anyone when the "FLU" came and still does come every year. Our immune systems need to do their job and if it can't, then get the treatments we now have. We cannot live in bubbles. If you are compromised, as I am, take the steps you feel that you need to, but do take away what I think is best for me.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: R Smith
	Address: 6027 Flintlock Loop
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:39:20 AM

Masks are a MUST! Please make them mandatory! They are the best means to prevent the spread of covid-19 and since some people don't get this it's up to YOU to pass this.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: R Taylor
	Address: 3418 Woodley Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:19:43 PM

I am against mandating masks in public. People and business owners should be allowed to make the best decisions themselves. Not to mention a study shows that some masks actually do more harm than good. Many people do not wear them properly anyway, either touching them non stop or with their nose sticking out and this does not help protect anyone any better. Some people have breathing issues and are unable to wear masks. Please do not mandate masks

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Rachael Best
	Address: 222 Rivoli Rd. Tallahassee, FL 32304
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:00:25 AM

Hello, I firmly believe that masks should be mandatory in Leon county. It has been scientifically shown that masks reduce the risk of transmission, especially if all involved are wearing them. Positive cases are increasing both within the county and across the state. For these reasons, I believe that they should be mandatory when in public. Masks were made mandatory in Maryland in March and the rate of positive cases across the state have since declined.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Rachel Christensen
	Address: 1021 Browning Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:28:44 PM

I heard an analogy today that the US is unlikely to have waves of coronavirus, given our management of it thus far. Instead, it will be more like forest fires, with intense hot spots emerging around the country. To follow the metaphor, Leon County is beyond the fire prevention stage. We are already on fire and the numbers of cases are rising daily. Thus, we turn to the next stage, that of minimizing spread. In fire speak, we'd be digging ditches, removing easy to burn timber, etc. In terms of coronavirus, science clearly and unequivocally tells us that wearing masks will reduce transmission. Please, Commissioners, help prevent us from becoming a hot spot. Please require masks indoors (except in private residences) in Leon county. Masks will help us minimize spread, increase economic activity, and allow folks who are craving 'normal' activities to be able to make those choices more safely. Please help us stop the emergence of a massive fire in our county by acting now. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Rachel Hughes
	Address: 8785 MINNOW CREEK DR
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:21:27 PM

I am strongly in favor of a mandatory mask ordinance and I think one should be put in place

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Rachel Mathes
	Address: 1904 Raa Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:56:57 PM

Only about 20% of people are wearing masks when I go out. There should be a requirement to make people take this pandemic more seriously.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Rachel McAllister
	Address: 452 Pellinore Place
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:30:25 AM

Please make wearing mask in Leon county mandatory. I am a very active 67 year old that is missing shopping that would help the economy of Tallahassee. But the last few times I have gone out, less and less are wearing mask so I am going back to ordering everything from Amazon. I will not be shopping locally which I try to do. Please make mask and social distancing mandatory. Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Rachel Smart
	Address: 317 Mabry Street #1122 Tallahassee, FL 32304
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:49:16 AM

Please require the wearing of masks in public. Covid-19 cases are rising and the wearing of masks should be a normalized way of everyone keeping each other safe. Also, if wearing masks in public does become a requirement, please freely provide masks to the public. Not everyone can afford them or has access to a continuous supply. Let's not make this another way to screw over already marginalized populations.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Rachel Strength
	Address: 1537 Copperfield Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:47:59 AM

Hello Commissioners,

I am asking you to please vote to require face coverings and/or masks while in public for all of Leon County and the city of Tallahassee.

As a city and county, I believe we have done a great job at keeping our local numbers down, but as the summer continues and things open up, which they have to, we must all take responsibility and do our part to limit exposure.

Masks only work to truly prevent the spread if everyone is wearing one. We need a mandate to require the face coverings in public to ensure we do not end up with too many cases that our hospitals cannot adequately take care of our citizens.

Please vote to require face coverings in public!

Thank you and I appreciate your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

Rachel S.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Rachel Tullius
	Address: 1647 Kay Ave, Apt B
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:42:25 AM

Please require the city to wear masks in public. Every time I leave my home I feel unsafe and scared I will bring COVID-19 home to my immunocompromised fiance who was recently in the hospital for heart problems. For our families and our community's safety, I encourage you to please do all in your power to protect our beautiful city as much as we can from further spreading of COVID-19 by instituting a requirement to wear masks while in public spaces per the CDC guidelines.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Rachelle Chamberlain
	Address: 1777 Benado Lomas Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:18:25 AM

I am against making mask wearing mandatory. I believe it should be a individual choice for citizens to wear a mask if they decide they want. Not to force everyone to wear one when out in public. I believe this would be an infringement upon our individual rights and choices for the local government to decide for us.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Randall Sweeting
	Address: 3472 Welwyn Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:31:58 PM

For the health and safety of Leon County residents and anyone visiting our area we need MASKS TO BE MANADATORY!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Randy Scott
	Address: 231 E. Pershing St.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:52:44 AM

Please check OSHA for the use of masks before you vote to make masks mandatory.

There is only one mask that can keep you from getting the virus, N95, and since it exhausts your breath if you have the virus it will not keep you from giving the virus to someone else.

I agree that masks help/possibly prevent the spread but not enough.

With that said I say NO to masks being mandatory.

Thank you,

Randy Scott

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ray Haverty
	Address: 5785 McClure drive
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 1:11:50 PM

Lower utility rates.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: rayne boggs
	Address: 2141 Harriet Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:41:47 PM

I believe that citizens in Leon County should be required to wear masks while in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Rayne Boggs
	Address: 2141 Harriet drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:07:54 PM

Masks and gloves should be mandatory in public areas. We've waited too long to implement this.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Reba Atchison
	Address: 9466 Rose Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:32:23 PM

Make wearing a mask mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Reuben Lovins
	Address: 307 Vantage Point Lane, Unit 33
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:58:42 AM

Wearing a mask is the easiest requirement possible. Mandate them. People's arrogance, ignorance, and willful disbelieving of medical professionals are woefully inadequate reasons for not doing the minimum effort to prevent others from being infected

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Rhonda Parnell
	Address: 782 Ellis Road, Tallahassee, FL 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:21:21 AM

No mandatory masks. This is such an overreach by government it is ridiculous. We were supposed to stay home to flatten the curve so hospitals were not overwhelmed. That was achieved and now Govt. is changing the goal to eradication of the virus. This is not about stopping exposure of the virus. It is about control. Just like many other diseases, we may never have a vaccine against this virus, so we are supposed to trust the government to make our daily decisions? There are many things in life that have risk, driving a car, using a lawnmower, eating candy, etc. The government does not need to make the risk assessment for everyone, each person may assess the risk for themselves just like to do in hundreds of decisions one makes everyday. Where does this end, next you will make yellow shirts on Wednesday mandatory? If a private business wants to have a face mask policy, that is their right, I then get to choose to do business with them or not. Government telling me what to wear and when to wear it is a violation of my free speech and assembly as the numbers of this virus in Leon County are not even 1% of the population of the county. Where does your overreach end? Why wasn't this done for SARS, Bird Flu, the common cold? Because this is about Govt. overreach and control, not about health otherwise we would do this every flu season but we don't. No where in OSHA's definition of PPE is a cloth face mask used because it is not protective! The Commission should NOT make masks mandatory. It should be encouraged to those who want to but should not be mandatory. If the Commission does decide to make masks mandatory it must put a sunset clause on the rule as to ensure that this does not drag on into perpetuity. There should be no fines or jail time associated with this overreach. **VOTE NO TO MANDATORY MASKS!**

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Richard Freesmeier
	Address: 2605mayfield avenue
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:43:45 PM

dear commissioners, I am opposed to mandatory mask wearing. I could go into the many factually based reasons for why it's not necessary but it is sufficient that I am registering my opinion with a no.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Richard Green
	Address: 500 E College Ave #G
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:52:06 PM

As a senior citizen, that has been isolating since mid-March, I'd appreciate a county wide mandate to mask in public, pull back on opening until we get a handle on our numbers. Now is not the time to slack up. Can you please at least require masks in public?

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Richard Hyson
	Address: 510 N. Meridian St.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:23:40 PM

I strongly support a requirement for masks in all public indoor spaces and in outdoor spaces where safe distancing is not guaranteed. I want to feel safe when I need to go to the grocery or drug store. etc. It is the one thing we can do to keep each other as safe as possible. In countries where this has been done, they are now opening safely and responsibly. We are well behind the curve on this and, consequently, our covid curve is increasing dramatically.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Richard Rubin
	Address: 4441 Widgeon Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:35:34 PM

I support requiring masks/face coverings in the county. Thank you for keeping Leon County safe and healthy!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Riley Mcdonald
	Address: 2813 Bundoran Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:33:03 PM

Please do not mandate mask wearing! There have been far too many studies that have proven that it is in effective and can actually do more harm than good. Let the healthy be healthy, and let the sick shelter in place or wear masks as needed!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Rituparna Khan
	Address: 1505 West Tharpe Street
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:26:47 PM

Please make masks mandatory for all citizens here. Most of th citizens are not wearing masks and increasing the threat.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robert Apgar
	Address: 510 Frank Shaw Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:31:15 PM

Please adopt an ordinance effective immediately requiring that every person wear a mask in public buildings or out of doors in public places. Provide fines for violations. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robert Hanson
	Address: 1795 Acorn Ridge Trail, Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 12:20:38 AM

The states in the northeast USA are having their COVID-19 numbers go down. They made mask wearing mandatory and made other requirements. Required. Not “suggested” or “recommended.” We need to follow the examples set by the successful northeastern states. Florida needs to get its act together. We are messing up. In fact, we have messed up so much that Florida has become an epicenter for COVID-19 and a national embarrassment. Let’s follow what the CDC, WHO, and northeastern states set as requirements and also follow any other relevant suggestions from those entities. Florida’s citizens need to get seriously focused on COVID-19 and get through this first wave of the disease.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robert Lee
	Address: 5604 Rustic Dr Tallahassee FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:28:00 PM

I am asking that Leon County commissioners mandate that masks be worn in all indoor private spaces. Also there must be provisions for exceptions for those who are unable to wear a mask due to sensory or medical issues. Also we must ensure access of masks to those in situations of financial hardship. The health and safety of our community must be a priority during this pandemic.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robert Pannell
	Address: 2016 Dellwood Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:18:09 PM

I think the county needs to seriously consider mandating mask usage in public settings, including all restaurant employees and all retail employees and patrons.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robert Parten
	Address: 812 Palm Beach St Tallahassee FL 32310
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:52:21 AM

The government should increase public access to information regarding the disease and can make recommendations. Please do not create any new mandates. Mandatory masks and other items will only make more criminals. People should have the choice to wear a mask or not. Also, please avoid any shutdowns. It makes no sense to hurt people's ability to care for themselves and their family in the name of stopping a virus.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robert Reid
	Address: 3617 CHERRY BLUFF LN
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:38:08 AM

As a 69 year old male who has gone through both cardiovascular issues and cancer, I have been following the issues related to the novel coronavirus, it has become abundantly clear that the best method to reduce the spread of the virus is wearing masks. Wearing a mask is the best line of defense on spreading the disease. It protects each person from others. Even a cloth mask can reduce the spread. If both people are wearing masks, even cloth masks, the transmission rate is less than 5 % (or in other words, 95+% effective). The wearing of masks in public spaces, especially indoor spaces, should be mandatory. Please impose a mandatory mask requirement in Leon County.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robert Russo
	Address: 728 E 6th Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:54:39 AM

NO on mandatory masks!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Roberta Freese
	Address: 1710 Brush Hill Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:27:51 AM

Please do mandate masks in public indoor spaces, I fully support this. Even with no enforcement or penalty, people will not do it unless they are told to do it. Restaurants and other businesses currently are choosing to request masks or not, and the hodgepodge of guidance and requests is leading to no mask use. This is clearly a public health crisis and the commission is within their scope to protect the public. Thank you for accepting input and having internet accessible meetings. Look forward to watching the meeting online.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robin Brinkmeyer
	Address: 2606 Opequon Bend
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:21:44 PM

I'm concerned about the escalating cases recently all over FL including Leon Co. I do not go out a lot as I have risk factors. When I do, I see more and more people without masks, with some standing close together. Mask wearing has become controversial, yet it seems to be the best way to prevent community transmission, along with physical distancing and hand washing.

I ask that wearing masks, possibly excluding neighborhood walking, be required by law. This would remove the controversy, and the partisanship. It's in all our interests to do the most that we can to slow the spread of Covid19, as no one wants a shut down again.

With many people totaling ignoring suggestions for best practices, making it mandatory, along with fines for non participation could help us prevent becoming the hot spot we are heading toward.

Thank you

Robin Brinkmeyer

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robin Colson
	Address: 2350 Phillips Rd, Apt 1104
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:03:06 PM

Mask use, social distancing, limited capacity MUST be reinforced as long as COVID-19 infection rates are on the rise. Enforcement is tricky, I know, But simply having the measures in place will achieve a lot.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robin Colson
	Address: 2350 Phillips Rd, Apt 1104
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 9:45:08 AM

Please require masks but do NOT require law enforcement to enforce the requirement because this is exactly the kind of 'law' that can easily escalate into a another George Floyd or Christian Cooper situation.

Laws governing such obvious and exposed individual behaviors (versus behaviors that are more easily masked like substance abuse or not wearing a seat belt) set up people of color and other disenfranchised groups for greater scrutiny and reporting, which results in unfair levels of enforcement. Please do not create one more reason for Blacks and Hispanics to be blamed (or arrested) for the spread of COVID-19.

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robin Dunn Bryant
	Address: 2509 Arthurs Court Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:28:48 PM

It's disheartening the number of people who are walking in and out of stores without masks. I cannot imagine being an essential worker and needing hoards of unmasked faces everyday.

I've been working from home since March and know I will have to return sooner than I want to. If there were a mandate in the county for wearing masks in public, I'd feel much more comfortable. Even if there isn't, I will still wear mine. It's the least I can do for the folks who can't work from home.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robin Gray
	Address: 502 Middlebrooks Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:31:11 PM

Please make masks mandatory. The rise in infections is concerning.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robin Jackson
	Address: 2960 S Lake Bradford Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:54:17 AM

Please make masks mandatory for public places where social distancing is not possible in Leon County. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robin McCallister
	Address: 2013 East Randolph Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:14:25 PM

Please adopt a mask when in public requirement, to reduce the spread, save more Floridians, & protect our hospitals from excess demand. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robin McDonald
	Address: 4854 Quail Valley Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:07:40 PM

Please vote making it mandatory for everyone to wear a mask in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robyn Stevenson
	Address: 444 Frank Shaw Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:28:47 PM

I request the commission recommend all public spaces and businesses REQUIRE citizens to wear a face mask for the protection of themselves and others from Covid 19. After thirty five years of nursing I recognize the value of wearing a mask to reduce the risk of contracting a respiratory illness. We need to be conscious of those more at risk and acknowledge this is how to help slow the transmission of this disease.

Robyn Stevenson, RN, BSN

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Robyn Wainner
	Address: 140 China Doll Drive, Tallahassee FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:48:02 PM

I would encourage to County to create a ordinance requiring masks and enhance public education about risk reduction especially in high-risk/lower-resourced neighborhoods and with younger populations. I would also encourage the Dept. of Health to work with partners to implement neighborhood-based testing sites. I also hope that the public is being given as much information as possible about positive cases. I used to see information about how people became infected (travel, community spread, etc), but I don't see that much anymore. I'd also like to see increased messaging that it's still safer if you stay home.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ron Kimberly
	Address: 2109 Continental Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 10:00:11 AM

I would like to voice support for a local mask ordinance. Our state government has opted to take measures to increase the spread of COVID-19 in our community, therefore it is your responsibility to do whatever is within your power to help protect our citizens and residents. We are already seeing the impact of the state government's decision in a number of local businesses having to temporarily shutter due to infection within their store. I understand that some people believe wearing a mask infringes on their personal freedoms, however we have a responsibility as humans to be compassionate and understanding for others. Requiring a mask is not about the individual, it is about all of us. If people can tolerate wearing shirts, and shoes to shop, they can tolerate wearing a mask.

A centralized distribution, if possible, would be very welcome. I understand not everyone is in a position to be able to afford a mask.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ron King
	Address: 1616 Cherry Hill Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:32:03 PM

I oppose making masks mandatory. Individual people and businesses should be allowed to decide what's best for them.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ron Saff
	Address: 2300 centerville rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:51:27 PM

DR SAFF'S TEN TOP REASONS TO MANDATE MASKS:

1. Fl intensive care beds are filling up. We all want an ICU open if WE need one. You may not like wearing a mask, but it beats wearing a ventilator.
2. DeSantis has said that he is OK with local governments enacting stricter measures.
3. Both the DeSantis picked Fl Surgeon General and Trump's US Surgeon General advocate mask wearing in public.
4. Both the CDC and World Health Organization have advocated mask wearing in public. The WHO additionally states that governments should mandate legislation. You guys are govt.
5. No shirt, no shoes, no service is legal. So how about no shirt, no shoes, no mask?
6. Gov Cuomo may block air travel into NY from Fl due to the large number of cases in Fl.
7. Over 50 countries including Third World ones like Ethiopia mandate masks. Many other Fl municipalities including Gadsden mandate masks.
8. Someone's inconvenience of wearing a mask should not be more important than someone's else right of not catching a potentially fatal disease.
9. In the early 1980's, voluntary requests for Americans to wear seat belts was largely ignored. This resulted in mandatory seat belt wearing which has proven to save lives. Mask wearing saves lives.
10. The Fl Medical Association representing tens of thousands of physicians across the state supports mandatory mask wearing.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ronald Burger
	Address: 6692 Crooked Creek Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:03:28 AM

I am in my 51st year as a Public Health Official and have worked city, county, federal and international governmental public health. I have been the Chairman of a county board of health for 15 years in the metro Atlanta area and the President of the National Association of Local Boards of Health. I was also a volunteer EMT and firefighter for over 15 years, here in Tallahassee too. I have responded to over 30 hurricanes and floods including Andrew, Katrina, Maria, Irma, and Michael; 3 Earthquakes; numerous disease clusters and outbreaks including the eradication of Smallpox from the world; bombing of the federal building in OK City and the horrific events in NYC at the WTC on 9/11 as well as the anthrax attacks which followed....but SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 has been my worst nightmare come true! We need to take every possible action that will help reduce transmission and face coverings do help to limit the virus particles from infecting those non infected and helps to reduce the number of virus particles from being expelled from those infected. Remember though when removing the covering that it may have SARS-CoV-2 virus on it, so wash hands and avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth and wash the covering with plain soap and water and have more than one clean to use when in public settings. A silver lining is that face coverings will help to lower the incidence of seasonal influenza which is just around the corner. Y'all have a legal duty to do what is necessary in order to protect the residents and visitors to our County and the County and City need to be in tandem. Thanks and keep safe and COVID free!

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE June 20, 2020

Contact: Joint Information Center on COVID-19 for the State of Florida (850) 815-4940, ESF14@em.myflorida.com

Florida Department of Health Issues Additional Public Health Advisory

~Advises wearing masks in public, encourages elderly and vulnerable populations to limit interactions outside of the home, and urges all individuals to refrain from participating in gatherings of more than 50 people~

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Rosalyn Olsen
	Address: 922 Chestwood Ave, Tallahassee FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 4:12:10 PM

Our family is grateful for the many well-informed and protective measures that the Commission has put in place in Leon County during the COVID pandemic, which must certainly be helping our low infection rates compared to the rest of this state and others. However, too many individuals are not wearing masks/face coverings in public, despite the clear evidence that it WILL save lives. I STRONGLY urge the Commission to make wearing face coverings in public mandatory which will benefit all. I understand it will be hard to enforce, but simply issuing the requirement might promote better compliance, and save lives, now that the “opening up” has proven to show positive cases spiking all over. As the location for the State’s government, I realize this is a serious political issue. But such a simple step will save lives. Please trust science and your consciences, and continue to do the right thing to help us be proud and safe to live in Leon County.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Rosanne Gervasi
	Address: 3412 Monitor Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:51:07 AM

Please mandate the wearing of masks in public. Issuing a recommendation to do so does not go far enough given the gravity of this virus and the unfortunate politicization of mask wearing. We should all be required to do our small part to help protect each other.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Rose OLeary
	Address: 1335 Alshire ct s. Tallahassee Fl 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:32:24 AM

Vote yes on mandatory face masks. Please.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ross Meyer
	Address: 6744 Spicewood Ln
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:43:20 PM

Dear Commissioners,

Please vote to make face masks mandatory while in public places. Short of a shut down, face masks have been proven to be the only effective tool in reducing the transmission of this dangerous virus. However, this tool is only effective if everyone participates. Please vote on masks to ensure the safety of all of our residents.

Sincerely,

Jessica Meyer

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ross Youmans
	Address: 1122 Albritton Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:23:04 PM

I believe face masks should be made mandatory in the county. Personally having a family member who has an immune system that is compromised, I feel the very real risk that the Covid-19 disease poses to such people. As well as the compromises they now have to make to stay safe these days. When people choose to ignore the recommendations to wear face masks in public made by health experts, they put people at risk who have these health problems and are doing everything they can to avoid contact with this virus. It has been suggested by many sources that the majority of the population wearing face masks brings it close to the equivalent of herd immunity. So please help protect not only the people most at risk, but everyone in the Tallahassee community and surrounding areas.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Russell de Grove
	Address: 1106 Albritton Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:19:54 PM

Masks should be required for all indoor venues outside the home until infection rates are much lower than they are presently

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Ruth Brandvik
	Address: 2461 Needle Palm Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:15:33 PM

It should be obvious by now that a large portion of our citizenry are not taking this situation seriously and are not taking proper safety precautions when in public, including wearing masks. Were this a situation where someone not wearing a mask would only hurt themselves, I wouldn't care. But it's not. People not taking this seriously are having a direct negative effect on the safety and well-being of their community at large. I wholeheartedly support wearing masks as the easiest thing a person can do to prevent the spread of this virus.

Additionally, I urge you to consider how this mandate will effect our low income and homeless citizens. How will they be able to procure masks if they are unable to afford them? Is there a measure we can put in place to ensure people of low-income can obtain masks for free to protect themselves, their families, and their communities? Are there charities we can work with to distribute masks to those who cannot procure them for themselves? I am concerned that a mandate such without efforts to help low-income and homeless families will turn into yet another instance of over-policing of the most vulnerable communities.

Thank you for your time and your service.

Best,

Ruth Brandvik

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sabrina Oven
	Address: 2582 Morgan Woods Trace Tallahassee FL 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:17:51 PM

I support mandatory mask use in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sally Andersen
	Address: 696 Derbyshire Rd Tallahassee Fl 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:43:59 AM

I would like to see a mandate that requires masks to be worn inside all public buildings in Leon County until a cure or vaccine for COVID 19 is created.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sally Rude
	Address: 819 east park av #6
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:44:54 PM

Make masks mandatory please.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sally Sperling
	Address: 4600 Barclay Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:29:06 PM

Commissioners,

Please pass a local ordinance requiring ALL to wear masks covering the nose and mouth of everyone under the roof of an establishment or outdoors in areas with more than 50 others such as the Cascades. Put teeth in the ordinance to ensure it is followed - a \$100 fine. Establishments may wish to provide masks at the cost of one dollar, but health clinics should provide masks for free.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sam Holley-Kline
	Address: 3909 Reserve Dr, Apt 924
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:10:28 AM

To the Commissioners:

I hope the Commissioners decide on a mask mandate. Given what we now know about COVID-19, "asking everyone to wear cloth masks can help reduce the spread of the coronavirus by people who have COVID-19 but don't realize it." [1] The most up-to-date research agrees: "In the community, masks appeared to be effective with and without hand hygiene, and both together are more protective." [2]

As an instructor at FSU, I have a particular desire for to be able to see my students in person again – but, even if the solid scientific consensus on masks is not convincing, I would prefer to see Leon Co. err on the side of safety. Especially because this is, literally, a life-and-death matter.

Furthermore, a mask mandate would have important symbolic value. Certainly, not all will agree, because of the extent to which the issue has become politicized. But Leon Co. has an opportunity to take a stand on the side of public health – rather than playing into politics. In so doing, Leon Co. could demonstrate clear and farsighted leadership in a state that is poised to become a COVID-19 epicenter. [3]

In short, because masks are effective in preventing the spread of COVID-19, because caution is warranted in this unprecedented epidemic, and for the symbolic value, I strongly support a mask mandate for Leon Co.

Not all will agree. But I always remember a quotation from George W. Bush's HHS Secretary, Michael Leavitt: "Everything we do before a pandemic will seem alarmist. Everything we do after will seem inadequate."

Thank you for your consideration.

1: Mayo Clinic: <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/coronavirus-mask/art-20485449>

2: A rapid systematic review of the efficacy of face masks and respirators against coronaviruses and other respiratory transmissible viruses for the community, healthcare workers and sick patients. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7191274/>

3: Updated National Model Points To Florida As The Next COVID-19 Epicenter. <https://wusfnews.wusf.usf.edu/post/updated-national-model-points-florida-next-covid-19-epicenter>

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sam Myrick
	Address: 2432 Shalley Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:19:52 PM

Please please consider having a county wide requirement to wear face masks in public and actual enforcement of the restaurant capacities. There are way too many people not wearing masks or social distancing. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Samantha Hurt
	Address: 1721 Tarpon Drive, Tallahassee
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:33:55 PM

Please make a mandate that masks be worn in public spaces, and give businesses the power to mandate masks be worn by customers. The scientific consensus is that if everyone wore masks in public, it would greatly mitigate the spread of COVID-19. We need strong leadership in this time to stand up for what is right and save lives. Mask-wearing is a minor inconvenience compared to the death toll that will occur if people don't take precautions. And people in this town are alarmingly not wearing masks, on a large scale. Many laws exist simply to compel people to act in a way that protects the safety of others: speed limits, DUI laws, etc. Good public health policy operates on the same principle.

Thank you for your consideration.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Samantha May
	Address: 1725 Belvedere St
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:48:10 PM

It seems ridiculous that we should have to ask you to vote for health measures that are recommended by health care professionals and experts. But here we are. Please do not succumb to this foolishness that seems to have infected our governor — our COVID numbers and deaths are rising daily. Requiring mandatory masks is the first logical step in securing the safety and health of your constituents. There is no good reason not to require masks — at the most, they are a minor inconvenience.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Samantha Oven
	Address: 6501 wildemeade place
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:14:02 AM

Please NO mandatory masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sampson Reichard
	Address: 1828 Larette Drive, Tallahassee, FL
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:45:45 PM

There needs to be a strict city & county-wide mandate for masks that is genuinely enforced.

Restaurants should not have any kind of in-house seating open and gyms need to be closed. Along with other stay-at-home restrictions, these are the immediate needs.

The responsibility to avoid continued deaths & illness happening in our city absolutely falls on the shoulders of you elected government officials since it is clear that the average citizen has privately decided that they aren't liable for continuing to spread a deadly virus to their neighbors.

Libertarian values are bullshit when your population fails to be compromised of rational actors.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sandi White
	Address: 3489 Gardenview Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:17:37 PM

Yes, I feel wearing masks should be mandatory in public, in stores when around other people. It protects others if you have it knowingly or unknowingly AND it helps yourself so you don't inhale or walk through an area that was just contaminated.
It should last until the state has flattened the curve for a period of time.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sandra Clary
	Address: Olivia Drive, Tallahassee FL
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:30:09 PM

Please mandate the use of masks when in public places. It is the Only way we are going to get a handle on this deadly disease.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sandra Kay Rutherford
	Address: 5685 Last Ridge Rd Residence
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 12:32:41 PM

How little effort it takes to put on a mask as opposed to possibly dying!
KEEP THE MASKS ON.....PLEASE

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sandro Martin
	Address: 2908 Battle Mountain Way Apt. B
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:53:03 AM

The number of positive tests in Florida is skyrocketing, and we need to do something about it now. We absolutely need to have a mask ordinance in place at the very least.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sandy Beck
	Address: 1521 Fuller Rd.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:54:13 PM

I support a county-wide mandate requiring masks everywhere people gather. Grocery stores, etc. would then be legally able to exclude anyone not wearing a mask. My physician told me masks are effective in preventing the spread of this virus only if everyone is wearing one.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sandy Gorski
	Address: 5246 Water Valley Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:31:48 AM

Please DO NOT make masks mandatory. I already have to wear all day long in order to do my job as cosmetologist and do t want to have to stay in a mask constantly. Thank you
NO TO MANDATORY MASKS

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sandy Maddox
	Address: 213 Winn Cay dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:33:30 PM

Strongly support mandatory wearing of masks in public with enforcement measures.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sara Bebus
	Address: 1940 Gloria Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:55:18 PM

I strongly support the proposal to make face masks mandatory in public in Leon County. I believe face masks should also be made easily accessible for those that cannot afford them or may have problems obtaining them. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sara Bergschneider
	Address: 817 Richmond st, Tallahassee, FL
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:59:16 PM

There needs to be a public mask mandate for anyone going into a public place in Tallahassee. This will help curtail Covid-19. While protecting essential workers from people that don't understand the dichotomy of spreading the covid-19 virus and infringement of personal freedoms.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sara Brown
	Address: 2618 Faversham Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:24:04 PM

Please make wearing of masks mandatory as a matter of public safety.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sara Hart
	Address: 611 Short Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:47:02 AM

I am writing to beg the commissioners to require masks at all times in Leon County. We need to keep the rates low here, and I am concerned the exponential growth seen in the south of the state will come here. Requiring masks is a small, yet powerful, way to slow this thing down.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sara Leitman
	Address: 621 Terrace St
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:38:44 PM

I strongly support mandatory mask wearing in any spaces where people from different households could come in contact. I support all actions the commission may take to protect public health and prevent additional transmission of this deadly disease in a time of crisis.
Thank you for your consideration.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sara Rose
	Address: 1007 Burning Tree Way. Tallahassee FL 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:05:16 PM

Please require mask use in indoor public spaces. Do this now before cases spike.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sarah Beall
	Address: 2808 Sweetbriar Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:04:37 PM

Masks need to be enforced. Florida is rapidly becoming a hot spot.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sarah Cooke
	Address: 1507 Kolopakin Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:32:57 PM

Please make wearing masks mandatory. It is unreasonable and dangerous to reopen FL without this precaution in place. Everyone wants their lives to go back to normal, however, that will never happen without strict enforcement to wear masks in all public places. I have a lot of concerns for my child when schools reopen. She is too young to wear a mask, only a few months old. I am faced with the decision to endanger her by sending her to daycare or have my husband quit his job to be a stay at home dad (we have no family in the area and no alternatives). Maybe we won't need to make that decision if masks are worn and the spread of the virus is more contained.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sarah Fiedler
	Address: 2545 Ulysses Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:09:50 PM

Please support the actual evidence concerning mask wearing of healthy individuals and the freedom of choice for the people you represent by voting NO on mandatory masks, thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sarah Harris
	Address: 811 E Call St
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:33:24 AM

I fully support requiring masks in public where social distancing is not possible. Especially at workplaces and businesses. Communities across the state are beginning to require the use and Leon County should do so as well.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sarah Kettelkamp
	Address: 632 St. Augustine St, Unit A
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:00:38 PM

Please enact a mask policy. Restaurants are having to close, and multiple Publixs have recently had employees test positive. It is not fair to the employees for them to constantly be put at risk, but many companies are apparently refusing to require customers to wear masks. Likewise, I know some stores like Petco aren't requiring them for customers or employees. I went about 1-2 weeks ago and the only employee wearing a mask was an older man. It's not fair that the at-risk employee should be exposed to their younger coworkers and customers who are mask-free.

Also, we really need a way to enforce social distancing, at least at big stores and restaurants. For example, Madison Social has been packed with little to no distancing since they've reopened. I know it must be difficult to do, but distancing guidelines really do mean nothing if they'll never be enforced. This is especially concerning when you consider that even if a mask is required, at a restaurant customers can only wear them when they are not eating. It's obviously better to wear one while waiting for seating & food than not at all, but it's not enough if everyone is packed together while eating.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sarah Liko
	Address: 6055 Huckleberry Ln, Tallahassee FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:35:45 PM

If the County requires face masks, will it also be providing masks to individuals unable to buy them?

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sarah Matlow
	Address: 170 Meridianna Drive Tallahassee Florida 32313
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 4:46:37 PM

Please mandate public mask wearing in Leon County.
Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sarah O'Neil
	Address: 1518 Lake Avenue
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:39:03 PM

Yes masks should be required. I'm at the point of not even wanting to bother because so few people are doing it, so I know I'm going to get sick. Basic public health has become a political issue due to the nonsense of uneducated people. They have a right to believe whatever they want, but they don't have the right to endanger my life. People not wearing masks is akin to murder. Please don't let murders walk around our city. And please protect our service workers and our poor communities. They don't deserve whats happening to them.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sarah Shuler
	Address: 2120 Spence Avenue, Tallahassee, FL 32308
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:18:08 AM

It's simple and it's based on scientific fact: mandate masks. I know you can come up with reasonable accommodation for certain activities where it doesn't make sense, so let's take the easiest step to get these numbers down. Let's be a true Capital and lead by example. Let's make this county safe.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sarah Sprayberry
	Address: 2015 Duneagle Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:38:28 PM

I vote for a mandatory mask ordinance for Leon County in the interest of public health. Wearing masks in the short term will reduce the burden placed on the health care system and slow the spread of disease in our community. The sooner COVID 19 is under control the sooner we can resume more normal lives. As with many other viruses, infected persons are spreading disease before they even know they are sick. Masks protect the people around the wearer as the fabric catches most droplets expired through breathing, talking, laughing, coughing, etc. The virus travels on droplets. Therefore, the fewer droplets that travel through the air, the less risk of transmission.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sarah Stage
	Address: 405 Audubon drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:35:10 PM

Require essential employees at grocery stores and restaurants and other shopping stores to wear masks at all times and correctly. Require all customers to wear masks and correctly.

It's ridiculous that people are not wearing masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sarah Vincent
	Address: 1906 Angels Hollow
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:41:38 PM

I am requesting that you institute a mandatory mask ordinance. This is important for everyone's safety. Also, I am obligated to serve on a jury, and I should not have to put myself at risk when fulfilling that obligation. Currently, masks are suggested but not required in the courthouse.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sasank Vemana
	Address: 2540 CAPSTONE DR TALLAHASSEE FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:24:45 AM

Please consider shutting down all non-essential businesses and movement to curb the spread of COVID-19. It is very concerning to see the spike in case numbers both in Leon County as well as Florida. It would be much appreciated if the County takes action instead of waiting for guidance at the State or Federal level.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Satya Stark-Bejnar
	Address: 724 Flagg St.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:58:23 PM

Make masks mandatory in public places. Note- the enforcers of this policy should be focused on distributing free masks to anyone without a mask, not punishing vulnerable people for not having one.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Savanna Lyle
	Address: 1659 Summer Meadow Place
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:01:30 AM

I think that it is imperative that all people wear masks when entering shared spaces, especially commercial ones, to slow the spread of COVID-19. Businesses should require and provide their employees with masks. Cases in Florida are growing rapidly and it is something that we are going to have to all work together to slow. Masks have been shown to slow the spread and should be required when in public places.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Scott Sweeney
	Address: 300 Timberlane Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:36:38 PM

Make masks mandatory inside businesses! Especially essential places like grocery stores and pharmacies!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Scott Tann
	Address: 3820 Castleberry dr Tallahassee FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:11:38 AM

No mask mandate please

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Scotty Williams
	Address: 3235 swaps trl
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:34:08 PM

No on mandatory mask. Thanks

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Scout Garren
	Address: 1470 Crestview ave
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:19:03 AM

I am a concerned Tallahassee citizen writing in support of a county-wide mandate requiring masks in public or in groups of ten or more. The state of Florida has not been proactive in preventing the spread of COVID-19 and the county must step in now to protect the citizen's health. Leon County must take steps now to combat record breaking infection rates in our state. Thank you for your time.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Shaiteryia Roberts
	Address: 2125 Jackson Bluff Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:23:30 PM

I believe mask should be mandatory! The percentage rate has rocketed.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Shannon Burgess
	Address: 7882 Reynolds Ct.
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 7:56:24 PM

I would like masks to be required indoors as Covid cases spike across the state and Leon included. I want my kids to be able to return to school in fall and rising cases leads one to believe we may have to quarantine again or delay school reopening should masks remain optional.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Shannon Carroll
	Address: 13800 Moccasin Gap Rd Tallahassee FL
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:28:52 AM

Please allow the the health of the people to stay in the hands (and faces) of the people. Allow us to self-govern our own health by making our own choices. This is a very slippery slope once you begin mandating what free citizens must wear or put on their bodies. Let us continue to live with dignity without our government over-reaching and stealing control over our freedoms in the name of "our safety." No to mandatory face masks. Yes to freedom to make our own health conscience decisions.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Shannon DeLisi
	Address: 3048 huntington woods
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:50:04 PM

I want to know what measures are being taken against business not following the proper state/county guidelines. I've passed businesses that are absolutely packed with people partying, dancing etc.. with the rise in cases I believe there should be some kind of repercussions against businesses putting the community at risk.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Shannon Liang
	Address: 1418 Stourhead Ct.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:18:18 PM

“WEAR FACE MASK IN PUBLIC”
PLEASE MAKE IT MANDATORY TO SLOW THE SPREAD OF CORONAVIRUS.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Shara Bankston
	Address: 1231 REDFIELD RD
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:04:32 PM

Please do not make masks mandatory throughout the City. Stores where social distancing can be maintained will then make it mandatory. Schools will follow suit. Children will not keep masks on correctly. Yeacjers will be stressed trying to enforce.
The school aged population is the least at risk and the least to pass on the virus. Please continue to use a common sense approach.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sharon Aronovitch
	Address: 3243 Shannon Lakes N
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:12:39 PM

Please discuss the requirement for individuals to wear masks in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sharon Beaumont
	Address: 1772 Broken Bow Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:29:21 PM

Please make face masks mandatory for everyone over 5 in all public places and stores. Exceptions could be made to trials and on the waterways.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sharon Elsberry
	Address: 5952 Ox Bottom Manor Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 12:58:33 PM

I am very concerned about the fact that CVS is conducting Covid-19 testing in the same drive-thru lane as they are servicing customer's prescription needs. Today, I was behind 3 vehicles in a row being tested for Covid and using the exact same area touching the drawer as they picked up the test kit and instructions. Needless to say, each Covid customer took approx 10-15 minutes to be tested while coughing in the closed area. I feel this is high risk for cross contamination and should not be handled in this manner. CVS has an obligation to perform testing in another area not where customers are picking up their prescriptions. I left so upset. My husband is a heart patient and diabetic and should not be in close proximity to someone with Covid symptoms nor should any other CVS customer be exposed to Covid testing area. Please stop CVS immediately from using the same drive-thru lane and keep everyone safe. Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: SHARON LINTON
	Address: 546 Backloop Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:38:36 AM

I WORK IN TALLAHASSEE AND HAVE WORKED THIS ENTIRE TIME. WE'RE A SMALL COMPANY AND WEARING MASKS WOULD BE A DEFINITE NO-NO. I DO NOT AGREE WITH THIS. TO ME, IT'S MORE ABOUT CONTROLLING THE MASSES THAN KEEPING ANYONE SAFE. DO NOT VOTE THIS IN!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sharon Rolfes
	Address: 1133 Alachua Avenue
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:07:53 PM

Wear masks! I fail to see how this is different from requiring people to wear shirts and shoes at restaurants or to not smoke in public places. If we want to be out and about before there is a vaccine or treatment we need to do 4 things—wear masks, social distance, wash hands, and test regularly. No confusion. No stress. No politics. Just do it. For your sake. For my sake.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sharon Slevin
	Address: 3999 calle de santos
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 10:54:55 PM

Do not impose mandatory mask wearing in Leon Co. That is unacceptable. It's been proven mask do not help and even make your health worse. No Co. Commissioner has a right to tell anyone what they can and can't do. Karen Dozier is in my district and if she votes for this, we will vote her out of office.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: sharon vice
	Address: 3617 londerry drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:02:06 PM

I SUPPORT mandatory use of face masks in Leon county. Please consider passing an ordinance to require folks to have a mask on their face if there is a roof over their head, to expire a month (or so) after our positive test rate starts to decline, or is below 2 or 3% for two weeks straight.
Thank you

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sharon Whitley
	Address: 2918 Giverny Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:55:54 PM

No mandatory masks

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sharon Wolfe
	Address: 2022 W Indianhead Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:53:19 PM

Please make masks mandatory. It will give older citizens like me a better sense of safety when we enter a business. If it saves even one life by doing this simple thing, it will be so worth the minor inconvenience.
Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sharri Moroshok
	Address: 2438 Bass Bay Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:47:59 PM

Please put in force a mandatory order for the wearing of face coverings in public places, particularly indoor public places. Many of us have been diligently following CDC guidelines for months now to mask and distance. It is extremely discouraging, especially now in the face of undeniably increasing numbers, to go almost anywhere in Leon County and find many, sometimes the majority, of people unmasked and congregating closely. Our State and Federal leadership have not provided us with clear messaging and we are counting on our local officials to help make it clear what is necessary to keep our community as safe from Covid19 as is possible. Please make this so!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Shawn Fraser
	Address: 320 Starmount dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:41:48 PM

Wiring to inform you that you are imbarki g on uncharted waters. You're about to vote to violate the rights and freedoms of every citizen of Leon county. Mandating or masks violates medical freedoms and will be deemed unconstitutional by historians. This measure is useless and unfounded by any medical data but caries a litany of adverse effects including co2 saturation and bacterial issues of recirculating used air through the lungs. The advice of wearing of masks has been recanted by both fauci and the WHO. Carries not medical data as far as protection but even reading the disclaimer on packaging of said masks informs it's uselessness. Clearly stating no protection from viral or bacterial infections. This "event" of covid is over. 99.7% survival rate dictates no restrictions and life to resume as it was before. I want you to know personally I have not worn a mask yet and will not regardless of your vote. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Shea Stripling
	Address: 106 W 7th Avenue Tallahassee, FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:08:53 PM

Please make it a requirement for ALL people to wear masks inside. I'm afraid to go outside/ enter any business currently because so many people are disregarding basic safety instructions. I would happily go inside of businesses in the community like Proof Brewing Co. if others were required to wear masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sheila Scoville
	Address: 801 Watt Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:05:31 PM

In light of the soaring numbers of new cases of coronavirus in Leon County, please vote to require the use of masks in public since this measure has been shown to greatly reduce the transmission of the virus. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sheila Shellman
	Address: 3965 W Pensacola St Tallahassee FL 32304
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 9:46:55 AM

No State shall make or enforce Any Law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law

Mask Mandates are Unconstitutional and Department of Justice ADA Violations to citizens' 5th and 14th Amendments

Commissioners Ordering Mask Mandates for our county deemed entirely unconstitutional ~

WHEREAS, The U.S. Bill of Rights, in Amendment 5, guarantees that, "No person shall be ... deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor shall private property be taken for public use, without just compensation." And Amendment 14, Section 1 of the United States Constitution, states that, "All persons born or naturalized in the United States, and subject to the jurisdiction thereof, are citizens of the United States and of the State wherein they reside. No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of laws

Please read the following article by Galveston County Judge

<https://www.click2houston.com/news/local/2020/04/22/galveston-county-judge-says-he-believes-mask-orders-are-unconstitutional/>

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Shelby Resnick
	Address: 2345 Hartsfield Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:54:13 PM

Leon County needs to instate a "mandatory masks in public" policy. Our hospitals are already at 75% capacity, and if we do not take preventative actions, such as mandatory masks, then we may overwhelm them.

In addition, schools will be starting in a month and a half. We want our schools to be safe places and to be able to open.

Not only that, multiple restaurants have had to close down due to employees testing positive.

If we want a strong economic recovery, then we need businesses to be able to be open and stay open. We also need consumers to feel safe enough to go to restaurants, stores, etc. If employees continue to contract Covid19, then people may not frequent local establishments. With employees and patrons of businesses wearing masks, we can help slow/stop the spread of Covid19 while still improving the economy.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Shelley Krach
	Address: 2300 W Indianhead Drive Tallahassee FL
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:16:25 PM

Please follow the recommendations of the scientists instead of the mob. We should all be protective of the weakest among us. Masks have the potential to save lives. Require them.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Shelly Brown
	Address: 2506 Tupelo Terrace
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:18:38 AM

Hi, I really would like masks to be mandatory within Leon County. It's difficult for me to go shopping because most people aren't wearing masks. Thank you for your consideration.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sheri Roark
	Address: 2017 Chimney Swift Hollow
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 1:43:48 PM

I strongly urge you to make recommendations and not mandates. The simple fact that there are conflicting studies on the efficacy of masks in preventing the spread is in itself reason to not mandate something. There are many scientists, doctors, leading research universities, and health organizations that do not recommend masks. In fact, the WHO itself does not recommend masks, and the CDC and Dr. Fauci flip-flop on the subject continuously.

One of the potential harms/disadvantages of wearing a mask includes the potential increased risk of self-contamination. Please, take this into consideration as any mandate to wear a mask may do more harm than good.

There is ample evidence-based medical research on the benefits of hand washing and the prevention of the spread of respiratory viruses. Just wash your hands.

Thank you,
Sheri Roark

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sherri Croom
	Address: 2112 EVERGREEN DR, Tallahassee, FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:06:14 PM

Please allow businesses and individuals in our county the freedom to continue to make the personal choice either to wear or not to wear a mask. Our society is already loosing many freedoms, is already suffering from a pandemic, and has increasing racial tension by the day. Mandating masks will increase these tensions and remove more personal liberties, not to mention the clear reasons of when they don't work, when people may be at a greater risk wearing them, or how they may provide a false sense of security.

I am concerned about the false sense of security they may provide. I know individuals who have been quarantining and mask wearing and still tested positive for COVID. People feel safer, and are more apt to go in public. But no one is checking to make sure they are sanitized between each wear or that they are even properly worn. And to do so would be unjust as well.

In addition, some individuals are not able to wear masks due to health reasons. They would be under increased scrutiny and possible danger from others when they were out in public. How would they prove they are unable to wear one? Would they be forced to carry around identification just to have the liberty to walk around in their hometown? Will there be penalties for a policy such as this? If no one is enforcing this, then a policy requiring it has no meaning.

A mandate of masks will only increase tension and further segregate those in our city; please leave this personal liberty with each person.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sherri Taylor
	Address: 1609 Hedgefield Court
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:43:13 PM

Please require masks to be worn in stores and places of business.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sherrie Sutton
	Address: 303 skate drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:59:41 PM

Need to continue to wear masks and social distance

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sheryl Cooper
	Address: 1649 Harbor Club Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:59:25 PM

Please mandate face masks in public spaces for Leon County.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Shiloh Elliott
	Address: 402 Terrace Street
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 9:56:07 PM

I truly believe that face coverings should be required in public places. The governor has decided to allow the people of Florida to "make good decisions" regarding their health and the health of others. However, with the drastic increase in the number of cases statewide, we can no longer trust everyone to "make good decisions."

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sine Murray
	Address: 2015 Seminole Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 1:20:01 PM

Please pass a mask ordinance. We simply must do everything we can to control the spread of this virus. Unfortunately many county residents are not voluntarily wearing masks and the lack of a clear government directive is making it difficult for local businesses to set mask wearing protocols for their customers.

Respectfully,

Sine Murray

2015 Seminole Dr.

Tallahassee, Fl 32301

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sonia Mcnelis
	Address: 1515 Paul Russell Road. Tallahassee FL 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:19:13 AM

The use of face mask in public. Must be mandatory. Science and evidence based studies showed that it is effective to prevent transmission of COVID 19. I am a medical doctor, and a masters in public health I am involved in the response against the spread of the virus.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sophie McCoy
	Address: 407 Nottingham Court
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 2:27:50 PM

Please enforce mandatory face masks outside the home, or at least in places of business! The need for this is self evident from the recent infections of employees at our local restaurants and grocery stores.

I am lucky to be able to work from home and visit the grocery store only once every few weeks - but many others in our community are not, and are at greater risk for COVID-19 complications. If we aren't going to be considerate of our neighbors on our own, then we need to be forced to do it. I am less likely to leave the house now than I was back in March and April due to the lack of concern for others that our community shows by not wearing masks. If you want people to visit business and spend money locally and not online, then we need face coverings to be enforced. Otherwise, those who are visiting those places now will continue to contaminate employees and each other, leading to inevitable re-closures across the board. And they will keep driving the rest of us indoors.

Please act in bipartisan interest for all members of our community! Please enforce face coverings.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Spencer Scrugga
	Address: 2600 Miccosukee Rd, Apt 502
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 4:55:40 PM

Because of the rising number of cases across the state, I am urging the County Commission take a serious stand at protecting county residents and take the steps to ensure that establishments in the county will remain closed or with limited services to be careful with the spreading of the virus. I am so nervous about going out and doing essential work because my boyfriend is immunocompromised and cannot afford to be introduced to the virus by going out or by me bringing it into our home.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Stacey Gaughf
	Address: 2279 PINE LANDING CT
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:56:21 AM

I support mandatory masks in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Steele Simpson
	Address: 1413 frederick drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:27:46 AM

We need to enact and enforce a mask ordinance, at the very least! Furthermore, we need to better monitor and enforce indoor conditions, especially for employees in state offices. The numbers show that people are more content to ignore the death toll in pursuit of economic gain. Please do what's right. You can't put a dollar value on a life.

Safe, smart, step by step is dangerous, dumb, and deadly. We need to be more aggressive now before these numbers spiral even further out of control... Like when children are recklessly sent back to school. The public needs more support during this time so that they can have the liberty to make good choices, instead of being forced back into dangerous work conditions by economic circumstances. The rash of restaurant closings only reinforces this grim reality. What good is a government if it does not do good by its people?

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Stephanie Crumbaker
	Address: 8544 Hannary circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:56:04 AM

Masks should be required in Leon county

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Stephanie Borrás
	Address: 7072 Buck Lake Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:02:46 AM

Please mandate masks! I have a small business. Help keep us in business. It is our civic duty to each other to do so.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Stephanie Chandler
	Address: 214 West 4th Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:35:40 PM

Please make cloth face coverings a mandatory practice during the Covid 19 crisis. This measure needs to be in place before schools resume and before the influx of college students in August. All indoor shared spaces such as grocery stores should require masks if their customers and employees. Thank you for making this issue a priority.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Stephanie Evans
	Address: 2829 Botany Place
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 7:22:51 AM

I would like to know why everything is continuing to open and the City/State/Government see that covid 19 cases are still rising I have been to several places and some are not even Waring face Mack or gloves people or to relaxed with this CDC Guidelines need to continuly be enforced or there will be more cases.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Stephanie Henningsen
	Address: 408 Meridian Ride
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 2:59:16 PM

Please DO NOT make masks mandatory in Leon County as it will only add to the fear already instilled in many citizens already, further decimating our already flailing small businesses. Our numbers in Leon County DO NOT support the need for masks. Furthermore, there is ample scientific evidence that masks have nearly zero efficacy, especially when worn incorrectly as is the case with 9 out of 10 people i see wearing them.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: stephanie Moody-Geissler
	Address: 1324 Jackson St
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 1:08:33 PM

Leon County did not meet the gated criteria for re-opening by the White House and CDC (1) to enter Phase 1 or 2 for the lifting of COVID-19 restrictions. In fact, while in Phase 1, Leon rebounded on all metrics. This means Leon should have halted any advancement into Phase 2 and considered rolling back on Phase 1.

We know that social distancing and lock downs saved millions from infection and 100,000s of lives (2,3). Leon County must rollback on Phase 1&2 and reinstate distancing, gathering, and business restrictions. Current allowances have gatherings of 50 people and establishments can open and operate at 50% capacity. The recent spike in Leon county cases have been fueled by community spread (not long term care facilities). This means from gatherings and bar/restaurant exposures which are all permitted under the current restrictions. We need to stay at home except for essential activities.

In addition to reinstating the restrictions we must add a mandate that required residence and visitors to wear an effective and fitted mask when not in their own homes. Masks vary in effectiveness (4) but even the least effective (single layer of loose thread count cloth) still reduce the risk of transmission of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19 (2).

Only with the combination of non-pharmaceutical interventions - physical distancing, hand hygiene, wearing effective and fitted masks - will we be most effective in combating the spread of SARS-CoV-2/COVID-19.

For the Health and safety of all people, as an infectious diseases epidemiologist and resident of Leon County, I am asking the Commission to reinstate the restrictions that were lifted and in addition add a masking mandate.

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/php/CDC-Activities-Initiatives-for-COVID-19-Response.pdf>

2. [https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736\(20\)31142-9.pdf](https://www.thelancet.com/pdfs/journals/lancet/PIIS0140-6736(20)31142-9.pdf)

3. https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-020-2405-7.epdf?sharing_token=G_bsQ3B9HDEJJQU8dASH1NRgN0jAjWel9jnR3ZoTv0OnMEHMcInnY-PiC9wHjWf0IuamVsLpQG59IVZSrrMz1da8Q1IFNKy_ogmlk9-0y3HhLR0IT-v14ZX7Sfe7-NnFy9MLlsevOqE1FryJeZxWRaFzeW0ZR5EnPf1kkf4Oxt4%3D

4. <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/acsnano.0c03252>

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Stephanie Wood
	Address: 3909 RESERVE DR, APT 924
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:40:19 PM

Please vote to make masks mandatory as a Covid-19 mitigation measure. Masks, when used properly in addition to other precautions like hand washing and social distancing, are incredibly effective at limiting the spread of aerosolized respiratory droplets that can spread the coronavirus. They Mayo Clinic provides an excellent overview of different mask options and offers advice on how to use them for maximum efficiency:
<https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/coronavirus-mask/art-20485449>

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Steve Leitman
	Address: 552 East Georgia St
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:41:29 AM

Mandatory mask wearing should be put in place

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Steve Urse
	Address: 1118 Waverly Road Tallahassee Florida 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 8:32:21 AM

I support an Ordinance requiring the mandatory wearing of face masks to protect public health with the exceptions that have been noted. I also encourage Leon County to expand the publicity for the necessity of these masks. That should encourage all businesses and government buildings having signage in front of entrances advocating masks and social (physical) distancing. We are all in this together. Thank you for calling this special meetings. Steve Urse

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Steve Welsh
	Address: 1137 Virgil Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:44:36 PM

i'm opposed to mandated mask-wearing.
let individual businesses decide.
thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Steven Benitez
	Address: 3225 Coneflower Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:08:30 PM

I support mandatory masks while out in public for all of Leon county to help significantly reduce the spread of COVID-19 while allowing businesses to stay open. Let's be smart here please.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Steven Dwinell
	Address: 1441 Covey Ride West , Tallahassee
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:17:37 PM

I am writing to support the adoption of a mandatory mask requirement for indoor spaces for Leon County. Requiring the use of masks for public health purposes is analogous to prohibiting indoor smoking for public health purposes. Research is showing the use of masks is a cost-effective means of reducing COVID 19 transmission. Use of masks will allow economic activity to continue while protecting our community at large.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

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	Address: 1441 Covey Ride West , Tallahassee
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:21:38 PM

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Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Steven Genovese
	Address: 2015 West Indianhead Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:01:36 PM

Masks. I recently injured my knees and I was in TMH for 8 days. I had two expensive knee operations. This was right before the pandemic hit. I have been going to at least weekly physical therapy since February 9th. It is hard for me to believe that many people who should know better are not wearing masks. I know some people who don't believe the numbers and think this is a conspiracy by lefties. It's not by any means; look at the numbers. I also work at a public facility and I see this vast ignorance almost daily.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Steven Genovese
	Address: 2015 West Indianhead Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:01:58 PM

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Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Steven Louchheim
	Address: 3038 OBrien Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:02:12 PM

While I support wearing a mask to either make people feel comfortable or protect them, I do not want it to be a law. People must make their own mind up. Also, I support a private business to determine if they require masks for their customers. Again, I am not in favor of the government requiring it.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Steven Newman
	Address: 2207 Orleans drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:01:03 PM

I am fully in support of requiring face mask use in enclosed spaces in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Steven Vanlandingham
	Address: 7204 jaffrey court
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:39:37 PM

The community needs to adopt the public health best practices that the scientific community has agreed upon. Not doing so is not only irresponsible for the health of the community, but bad business. All major public accounting firms, banking institution, healthcare provider, etc, have realigned their business processes and customer facing functions to allow for and enforce necessary safety measures. Customers who do not feel safe do spend money. We must march forward in adapting to the new public health and market conditions, rather than collapsing on ourselves trying to go back to a pre-Covid business as usual.

- Chairs to be at minimum 6 ft apart (chairs, not just tables)
- Masks to be worn by all patrons
- Masks and gloves to be worn by staff and changed at recommended times
- Sanitizing surfaces used by a customer between each customer visit

If a business or government entity is not doing the above, many will not feel safe. The guidelines are there. It's up to us now.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sue Hessman
	Address: 1502 Argonne Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:20:16 PM

Please, please, please, make mask wearing mandatory!

My handicapped son who works at Publix had to take a leave of absence from his job because he KNOWS you need to wear a mask, but so many customers DO NOT, and they get too close to him. He suffered severe anxiety from this, stays home now, and won't be able to return to work until a vaccine is found or until EVERYBODY wears a mask!

Is it really too much to ask?

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sue Safford
	Address: 301 E Carolina St Apt 1203
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 12:44:43 PM

Please make face masks mandatory for everyone everywhere in public. I am elderly and in poor health so at great risk and am basically confined to my apartment and yard because of the lack of clear national or state leadership for what should be mandatory public safety rules. I do not understand why people feel they should be free to infect others in a public health emergency. Thank you for your service at this very difficult time.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sue Skinner
	Address: 2024 East Indianhead Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:18:00 AM

I am writing to support a mandatory mask ordinance to be voted on June 23, 2020.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Summer Boggs
	Address: 2141 Harriet Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:32:36 PM

Please make masks mandatory. I know not everyone will follow it, but hopefully more people will and more establishments will feel empowered to require them on premises for the health and safety of their workers.

Why? Because every single piece of science data shows that masks, when worn correctly and consistently, help slow the rate of COVID-19. We have had 65 new cases in the last 2 days (haven't seen today's data yet). It is starting to be "community spread." Please have the guts to do what our governor won't and require masks of Leon County residents. Thank you for your time. I hope you do the right thing--for your parents, friends, citizens at high risk for serious complications from coronavirus, your neighbors, your kids, and for yourself.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Susan Cason
	Address: 3117 North Shannon Lakes Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:58:30 PM

I hope that you will be considering mandatory face masks in public. There is a lot of scientific evidence backing this. It has worked well where it has been used.

As a 72 year old I do not appreciate the many people who put me at risk even though I am healthy. There are a lot of other people with health conditions not obvious to others, such as transplant recipients, who are put in danger when people do not wear masks and practice proper distancing.

I do not want to see Leon County as part of a new epicenter.

Thanks for listening.

Susan Cason

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Susan Cross
	Address: 3328 Charleston Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:20:19 PM

Please vote For mandatory masks in public

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Susan Doker
	Address: 7381 Skipper Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:55:15 PM

We need a local ordinance to require people to wear face masks when they are in the grocery store or pharmacy. For those of us who are in a risk category, we have to go to these stores regularly, even though we are socially isolating otherwise. Store employees are wearing masks, but a lot of customers are not. As a public health issue, it's important for people to wear a mask in order to not incidentally spread the covid virus aerosol droplets in public. Since the virus is asymptomatic, everyone has a responsibility to wear a mask in these particular places where at-risk people have to go.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Susan Lunin
	Address: 8373 Innsbrook Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:17:29 PM

Like many safety measures in the past such as seat belts and no smoking, the wearing of masks during the COVID-19 pandemic should be mandatory in public places. It is a public health and public safety issue and when in public we should all be required to wear a face mask. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Susan McLeod
	Address: 801 Chestwood Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:18:45 PM

Yes on masks. Period. Scientifically proven. No ambiguity.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Susan Ray
	Address: 6049 Redfield Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:49:13 PM

Leon County needs to mandate that face masks, covering the nose and mouth, be worn in public when social distancing cannot be maintained.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: susan stratton
	Address: 964 Rosebay Court Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 1:25:17 PM

Florida is now the leading the US in new coronavirus cases. And it's obvious why this is. While most cases are related to relaxed, cavalier attitudes, we must stand strong against the obvious. We implore you to protect public health and require the use of facial masks in public places!

A mask plus physical distancing could very well prevent the virus from spreading between those in close proximity. It's so much better to wear a face mask than a ventilator! It is critical and timely that you act like a leader now. Prevention of infection will provide a healthy citizenry and allow us to get back to whatever is normal. We want you on the correct side of what's right for the health and safety of our community. No excuses. You know what to do. And we are watching you to see if you follow through on what is critical at this juncture.

My daughter in law wears a mask for 13 hours a day...this is the least we can do for our healthcare and essential workers.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Suzanne Campbell
	Address: 3135 swaps trail
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:33:58 PM

I do NOT support mandatory masks

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Suzanne Martin
	Address: 6324 Pickney Hill Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:49:40 AM

We do not need to be required to wear masks. Leon County citizens are already doing a great job with the virus

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Syed Haq
	Address: 2558 Goldenrod Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:40:11 PM

Hello,

I would very much like to see masks become required in Leon County for the time being. Any mitigation of this virus is better than none and keeping people safe should always be our top priority. The science is there that shows masks work at mitigation and our citizens who are unsure need to be convinced.

As far as the details go, I want to know how such a rule could be enforced and how businesses can be held accountable for violating said rule. I don't know how harsh the penalties should be, admittedly, but all in all we want folks taking this pandemic seriously if they are not already.

In addition, I'd like the emphasis on wearing a mask properly be enforced. I've seen more people than I would like to see wearing a mask and not covering their nose.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Sylvia Smith
	Address: 1606 Chinnapakin Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:25:09 PM

I support the county requiring that entities and persons comply with all CDC guidelines, including face coverings.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: T.C. Farris
	Address: 2141 Harriet dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:00:05 PM

We need to take proper precautions to help flatten the curve. Thus far "governor" DeSantis has been reckless and short sighted, putting our most vulnerable citizens at unnecessary risk.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tabitha Ellis
	Address: 3525 Carrington dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:20:59 PM

Please do not mandate masks! It presents a hazard for many people with medical conditions. If people want to wear them by all means they should be able to choose to do so. But I will not comply and will absolutely not require my children to wear masks. When worn improperly, they cause more risk than they prevent. And almost everyone I see wearing them don't have them on properly and are fidgeting with them, which is just introducing the germs touched to directly in their face and remains in the path of their airways. They have also been shown to reduce oxygen levels below what is certified safe by OSHA (19.6%) and thus can present a workplace hazard, not to mention while out and about and especially outside in our Florida heat. Thank you for reading and considering voting no on this issue and leaving people's liberties to choose for themselves and their families.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tamara Dickson
	Address: 2109 W Indianhead Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:23:45 PM

I would like for mandatory masks to be an ordinance for Leon County. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tami Chandler
	Address: 1564 Crestview Ave - Tallahassee
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 6:49:53 AM

The spike in COVID cases due to the protests was an anomaly based upon the gatherings and has now caused fear in a segment of the population. Normal cases are nominal and removing the cases in correctional facilities etc prove your measures have been successful. Making a mandate now is restrictive on people returning to work and businesses attempting to recover. Businesses are already self closing - why mandate to satisfy irrational fear? For those of us that have worked through the pandemic with no cases in our workplace - a mandate makes little sense now when recovery is moving along nicely.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tammi Lau
	Address: 1859 Folkstone Rd, Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 1:22:24 PM

Thank you for allowing me to voice my concerns regarding this special meeting. According to multiple op eds by doctors as well as one by VP Pence, the increase in positive tests for COVID-19 is the result of so many more people being tested. VP Pence also cites one situation where a family of 11 Native Americans was tested and only one tested positive with very minor symptoms which then caused the CDC to record all 11 in the family as testing positive. This is unacceptable. My other concern stems from reports by many reliable physicians from multiple areas of treatment stating that these lockdowns are causing much more residual damage than the virus itself, including but not limited to persons with diabetes not being treated due to the fear of exposure to COVID because of media hype and are now requiring an extremely high rate of amputations. Others referenced stroke victims and heart attack victims also not seeking treatment because of fear of the virus and dying from these things when they very well may have survived if they felt they could have safely been treated.

Please consider ALL things before shutting things down again. Thank you for the opportunity to share my concerns.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tammy Harris
	Address: 9324 Stargate Way
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 10:46:08 AM

You do not have the legal right to take away my freedom to decide if I wear a mask or not. Protect the vulnerable population and let the rest of us do what we think is best ourselves.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tammy PULSIFER
	Address: 3810 BUCKLAKE ROAD C303 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:33:58 PM

Please do not make mask mandatory. There is not enough research on what this is doing to our lungs.

I also have panic attacks when i wear them.

This virus has done enough and taken too much of our liberty as it needs to. Do not ask me to cover my face nd block fresh air or assume you can protect my health more than i can.

If you madate this you need to also control people's food and alchohol intake as obesity and substance abuse is way more of a problem in America than this fake crisis.

This virus has a 97% survival rate and yet you would ask people to risk their health by having them wear a mask that more than half of people have NO idea how to even wear.

What is the end result? Until we have a cure? This will strangle our already suffering economy

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tana McLane
	Address: 1529 Heechee Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:26:48 PM

Covid is rising throughout Florida and in Tallahassee. With little leadership from our state or federal government to combat this, it is up to our individual initiative to avoid the pandemic virus. It's very hard for an individual to do this when everywhere too many are not.

This is a moment when we need wearing a face mask anywhere in public to be mandatory on the local level.

Young adults need to hear the message that doing so will not only protect them, but others as well. Especially vulnerable people their lives touch. I suggest a strong PR campaign on this message.

Bars and restaurants are eager to be open and recovering from the economic slowdown caused by the virus. They need financial assistance to survive as curbside pickup and home delivery services. They do not need to be open to those socializing and dining out. We do not know where this will lead, economically, but life itself is far more important than the economy. If we can all isolate, wear masks, stay socially distanced, and mostly stay home if our services are not 'essential,' we will isolate the virus and stop it. The last case will die out and the world will become safer and the medical scientists will have time to develop the vaccines and therapeutics to help us create immunity and to recover.

Throw your money at ailing small businesses -- and organize ALL of the local mask-making sewists working hard to provide effective masks to the public and to medical workers.

Welaunee should be put on hold. The new FSU civic center project should be put on hold. Any new development should be put on hold, and these vast number of dollars should be targeted toward our community's survival now.

It's not too much to mask. It's not too much to help those hurting at a fundamental level. It's not too much to fund the mask makers and help them distribute what they make.

Ruth Chase, the leader of the hospital mask effort, Mask Marvel H600 project, works tirelessly to produce covid-safe masks for medical workers working with covid-positive patients. She needs a permanent location for her project. She needs funding for her project. She is not the only H600 mask project.

Perhaps others doing this should be located and funded and housed, too.

This will be a long slog. We won't succeed just by small individual initiatives to hunker down and isolate. We need the support of our local government in the ways I've described to survive over the coming months. We'll rise again if we do. We can put new development back on the table then. It's not the priority now. Survival as a community is. It is the moral thing to do. And it will turn out to be the best economical thing to do, too.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tanya Ilangantileke
	Address: 3012 Brandemere Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:52:28 PM

Please make wearing masks in public mandatory. I am vulnerable member of did community and also primary caretaker in our family. I have been forced to resign from my job and have not been able to accept other employment offers because of fear of infection. Going to the grocery store shouldn't be a death trap for people like me.

Sincerely,

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tara Newman
	Address: 2207 Orleans Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 12:59:50 PM

I fully support mandating masks in any public enclosed space. I definitely don't want to have to go through another shutdown or school closure but I feel like the only way to avoid it is for asymptomatic people to protect other people by wearing masks at all times when in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Taraneh Oliver
	Address: 3124 Dunkeld Place
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:10:43 PM

Please require masks in public places. We've seen our state leadership disregard scientists and medical professionals, and as a result, Florida has continued to see growth in the number of cases of COVID-19. We need to do everything we can to protect our community, particularly the most vulnerable. Leon County may look relatively healthy compared to the rest of the state, but that can quickly change if we don't take appropriate measures. With the anticipated opening of public schools and universities in the fall, the failure to prevent the spread of this virus now has the potential to be even more distressing in the future. Thank you for considering public input on this matter.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Taylor Hurtt
	Address: 630 e college avenue
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:02:08 PM

I think leon county needs to enforce masks being mandatory for Public spaces as well as reducing the amount of bars and restaurants can be open due to the spiking covid-19 cases.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tera Griffin
	Address: 2022 Greenwood Dr Tallahassee FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 7:53:58 AM

Please vote YES to mandate masks.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Teresa Scudder
	Address: 3245 Whitney Dr w
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:46:32 PM

I do not want a mandatory mask requirement. It's a violation of personal Liberty. I were one when I can but sometimes my asthma says not today.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Teresa Simone
	Address: 4193 Missio Trace Blvd.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:06:04 PM

I am a PhD student at FSU and I am writing concerning mandating use of face masks to prevent the spread of COVID. Currently, Florida is a "hot spot" for growth in COVID cases; because of tourism to sites like public beaches and Disney this will likely continue to increase. Arizona is also a "hot spot" for COVID but in Phoenix and Tucson, like many other cities in the US, the mayors have mandated the use of face masks in public. This is because face masks have been proven by scientific evidence to reduce the spread of COVID. (See, for example, "Community Use Of Face Masks And COVID-19: Evidence From A Natural Experiment Of State Mandates In The US," <https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hlthaff.2020.00818>.) Case studies of how other countries have responded to COVID also present strong evidence that mandating face masks in public helps prevent the spread of COVID.

As elected government officials, you have the moral charge to protect the people you represent as well as the ethical duty to protect them from harm. This is a clear case where the utilitarian good of preventing harm to many outweighs the individual liberties of a few. History will look back on your actions, or your lack of actions. I am asking you to do what is best for the greatest number of people, and what helps protect those who are most vulnerable and most at risk.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Teri Fletcher
	Address: 9552 Starhawk Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:10:52 PM

Please pass regulations requiring face masks when out in public. This is not a political issue; it's a medical one. The medical science is clear. If we can get everyone to wear masks, the virus spread will be reduced enough to bring it under control. The data shows that it is clearly not under control now. If we do not bring it under control by requiring face masks, we will end up doing so with more forced shutdowns and the economic devastation that goes with it. We have used science to bring an end to many horrible diseases before with vaccines, treatments, and quarantines as needed. We can do so with this virus if we can just leave the politics aside, listen to the medical professionals, and choose to do the right thing.

Thanks for your consideration,

Teri Fletcher

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Terri Carrion
	Address: 5187 Icicle HL
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:17:15 AM

I believe it is time to mandate wearing masks in public. The public will benefit from a directive. We are smart people in this county and we need strong leadership to reinforce a positive direction in how we fight the pandemic. Everything is too random and therefore there are too many risks and that is why we are seeing a rise in hospitalizations and deaths. We need to join together to protect one another. We can do this. I would feel more confident to go out in public and contribute to the economy if there was a mandate for masking and social distancing. I love this town. Let's be smart and brave and do what is best for one another. It is about positive messaging from leadership, we must unify in this campaign, we must win this fight! Please mandate masks and social distancing. Thank you,.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Terri Docswe
	Address: 3668 Las Brisas Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:24:36 PM

I do not want a mask mandate in Leon County. I do not wear a mask and will not a maskI also know of no one who has died or been hooked up to a ventilatornor does anyone who I have asked this whole thing is a great way for people who don't want to get back to work to be able to stay home and let the government take care of them thank you for your understanding!

If you have any questions, feel free to email or call me at 491-1451

Terri Doxsee

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Terri Lindbloom
	Address: 2302 Amelia Circle, Tallahassee, FL
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:54:10 PM

Please make masks mandatory! Also, all the publix grocery stores should make it mandatory as well. I live near FSU and the students and others don't wear masks! We are not done with this epidemic yet!! Please watch out for other people.
Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Terrie Corbett
	Address: 2811 Wood Hollow Court
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:42:47 PM

I support mandatory mask wearing in public places. It is a public health solution NOT a political statement.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Terrie Spiers
	Address: 3065 Killearn Point Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:50:27 PM

Please vote to make masks mandatory in stores, resturants, and other public spaces.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Terrie Spiers
	Address: 3065 Killearn Point Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:25:47 PM

Please vote to make masks mandatory in stores, resturants, and other public spaces.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Terry Baker
	Address: 4444 small pond lane
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:16:05 PM

Do not make masks mandatory. Don't be sheep.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Thais Kreider
	Address: 3701 Lifford Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:00:15 AM

I am a healthcare worker and am 100% in support of mandatory masks. The spike in numbers in our small community has many of us concerned. The hospital does not have the nursing staff to care for the influx of critically ill patients.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Theresa Connell
	Address: 5924 Connell Court
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:00:52 AM

Please do not make masks mandatory. Optional? Yes. Strongly recommended? Us. Mandatory? NO!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Theresa Tan
	Address: 2112 Victory Garden Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:48:48 PM

Please consider a mandatory mask policy for Leon County. We must all work together to protect the residents of Leon County. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Thomas Allen
	Address: 3830 Long and Winding Road
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:27:13 PM

What, of course masks should be worn!

Since children can't be expected to be consistent about social distancing - for the sake of all, everyone should wear masks. Now that it's known surfaces are secondary factors in transmission masks are the only means we have to slow spreading in close indoor quarters.

Do not rely on your survey results this is not a "pollable" / fungible thing. Do the correct thing and require/supply reusable masks with fun, age-appropriate styles to get buy-in from the students And faculty.

This country (and state) is paralyzed by a failure of example by leadership. I remember Rocky from high school but didn't know him well. Now is definitely a time to lead on this, and I trust he will rise to the occasion.

Thanks for the opportunity to share.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Thomas Diemer
	Address: 2102 Alban Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 11:03:59 AM

Please do not listen to the media and hysteria, cases in Leon County 463 which is a 0.002% with a 99.98% recovery rate. Over a 5 month period!!!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Thomas Graves
	Address: 2650 Clara Kee Blvd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:10:49 AM

As a retail manager who works closely with public here in Tallahassee I implore the commission to require masks in indoor, public spaces.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tiffany Scoma
	Address: 1900 Centre Pointe Blvd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:30:54 PM

I feel these are all important matters for our community:

1. Make masks mandatory, when in public places. Including work places.
2. Help people get their unemployment money
3. Require restaurants, bars, churches and gyms to only have 50% capacity and distance their guests
4. Issue fines to individuals and businesses that aren't compliant
5. Address how the police will be retrained
6. Address how voting will be handled

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tiffany Sweeney
	Address: 600 Victory Garden Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:19:17 PM

I feel as though masks should be optional. We should not control peoples right to put a face cover on. I have asthma and when I have a flare up in store or at work masks are nearly impossible to wear. Although I've been wearing them in public wearing them at work in my kitchen for most of my staff is near impossible. Throughout this time I've gone to several stores where I've watched employees being escorted out from having panic attacks or breathing attacks from these face masks. I'm all for public health and i agree with most everything we've put in place but I do not agree with forcing people to wear coverings over their face. Please re-think as most of these places had a mandatory mask policy as it is.

As far as those issues go, what about gas stations who are asking people not to cover their face? Some people work in high risk places and masks can make it easier for a criminal to get away.

I will continue to wear my mask as my choice but I will not be forced into anything nor should my employees be forced to do it either.

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tiffinni Vining
	Address: 9199 Eagles Ridge Dr Tallahassee Fl 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:39:28 AM

Please allow masks to be voluntary.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tim Proctor
	Address: 1316 Lemond St
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:08:06 PM

I am in support of mandating the use of masks in Leon county to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tim Vaccaro
	Address: 895 Eagle View Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:37:53 PM

Please make face masks mandatory for all Leon County. There is scientific evidence that some carriers of the virus are asymptomatic, and additional evidence shows that wearing masks impedes the spread of the virus.

Despite Covid-19 cases rising dramatically in Florida, the push to reopen schools and the economy continues. Requiring masks is a reasonable compromise to ensure public safety without causing harm to local businesses and employment. It is especially critical for children returning to school in the fall.

My wife is a caregiver for her elderly mother, and we have a son who is in high school. We are deeply concerned about our family's well-being. Requiring masks is not an infringement of personal rights or liberties--it is a matter of public health.

A uniform county policy would simplify matters for everyone.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Timothy Baxter
	Address: 7972 Bernard St.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:36:09 AM

NO to mandatory mask wearing. Could go on and on for reasons. But it comes down to freedom of choice. Encourage, suggest, whatever. Mandatory, NO... if you do this make it mandatory it's illegal to smoke at all in any public area. More people are dying from incidental lung cancer than are dying from Covid. Just stop the panic mongering.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tina Basford
	Address: 2476 Dundee Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:34:09 PM

Mask are essential. Mask create a sense of a barrier and protection especially during a pandemic. My question is why are we not already doing this! It would allow people to function in a semi normal way. As a restraunt employee and a person with a weak immune system, please make thiis mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tina Ellis
	Address: 6675 Kingman Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:38:03 PM

Masks should be required inside ALL establishments including ALL businesses, except for while eating, of course. The only time a mask doesn't need to be worn is while in your own yard and home.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tommy Mills
	Address: 9068 Foxwood Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:05:10 PM

With respect to the topic of mandatory face masks in Leon County, I would ask that evidence, not political leanings, pandering, or your gut feeling would be used to make this decision.

At this current time there is no evidence that supports a full-time mandatory face mask policy. According to the data, Leon County has only had 573 positive coronavirus cases since reporting began (that's over 3 months time). Of which only 53 have resulted in a hospitalization, and while a single death is unfortunate, Leon County has only had 8 deaths related to the virus. There is also only 11 COVID patients between the 2 hospitals in Leon County at this current time.

Thank you for considering the evidence in making this decision.

Respectfully,

Tom Mills

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tony Miller
	Address: 1105 N Monroe St
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 8:18:43 AM

I will not be forced to wear a mask. 1. I carry them with me and wear them places I feel it is needed. 2. I am an adult. 3. How will you enforce this? 4. Why would I wear one around my own family or when everyone else is distanced?
Stop being a fascist nanny.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tonya Herron
	Address: 10553 N. Meridian Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:43:14 PM

I am against a mandate for masks and any potential shut downs.

I have never sent in comments before, but this time I felt I must. I have done some research on the masks and been tracking the numbers of active cases in our county. I don't feel like this should be a political issue, but a common sense issue.

First, both Dr. Fauci and the CDC have said that healthy Americans should NOT wear masks. What it might prevent is minuscule in the damage they can do. If you have an underlying health concern or take care of someone with a health concern, then you should wear a mask and minimize that risk. But the health ones should not.

Secondly, almost 1/10 of Leon County's population has been tested. And of that 1/10th, only 2.5% have tested positive since February/March. Please note that only 200 have tested positive in the last 30 days of the 10,000+ tested. That might seem like a big number, but in the last month we have had days of protests (with no social distancing or masks), a holiday (that people usually travel for) and moving to a new phase (where you can go out and eat, go to the movies, enjoy the pools, opening of the malls, and go to church). Of course the numbers were going to rise. I firmly believe that in another week they will start to fall again.

Thirdly, I heard this but it is common mom sense. The mask is like a band-aid. You use it as a cover to keep the germs out. After a day or two, you take the band-aid off to let the cut breathe. You don't keep it covered, because it will continue to "cook or fester" or prevent the cut from healing right. So if we keep wearing masks and keep our mouths/noses covered, what will the unintended consequences be... higher rates of pneumonia (from not taking care of masks), more divisiveness between those who want masks and those who don't, more spikes (once the masks come off again), and even dragging out of the Covid pandemic?

Finally, what you decide tomorrow will ultimately set guidelines for what type of action will happen when we spike again... in August (Back to School), in October (when kids trick or treat), in November (after thanksgiving) and in January (after the holidays). Are we going to keep going back and forth between wearing a mask and not wearing a mask? There will be spikes. There will be calls from people saying "Your going to kill grandma." There will be COVID. This will not go away by wearing a mask. It will not go away after a vaccine (too many people will not get it.) It will only go away once we have had herd immunity. So why slow this herd immunity by forcing people to wear a mask.

Thank you!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tracee Strohman
	Address: 3970 Calle de Santos TLH, FL 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 2:37:35 PM

Please vote yes for mandatory masks. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tracey Fletcher
	Address: 1421 n duval st 32303
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 12:12:56 PM

Please mandate mask use in the county to lower the risk of an exponential burst of COVID cases. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Traci Campbell
	Address: 3429 Welwyn Way
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 1:05:43 PM

Please make masks mandatory for all public spaces in Tallahassee and Leon County. It's the most responsible and best preventative measure we have to protect our community.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tracie Schneider's
	Address: 1318 Diamond Street
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:07:11 PM

Please DO issue a mandatory mask requirement for Leon County to show that you care about the safety and health of the citizens you represent. As a 65 year old with underlying health risks, it concerns me greatly that so many in our community are not wearing masks. We're currently seeing an increase in cases as businesses reopen and I fear that when school starts back and college students and legislators return to town we'll see an explosion of cases and deaths. It's obvious at this point that many people will not wear them unless it is required. Please - show that you care more about our safety than you care about your popularity or re-electability.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tracy Britton
	Address: 18749 Blountstown Hwy
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:55:06 PM

I am in support of mandatory masks in Leon County.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tracy Brown
	Address: 7508 camero dr 32309
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:59:08 PM

I do believe that students should be required to wear masks if going back to school. Unfortunately the numbers are still rising and this would put in place some safety guards since I do not see them distancing themselves six-feet apart.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Travis McLane
	Address: 8396 Innsbrook Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:59:44 PM

I oppose any requirement for citizens wearing face masks. WHO has stated that wearing masks does very little to protect against COVID. Besides, where does the hysteria end? The survival rate is almost 100% anyway with most folks being asymptotic.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Travis Sparkman
	Address: 6156 Jason Trail; Tallahassee, FL. 32317
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:43:27 PM

While I respect your decision to address the rising COVID numbers, I ask that you take a few things into consideration before ruling on a mandatory mask ordinance.

(1) There are certain jobs that wearing a mask is more hazardous than the virus itself. I own a roofing company and having men wearing a mask on a roof in this heat will lead to higher risk of heat exhaustion, heat stress, and heat stroke. Hospital staff has stated that since people have been wearing masks there has been an increase in lung infections solely from breathing their own bacteria and carbon monoxide.

(2) I'm assuming that with a mandatory ordinance, there will be some form of consequence for those failing to comply with the ordinance.

(3) Once a consequence is established for failing to comply who will be the enforcers of such a failure to comply? Law Enforcement Officers? If so, doesn't this put our LEO's in a position to make more citizen contacts with people that are technically now really committing a criminal offense thus leading to more negative encounters between citizens and LEO's?

I strongly recommend that this mandatory mask policy be reconsidered and make it voluntary. Otherwise, the county is opening itself to a great amount of liability they may not be ready or willing to take on.

These numbers are only rising as a result of more people are doing voluntary testing due to the more readily available and less intrusive tests. Most are asymptomatic and Dr. Fauci and the CDC have already stated that asymptomatic people can not spread the virus. They have also stated that the mask does not stop or slow the spread.

I ask that you please leave this issue alone and let individuals choose what's right for themselves and their businesses.

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Treva Pasquarelli
	Address: 5847 Flintlock Loop
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:20:55 AM

Life, Liberty, and the pursuit of Happiness

Liberty: the state of being free within society from oppressive restrictions imposed by authority on one's way of life, behavior, or political views.

I believe that the people should decide what's best for themselves. Everyone's immune system is different and those who are at risk should do their best to protect themselves. We all weigh our risks on a daily basis, whether it be parking in a safe spot or locking our homes at night. And we all do this on our own accord. Our health should be treated the same. The government should not play a role in these decisions.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tricia Elton
	Address: 2005 Seminole Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/20/2020 3:42:42 PM

Please require mask wearing to help limit the spread of COVID-19.

I'm a high risk resident and would appreciate this move to protect myself and my fellow citizens.

I'm sure you have seen studies coming out indicating this is an effective strategy, and that more counties are moving in this direction.

Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: trina searcy
	Address: 9995 Buck Point Rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:56:59 PM

Please don't force people to wear masks in public.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Troy Bissonette
	Address: 2000 North Meridian Road, Apt. 198
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:52:18 PM

It's crazy that this even needs to be discussed. The inconvenience of wearing a mask is soooo low compare with the reward of not killing people, that this should be a no brainer. I will be severely disappointed in the commission if masks are not made mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tyler Dearing
	Address: 1518 Lake Ave.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 9:56:10 PM

At the beginning of this global outbreak, I wanted to trust and rely on the federal government to give factual and effective guidance on how we as individuals and as a nation can help to combat this. It quickly became overwhelming clear that our nation's leadership lacks the ability to give proper guidance (ex: suggesting we all drink Bleach and inject the sun into our bodies). At this point I turned to my state of Florida leadership, but unfortunately it was simply only following the same inept and incompetent suggestions of the federal government. This leaves me to my local city and county leaders...YOU!!! I need to know and see that the people in charge around my immediate area are creating the most effective (simple or complex) plans and actions to combat this deadly virus. I have yet to have a friend or loved one die from Covid-19, however, I see so many people not following even the simplest step of wearing a mask, that I know it is only a matter of time before I have to suffer the loss of some dear to me. Please, for my safety and yours, use this recent spike to put into place a mandatory mask policy. I am traveling back from a required work trip and having seen the coverage of what it is like back in Tallahassee, I am scared to come back to the place I call home.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tyler Smith
	Address: 675 w Pensacola st
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 8:55:59 AM

As a nurse, Implementing masks will not work. It pointless to try to implement such a policy. It's not realistic to wear a mask in the heat you can't breathe in the **REDACTED**

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Tyson Murray
	Address: 430 Fairbanks Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:09:59 PM

Please mandate everyone wear mask. The spike is only the beginning if we don't take steps to stop this...

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Val Barton
	Address: 1305 Elwell Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 2:24:06 PM

I wholly support requiring masks to be worn inside of businesses and public buildings

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Valeria Suarez
	Address: 1575 Paul Russell Road
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 11:24:28 AM

Make masks mandatory.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Valerie Goodwin
	Address: 1700 Kathryn Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:17:11 PM

We want to live.
We want to thrive.
We want to recognize facts and science.
We must mandate social distancing and use of masks in our county.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Valerie Redfearn
	Address: 194deer run rd
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:53:31 AM

Please require masks be worn when doing any interaction with people outside their home.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Vamsidhar Mullangi
	Address: 3448 Gentle Wind Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:45:06 PM

Now that we opened FL and welcomed our Guest Corona , its time to show some respect to ur guest by wearing Masks. I would say we should mandata people wearing masks. Some say it won't stop , but it may prevent to some extent

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Vamsidhar Mullangi
	Address: 3448 Gentle Wind Way
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 11:19:22 AM

Dear officers,,

I am sure you are considering all the aspects before you open the school for kids.

The main concern I have here is, No one knows how this virus is spreading.

CDC , WHO are giving contradictory statements, they themselves are not clear.

Recently in FL we saw a surge of cases including our LEON County.

Now, this virus is effecting younger kids a lot. If one kid gets this virus at school it will likely spread rapidly.

Considering this I recommend not opening the school until we get a vaccination or the curve gets flattened.

Thanks

Vamsi

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Vanessa Chism
	Address: 3294 Salinger Way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:53:08 PM

I would like my opinion that mandatory mask not be mandated for Leon County known for this special meeting. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Vanessa Pinto
	Address: 4713 Tory Sound Ln.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:14:18 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I would urge you to vote 'yes' to making mask-wearing mandatory for indoor spaces in Leon County. The sudden rise in positive cases, especially in our younger citizens, is alarming. Many of them may be spreading this virus unknowingly, as they are asymptomatic.

While I would like to believe people would choose to wear masks and practice social-distancing to help their community stay safe, that is, sadly, not the case.

Regards,

Vanessa Pinto

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Vanessa Rowse
	Address: 2768 Chumleigh Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:54:31 PM

I am in favor of requiring masks in public. This is the best way to help control the spread AND keep businesses open. Business owners need a unified approach that keeps them from being the punching bag on this issue... they have enough to deal with and should not have to be the ones making this decision. Thanks for all you do!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Veronica Fleury
	Address: 3435 Lakeshore Dr, Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:41:53 PM

Everyone should wear masks in public areas in compliance with CDC recommendations.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Vicki Kaufman
	Address: 3559 Velda Oaks Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 4:06:50 PM

Please follow science - not politics- & require masks to be worn at all times in public. Also, include strict enforcement measures so that we can stop the spread of this virus. Thank you.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Vickie Goodman
	Address: 2800 Palafox Lane
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 8:46:59 AM

You have a responsibility to protect the public not matter how difficult the decision may be. Here are the basic counter points to those refusing to do something as simple and personally harmless as wearing a mask:

RETIRED SURGEON Sam Laucks, has this to say about wearing masks:

“OK, here’s my rant about masks:

I have spent the past 39 years working in the field of surgery. For a significant part of that time, I have worn a mask. I have worked with hundreds (probably thousands) of colleagues during those years, who have also worn masks. Not a single one us of became ill, passed out or died from lack of oxygen. Not a single one of us became ill, passed out or died from breathing too much carbon dioxide. Not a single one us of became ill, passed out or died from rebreathing a little of our own exhaled air. Let’s begin here by putting those scare tactics to rest!

(It is true that some people, with advanced lung diseases, may be so fragile that a mask could make their already-tenuous breathing more difficult. If your lungs are that bad, you probably shouldn’t be going out in public at the present time anyway; the consequences if you are exposed to Covid-19 would likely be devastating.)

~ “But”, you ask, “can’t viruses go right through the mask, because they are so small?” (“Masks keep viruses out just as well as a chain link fence keeps mosquitoes out,” some tell us.) It is true that individual virus particles can pass through the pores of a mask; however, viruses don’t move on their own. They do not fly across the room like a mosquito, wiggle through your mask like a worm, or fly up your nose like a gnat. The virus is essentially nothing more than a tiny blob of genetic material. Covid-19 travels in a CARRIER – the carrier is a fluid droplet- fluid droplets that you expel when you cough, sneeze, sing, laugh, talk or simply exhale. Most of your fluid droplets will be stopped from entering the air in the room if you are wearing a mask. Wearing a mask is a very efficient way to protect others if you are carrying the virus (even if you don’t know that you are infected). In addition, if someone else’s fluid droplets happen to land on your mask, many of them will not pass through. This gives the wearer some additional protection, too. But, the main reason to wear a mask is to PROTECT OTHERS. Even if you don’t care about yourself, wear your mask to protect your neighbors, co-workers and friends!

~ A mask is certainly not 100% protective. However, it appears that the severity of Covid-19 infection is at least partially “dose-dependent.” In other words, the more virus particles that enter your body, the sicker you are likely to become. Why not decrease that volume if you can? “What have you got to lose?!”

~ “But doesn’t a requirement or a request to wear a mask violate my constitutional rights?” You’re also not allowed to go into the grocery store if you are not wearing pants. You can’t yell “fire” in the Produce Department. You’re not allowed to urinate on the floor in the Frozen Food Section. Do you object to those restrictions? Rules, established for the common good, are component of a civilized society.

~ “But aren’t masks uncomfortable?” Some would say that underwear or shoes can be uncomfortable, but we still wear them. (Actually, being on a ventilator is pretty darned uncomfortable, too!) Are masks really so bad that you can’t tolerate them, even if they will help keep others healthy?

~ “But won’t people think I’m a snowflake or a wimp if I wear a mask?” I hope you have enough self-confidence to overcome that.

~ “But won’t I look stupid if I wear a mask?” I’ve decided not to dignify that question with an answer!! 📷 :)

~ “But I never get sick; I’m not worried.” Well, then, wear a mask for the sake of the rest of us who are not so perfect!

There is good evidence that masks make a real difference in diminishing the transmission of Covid-19. Please, for the sake of others (and for the sake of yourself), wear your mask when in public.

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Special Meeting	Name: Victoria Mathews
	Address: 5160 Wild Rose Way Tallahassee Fl 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 10:22:07 AM

I wanted to voice my support for as mask ordinance in Leon county. This is a public health issue - not a political one. The increase in cases that we are seeing throughout Florida and in Leon county is alarming. While I would hope that our fellow citizens would wear masks because it's the right thing to do - from my observations this isn't happening. Leon county had seemed to be doing a good job with voluntary mask wearing but that seemed to change after we began reopening. While the spike in cases is currently in the younger demographic- there is only small amount of time before that demographic spreads it to their parents, grandparents and other more at risk demographic through work or visiting stores. I think we need to act now before this gets out of control. I wish people would just do the right thing on their own- but that does not seem to be happening.

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Special Meeting	Name: Vincenza Berardo
	Address: 803 Timberview Dr
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 7:57:51 PM

Yes absolutely there should be a mandatory mask ordinance in this city given what we know about COVID-19 and the efficacy of masks in reducing transmission, and given that our governor isn't doing anything to interrupt the current spike in cases.

The only thing I would add to this is that there should be exceptions for people based on disability/medical conditions in accordance with ADA regulations. We can do this without being ableist. This doesn't mean letting people go into shops without masks all they want--alternatives like businesses providing personal shoppers, &c are perfectly adequate.

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Special Meeting	Name: Virginia Raker
	Address: 8311 Mattie Court
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 1:44:10 PM

Leon County residents should not be required to wear masks.

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Special Meeting	Name: Virlindia Doss
	Address: 6376 Mary Lake Ct.
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:03:08 PM

Please enact a requirement to wear masks. My husband is over 70 and has an underlying health condition. Few people are wearing masks these days, and as a result, we feel unsafe going out, and are more isolated than ever.

It's not just a matter of caring for the vulnerable--it makes economic sense. I and many others like me are comfortably retired. We have money to spend, and if people were wearing masks, we'd feel safe enough to go out and spend it. I'd love to go back to the mall, and otherwise take advantage of the "reopening"; please make it safe for me to do so!

Virlindia Doss

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Special Meeting	Name: Vivian Deyo
	Address: 827 Ingleside Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:50:11 PM

Please make wearing masks mandatory in Leon County. People not wearing masks are putting everyone else (and themselves) at risk of getting COVID-19. Especially as there are increasing upticks in Leon County and all of Florida. Wearing a scrap of fabric on your face is not that hard and if it could save lives it's really not that much of a sacrifice (seriously, this is a no-brainer). And suggest bars and restaurants keep dining rooms closed since that's where a lot of new cases are being spread.

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Special Meeting	Name: Vivian Morafates
	Address: 1189 Greensward Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:37:35 PM

Do not make masks mandatory. I want to be free to choose to wear one or not depending on the situation. Especially in this heat now, wearing one all the time will be dangerous.

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Special Meeting	Name: Wallace Beall
	Address: 442 Lacy Woods Court
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:51:08 PM

I would like to see a commitment for stronger COVID 19 health security measures. Require a mask in public.

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Special Meeting	Name: Warren Hess
	Address: 2015 Wahalaw Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:01:41 PM

The cases in Florida are spiking. Yesterday was over 4k cases. It is a no brainier to enforce masks in public. The inaction and discourse on this topic is literally killing thousands of people.

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Special Meeting	Name: Wendy Halleck
	Address: 852 Maderia Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:23:11 PM

I strongly support a policy that requires our citizens to wear masks in public places of business. I would like to see the mask policy extend not just to retail but to office settings.

If there is ever a time for a mask policy, it is now during a global pandemic where the scientific evidence has clearly shown that mutual mask wearing is an effective way to minimize the spread of Covid -19.

I think mask wearing is not just a health issue but an economic issue at this time.

There has been too much of a burden for individual businesses to try to manage safety and also concern about losing customers. If masks are required by law, it takes the burden off the individual business owner and encourages the greater community to more safely be encouraged to shop and revive the economy. Mask policy now for indoor spaces and recommended for outside use when social distancing is challenging.

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Special Meeting	Name: Wendy Morgan
	Address: 1120 Clark Ave
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:40:01 PM

I absolutely believe there should be a mandatory mask requirement, and it would be a big mistake not to implement this.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: whitley williams
	Address: 1506 keily run
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:58:31 PM

Students should take a distance learning from home because its still high cases of covid and I don't want to take any chances with my child

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Whitney McCune
	Address: 2608 Byron Cir
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 3:20:23 PM

Please vote to make wearing face masks in public mandatory. Too many peoe are not wearing masks and are also not respecting distance in stores. I wear a mask, but that does not protect me as much as others wearing one.

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Special Meeting	Name: Will Hadden
	Address: 4898 Planters Ridge Dr.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:04:20 PM

Make masks mandatory

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Special Meeting	Name: William Burke
	Address: 1501 Hasosaw Nene
	Date Submitted: 6/23/2020 8:20:08 AM

Mandatory masks and start massive testing at sites like the fairgrounds. There's a growing need in the population and the current miniscule testing is a disgrace. Quit talking and take action.

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Special Meeting	Name: William Geiger
	Address: 2475 Goldenrod way
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:19:37 PM

My family and I will not wear a mask. It is unconstitutional for you to require American citizens to wear masks. There is little scientific evidence that homemade mask of any kind of actually work to prevent the virus from spreading. Unless you were going to provide medical grade mask to every citizen Leon County the efforts are futile.

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Special Meeting	Name: William Kaufman, MD
	Address: 3559 Velda Oaks Cir
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:24:34 PM

For the safety of all in our community, please require masks to be worn in all public places, retail stores, grocery stores etc. And importantly provide for strict enforcement.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: William Leparulo jr
	Address: 3074 governors court drive Tallahassee FL 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:50:12 PM

Please make masks a must. This is not a political issue but a public health issue.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: William Thompson
	Address: 5610 Longknife Ctt
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 5:05:39 PM

The least offensive measure anyone can take during the coronavirus is wearing a mask. It protects you and others that you may come in contact with. It is inexpensive and proven as a preventative measure. Save your fellow Americans, wear a mask.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Wills Flowers
	Address: 3250 Apollo Tr.
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 6:45:07 PM

The County Commission must vote to make face masks mandatory. The premature reopening of businesses and the laissez-faire attitude about taking precautions on the part of state government has resulted in an uncontrolled increase in new COVID cases. If the Commission fails to enact a mask ordinance, it will be a similar prima facie case of public officials violating public safety. In such a case, citizens at risk (of which I am one) might be motivated to investigate legal remedies.

Sincerely,
Wills Flowers

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Special Meeting	Name: Winston Cunningham
	Address: 3700 Capital Circle South East
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 1:51:19 PM

Please, please, make masks mandatory in Leon County. My workplace currently does not require them, which means that I am unable to work, as I'm at risk. Masks and social distancing greatly reduce chance of infection, which would allow me to work again, and pay my rent not out of savings.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Xiaoling Qin
	Address: 4661 Nesting Trail
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:14:31 PM

“WEAR FACE MASK IN PUBLIC”
PLEASE MAKE IT MANDANTORY! PLEASE!!

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: xinhua zhang
	Address: 4420 Stratfordshire Ct
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:53:33 PM

Please make Wearing MASK in Public Mandatory!! It's very helpful to control the Virus spread.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Yue Shi
	Address: 661 Eagle View Circle
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 4:54:26 PM

Mask must be required in public area because Cov-19. It is very dangerous and very bad situation in Tallahassee Florida now.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Zack Stoffers
	Address: 600 Victory Garden Dr Apt K88, Tallahassee, FL 32301
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 5:40:57 PM

It wasn't the first wave of the Spanish Flu that killed the most people, it was the SECOND wave. People are putting politics and stupidity above their health. Want a haircut? Grab some scissors and do it yourself or buy a buzzer online and watch a YouTube video on how to do it. Want to hang out with your friends? Video call. It's called adjusting. The greatest generation sacrificed everything for war: food, materials, time and effort. The least we as a society can do is try to emulate them.

I wear a mask because if the experts are correct,. I could potentially prevent someone from getting sick and dying. If the experts are wrong, the most I'm out is the inconvenience of wearing a piece of fabric on my face. I often wonder who raised you psychopaths who complain about wearing a mask.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Zaida Kidane
	Address: 1557 San Luis rd
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 3:18:30 PM

Please enforce people to wear masks!! I have lived in Tallahassee for years and have asthma.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Zan Kio
	Address: 1269 Breckenridge Run Tallahassee, Florida 32311
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 10:39:11 PM

I am a lifelong Tallahassee resident. I am a quadriplegic from birth and consider myself in the high-risk category if I were to catch the Coronavirus. I am religious about wearing my mask anytime I am within at least 10 feet of anyone but my husband (we have no children). My husband is also in the high-risk category because he is a type 1 diabetic, he has a tracheotomy, and he has facial deformities which makes wearing a mask nearly ineffective (due to him having no nose structure, so a mask cannot effectively cover his nose opening), but he still wears one that I designed and made just for him.

We both are actually healthy people, rarely getting sick. However, we both would likely end up hospitalized with respiratory issues should we get infected. We both are fairly knowledgeable about the medical information coming out about the ways to prevent the spread of this virus, and although the masks don't stop the risk 100%, it greatly reduces it.

We both have been self isolating now since March 13th. We saw the decline in numbers while a good part of the state and country was locked down, and now that things have opened back up (WAY TOO EARLY in our opinion) the numbers are skyrocketing.

We miss going out. We miss seeing our friends and family. We are both members of the Mickee Faust Club and miss creating live shows in our theater. There have been other parts of the world that have transitioned to a "new normal" while wearing masks and are showing to be successful. Can we at least try it? It can't do us any harm, and SOMETHING has to be done.

In all seriousness, please consider requiring mask wearing in public. It's obvious that everyone can't be responsible enough to do it on their own. Just look at the numbers.

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Special Meeting	Name: Zan Walker
	Address: 416 Westwood Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 12:51:43 PM

As a local business owner, we are wearing masks inside our retail store and encourage others to wear one too. We are not turning people away if they are not wearing a mask. We are getting awful comments and conversations from both sides - because we ARE wearing masks and because we are NOT MAKING people wear masks in our store. It would be better if the City/County officials could make it mandatory so that we do not get threatened every day we are open. We are only open a few hours a day due to Covid-19 and are following all the CDC guidelines plus even more cleaning procedures. I know your decision is difficult. Please help the local businesses by making a decision.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Zandra Wostel
	Address: 469 Meadow Ridge Drive
	Date Submitted: 6/21/2020 9:50:07 PM

Masks should be mandatory as long as COVID19 is still around. I have autoimmune issues and one of them is affecting my lungs. I wear a mask every time I go out. I don't have COVID but if someone does and they aren't wearing a mask, then it jeopardizes my health and others health. We might have less cases if everyone wears a mask. It needs to be mandatory for the health of the public and those with health issues.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Zhihong Liao
	Address: 2471 Goldenrod Way
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:43:50 PM

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Special Meeting	Name: Zoe Schroder
	Address: 1600 Pullen Road Apt 11J
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:25:24 AM

I fully support the ordinance of wearing a mask while indoors. It is disappointing to go to a store and see only 20% of the customers/workers wearing masks. I am doing my part to protect others yet that same courtesy is not bestowed upon me. If everyone wore masks, the risk of transmission would go down significantly.

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Special Meeting	Name: Zoe Tribley
	Address: 1138 Green Hill Trace
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 7:55:05 PM

I am a Tallahassee citizen who uses a mask everywhere I go and it's most frustrating when other people everywhere from Publix all the way to the small local seafood store Southern Seafood are not wearing masks, touching their faces, then touching the doors, and coughing and sneezing right in front of me. There needs to be stronger enforcement of covid19 spread prevention methodologies. The spread is only going to get worse and when the second wave comes, those who selfishly did nothing to protect other people from their own germs and possible virus transmission are going to be even angrier at enforcement of disease control later down the road. We have to have enforcement NOW to slow down the spread of the virus but also to make wearing masks and following cdc guidelines more habitualized so it is not a problem later on when the virus is much worse. Do something.

Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

Special Meeting	Name: Zugui Wang
	Address: 2609 Antietam trail, Tallahassee, FL 32312
	Date Submitted: 6/22/2020 6:37:56 PM

Wear masks in public