

# Citizen Comments for the June 23, 2020 Meeting Agenda

(Received after the 8:00 p.m. June 22<sup>nd</sup> deadline  
and before the 3 p.m. meeting on June 23<sup>rd</sup>)

# Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

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..

## Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

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

# Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

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

## Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

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.

## Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

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.

## 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: 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: 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: 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 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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 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: 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: 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: 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: 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



# 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: 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

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: 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: 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: 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.

## 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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 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: 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: 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: 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: 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 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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: 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.

## Board of County Commissioners, June 23, 2020 Citizen Comments

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.