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Assembly

Subject:

Proposed face mask mandate

I support the call from the Petersburg Assembly to ask everyone to wear a face mask at this time. Considering we've just had a new case of Covid-19 identified in our community, it's a timely reminder that while we are on an island with limited access, we are not immune to the potential effects from this virus.

There is no vaccine for this virus and there may not be one until sometime next year. The community is facing exposure as people show up to their jobs on fishing boats or canaries for the season. Both my wife and I fall into the high risk category for this virus as we are over 65 and have medical conditions that could accelerate the effects. While we continue to minimize our exposure by limiting trips to town and covering our faces, we've seen others who are not covering their faces or physically distancing themselves from each other. It gives us some concern given the potential threat of what this virus could do in our community.

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