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From: Karl Hagerman <hagerman92@gci.net>
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To: Assembly
Subject: Mandatory Masking Mandate

Hi,

We are in support of a two-week masking mandate. We do not believe this is too much to ask or infringing on people's rights as it is a matter of public health. Alaska and its communities are behind the Covid-19 virus progression schedule compared to the Lower 48. This is our advantage and we need to continue to utilize that advantage to keep our community safe. We have limited resources here and a wide spread contamination would be catastrophic.

We support our community leaders who are immersed in teleconferences and addressing the situation and our community's strengths and weaknesses. If this is what they recommend, then I trust the people in the actual "know" much more than the local resident who isn't in charge. If every resident, put themselves in the position of actually being responsible for the approximately 3,000 people who live here, I believe they would err on the side of caution.

It is a simple thing to do to assist in stopping the spread. Some people will only comply if it is a mandate and this might be the assistance employers need to get employees to wear them. I have been in the store once in the last 4 weeks and was disturbed to see the number of employees working at H&W who were not wearing masks or wearing them only over their chins. These are the people who should be masking as they are stocking our shelves and shopping for those trying to adhere to the shelter in place. In picking up my groceries curbside, one employee has loaded my groceries in the car not wearing a mask and eating something at the same time.

We wear masks because:

- We love our community,
- We support the health care worker who is working who is diabetic, pregnant or has another high risk health complication,
- It is a simple thing to do keep people safe,
- It is an easy thing to do to keep our community healthy,
- It is a way to give back to our community,
- We believe in our community leaders,
- We support our healthcare providers,
- It doesn't hurt anyone to wear a mask,
- Science says it is the smart thing to do,
- We want to protect YOU,
- We dislike funerals,
- To protect those with unknown health complications, and
- To protect those residents in Long Term Care which is a wing of our hospital.

You can look at all kinds of statistics, but the fact remains that there are a lot of unknowns about this virus and its affects on people on down the road. And unless you are comparing the exact same variables in statistics, ~~than any spreadsheet explaining the low chances of a huge outbreak here are completely invalid.~~

Please be smart about protecting our community. We have a chance to keep this virus from spreading quickly and avoiding drastic health implications for our residents and healthcare facilities. The proposed mandate is only for two-weeks.

Please support our community leaders who have been working tirelessly 7 days a week 10-12 hours day. They've stepped up to the challenge and it is your turn to support them as they are under personal attacks in emails and Facebook posts for positions that they have been appointed to in order to keep our community safe.

Thank you,

Robyn and Tatum Hagerman

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