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Subject: Mask Mandate

Council members,
I am not in favor of a mask mandate for several reasons.

1. Last week PMC officials stated that Petersburg has been doing a great job at slowing the spread, and that we should continue to do what we've been doing. If that's true, why yet another mandate? The status quo is already working.
2. There are several states similar to ours in population density, who do not have shelter in place or mask mandates. These states also have low Covid case numbers and death rates (some lower than us). This is a good indicator that the spread has more to do with population density and overall geography than it has to do with stringent mitigation measures.
3. Many people can't wear masks due to various reasons. Two members of our own family feel claustrophobic and anxious with a mask on, I know others who have expressed the same worries. Do we now need to see a medical professional and get a waiver? Our rights are being stripped thoroughly and quickly in an unjustified manner. Look around the state to our fellow Alaskans, there is not one hospital that is overrun and scrambling with Covid cases, even WITHOUT mask mandates.
4. We keep hearing that a mask is to keep others safe. This is an overstatement. If an individual would like to truly remain safe from the virus, there is always the option of staying home. If that's not possible they should certainly maintain social distance, not touch their face, super boost their immune system and of course wash their hands. Taking responsibility for ourselves will go a long way in restoring both the mental health and the economy of our community.

Thank you for your time and consideration, Tausha Sperl.

Sent from my iPhone
