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I'm in support of a face covering mandate. After closely reading (over the last month +) about the spread of this virus, a lot has changed about what we know. The one thing that really has not changed is it is very contagious.

The problem with this outbreak is the varied perception of information from reputable sources. For example, the CDC recommends being 6 feet apart but the WHO recommends 3 feet apart. They're different, but both recommend distance.

Here's where it gets tricky.... the WHO isn't recommending wearing masks for protection. The CDC is recommending wearing masks to limit the spread of the wearer. These are not counter arguments, and that causes confusion. The CDC is looking at it as "wear a mask, save everyone from my germs." Rather than, "Wear a mask, protect myself." The WHO hasn't addressed face coverings/ masks as a way to take personal responsibility of germs.

These face coverings are not PPE (and not qualified). It's Public Protection Equipment: heard immunity without being able to vaccinate. I support taking personal responsibility of my own germs. There are too many out there, still working, possibly being exposed (80% (WHO) can be mild or asymptomatic... that means 4 folks, currently could be running around town, spreading this virus without knowing it)... and many out there are more self centric to the point of not wearing a face covering if it doesn't directly help themselves (UGH).

THANKS!
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