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From: Bob Martin <bobwmartin@yahoo.com>
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Dear Mayor and Assembly,

You have some big Covid decisions to make and I don't envy the position you are in. On the Harbor Facilities Health Mandate #5, I'm fine with the extension. On Intrastate Travel Mandate #9, I am in strong support given the way Alaska has become just as hot as most other states and the numbers are going further in the wrong direction outside of Petersburg.

On the Face Coverings Mandate, I have been mildly against this - not because of my own opposition but due to fierce opposition from a substantial slice of the community. I'm on the fence now because the trend is definitely more alarming than in September. I think I would prefer to see a threshold set for the number of active local community-spread cases or a number of hospitalizations that would trigger the mandate. I'm not sure we need it yet, and I'm not sure it will have much effect on an unwilling percentage of the population for whom the issue has become wrapped up in a political cause. Both of these reservations could quickly change with increasing cases and hospitalizations.

So on #8, I prefer No, but please set a threshold that would cause you to immediately have an emergency meeting to reconsider the mandate. Thanks for serving!

-Bob Martin