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Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2022 5:45 PM
To: Lisa Enourato
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From: chris campbell <1luckybulldog@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 4:10:05 PM
To: Amanda Breen <ABreen@ketchumidaho.org>
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From: Jodi Sanders <jodisanders83353@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 5, 2022 2:58:06 PM
To: Amanda Breen <ABreen@ketchumidaho.org>
Subject:

Hi Amanda. You were so kind to listen to my voice a few weeks ago. So I hope you will take my words into consideration for the council meeting this week. I am away visiting family so cannot attend but I'm hoping that calmer minds will prevail. The fear mongering surrounding masks has been so destructive and divisive. I hope that the council will consider rescinding the mandate given the latest data from doctors and researchers more brilliant than any of the experts in our little county (or state). As you know, if we are not going to wear an N95 mask, there is absolutely no point in wearing masks of any other kind. We must get over this insanity and take a step to regain some of what our life was two years ago.

Thank you for your patience and for listening. I hope the meeting goes well and that the council gives this matter the seriousness it deserves, unlike what happened in Sun Valley.

Jodi Sanders

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From: Amanda Breen
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 9:19 AM
To: Lisa Enourato
Subject: Fwd: Mask mandate

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From: Leah Merklingshaus <leahmerk@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 6, 2022 8:07:36 AM
To: Amanda Breen <ABreen@ketchumidaho.org>
Subject: Mask mandate

I urge you to PLEASE STOP the current mask mandate. Not only are they ineffective but they are a form of shaming our guests that visit our town.

Many of our tourists that visit have been scolded, shamed, and even had their pictures taken by local businesses.

It's time to STOP the insanity of this nonsense.

Let's get back to the friendly, welcoming ski town that we once were.

If businesses and guests want to wear masks or require masks that decision should be left up to them.

Thank you for making the best decision for our community by NO MORE MANDATES.

Thanks

Leah Merklingshaus
Moon Shine Boutique

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From: Amanda Breen
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 9:13 AM
To: Lisa Enourato
Subject: Fw: Mask Mandates

Public comment

From: Mary Ford <mfamsie@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 8:44 AM
To: Amanda Breen <ABreen@ketchumidaho.org>
Subject: Mask Mandates

This is a long talking point email, but substantiates the lack of true science behind your draconian measures to control our city of Ketchum. We know masks don't work except in the minds of fearful people...people whose fears originate from people like our "elected" officials. If, in fact they did work we would never have the (as you state it) overwhelming outbreaks we have had. It is time to face the truth and let us live our lives again. If someone continues to want to hide their face, let them;; if they continue to be afraid of their shadows, let them stay isolated. It's time for healthy, mentally and physically, people to live again. Get rid of the masks!

Mary Ford, Ketchum

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Thank you!!

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From: Michelle Duffield <mlduffield@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 03, 2022 6:17 PM
To: Participate; Neil Bradshaw
Subject: 88% community infection rate - Masks should now be optional - PLEASE

As a voting citizen of Ketchum, I need my voice to be heard in saying masks in our community should be optional for those that feel vulnerable.

We have met our obligations of keeping our neighbors and community safe by wearing masks, social distancing and getting vaccinated. According to signs currently posted in St. Luke's, Ketchum emergency room, 88% of our community has been infected.

This city did an excellent job of shepherding its citizens through a scary threat. We trusted our city government and were willing to comply. Now that Covid is an epidemic, it is time to move on. It makes no sense that we've all had Covid, we can drive to Carey and Fairfield and Twin Falls and Boise and no one is wearing masks. Please don't force your citizens into non-compliance because of bureaucratic rules that don't make any sense.

Our health care providers are heroes. I'm sorry they are soldiers in this war and they are the ones that have sacrificed the most. I hope their burden is eased soon. Wearing masks in Ketchum will not help ease their burden. We all know the unvaccinated getting vaccinated is what will help. Please don't punish those of us that met our obligations. Mask wearing is now a burden because it isn't helping anyone. It is especially infuriating when I walk into our Ketchum police station and no-one is wearing a mask and the officer scoffs when he can't hear me because I'm wearing a mask. And I'm NOT infuriated with the officer. I'm infuriated with the nonsensical leadership.

Masks mandates in Ketchum need to end. If my fellow citizens feels vulnerable, they can wear a mask or stay home.

Thank you for your consideration.
Michelle Duffield

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From: James Hungelmann <jim.hungelmann@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, February 04, 2022 3:38 AM
To: James Hungelmann
Subject: Fwd: CALL FOR RESCISSION OF MASKING ORDERS IN IDAHO COURTS
Attachments: covid S Ct issues feb 3 2022 .pdf

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This paper challenges as seriously illegal and unconstitutional the “covid-justified” masking and social distancing Orders in effect for proceedings in Idaho state courts and calls for their immediate rescission.

I

The Idaho Supreme Court has adopted as established fact a “core covid narrative” that has never been established by evidence in a court of law.

Since early 2020, Idaho courts have imposed “covid measures” of masking, distancing and gathering limitations based on the Idaho Supreme Court’s own express adoption, without any evidentiary showing in any Idaho courtroom, of what should be regarded as a “core covid narrative”, i.e.,

1. that there is a “covid-19” coronavirus with many possible variants that cause “covid disease”;
2. that the disease is spreading through communities as a result of person-to-person “contagion”;
3. that covid testing and State Department of Health and Welfare officially reported “incidence rates” and “moving averages” are meaningful and accurate;
4. that what are being reported as “covid symptoms” and ‘covid casualties’ are caused principally by covid-19 and its many claimed variants and not in any significant way by any other factors worthy of investigation;
5. that community spread of covid creates a significant health and safety risk to the public accessing Idaho courts, to court personnel, and to participants in court proceedings;

6. that masking and distancing are safe and effective measures to mitigate the spread of covid; and,
7. that covid vaccines reduce the spread and risk of covid disease in the community.

See for example,

<https://isc.idaho.gov/EO/CERTIFIED-042220-Emergency-Reduction-Order.pdf>

<https://www.co.blaine.id.us/DocumentCenter/View/17413/Idaho-Supreme-Court-Order-September-22-2021-Re-Emergency-Order-Regarding-Court-Services>

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As is becoming increasingly clear from all pronouncements from afar, from entities like WHO and CDC who have no accountability or jurisdictional authority in Idaho and yet whose dictates have been adopted and imposed by government in Idaho seemingly without hesitation, on virtually all Idahoans, we can expect that core narrative to expand: There will be strain after new strain of covid and more, requiring new experimental vaccines after booster vaccines, each with partial coverage, not quite sufficient (so the story will go) to repair the disintegrating human organism compromised by masking and multiple injections.

II

A strong dissenting view in Idaho professionally disputes every aspect of that Core covid Narrative.

This core covid narrative has been pushed unchallenged by the mainstream media and seemingly accepted as accurate by much of the public. However, increasing numbers of highly credentialed and independent scientific and medical professionals in Idaho and elsewhere resolutely dispute every aspect of that narrative and its many offshoots, including especially the notions that ‘covid is here to stay’ and that masking and experimental vaccines and ongoing boosters are essential health security measures for everyone.

This “expert” dissenting view insists that not one aspect of the core covid narrative holds up to courtroom evidentiary scrutiny, and further, that

- a. Casualty rates for covid “infections” and deaths as announced by the CDC and the Idaho State Department of Health and Welfare are wildly manipulated and overstated and have no relationship with reality.
- b. Much if not all of the medical testing, treatments and therapeutics for covid symptoms has been seriously flawed if not completely false and fraudulent, of absolutely no value and in many cases seriously aggravating health problems.
- c. None of the immense restrictions on civil liberties imposed by covid Orders around Idaho has been appropriate for protecting health and safety, and in fact has been significantly destructive in causing or contributing to serious mental and physical health problems for all Idahoans including by creating what are called “covid symptoms” and casualties.
- d. Measures like masking, limiting gatherings and social distancing are extremely debilitating to all. Masking destroys not protects physical and mental functioning. Masking cuts oxygen supply and traps carbon dioxide and related toxic exhalation, poisoning the wearer and gravely endangering life and health. The evidence is overwhelming that masks weaken and in time sicken all wearers; cripple physical and mental processes and capabilities; short-circuit and sabotage human potential; and prematurely kill, with illness and death casualties far exceeding those claimed by government to be caused by any virus.
- e. The ever-expanding “covid symptoms” and illness are principally attributable not to a virus but to other causative agents which have been ignored or hidden, including especially 5G wireless EMF radiation.

f. The “approved” covid vaccines are of no health value but instead are exceptionally dangerous, crippling and/or lethal to many. (See detailed discussion in Section X, below.)

III The Court’s adoption of the Core covid Narrative is a unwarranted *de facto* exercise of Judicial Notice

Judicial Notice developed in the common law as a rule of evidence promoting judicial efficiency, whereby a fact may be introduced into evidence simply by court notice, without any evidentiary presentation, if the truth of that fact is so notorious, well known or authoritatively attested that it cannot reasonably be doubted. Judicial notice has been used most frequently for simple, obvious common-sense facts, such as which day of the week corresponded to a particular calendar date, or of federal public laws and treaties, state public laws, and official regulations of both federal and local government agencies. If abused, judicial notice can promote unscientific bias, deprive the courtroom factfinder of the opportunity to decide for itself important contestable facts, and result in grave injustice.

In Idaho, principles of judicial notice from the common law have been codified. The Law of Judicial Notice in Idaho courts is now contained exclusively in Rule 201 of the Idaho Rules of Evidence as adopted in 2018 and amended in January of 2021. IRE 201 provides in pertinent part:

Rule 201. Judicial Notice of Adjudicative Facts.

...
(b) Kinds of Facts That May Be Judicially Noticed. The court may judicially notice *a fact that is not subject to reasonable dispute* because it:
(1) is generally known within the trial court’s territorial jurisdiction; or
(2) can be accurately and readily determined from sources *whose accuracy cannot reasonably be questioned*. [Emphases added.]

In Idaho, a court cannot take judicial notice of common, prevailing views on anything “subject to reasonable dispute” as where there is meaningful “expert” dissent, especially where significant deprivation of liberties and threat to life and health would result, as many experts maintain is the case with masking. As indicated above, there is hot dispute on every aspect of the covid narrative. Considering the constitutional deprivations being wreaked by covid measures like masking (see Section V, below), it is essential for a sane society to ‘question the accuracy’ of the narrative. Consequently, under controlling Idaho law, IRE 201, Judicial Notice of any of the Core covid Narrative and especially the safety and efficacy of masking and may not be taken by any state court in Idaho. [Same with respect to federal courts: The text of Federal Rule of Evidence 201 is identical to IRE 201.]

Today, what chance does a potential litigant have in Idaho courts challenging the legality and constitutionality of masking when the Court has already expressly adopted as true the entire core covid narrative including that masking is safe and effective? Litigation that is destined to fail by virtue of such court “bias” serves only to embed the entire core narrative in the courts and the public consciousness.

IV Idaho courts’ covid orders illegally interfere with constitutionally guaranteed rights to redress grievances and freely access the courts.

It is generally agreed that the US Constitution’s First Amendment right “to petition the government for a redress of grievances” includes a right of court access for the public. Likewise, Article I Section 18 of the Idaho Constitution provides that “**Courts of justice shall be open to every person, and a speedy remedy afforded for every injury of person, property or character, and right and justice shall be administered without sale, denial, delay, or prejudice.**”

Throughout the history of American jurisprudence, “free men” have been able to walk into court unmolested by rules restricting freedoms such as the inalienable, constitutionally protected right to breathe unobstructed. To a litigant, masking is exceptionally depersonalizing and prejudicial, significantly interfering with healthy breathing, interactive speech and cognitive functioning.

V **Idaho Courts’ orders of masking in the courtroom violate constitutional due process.**

The Constitution of the USA, and the constitution of every state in the Union, forbid any governmental entity from depriving fundamental civil liberties unless it accords Due Process to all whom it seeks to deprive: “No one shall be deprived of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law”.

The restrictive measures of masking and distancing implemented in the Idaho courtroom and elsewhere based solely upon judicially noticed facts never established in a court of law have constituted serious and sustained deprivations of constitutionally guaranteed civil liberties, restricting open court access, impairing interaction and speech, and effectively impairing and poisoning breathing. Especially sickening and inexcusable is what masking represents beyond *merely* impairing and poisoning every breath. What is prevalent throughout the history of masking is brutalization, torture, subjugation, perversion, humiliation and enslavement, and with particular victimization of women, racial minorities, the disabled and children.

Constitutional Due Process requires that the following procedures be followed in advance of imposing such serious and unprecedented deprivations of life and liberty:

- a) Formal notice to *all* those sought to be “deprived” and full evidentiary hearing afforded in an impartial tribunal, with full opportunity for the potential “victims” to cross-examine witnesses and to present independent competing evidence;
- b) In such proceeding, the State has the burden of proving by *overwhelmingly convincing evidence the existence of ‘grave imminent danger’ that would warrant the deprivations sought to be imposed; and,*
- c) The emergency measures sought to be imposed must be shown *to be ‘least restrictive’* in terms of adverse impact on civil liberties and for the shortest duration possible commensurate with the threat.

None of these requirements have been provided to anyone required by court orders to be masked in judicial proceedings in Idaho.

VI **Orders of masking in the courtroom illegally exceed the Courts’ limited constitutional and statutory emergency authority.**

A **Nowhere in Idaho law or Constitution is there any express authority to require masking in the courtroom.**

Under the Idaho Constitution and statutes, the occurrence of emergency conditions like a pandemic allows the Supreme Court only to change the location of its Terms – nothing more. Idaho Constitution Article V, Section 8; Idaho Code Section 1-209. The only other basis for authority of courts in emergency conditions is contained in Idaho Court Administrative Rule 48, which allows district courts to order suspension or closure of the court until the immediate threat is ended and safe operations can be restored.

Under the common law doctrine of construction of written law known as *expressio unius est exclusio alterius*, the express empowerment in the law to do one thing alone, like changing the location of Court Terms or allowing court closures, necessarily excludes the authority to do anything else, like orders of social distancing or masking.

B **There is no implied “inherent” Constitutional authority for the Idaho Court to require masking in the courtroom.**

As authority for its masking orders and other covid restrictions, the Idaho Supreme Court has asserted the Constitutional power of the judiciary under Idaho Constitution Article V, Section 2 together with “inherent powers” that allow it to assess the danger and prescribe measures it deems protective, like masking and distancing.

See, for example,

<https://isc.idaho.gov/EO/ISC-Emergency-Order-Ammended.pdf>

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Traditionally, the doctrine of inherent judicial power has been invoked by courts to take actions necessary to fulfill their constitutional functions, even when those actions are not specifically authorized by express constitutional text or legislative statutes. Inherent judicial power is seen to operate as an implicit “necessary and proper” clause to the establishment of the judiciary as an independent and equal branch of government.

While Idaho Code Section 1-212 recognizes and confirms the inherent power of the Supreme Court to make rules governing procedure in all the courts of Idaho, such inherent power may not be construed to effectuate or allow a serious breach of the Constitution, which is exactly what the Idaho Supreme Court has done by mandating measures like masking in the courtroom that significantly threaten “life and liberty” without any constitutionally required due process having been provided to anyone.

Under Idaho law and constitution, all persons are entitled to attend court proceedings without illegal and unwanted obstruction, intrusion or threat, especially anything involving immense deprivations of fundamental rights. If a court believes it has cause to mask up any person, due process requires that the reasons must be clear and convincing and specific to that person.

VII The Idaho Supreme Court’s adoption of the Core covid Narrative amounts to constitutionally impermissible judicial deference to determinations of emergency made by the executive branch of state government.

The story of “community spread” and “rates of incidence” coming from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, adopted as reality without challenge or independent corroboration by the Idaho Supreme Court, dovetails perfectly with the alleged need for emergency powers asserted by the governor. The Department of Health and Welfare is part of the Idaho State Executive Department. Its director reports to the governor in his capacity as senior executive of the Executive Department, such that the uncorroborated pronouncements of emergency conditions made by the subordinate provide justification for the boss’s assertion of emergency powers, which Governor Little has done continuously since March 2020. *Executive empowerment via intra-departmental bootstrapping in this fashion sabotages Idaho law and Constitution and must not be ratified as the Idaho Supreme Court has effectively done by its adoption of the core covid narrative.*

A Constitutional separation of powers

The Idaho Constitution divides powers of the government of the state of Idaho into three distinct departments, the legislative, executive and judicial. No one charged with the exercise of powers belonging to one of these departments may exercise any powers belonging to either of the others, except as the Constitution expressly allows. Article II, Section 1. All the powers of the Idaho governor are found in the Executive Department, in Article IV of the Constitution:

“The supreme executive power of the state is vested in the governor, *who shall see that the laws are faithfully executed.*” Article IV, Section 5 (emphasis added).

Idaho legislative power is vested in the state senate and house of representatives (Article III, Section 1). A governor’s only power with respect to the legislative process is the right to approve as law legislation passed by the Legislature or to reject it by Veto, subject to legislative override. (Article IV, Sections 10 and 11). The Constitution also provides a governor with various specific powers, including to appoint officers (Section 6), to pardon (Section 7), to require official reports (Section 8), and to convene special legislative sessions (Section 9).

The only power of an emergency nature provided to a governor by the Constitution is that of commander-in-chief of the military forces of the state (except when they might be called into actual service of the United States). In such capacity, the governor has power to call out the militia “to execute the laws, to suppress insurrection, or to repel invasion.” Article IV, Section 4. At no point in the Idaho covid crisis has this been invoked.

There are no other powers of an emergency nature prescribed by the Idaho Constitution for a governor. Moreover, a governor has no “inherent power” under the Constitution to protect the people in a manner he sees fit. Under the Idaho and US Constitutions, all rights not expressly given to government are reserved for the people, not for any governor. Idaho Constitution Article I, Section 21; US Constitution Ninth and Tenth Amendments. A governor “protects the people” by abiding by his Constitutionally defined responsibilities – nothing more.

B
Idaho statutory law authorizes limited powers for a governor in an emergency, which limits Governor Little has wildly exceeded.

The Idaho legislature has by legislation seen fit to confer emergency powers upon a governor, in two defined situations. The first is Idaho Code 46-601 et seq., addressing the situation of martial law. In conditions of extreme emergency involving extreme peril to public safety, a governor is given complete authority over all state agencies and the power to issue and enforce rules, regulations and orders he deems necessary to protect persons and property. This statute is consistent with the Constitutional vesting to the governor of Militia Power found in Article IV, Section 4, discussed above.

The only other statutory authority for a governor’s emergency powers is found in the State Disaster Preparedness Act, Idaho Code Section 46-1008. This is the authority claimed by Governor Little in each of his monthly emergency Proclamations from the initial dated March 13, 2020, through the most recent dated January 7, 2021. This Act provides that in rare circumstances of bona fide disaster emergency, a governor may assume considerable dictatorial powers relative to that emergency, *but only for a limited period of time never to exceed 60 days*:

Idaho Code Section 46-1008. THE GOVERNOR AND DISASTER EMERGENCIES.

(1) Under this act, the governor may issue executive orders, proclamations and amend or rescind them. Executive orders and proclamations have the force and effect of law.

(2) A disaster emergency shall be declared by executive order or proclamation of the governor if he finds a disaster has occurred or that the occurrence or the threat thereof is imminent. The state of disaster emergency shall continue until the governor finds that the threat or danger has passed, or the disaster has been dealt with to the extent that emergency conditions no longer exist, and when either or both of these events occur, the governor shall terminate the state of disaster emergency by executive order or proclamation; *provided, however, that no state of disaster emergency may continue for longer than thirty (30) days unless the governor finds that it should be continued for another thirty (30) days or any part thereof.* The legislature by concurrent resolution may terminate a state of disaster emergency at any time. Thereupon, the governor shall issue an executive order or proclamation ending the state of disaster emergency. All executive orders or proclamations issued under this subsection shall indicate the nature of the disaster, the area or areas threatened, the area subject to the proclamation, and the conditions which are causing the disaster. . . . [emphasis added.]

. . .

However, by the following clause appearing in each of his monthly “emergency” Proclamations relative to covid since his first on March 13, 2020., Governor Little has asserted the power to extend emergency powers indefinitely into the future for as long as he in his sole discretion determines the need to do so:

“The state of public health emergency herein described shall exist for a period of thirty days unless terminated, modified or unless extended for thirty-day increments.”

The 30-day ad infinitum extension language appearing in each of these Emergency Proclamations flies in the face of the clear and unambiguous language of Idaho Code Section 46-1008 (2) that allows only one such 30-day extension:

“ . . . [N]o state of disaster emergency may continue for longer than thirty (30) days unless the governor finds that it should be continued for another thirty (30) days or any part thereof. . . ”

In each of his consecutive monthly emergency proclamations extending now over 22 consecutive months, the “state of disaster emergency” is claimed to be the same, i.e., “the occurrence and imminent threat to public health and safety arising from the effects of COVID-19 . . . ”.

Under the law of Idaho, the language of a statute must be given its “plain, usual and ordinary meaning”. Idaho Code Section 73-113. It is wildly disingenuous for anyone to claim that the language of the above-quoted duration clause of the Idaho Disaster Preparedness Act is ambiguous, and that a reasonable and lawful construction of that ambiguity is that a governor’s reign lasts ‘30 days plus 30 days, potentially forever and ever at the governor’s whim’, provided he keeps renewing it with new proclamation every thirty days. An error of this magnitude and blatancy does not happen by accident: This has been intentional overreach, intentional misleading and intentional wrongful usurpation of power by our governor in colleague with our attorney general, in violation and attempted sabotage of very clear statutory and constitutional limitations, in order to perpetuate what has become a tyrannical reign over almost two million Idahoans that has extended almost two years.

Even if this language of the Act were somehow deemed ambiguous, the law requires that statutory ambiguity be resolved in a way that does not infringe on constitutionally protected civil liberties and that is consistent with presumed legislative intent. To allow unending reign by a governor simply upon his ongoing monthly proclamations at his unchallenged whim, relying on reports of emergency from the state health agency that reports directly to him, would plunder the due process constitutional rights of all Idahoans and would amount to a blind delegation of the legislative function to the governor for as long as he alone determines. This construction would effectively abrogate the constitutional role of the legislature to one of powerless bystander, an absurd result that would violate the Distribution of Powers mandate in Article II, Section 1 of the Idaho Constitution.

Consequently, the only appropriate construction of this statutory clause is the common sense, plain language one: A governor’s Disaster Emergency Powers under Idaho law may last ‘30 days plus up to another 30’ – Never More.

In short, the only disaster emergency power an Idaho governor may claim comes from limited legislative allowance, which in the case of the covid -disaster emergency ended no later than May 12, 2020, sixty days after the governor’s initial emergency proclamation dated March 13, 2020. For over twenty months now, Governor Little has been acting *ultra vires*, without any legal authority, in flagrant disregard for Idaho constitutional and statutory law.

VIII

The Idaho Supreme Court’s adoption of the Core covid Narrative has had major societal repercussions

The Idaho Supreme Court tends to be seen by the public as an institution of integrity, wisdom and truth, a rudder for society that serves as a check against constitutional infringements. The general view of the public is that if the Supreme Court has adopted it, it must be true.

The Courts’ Orders of masking in the courtroom have had serious “domino” impact throughout Idaho society. Public meetings throughout Idaho illegally impose masking and restrict in-person attendance, contrary to express dictates of Idaho Open Meeting Law. Idaho Code Section 74-201 et seq. School boards have masked children and teachers with constant messaging of viral threat and pressure to vaccinate. Private employers are wrongfully encouraged by state and local government officials to illegally bar access to customers and employees who for medical or religious reasons cannot tolerate compliance with private business covid masking and/or vaccination mandates. The working class with disproportionate minority makeup is taking the brunt of these private business mandates. The covid narrative interferes with every aspect of our lives, crippling productivity, education, innovation, health and the human spirit even though it has never been established in court by competent evidence.

The most disturbing impact of the courts’ blind adoption of the Executive Department Core covid Narrative is that it has promoted mindless societal acceptance and adaptation to an ever-expanding “reality narrative” dictated by

government that has no support in competent evidence and yet can never be challenged by the public, where government can loosen and tighten restrictions on Inalienable Rights as it sees fit.

Common sense, sanity and the rule of law demand that masking and vaccination should be examined as likely principal causes of sickness and death today. Many scientific and medical experts insist that sustained masking, which by its nature creates an oxygen-deficient and poisoned air supply, is a major contributor to “covid casualties”, i.e., those suffering and dying with “covid-like symptoms”, as well as other devastating illnesses and diseases ranging from viral respiratory infections to seizures, heart attacks and strokes. The same with respect to vaccinations: Many Idaho professionals are convinced that “vaccine” casualties will be astronomical and worsening with every booster, yet certain to be called “covid casualties” by those with the vested interests.

The Courts’ blind adoption of the Core covid Narrative also has served to block inquiry into other strongly suspected highly toxic causative agents of deteriorating public health and of “covid symptoms” in particular, most notably 5G wireless radiation. The 5G push across Idaho has peaked during the almost two-year time of the “pandemic”. Activities of telecoms were given preferential treatment by government as “Essential” at the same time when many Idaho businesses were shut down or seriously interfered with due to the alleged “covid threat”. Considering the immense professional concern today about 5G safety, largely suppressed, a sane society would insist on understanding the nature of 5G installations now in place, what health concerns they represent in terms of causing covid symptoms or other illness, and what health protective measures are appropriate.

IX
The primary Constitutional “inherent power” and express statutory obligation of the Idaho judiciary is to “support the Constitution” and the rule of law. Idaho Code Section 59-401.

By blindly adopting as it has for almost two years the self-serving emergency pronouncements of a department in the Executive Branch of state government, the Supreme Court has wrongfully abrogated the independent role of the judiciary which is at the heart of constitutional separation of powers. Idaho Constitution Article V, Section 2.

Instead, the Court is urged to recognize that, at all times since May 12, 2020, Governor Little has been acting *ultra vires* in his assertion of emergency powers beyond 60 days (Section VII B, above). **The gravity of the illegal overreach compels that the Idaho Supreme Court reject the covid narrative coming from inside Governor Little’s Executive Department on which his claim to power is based and rescind its Orders on masking in the courtroom based on that self-serving narrative.**

X
Challenge to the Vaccination narrative –

Given the intense push for universal vaccination by the executive branches of state and federal governments, now even for the youngest of children, special objection must be made to the Idaho Supreme Court comment contained in its Order dated August 5, 2021, adopting the narrative that “vaccines reduce the risks of COVID-19”. [This is Item No. 7 of what is referred to herein as the “Core covid Narrative; See Section I, above.]

See e.g.,
[https://isc.idaho.gov/EO/Order_Re-Appellate-Oral-Arguments\(8-5-21\).pdf](https://isc.idaho.gov/EO/Order_Re-Appellate-Oral-Arguments(8-5-21).pdf)

It is respectfully submitted that Judicial Notice of vaccine safety and/or efficacy is completely unwarranted. An examination of the true facts on covid vaccine reveals the following:

Far from bringing the Idaho covid crisis to an end, the “vaccine” is but the next aggravation in state infringement on individual freedoms that has calamitous health consequences. Covid vaccine efficacy has not been shown because it doesn’t exist. The “vaccine” doesn’t kill “the virus”. It doesn’t give immunity to it. It doesn’t protect against claimed “new variants”. It doesn’t stop one from spreading it. It doesn’t eliminate the need for masking, travel restrictions and other lockdown measures as government sees fit. What it does accomplish is further subjugation to a dictated unsupportable narrative that is ravaging the bodies, minds and spirits of all Idahoans.

In assessing credibility of the narrative, one must look at the track record of the covid vaccine drug companies. In recent years, each has made huge payments in settlement of civil and criminal charges of fraud and mass casualties connected with sale of some of their leading drugs. We have learned the hard way that “FDA approval” is too often a signal of extreme danger ahead. It is obvious now that there will be no end to new “covid variances” and the need to boost health by successive injections as determined by the drug companies and the FDA.

Casualties of covid vaccines in Idaho and across America are exploding but are being hidden by active collusion between the vaccine makers, “the authorities” and the press. Idaho and all of America is awakening to and is enraged by a tale of deception and betrayal and of a trail of victims paralyzed, crippled and killed. The CDC (VAERS) reports a shocking number of deaths connected to the covid “vaccines”. However, we have learned to seriously question every statistical account from the CDC relating to covid. Independent experts assure that the true vaccine casualty rate is far higher, with the worst impact yet to come.

Many believe that the covid vaccine development is a story of immense fraud and racketeering with intended deadly impact. Regardless of what people believe, the entire covid narrative including on how this experimental “vaccine” will save the day must be rejected by a sane Idaho all until the Due Process case is made, of a devastatingly deadly virus demanding desperately dangerous measures like masking and vaccination, which will never happen because such as case could never be sustained.

Idahoans of every walk of life are expressing very serious concerns about covid “vaccine” efficacy and safety, and many are refusing the injection, on health and constitutional grounds. It is a great betrayal for our governor and the courts not to respect their views and not to publicly communicate to all Idahoans the experimental nature of this vaccine and what that means in terms of risk to health and life as well as the up-to-date truth on mounting casualties. It appears from most Idahoans have bona fide concerns that the vaccine would seriously damage health or kill them and/or would violate their connection with the great spirit of the Almighty and lead to the disintegration of the human spirit, mind and body. This includes many persons who “took the jab” and now deeply regret having bowed to the pressure, many now in immense fear for their lives. The fear is that the “vaccine” will spell endgame, not for the “virus”, but of sanity, of health and even life for many - and of any future for Idahoans free of deviant racketeers.

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Why *Jacobson v. Massachusetts* has no relevance today

Lastly, it is incumbent that all Idaho courts reject any notion that the 1905 US Supreme Court decision in *Jacobson v. Massachusetts* (197 US 11) gives a government the right to compel universal vaccination of the public or to restrict any liberties of those who refuse. *Jacobson* must be seen as a worn-out relic from primitive judicial yesteryear that has no application to the covid situation today.

Mr. Jacobson was an individual who for health reasons refused smallpox vaccination that was made mandatory for all adults by local health authorities. The Supreme Court upheld Jacobson’s “conviction” in state court for refusal to submit. The court recognized divergent views on the efficacy and safety of the vaccine but overruled the concerns of Jacobson’s health care professionals and adopted the prevailing view that universal vaccination was necessary to protect society. The only penalty was a fine of \$5, equivalent to about \$160 today. *He was not forced to be vaccinated; he was not jailed; he was not denied gainful employment, the right to travel freely, nor public access to establishments. The only “deprivation” he suffered was the loss of \$5.*

It is a wild concoction to insist that *Jacobson* stands for the proposition that all “vaccines” of every type for decades and centuries into the future, involving diseases, technologies and risks far beyond the imagination of 1905, must always be considered safe and effective by a court as a matter of judicial notice, for all adults and all minor children of all ages, without evidentiary proof and the opportunity for challenge, and where the deprivation sought to be imposed is not a modest monetary fine but serious restrictions on civil liberties and threat to life itself. *When the threat is significant physical and mental damage and even death as is the case today with respect to the covid “vaccine”, fundamental state and federal constitutional due process forbids that judicial notice to be taken of a vaccine’s safety and efficacy.*

The world of vaccines today is a far cry different from Jacobsen’s of 117 years ago. The vaccine industry is dominated by a few pharmaceutical global giants coming up with new “vaccines” to address new “disorders” they have been

instrumental in identifying. The biggest vaccine growth is targeted at minor children, those legally incapable of consenting to such a grave personal invasion. The vaccinators and the regulators maintain that children are more prone to infectious disease due to undeveloped immune systems and therefore need “proper vaccination”. Again, given the track record of these vaccinating companies, their credibility on covid “vaccine” safety and efficacy must be seriously challenged. In 2022 in Idaho and throughout the entire US, safety and efficacy is seriously disputed by multitudes of highly credentialed, seasoned, and independent healthcare professionals and scientists. The existence of reasonable expert dispute on the matter means that under controlling Idaho evidentiary law, Idaho Rule of Evidence (IRE) 201, judicial notice of covid vaccine safety and efficacy may not be taken. The facts must be proven in a court of law, where all persons whose bodies are sought to be so seriously invaded have the right to challenge, consistent with due process requirements.

Respectfully,

James Hungelmann

Ketchum

Lisa Enourato

From: Maya JB Burrell <bhathorraj@fastmail.fm>
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2022 12:20 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: mask mandates

dear ketchum,

at the beginning of all this, i wasn't prepared for the vitriol coming from fellow citizens on not wearing a mask. i also wasn't prepared for the behavior of law enforcement in intimidating me regarding the Americans with Disabilities Act. you have all my letters from the awful documented experience i had.

however, i am definitely prepared now and am just waiting to be confronted with discrimination again regarding my disability and choice to NOT wear a mask or a visor! given all the recent information, i think that ketchum would find it very difficult to defend themselves in court regarding mask mandates. i'm still pissed off at what happened to me before and would consider any intervention by police to pressure me into wearing a face covering in any private or public establishment as coercion and harassment. i suggest you consider this situation in your deliberations.

in addition, by continuing this mandate, you are party to businesses that may be discriminating against non-mask wearers such as myself. for businesses that don't want to be a party to this ridiculous nonsense, you are forcing them to be mask-police. if they want to be mask-police, let them do that on their own and suffer the consequences. stop propping up a dangerous behavior that negatively affects human health. you know this by now. you also know that the CDC has just said regular masks that people wear don't work. how will you defend this in a court of law if it comes to that?

people need to be supported with the TRUTH! stop lying to them about masks. you have been on the wrong side of this issue for a couple of years now. time to make it right.

maya burrell
ketchum

ps. currently, I DO NOT WEAR MASKS! come and get me.

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Lisa Enourato

From: Kerrin McCall <kerrinmac@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2022 12:55 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw
Cc: Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: concerning mask ordinance

Attention: Mayor Bradshaw and the Ketchum City Council,

It is time to stop the mask ordinance in Ketchum ! Clearly wearing a mask is a an absolute travesty that has no impact on health; conversely wearing a mask is detrimental to physical and emotional well being. I have written you before on this issue and will not use my Saturday to dig up all of the research within my 600 pages of notes related to the uselessness of masks for protection from COVID. "The virus is gonna virus" as Alex Berenson says in his daily substack postings. The virus is in the air and it is absolutely impossible to stop the movement of air with a face covering. It's my understanding that stopping the movement of air is called suffocation. The definition of suffocation is 1. the state or process of dying from being deprived of air or unable to breathe. 2. difficulty in breathing. 3 a feeling of being trapped and oppressed. Suffocation is asphyxiation or the "the state or process of being deprived of oxygen, which can result in unconsciousness or death; suffocation."

Wearing a mask is an absurd guise that signals fear of humankind. I have not worn a mask for the past two years and I refuse to comply with the powers that are attempting to take away my freedom to breath the air and keep my body and mind healthy. I choose to smile and show my love for my fellow humans.

In peace and reverence for life.
Kerrin McCall

Lisa Enourato

From: Annie Jablonski <kidshousemontessori@live.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2022 2:04 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Mask discussion

Hello,

It has been brought to our attention that The Ketchum City Council will discuss and perhaps vote on your mask order Monday, February 7, at 4:00

The S.V. Mayor Hendricks reported from This weekly mayor's meeting that South Central Health District has not been requiring their employees to mask, but allowing the option to choose for themselves due to concerns about Mental Health issues relating to a long-standing mandate.

I have noticed, so many sad and upset faces. Even during Christmas when most people are joyous and patient and kind. There was a huge void of that kindness present. Let's just be done with the fear and get back to why we love our valley. Covid hit, it caused too much sadness to mention. Now we have variant's and they are not killing the ones without multiple, pre-existing conditions. The policy could be, when sick, stay home. I recall last year, one of your members said something to the effect of 'The people have spoken.....they no longer want to wear masks'.

I hope you will be open and understand how it has impacted so many of us. i should think you too are tired of mask mandates.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Annie Jablonski

Lisa Enourato

From: JENNIFER BELLINGER <jbellingerart@aol.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2022 4:10 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Stop the Mask Mandates

Mr. Mayor & Ketchum City Council members,

I respectfully submit the following comments and links to articles below...stating evidence that masks do not work and in fact are doing great harm, especially to our children.

Perhaps you have seen nationwide this past week high school students standing up for their rights and choosing to no longer wear masks.

Maybe you are following the Canadian Freedom Convoy ...numbering in the tens of thousands of truckers standing for all mandates to cease....Not just Canada but in many countries worldwide & soon in the USA. The USA is way behind in reporting on protests and countries around the globe that have stopped all mandates.

Let the citizens of our valley make their own health choices.

Stop these silly mask mandates

Sincerely,

Jennifer Bellinger
Ketchum

1) None of the lockdown, masking, or other measures you have implemented have done anything to stop COVID, only to stress our community, divide us, isolate us, damage our businesses and relationships, cause mental and other hardships to our children and ourselves. What has happened in the past two years is a perfect illustration of why government by experts is not only a bad idea but dangerous.

2) Even CDC has finally admitted what independent scientists, researchers, and doctors have been saying all along: cloth masks don't work. Please stop this policy.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/14/health/cloth-masks-covid-cdc.html?referringSource=articleShare>

3) The most comprehensive reviews show masks don't work. Please stop this policy. <https://stevekirsch.substack.com/p/do-masks-work>

4) The masks you are forcing on our community are not just ineffective, they are dangerous. See this IMPORTANT article with data regarding proof that masks drastically elevate CO2 levels, that even low concentrations of CO2 cause a cascade of damage to the body including neurological damage, birth defects, and stillbirths in pregnant animals exposed, anxiety, fatigue, headaches, and trouble concentrating, inability to learn language and empathy, and impaired emotional development in children. Please stop this policy that is HARMING our community.

<https://healthfreedomdefense.org/masks-arent-just-ineffective-theyre-dangerous/>

5) According to recent research, the average IQ of babies born after July 2020 was 78, a 22 percentage point plummet from the 10 year average ending January 2019. While there is no doubt that decreased stimulation likely played a role, the fact that masks increase CO2 levels and that increased CO2 levels cause neurological damage, birth defects, and stillbirths in pregnant animals should concern us all. Please stop this dangerous policy.

<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.08.10.21261846v1.full.pdf>

6) South Central Health District's actions behind closed doors speak volumes. They acknowledge the harmful mental health impact of masks and therefore allow employees to make their own personal choice. This policy, in and of itself speaks volumes about the low level of concern they must have about COVID, not to mention their lack of confidence in masks. And of course, their hypocrisy. Please stop this now.

7) The myth of asymptomatic spread was disproven through a study of 10 million people which found zero cases of asymptomatic spread. Furthermore, the initial story of an asymptomatic Chinese national in Germany thought to prove asymptomatic spread was determined to be false. The person was, in fact symptomatic, but the authorities never corrected the record or public perception. <https://stevekirsch.substack.com/p/proof-of-asymptomatic-spread> Sick people should stay home and they most likely do, especially in this environment. But masking policies due to fear of asymptomatic spread are unscientific.

And Fauci even cautioned that asymptomatic spread is not an issue. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrAvjU2LBkg>

If there is no asymptomatic spread, there is nothing to fear. Given that the masks cause harm, they MUST BE STOPPED.

8) Lockdowns have effectively zero impact. <https://justthenews.com/politics-policy/coronavirus/bidens-pandemic-ratings-tank-study-finds-lockdowns-had-little-no-public> More evidence that politicians should not be interfering in the private lives of citizens.

9) CDC Director Walensky says the COVID jabs do not prevent transmission. Pfizer CEO Bourla says "Two doses of the vaccine offers very limited protection, if any." Bill Gates says they don't work either. I'm sharing this to demonstrate that the policies employed during this episode have not worked despite ALL the reassurances by public health figures that they would. 2 weeks to flatten the curve, we'll get back to normal if you get the injection, the only way out of this is the jab. How much more harm will you cause? Please stop the policy.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/cdc-director-covid-vaccines-cant-prevent-transmission-anymore/ar-AASDndg>

<https://townhall.com/tipsheet/katiepavlich/2022/01/11/pfizer-ceo-our-vaccines-offer-little-protection-n2601670>

https://www.rebelnews.com/bill_gates_admits_covid_19_vaccines_dont_stop_viral_transmission

10) The COVID jabs do not prevent transmission, infection, hospitalization, or death, in fact a study of 145 countries shows they make things WORSE! It is clear none of the policies you have implemented have helped. Please stop the mask policy.

https://vector-news.github.io/editorials/CausalAnalysisReport_html.html
<https://alexberenson.substack.com/p/an-urgent-warning>
<https://alexberenson.substack.com/p/has-covid-vaccine-efficacy-turned>
<https://alexberenson.substack.com/p/covid-infections-and-deaths-soar>
<https://alexberenson.substack.com/p/we-vaccinated-4-billion-people-and/comments>
<https://alexberenson.substack.com/p/israel-is-overrun-with-covid-the/comments>

11) Natural immunity is superior and long lasting. We don't need ANY community measures. At risk individuals are best positioned and equipped to educate themselves and to make appropriate decisions for themselves. Please stop this policy.

<https://alexberenson.substack.com/p/natural-immunity-for-the-win-yet>
<https://palexander.substack.com/p/brownstone-150-research-studies-affirm>
<https://dailycaller.com/2022/01/19/cdc-natural-immunity-outperforms-vaccination-covid-19-coronavirus/>

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Thank you!!

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Lisa Enourato

From: Neil Bradshaw
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2022 4:22 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Fwd: Time to end the mask mandates.

Public comment

Note he misspelt the participate email address so am forwarding to you again

Cheers

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Subject: Time to end the mask mandates.

I think it's time to end the mask mandates Folks,

There's likely less science supporting mask use, especially the basically joke masks that everyone is wearing, than there is science saying that they have a negative health and social impact. Personally - I've had Covid 2x in the last 2 years and most recently about a month ago. Most people I know who had the virus are vaccinated and have lost or are losing faith in the propaganda narrative on the importance of those as well. I think we're all tired of the far left misleading propaganda campaign. To be honest, I took an ivermectin prescription for my last round of Covid and breezed through it in 5 days with fatigue as my only symptom - yes I had several positive PCR tests and did have Covid. The cover up of the proven anti-virals which are limited to the elite, the privileged (like NFL athletes) and a small group of health enthusiast who have actually done the research, while people are left to die on respirators in hospitals is obscene. The Democrats are quickly becoming the party of the ignorant, foolish and manipulated instead of the party of higher intellect. While the initial virus response may have been justified, we all have enough access to facts and studies now, let alone our our observations and simple use of logic to let go of the fascist Big Pharma governed, over-reach response that rules the media (advertising dollars), thought and policy (lobbying and political sponsorship).

Certainly those who consider themselves at risk can choose into wearing tightly fitted N95 masks and taking other precautions. Masks are an unconstitutional, experimental medical devise. Anyone can choose into wearing a well functioning, effective mask if they want to.

Thank you.

Lisa Enourato

From: resortliving <resortliving@pm.me>
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2022 5:35 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Mask Mandates

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From: [Cheryl Concannon, M.A.](#)
To: [Neil Bradshaw](#); [Amanda Breen](#); [Jim Slanetz](#); chamilton@ketchmidaho.org; [Michael David](#); [Participate](#)
Subject: END YOUR MASK MANDATE FOR THE WELL-BEING OF THE COMMUNITY.
Date: Saturday, February 05, 2022 6:52:11 PM

[More than 400 studies prove that lockdowns, mask mandates are harmful to human health](#)

The pandemic response today remains a purely political one. It is unhealthy to attempt to exercise with a mask, talk, or breathe for extended periods.. There is no conclusive evidence supporting claims that any of these restrictive measures worked to reduce viral transmission or deaths. Lockdowns were ineffective, school closures were ineffective, mask mandates were ineffective, and masks themselves were and are ineffective and harmful.

The great body of evidence (comparative research studies and high-quality pieces of evidence and reporting judged to be relevant to this analysis) shows that COVID-19 lockdowns, shelter-in-place policies, masks, school closures, and mask mandates have failed in their purpose of curbing transmission or reducing deaths. These restrictive policies were ineffective and devastating failures, causing immense harm especially to the poor and vulnerable.

The overwhelming body of evidence shows that masks and coverings for the face do absolutely nothing to promote health or protect against any alleged virus.

- *More than 400 studies, in fact, prove that not only mask mandates but also lockdowns and shelter-in-place policies are destroying people's health, not promoting it. Please visit the [Brownstone Institute](#) for the entire list of 400 studies.*
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Respectfully,

Cheryl Concannon, Ketchum

STUDY: Areas with mask mandates seeing highest number of covid deaths

Friday, October 01, 2021

([Natural News](#)) In every place where wearing a mask is "required" by the government, the number of people dying with the Wuhan coronavirus (Covid-19) is [substantially higher](#) compared to places where people have returned back to living their normal, pre-covid lives.

In Oregon, for instance, where wearing a mask is something of a fetish, the number of "active cases" of the Chinese Virus is skyrocketing. Since August 24 when Gov. Kate Brown reinstated a statewide mask mandate, Wuhan Flu cases have soared by 73 percent.

"Cases and hospitalizations are at a record high," Brown admitted in a statement while also praising masks for being really progressive.

"Masks are a quick and simple tool we can immediately deploy to protect ourselves and our families, and

quickly help stop further spread of COVID-19,” she added without providing a shred of proof to back these claims.

The situation is similar in South Korea, another mask haven. Despite 99 percent mask compliance, Fauci Flu cases in the Asian country have seen record highs for the past three months straight.

Singapore is also seeing a spike in new cases thanks to its mask mandate. That country is on day 527 of a continuous mask mandate and 82 percent of its population is now “fully vaccinated,” and yet sicknesses and deaths are higher than they have ever been since the beginning of the *plandemic*.

“Pretty incredible feat of media gaslighting that no one is asking politicians and experts how they can continue justifying mandates,” tweeted a person who shared these and other statistics for the world to see.

Unmasked Orange County is doing better than masked Los Angeles County

Face masks make it harder to hear, affect social interaction

Even without a national mask mandate, people in some states are required to wear face masks in public places and inside business establishments like bars and restaurants across the U.S. But this might be easier said than done for people with hearing loss.

In fact, researchers from the [University of Manchester](#) in the U.K. warned that the use of masks to control the spread of the coronavirus can lead to [stress, anxiety and feelings of isolation](#), especially in people with hearing loss.

The researchers came to this conclusion after their survey showed that face masks made communication more challenging for both speakers and listeners. For starters, face masks muffle sound, making it difficult to hear.

Face masks also obscure non-verbal cues like facial expressions and make lip-reading impossible. These kinds of cues supplement speech understanding for people who are hard of hearing.

The researchers also found that face masks affect people’s willingness to interact with others. This may lead to higher levels of stress, heightened anxiety and embarrassment.

The [full findings of the study](#) recently appeared online in the *International Journal of Audiology*.

Harder hearing and communication

To analyze the impact of face masks on hearing and communication, the researchers quizzed 480 people from the U.K. on how face masks affected how they communicate as a speaker and as a listener. Those with hearing loss were intentionally oversampled.

Nearly half of the respondents (46 percent) said face masks affected communication, while a quarter said face masks may have affected communication.

On the other hand, 62 percent of the respondents said they were wearing a mask at some point while trying to talk to someone. Of these respondents, 60 percent said they were forced to communicate differently than they would have otherwise done in a mask-free setting.

Respondents also reported that face masks **increased their anxiety and stress and made communication more [fatiguing](#) and embarrassing as a speaker and a listener**. These negative effects were also worse for people with [hearing loss](#).

Moreover, face masks affected how people connected with others, as well as their willingness to communicate. Given these findings, the researchers concluded that masks negatively affect communication for everyone, but especially for people with hearing loss. (Related: [Poor nutrition in early childhood linked to hearing loss](#).)

These findings also represent a call to action for experts to develop better face masks that are better suited for communication, noted lead author Gabrielle Saunders. That being said, respondents said they used their eyes, gestures and facial expressions to supplement their speech while wearing a face mask.

Saunders and her colleagues also hope that problems surrounding the use of face masks while communicating, such as embarrassment, frustration and [anxiety](#), will disappear as they become more common..

Other disadvantages

Besides muffling sound and complicating communication, [face masks have other disadvantages](#), such as:

1. **Creates false sense of security** – Face masks can help prevent transmission to a certain degree. But frequent hand washing is still one of the best ways to prevent the spread of the coronavirus.
2. **May restrict breathing** – Face masks can make breathing difficult for some people, especially people with serious [respiratory diseases](#) that heavily affect their lung capacity.
3. **Irritates the skin** – The materials used to make face masks can rub on the skin, irritating it. This may lead to breakouts and rashes. In people with skin [allergies](#), face masks can even trigger flare-ups.
4. **Irritates the eyes** – Because of the structure of face masks, exhaled air tends to exit upwards towards the eyes. This can make the eyes feel dry and may also mildly affect vision. It also fogs up glasses.
5. **Can spread disease** – The coronavirus can remain active for several hours on the surface of different objects, including face masks. If not disposed of properly, a dirty face mask can become a health hazard.
6. **May hurt young children** – Face masks should not be used on children under two years. Children in this age range cannot reliably remove their face mask by themselves if it starts to cause breathing issues.

Learn more about the pros and cons of wearing a face mask at [Pandemic.news](#).

Sources include:

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[Manchester.ac.uk](#)

[EatThis.com](#)

Lisa Enourato

From: Violet Harris <violetharris2017@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 05, 2022 8:02 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate; Violet Harris
Subject: RE Masks

Do you guys NOT know that LOW OXYGEN encourages CANCER?? Do you guys NOT know that cancer cells can NOT grow where there is a GOOD OXYGEN supply??

Then, please check Nobel laureate Dr. Otto Warburg who found that out and received the Nobel Prize for his discovery (Also, COMMON SENSE ought to tell us that, too!!)

ADEQUATE OXYGEN PROMOTES HEALTH; LACK OF ADEQUATE OXYGEN--like the wearing of masks--ENCOURAGES DISEASE INCLUDING C-A-N-C-E-R !!!!!

Just this week, somebody my husband and I know--who tried to follow the mask-wearing rules--was told that the cancer he's had before has returned. We consider people like YOU to be responsible for these people having their cancer return!!! Please, WAKE UP TO THE HARM YOU ARE DOING TO YOUR COMMUNITY!!!!!! A little bit of common sense is greatly needed.

Violet and Charlie Fuller

Lisa Enourato

From: Leah Merklingshaus <leahmerk@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 8:09 AM
To: Participate
Subject: Mask Mandate

I urge you to PLEASE STOP the current mask mandate. Not only are they ineffective but they are a form of shaming our guests that visit our town.

Many of our tourists that visit have been scolded, shamed, and even had their pictures taken by local businesses.

It's time to STOP the insanity of this nonsense.

Let's get back to the friendly, welcoming ski town that we once were.

If businesses and guests want to wear masks or require masks that decision should be left up to them.

Thank you for making the best decision for our community by NO MORE MANDATES.

Thanks

Leah Merklingshaus
Moon Shine Boutique

Sent from my iPhone

Lisa Enourato

From: Drew Merklingshaus <merklingshaus@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 9:44 AM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: I'm Done, count me out...

Dear city of Ketchum,

Regarding your discussions, decisions & vote on mask wearing mandates this Monday (February 7) please note: - I'm a concerned citizen that will now hold you (government officials) to a very simple and easy standard which is:

Just do the right thing.

I will no longer submit to stupidity. Please do NOT consider my bluntness as impolite or inflammatory, its not. Its frustration bursting through... Instead you must honor and respect the more than 2 years of submission and compliance of this foolishness that works against my intelligence and better judgment.

It's time for you all to catch up to the facts that are readily available and can NO longer be ignored regarding mask wearing & mandates. We, (the citizens) have watched you push this nonsense knowing that this is an exercise in futility.

It's time to stop mask mandates... Or continue (which will reflect poorly on your leadership and your care for our community). Either way - you can count me out, I will no longer take part in this foolishness.

Drew Merklingshaus

Lisa Enourato

From: jenolbum@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 10:39 AM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Your Mandate

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Thank you!!

Jennifer Olbum, DO FAOCO

Lisa Enourato

From: Lisa Bjerke <lb5b@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 1:31 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Ketchum City Council: VOTE TO END MASK MANDATE

To the members of the Ketchum City Council:

Regarding your upcoming vote regarding the current mask mandate, please DISCONTINUE THE MASK MANDATE. It is divisive, unhealthy, and most of all INEFFECTIVE. Numerous recent articles have emphasized studies that demonstrate these facts. Here is one: <https://stevekirsch.substack.com/p/do-masks-work>

We who live, work, play and worship in Ketchum ask you, please, let us have our freedom back. Since masking is demonstrably ineffective, why not let us CHOOSE? Those who for their own reasons WANT to wear a mask -- let them. Those who do not -- don't make them.

We are responsible, thinking human beings able to make sound decisions for ourselves and our children. Please affirm that.

Thank you,
Lisa Bjerke

Lisa Enourato

From: Buck Westfall <buck.westfall@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 1:59 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: End the mask mandate

End the Mask Mandate.

Since you all seem to lack the intellectual curiosity to seek out, or the reading comprehension to understand, the 40+ scientific studies which demonstrate that masks offer no protection and do nothing to limit the spread, and the 30+ studies which demonstrate harm from wearing a face diaper, I'll use simple math for you. Whatever it is that causes the "flu" is about 1 micron in size. The best reasonably available PPE is the N95 which filters down to 3 microns in size which is a considerably finer screen than any other mask being commonly used. Another way of saying it is you are trying to stop mosquitos with a cyclone fence.

Masks are obviously not working (see the histrionic headlines from the Mountain Express). One definition of insanity is doing the same thing and expecting different results. So stop digging yourselves deeper into this stupid hole.

Thank you for your consideration.

Warm Regards

Buck Westfall

Lisa Enourato

From: Barbara Kuhn <bbk.kuhn@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 3:06 PM
Cc: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Mask Mandates

Dear Ketchum City Council Members,

Please end the mask mandate in Ketchum! Masks don't work! Even the CDC has finally admitted what independent doctors, scientists and researchers have been saying since the beginning.

Masks are physically, emotionally and psychologically damaging. By mandating masks you are forcing individuals to wear a medical device that isn't good for anyone (elevated CO2 levels and more) and can be seriously damaging to those with certain heart and lung conditions. One size doesn't fit all and each individual should have the freedom to choose what is right for him/her.

None of the measures you have implemented - masks, lockdown, social distancing - have done anything to stop Covid. All these measures have done is stress our community, divide us, isolate us, damage our businesses and relationships and cause other hardships to our children and ourselves.

As city council members you have a responsibility to the community and you should be informed about the truth versus the narrative of Covid. Do your research! Masks don't work! Please give our community the freedom to choose!

Sincerely,
Barbara Kuhn
Hailey

Lisa Enourato

From: Susan Prince <sprince202@aol.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 3:31 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate; prkuross@gmail.com
Subject: Re: Pls email Ketchum C Council Immediately!!

Dear City Council members:

My understanding is that you are preparing to vote to extend the mask mandate on Monday , February 7th, 2022. As members of this community, we would like to register our opinion supported by science, that masks are ineffective at preventing the spread of COVID-19.

What the masks are successful in doing, is continue to politicize what should be a personal choice based on scientific evidence and common sense. The mandate is costly to our economy in general and our local business specifically.

Thanks you for your service to our community and your thoughtful evaluation of the mandate. Please vote to abolish it.

Warm regards, Susan

Susan Prince
Creative Landscape Solutions
ISA Certified Arborist # 1481
TRAQ Certified Arborist #481
Landscape Designer

Lisa Enourato

From: Renee Kuross <prkuross@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 4:18 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: please no mask mandate

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Sincerely,

Paul & Renée Kuross
208-309-1272

Lisa Enourato

From: sara dawson <sr dawson28@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 5:17 PM
To: Participate; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Neil Bradshaw
Subject: Re: Ketchum City Council: VOTE TO END MASK MANDATE

To the members of the Ketchum City Council,

You have an upcoming vote regarding the current mask mandate. I am writing to beg you to vote to discontinue the mask mandate. Masks are decisive, cause harm to our children, and, most importantly, they are ineffective. Numerous articles state this as fact. Too many to list here, in fact but, here is one:

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Please allow those of us who do not want to wear a mask to make that decision for ourselves. Give us back our freedom!

Let those who want to wear them continue to do so.

Thank you.

Sent from my iPad

Lisa Enourato

From: Maryann Andonian <pmandonian@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 5:53 PM
To: Amanda Breen; Neil Bradshaw; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Mask mandate

Dear Council Members,

As a dental hygienist (retired) I can tell you what masks do and what they don't do. I think you already know. Do you know that the mental health of children is negatively impacted and IQ scores are dropping?!

I'm very upset knowing grand children are taking masks off at recess, throwing them in a bucket only to grab a mask at the end of recess to wear the remainder of the school day. Vote to end the mask mandate.

Thank you sincerely,
Maryann Andonian
210 Shaun Lane

Sent from my iPad

Lisa Enourato

From: Mary Murray <marymurrayjr@hotmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 5:55 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Fw: Could it be time to start showing our smiles?!

PLEASE take the time to read the latest from the Freedom Health Defense on Covid rules and truths. Don't be afraid of the truth, and before you delete this thinking it is misinformation, you owe it to your constituents to learn and practice truth and not politics! Please read before you vote!

Thank you
Mary Murray

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Thank you!!

Lisa Enourato

From: wtcaton@gmail.com
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 6:05 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Please vote against continued mask mandates

Dear Mayor Bradshaw and City Council members,

I am writing this email to request you end the mask mandates immediately.

Valid data prove masks do not prevent the spread of COVID. If you chose to ignore the numerous valid studies all you really have to do is look at the differences in infection rates between countries and states with strict mask mandates and the infection rates of countries and states without mask mandates. Statistically there is no difference.

However mask mandates do cause unnecessary friction between citizens. It is very simple to let people who want to wear masks wear their masks and let the rest of us live free of intrusive regulations. If you are worried and don't have immunity, wear a mask.

Please cancel ineffective mask mandates. In future elections I will not vote for anyone who supports mask mandates.

Thank you,

William T. Caton
Ketchum, ID

Lisa Enourato

From: MaryBeth Mitchell <mitchandmb@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 6:06 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Upcoming mask vote

To all of our representatives:

I am writing to throw my two cents in the arena regarding masks. I have been a nurse 46 years and in this valley a clinic and hospice nurse 15 years. Yes, I wore a mask many times when caring for patients but they were fitted to me specifically, tested by a supervisor, and traded out regularly. While I view masks this way as effective, I have seen the uselessness of how people wear masks in our area. They are worn wrong, out of material that makes no difference (except for well fitting N95 or KN95), and maybe help with the occasional sneeze by lessening the volume of droplets in the air. Also, the current regulation at establishments (ie:restaurants) is not even common sense. Walk in with a mask, get seated, then remove your mask and let's all share air!

Many of my medical and nursing journal articles are of mixed reviews regarding mask use.

At this point in time I have the view that maybe we learn to live with a new normal. Maybe we accept that people get Covid like the flu and. I am not trying to diminish the loads our healthcare workers are enduring since I personally have helped patients and families say goodbye during Covid and with Covid. It has been a LOT. Yet, I have also seen community and families torn apart over masks and vaccines. I have witnessed shop owners being yelled at due to either trying to keep the mask policy or not wearing masks in their shop and being yelled at by people who think they are outliers.

I feel for your team and your decisions at this time. I am just ready for a trial of less masking and appreciate you all looking at input from the community.

Respectfully,
MB Mitchell—Ketchum

Lisa Enourato

From: Lisa Leach <leach-lisa@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 6:47 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Mask Mandates

To Mayor Bradshaw and all of the City Council Members,
I do not need to send the list of information regarding the illegitimate reasons to stop this nonsense of requiring masks-
let's look at 3 suicides in our county in one week!
Mental health needs to be the most important consideration when you vote!
Thank you,
Lisa Leach

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Lisa Enourato

From: Juanita Young <belespritskin@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 6:58 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: the truth about mask

Attachment available until Mar 8, 2022

Here are some quick video's by Fauci, that expose Fauci's views on mask https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRa6t_e7dgl&t=29s and here is another one

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But what is really sad is the harm it is doing to children, IQ's have just been measured and they have gone down 23 points, communication skills are on a huge down cycle. If any of you have children in the public school system I would be confronting the school board.

I am sure you are aware that the CDC has reversed their position on masks, stating tha maskt are not protecting you. The CDC also stated that the so called vaccine does not protect you from getting COVID (flu). I think that the is the definition of a vaccine ..protection.

Importantly, SV Mayor Hendricks reported from his weekly mayor's meeting that the **South Central Health District has not been requiring their own employees to mask, but allowing employees the option to choose for themselves due to concerns about the mental health issues relating to a long standing mandate.** So not only does SCHD believe that masks impact mental health, but it also must believe that COVID isn't dangerous and that masks don't work. Apparently since sharing that information at the mayor's meeting, SCHD has reinstated a mask mandate for employees! Go figure.

I just want to say I am not against a person wearing mask or getting this vaccine, but it must be each person decision to take care of their health and body. It is not the city councils place to decide what is healthy for each person...that is unconstitutional. I would say you are practicing communism .

Please do not respond with a form letter. Don't respond if you do not understand science after all none of you are virologist, immunologist.

Lisa Enourato

From: Terry O'Connor, MD <toconnor@co.blaine.id.us>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 7:17 PM
To: Participate
Subject: Mask policy

Respected City Leaders

As much as I would love a reprieve from mask wearing, **I would not endorse any changes in the mask ordinance at this time.**

Although we are seeing a reassuring turn from an apparent peak of infections it is important to note this is still the highest prevalence of infection we have seen in our community in the last two years. Over the last few weeks I estimate roughly 30% of my ER visits are Covid related or post covid complications. Although the rate of admission is low (in the vaccinated and boosted patients), that continues to be a remarkable impact on flow of patients during an otherwise busy winter season. According to a conversation with Randy Hall today, system wide, 25% of our patient encounters are also covid related.

The [South Central Public Health District's risk assessment](#) exists as a guide the general community of risk of exposure and the impact on the hospital system. As of the last assessment we've been at critical. That has been validated by the high incidence of breakthrough infections that have been a nuisance in community, but more importantly have led to hospital bed scarcity and challenges with safely staffing our hospital.

I expect the pattern to improve, but endorsement to move away from effective mitigation at this premature time would disappoint an already overworked health care sector at an especially emotional and sensitive time.

Thank you for your patience and your consideration.

Terry O'Connor MD FACEP DIMM FAWM

Blaine County/ Sawtooth Regional EMS Director
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Lisa Enourato

From: Beth Chiodo <bajabethy@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 7:18 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Amanda Breen; Participate
Subject: mask mandate

Dear Ketchum Mayor and City Council,

I'm writing to inform you of my opposition to mask mandates - they simple don't work!
We've had them for almost 2 years and countless studies show they are ineffective and harmful.

March 8, 2020: Fauci says masks are effectively useless, but if it makes you feel better, you can wear them. **He said they might block a droplet.** https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PRa6t_e7dgI&t=29s

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Kind Regards
Beth Chiodo

Lisa Enourato

From: S. Holcomb <sendstef@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 9:38 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: It's time to see our smiles again!

To the Ketchum City Council:

I respectfully urge you to end the mask mandate. Even the CDC has finally acknowledged that cloth masks are ineffective in stopping the spread Covid.

They provide no benefit and in fact are harming us both physically and psychologically. As we have seen with recent Omicron cases in our valley, we are no longer dealing with the seriousness of Covid in its original form. It is time that we once again breath fresh air and see smiles on the faces of our resident.

Sincerely,
Stefanie Holcomb
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sendstef@gmail.com

Lisa Enourato

From: jill williams <jillmw09@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 9:52 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Mask Mandates

Hello,

I am a new resident who moved here a few months ago from California. I left the state primarily due to the restrictive, overreaching actions by the state. I am beyond dismayed to see that Idaho seeks to control its citizens in many of the same, unproven ways. Please drop all mask mandates and vaccine passports so that we can live here freely, as the founders of the constitution intended.

Here are some additional reasons to consider:

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*Thank you,
Jill Williams*

Lisa Enourato

From: Phillip Rainey <philrrainey@icloud.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 10:11 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Dear City council:

Dear City council:

My name is Phil Rainey.

I am a long time valley resident. Some of you know me some of you don't. For those that do, you know how passionate and involved I am in our community. I have served as an EMT and firefighter for both Ketchum and Hailey for about 27 years. I am a business owner and health care provider.

I have been looking at Scientific data and research since this pandemic began. Prior to 2019 every shred of Scientific evidence demonstrates that cloth mask are ineffective for protection against viruses. This, along with the fact that we have seen an increase in mental health issues in the valley since the implementation of mask mandates. To punctuate this; we have just lost a long time firefighter-paramedic, husband and father to suicide. Followed by, his neighbor and close friend a couple of days later.

There is no evidence that masks have slowed the spread of Covid in any manner, in any setting, including the hospital. It's reasonable to believe our efforts should move in a different direction with the mask mandates. Especially in light of our current mental health concerns.

I beg you, Please, before we lose anyone else to their own hand.

END THIS MANDATE.

How many more do we have to lose? I personally have had to clean up after too many of these. We must end this suicide epidemic now!

Respectfully,
Phil Rainey

Sent from my iPad

Lisa Enourato

From: Rebecca Binns <rebecca.copeman@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 11:32 PM
To: Amanda Breen; Courtney Hamilton; Jim Slanetz; Michael David; Neil Bradshaw; Participate
Subject: Mask Policy

City of Ketchum,

Mask policies are unscientific and harmful to our community. It's time to do what a growing list of US counties, states and other countries around the world have done, and announce, we are going back to something more like normal.

It's time to recognize what we are doing to children is unnecessary, and horrible.

Making kids who have a covid survival rate of 99.98% mask up is child abuse. Young developing brains being deprived oxygen and elevating their Co2 to dangerous levels can have a lasting impact on their social and emotional development. What's being stolen with this mask policy is their education, their sanity and their social skills. I would know, I have a 5 year old son with autism who goes to school in the district, he's developed anxiety, and his social and emotional skills are regressing to the point my husband and I are considering pulling him out and home schooling.

My son only started speaking a couple years ago, and preventing this child from seeing his classmates faces, their

expressions, or his teachers mouth when she's instructing how to read is an absolute disgrace. The simple solution, is freedom. Freedom for parents to choose what's right for their children, freedom for Americans to choose whether or not they want to wear a personal protection device strapped to their faces.

It's become awkward theatre, watching people walk in to busy restaurants masked up then sit down and take them off. It's beyond ridiculous and makes no sense. It's humiliating to watch and keeps me and my children out of downtown Ketchum. I don't shop in town, I don't spend my money at the local shops, I don't go to the restaurants, instead I drive down to a much larger city, pack my cooler and do my shopping where I know I can walk around free.

The almighty CDC has finally admitted what independent scientists, researchers, and doctors have been trying to tell everyone all along: cloth masks don't work. Not only are face masks ineffective they are dangerous. Masks drastically elevate CO2 levels, and even low concentrations of CO2 cause a cascade of damage to the body including neurological damage, anxiety, fatigue, headaches, trouble concentrating, inability to learn language and empathy, and impaired emotional development in children.

I insist, do what is appropriate and stop this policy that is HARMING our children and our community.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Binns

Lisa Enourato

From: James Hungelmann <jim.hungelmann@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 06, 2022 11:37 PM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Cc: Matthew A. Johnson
Subject: Ketchum City Council Meeting Feb 7, 2022 - CALL TO UNMASK KETCHUM / public comment)

For the record

Ketchum City Council Meeting/ February 7, 2022

Public Comment

Agenda Item 14 – Masking and Social Distancing/ Ketchum PH Emergency Order 21-02:

Dear Mayor and Councilors:

Please consider the following legal points as grounds to rescind Ketchum Public Health Emergency Order 21-02, effective immediately.

I

Masking and distancing are extreme, unprecedented and dangerous government deprivations of inalienable constitutional rights to breathe, speak and assemble freely which have never been supported by any required Due Process evidentiary showing, such that the orders are null and void as a matter of law and serve only to oppress society's most vulnerable unable to understand, object and defend, i.e., children, disabled, workers, and minorities. This is exceptionally counter to Ketchum's culture and ethics.

II

Significant scientific and medical authority insists that Masking does nothing to stop "viral spread" and in fact is exceptionally tortuous and demeaning and imminently dangerous to health and life by impairing oxygen intake and CO2 poisoning every breath.

III

Each of the stated justifications for the Order appearing as WHEREAS clauses in the Order's initial recitals is, as a matter of law, either factually erroneous or legally deficient to support City Council authority to order masking (Section I) and social distancing (Section II):

WHEREAS 1 – *'covid 19 is a disease that spreads by contagion'*: This has never been established in any court of law and is significantly disputed professionally. It is therefore insufficient as a matter of law to confer any authority to order masking.

WHEREAS 2 - *'In January 2020 the WHO declared covid outbreak an international emergency'*: Irrelevant – The WHO has no jurisdictional authority in Idaho and loses credibility with every passing day.

WHEREAS 3 – *‘The Governor declared a disaster emergency on March 13, 2020’*: His emergency powers last no longer than 60 days in accordance with the unambiguous empowerment language of Idaho Code Section 46-1008(2). His emergency power ended as a matter of law no later than May 12, 2020 and therefore provides no authority for this Council’s Masking and Distancing Orders. See *Call for Idaho Courts to Rescind Masking Orders* dated February 3, 2022, previously supplied to this council and mayor.)

WHEREAS 4 – *‘The Mayor and Council declared a disaster emergency in March 2020’*: Without Due Process, such declarations are irrelevant and legally insufficient to confer any authority to order masking.

WHEREAS 5 – *‘There is statutory authority for Council and Mayor to “provide for public health” and to “enforce health ordinances and quarantines”*: These are general empowerment statutes which confer no power to order severe restrictions on civil liberties like Masking unless supported by Due Process, here completely lacking. General statutory authority to protect the public never gives any right to disregard the constitution.

WHEREAS 6 – *covid infection rates and hospitalizations are increasing*: This is hearsay that is hotly contested and that lacks any credibility. No source of the information is identified, and there is serious professional dispute to all covid records and statistics as wildly erroneous. Lacking any Due Process, this point must be disregarded.

WHEREAS 7 – *The CDC recommends masking and distancing*: The CDC has no jurisdictional authority in Idaho and consequently its recommendations carry no weight. They are especially suspect considering the many “changes” in the covid narrative from the CDC since March 2020 as well as the immense public opposition to the CDC. Lacking Due Process, CDC Recommendations must not be considered factually accurate and must be disregarded, as a matter of law.

WHEREAS 8 – *There is an urgent need to protect the public by masks and distancing* – This is a self-serving conclusory statement without any stated evidentiary foundation. Consequently, it provides no legal basis for this Order.

WHEREAS 9 – *BCSD has ordered universal masking in schools*: Orders of another governmental agency by themselves provide no legal justification without examination of evidentiary support for them, not provided here. As is well known by Mayor and Council, these BCSD orders on masking are hotly disputed by parents and the public at large throughout Ketchum and Blaine County, as wildly illegal and unconstitutional and wreaking severe child abuse, impairing and poisoning breathing and ruining mental and physical health and human spirit of those whom society is most duty-bound to protect.

WHEREAS 10 - *Local and state health care facilities are not capable of handling significant increase in covid cases*: This also is hotly disputed by public and professionals alike and, lacking in Due Process, must be disregarded, as based on self-serving information not independently corroborated that is supplied exclusively from the hospitals whose vested interests in covid payments from government has never been publicly revealed.

WHEREAS 11 – *If health care facilities are near capacity, it COULD result in reduced health care availability for the public to handle illness*: This is sheer speculation that is legally insufficient. Many

things COULD happen. Due process requires a standard of “reasonable certainty” of serious threat before imposition of any deprivations of life or liberty as grave as masking.

WHEREAS 12 – *The labor shortage in the city of Ketchum COULD get worse if covid worsens: Same objection, sheer unfounded and irrelevant speculation that legally must be disregarded.*

IV

The Order’s allowed Exemptions are available to virtually everyone, so the “law” is a pointless waste –

- a. *Children under 5* – There is no legitimate basis to distinguish between children of different ages. This age distinction is wildly arbitrary and capricious and therefore failing in Due Process.
- b. *Persons who cannot medically tolerate a mask* – Because as a matter of fact, masking impairs and poisons every breath, all persons qualify for this exemption, as a matter of law.
- g. *Persons engaged in indoor exercise* – It is common knowledge that deep unobstructed breathing typical of any form of exercise is curative, so that whether when exercising or not, never should breathing be impaired. Again, everyone qualifies for this exemption: Every time a person is inside, he necessarily engages in the exercise of breathing itself perhaps coupled with stretching, forms of exercise that are fully within a fair read of this exemption language.

V

The \$100 “infraction” penalty is meaningless, and the suggestion of its “enforcement” is an insulting distraction to law enforcement dedicated to attending to bona fide threats to public health and safety.

Lastly, the Mayor and Council should recognize that the entire covid narrative is unwinding locally and globally, on every front. At this point, even a “Recommendation” in place of a mandate would be completely inappropriate and unacceptable and would only serve to continue to encourage, under wrongful color of law, illegal private business mandates like universal masking and vaccination of employees and customers without any accommodation for medical and religious objections.

When the mask charade ends, public health and happiness will improve immensely. The Ketchum public does not need, want or warrant the continuation of such extreme governmental violation of rights. It has been two years of unimaginable nightmare; no more, please.

Breathe Free, Idaho, forever.

Thank you.

Jim Hungelmann

Lisa Enourato

From: Chris Perkins-Lurie <chris@3efitness.com>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 7:18 AM
To: Participate
Subject: Extension of mask mandate

To all members of the council; thank you for your time and service, serving our community!

Addressing the upcoming vote to drop the mask mandate, please, please do not make this decision without accepting all data pointing to the inefficacy of the measures taken thus far. The masks have been in question from the beginning and now it has proven itself to be true! We can no longer turn a blind eye to this!

If the consideration to extend is due to case numbers being high, one surely must realize the glaring fact THEY DO NOT WORK! It's been two years!

We must use common sense. From lockdowns, social distancing and masks, these drastic measures have served a harsh blow to the human psyche. The OTHER SIDE of Covid no one is willing to look at or consider, all for what? It hasn't worked! It is over! It is time to let people be responsible for their own health!

If our government and leaders would have put as much focus, time, energy and money into campaigns that focused on health; building strong bodies and immune systems it would have brought us together as a community vs dividing us and the outcome may have been different! It's not too late! We can still do this! I've been in the fitness industry for forty years! I'd be willing to help and I know many others who'd join in on the cause! It has been proven this is a pandemic of the obese and unhealthy which unfortunately constitutes the majority of the American population! No more bribes for Krispie Cremes! Let's bribe to be healthy!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Chris Perkins Lurie

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/wellness/experts-warn-that-cloth-masks-don-t-work-again-recommend-tests/ar-AAS3Wmn>

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Lisa Enourato

From: Bailey Brooks <mbbrooks24@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 7:33 AM
To: Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Neil Bradshaw; Participate
Subject: Ketchum City Council: VOTE TO END MASK MANDATE

Dear City Council,

I am a mother of two children who have been masked far too long. Please end this unnecessary mandate. By following science you will see that masks do not help stop or slow down Covid. Masks cause more damage than they do good. Especially for small children like mine who are trying to learn how to read or build their vocabulary. That is hard to do when they can not see their teacher's facial expressions or mouths. I am tired of complying to this political policy. Stand up for the rights of the people and let them choose to wear or not wear a mask. Please end this mandate.

Thank you!

Bailey Brooks

Lisa Enourato

From: Phoebe Pilaro <pipilaro@me.com>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 7:35 AM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Please end the mask mandate in Ketchum!

Dear kind people,

Now that almost everyone is vaccinated, and covid is reduced to a common cold, can we please move to a more common sense approach: if you are sick, stay home. If not, go about your business.

At the very least, let's end masks in schools. There is so much more harm done by wearing masks than good.

Phoebe Pilaro

Sent from my iPhone

Lisa Enourato

From: Heather Frazee <snickemns85@icloud.com>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 7:57 AM
To: Participate
Subject: Please STOP the mask mandate

It's time to stop this. Here is lots of information to read about how the mask don't work and the harm they actually cause.

1) None of the lockdown, masking, or other measures you have implemented have done anything to stop COVID, only to stress our community, divide us, isolate us, damage our businesses and relationships, cause mental and other hardships to our children and ourselves. What has happened in the past two years is a perfect illustration of why government by experts is not only a bad idea but dangerous.

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And Fauci even cautioned that asymptomatic spread is not an issue. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vrAvjU2LBkg> If there is no asymptomatic spread, there is nothing to fear. Given that the masks cause harm, they MUST BE STOPPED.

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Lets see smiles again.

Sincerely,

Heather Nielsen

Sent from my iPad

Lisa Enourato

From: Linda Dupar <lsdupar@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 8:08 AM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: free our children

follow the science...

lift mask mandates.

https://www.instagram.com/tv/CZp4ppq2gLpS/?utm_medium=share_sheet

if you all lead the way the businesses will follow.

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Lisa Enourato

From: Jamie Caton <jamiecaton@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 9:16 AM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Where is the welcome mat and free spirit of Blaine County?

Dear leaders,

I am imploring you all not to ignore the evidence of the nonsensical futility and damage done by the lockdowns, isolation, mask and shot mandates.

It is your collective responsibility to work together in an effort to lead in the restoration of our community as an open, happy and vibrant place to live. We cannot even see each other's smiles if they do exist. Continuing the current failed public health policies only serves to further dismantle an atmosphere which was unequivocally welcoming, open and free spirited community of Ketchum/Sun Valley. It is far from that characterization at this point. Just one example is the flashing caution sign at the entrance of Ketchum which defies the meaning of welcome as it definitely captures the current spirit of our town. It looks more like a no trespassing sign in its message of enforced mask mandates.

Please consider the following:

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Respectfully,
Jamie Caton

Lisa Enourato

From: Katey Dahlstrom <katey.dahlstrom@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 9:16 AM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: End Mask Mandate

Hello,

Thank you for your service to Ketchum. I am writing to urge you to vote to end mask mandates for your city. It is time. Give people the choice to decide what they want to do with their bodies. The time has come.

None of the lockdown, masking, or other measures you have implemented have done anything to stop COVID, only to stress our community, divide us, isolate us, damage our businesses and relationships, cause mental and other hardships to our children and ourselves. What has happened in the past two years is a perfect illustration of why government by experts is not only a bad idea but dangerous.

Thank you.
Katey Dahlstrom

Lisa Enourato

From: Raiza Giorgi <giorgibranding@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 9:18 AM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Please End the Mask Mandates

Hello Ketchum City Council members,
I am a Blaine County resident, I live in Bellevue and I am imploring you to get rid of the mask mandates for the City of Ketchum.

I have yet to come across a study that masks work and I have tried, and there is no concrete evidence that masks work.

One question you should ask yourselves.
"If masks work, why don't they?"

This 2019 study of 2862 participants showed that both N95 respirators and surgical masks "resulted in no significant difference in the incidence of laboratory confirmed influenza."

<https://principia-scientific.com/the-science-masks-are-neither-effective-nor-safe/>

Also in this study, if you scroll down and read the section
"Are Masks Safe?"

Researchers are concerned about possible burden of facemasks during physical activity on pulmonary, circulatory and immune systems, due to oxygen reduction and air trapping reducing substantial carbon dioxide exchange. As a result of hypercapnia, there may be cardiac overload, renal overload, and a shift to metabolic acidosis. (31)

AKA Masks are restricting oxygen needed to keep the body working effectively and people are inhaling more of their own CO2 and getting sicker.

The CDC in fact recently revised its guidelines on masks, admitting that cloth masks do virtually nothing to stop the spread of COVID.

On April 24, 2020 the Food and Drug Administration ("FDA") issued an EUA letter to all "Manufacturers of Face Masks; Health Care Personnel; Hospital Purchasing Departments and Distributors; and Any Other Stakeholders," allowing manufacturers to produce cloth and non- surgical face masks to sell and distribute to the general public and health care practitioners, so long as, "[the] product is not labeled in such a manner that would misrepresent the product's intended use; for example, the labeling must not state or imply that the product is intended for antimicrobial or antiviral protection or related uses or is for use such as infection prevention or reduction[.]"

Thus, by the FDA's own admission, face masks such as those in common use by the public are not intended to protect the wearer or others from the COVID-19 virus, as they do not prevent or reduce infection.

A quote from a recent Time article written by a physician

"An Arizona study frequently cited by CDC director Rochelle Walensky as evidence for continued masking in schools has been **thoroughly dismantled**. More and more experts have concluded that the evidence for masks in schools **doesn't hold up to scrutiny**. There are **several studies that show a minimal reduction** in COVID-19 transmission with **masks in schools**, but the results were not statistically significant."

<https://time.com/6145291/end-mandatory-masks-schools/>

Here are some links I have found that might be eye opening for you. And these are all with sources cited and referenced.

<https://worlddoctorsalliance.com/blog/masks-human-rights/>
<https://aapsonline.org/mask-facts/>

A quote I learned in school that you should take into consideration.
"What is popular is not always right, and what is right is not always popular".

Do what is right and take the masks off. Thank you for listening.

Kind regards,
Raiza Giorgi
Bellevue resident

Lisa Enourato

From: Patty Pedersen <pdp416@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 9:19 AM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: End the Mask Mandate

Dear Ketchum City Council Members,

The time has come to end the mask mandates here in Ketchum, Idaho.

The masking measures have failed. They have only succeeded in stressing the community, dividing us, isolating us, damaging our businesses and relationships, causing mental and other hardships to our children and to ourselves.

I have lived in the Wood River Valley for 25 years. I have seen many changes, good and bad. This mask mandate is destructive to our community.

This article shows that it is all about the money:

https://link.theepochtimes.com/mkt_app/people-giving-up-their-thinking-during-pandemic-in-an-emerging-dystopia-novelist-walter-kirn_4235984.html

By continuing the mask mandate, you are pushing us toward a dystopian society. Is that your true objective?

Sincerely,
Patty Pedersen

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Lisa Enourato

From: Erika Shane <evbshane@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 9:38 AM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: End the Mask Mandate

Hello Council Members,

I am a resident of the City of Ketchum. I would like to voice my opinion in favor of ending the mask mandate in light of the many recent studies showing the inefficacy of mask use in preventing spread and the harmful social and psychological effects they have in our society, particularly to children.

Thank you,

Erika Shane

Lisa Enourato

From: Greg Binns <gregbinns@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 9:42 AM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Ketchum Mask mandates

To the Ketchum City Council

You have the opportunity today to put a stop to the mask mandates that have been placed in our town. I suggest you do exactly that for a number of reasons. First, Governor Little recently stated that there have been no mask mandates in Idaho, so that means you have taken it upon yourselves to decide that you know what is best for all people who live here from a medical standpoint, which you are certainly not qualified to do. Second, the mask mandates (and vaccines for that matter) clearly do not work, we all know how many people got sick in the last couple months despite their mask wearing and 1,2 or 3 vaccinations. Third, even the CDC, whom you so blindly follow as the ultimate source of knowledge on the subject of covid (despite them having gotten literally everything wrong along the way) has now stated that masks do not offer protection and also natural immunity is up to 6x more durable than vaccinations for covid. Fourth, you are doing irreparable damage to our children, studies show their IQs have dropped 22%, as well as the fact that they cannot learn from teachers and other people's facial expressions etc. Fifth, masks are not only useless, but actually have negative health effects by significantly increasing CO2 consumption.

At this point it is flat out embarrassing to watch. Absurd rules such as how you have to wear a mask when you walk through a restaurant but not once you sit down, because apparently at your table, or even at a bar amongst other people you don't know, you are safe. Why is it that you can walk into a grocery store in A larger city like Twin falls without a mask, yet here in tiny Ketchum Idaho, you cannot? People walking down the streets, outdoors, wearing masks. People driving in their own cars, alone, wearing masks. You have put so much unnecessary fear into people regarding this virus it is insane. It is no more deadly than the common flu.

If people are afraid, that is fine, they may choose to wear a mask (hopefully an N95 or something that MAY actually work) to protect themselves, or stay home, or whatever makes them feel better. We are now 2 years into this and nothing has changed despite lockdowns, masks, vaccines and everything else you have told us we must do despite the fact that you have no medical backgrounds or solid evidence any of these things work. In fact, the evidence now, says they DO NOT work. I don't know when people decided that because they are afraid, (but don't want to have to admit they are afraid), then everyone else must share in their fear and live their lives in this ridiculous manner to appease the neurotic fears of those who are afraid. Enough is enough. It's over, countries around the world including the UK and much of the EU have dropped all mask and vaccine mandates, yet here we are in Ketchum, still holding on to them. Any government funding you may be afraid of losing is definitely NOT worth it, this is a very wealthy town, we don't need it.

The virus is not going away. This mentality that the virus must be eradicated from the earth before life can return to normal is based on no concept of reality. It cannot be eradicated, just the same as how the flu cannot be. We must live with it, and people can live with it however THEY choose, not how YOU chose for them.

Do the right thing, stand for freedom and the statutes that this country and this state were founded upon. You know very well that it is long overdue.

-Greg Binns

Lisa Enourato

From: David Bjerke <dcbjjerke@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 9:42 AM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; jslantz@ketchumidaho.org; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Mask Mandate

Please drop the mask mandate. Thank you. David Bjerke

Lisa Enourato

From: shausner1@aol.com
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 9:49 AM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Stop the Madness and End the Mask Mandates - Follow the Science

Dear Mayor Bardshaw and Ketchum City Council Members,

If not for yourselves and your own children, please stop the madness of mandating masks for the rest of us and our loved ones. Please follow the science.

According to recent research, the average IQ of babies born after July 2020 was 78, a 22 percentage point plummet from the 10 year average ending January 2019. While there is no doubt that decreased stimulation likely played a role, the fact that masks increase CO₂ levels and that increased CO₂ levels cause neurological damage, birth defects, and stillbirths in pregnant animals should concern us all. Please stop this dangerous policy.

Impact of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Early Child Cognitive Development: Initial Findings in a Longitudinal Observational Study of Child Health Sean CL Deoni^{1,2,3}, Jennifer Beauchemin¹, Alexandra Volpe¹, Viren D'Sa^{1,2}, and the RESONANCE Consortium ¹ Advanced Baby Imaging Lab, Rhode Island Hospital, Providence RI, USA ² Department of Pediatrics, Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University, Providence RI, USA ³ Department of Diagnostic Radiology, Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University, Providence RI, USA Address Correspondence to: Sean Deoni Advanced Baby Imaging Lab Rhode Island Hospital Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University Email: sean_c_deoni@brown.edu Running Title: The COVID-19 Pandemic and Child Cognitive Development Manuscript prepared for Submission to Developmental Cognitive Neuroscience. Keywords: COVID-19; Child Development; Cognitive Development; Maternal Stress; Funding 1. Environmental Influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) National Institutes of Health (SCD UG3OD023313); 2. National Institutes of Health (SCD R34-DA050284); The RESONANCE Consortium consists of: Joseph Braun, Brown University School of Public Health, Brown University. Kevin Bonham, Wellesley College. Vanja Klepac-Ceraj, Wellesley College. Matthew Huentelman, Neurobehavioral Research Unit, TGen; Candace Lewis, Neurobehavioral Research Unit, TGen; Monique LeBourgeois, Integrative Physiology, University of Colorado at Boulder; Hans-Georg Müller, Department of Statistics, University of California at Davis; Jane-Ling Wang, Department of Statistics, University of California at Davis; Susan Carnell, Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Johns Hopkins University;

ABSTRACT Since the first reports of novel coronavirus in the 2020, public health organizations have advocated preventative policies to limit virus, including stay-at-home orders that closed businesses, daycares, schools, playgrounds, and limited child learning and typical activities. Fear of infection and possible employment loss has placed stress on parents; while parents who could work from home faced challenges in both working and providing full-time attentive childcare. For pregnant individuals, fear of attending prenatal visits also increased maternal stress, anxiety, and depression. Not surprising, there has been concern over how these factors, as well as missed educational opportunities and reduced interaction, stimulation, and creative play with other children might impact child neurodevelopment. Leveraging a large on-going longitudinal study of child neurodevelopment, we examined general childhood cognitive scores in 2020 and 2021 vs. the preceding decade, 2011-2019. We find that children born during the pandemic have significantly reduced verbal, motor, and overall cognitive performance compared to children born pre-pandemic. Moreover, we find that males and children in lower socioeconomic families have been most affected. Results highlight that even in the absence of direct SARS-CoV-2 infection and COVID-19 illness, the environmental changes associated COVID-19 pandemic is significantly and negatively affecting infant and child development.

INTRODUCTION Since the beginning in March of 2020, the outbreak of the SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) pandemic in the USA, and the accompanying economic shut-down has brought about significant upheavals to the social, economic, and public health environments in which children live, grow and play. While children, and those under age 5, have largely been spared from the severe health and mortality complications associated with SARS-CoV-2 infection [1, 2], they have not been immune to the impact of the stay-at-home, masking, and social distancing policies. These policies, meant to limit spread of the SARSCoV-2 virus, have closed daycares, schools, parks, and playgrounds [3, 4], and have disrupted children's educational opportunities [5], limited explorative play and interaction with other children [6], and reduced physical activity levels [7]. From the beginning of the pandemic, there has been concern that these public-health policies would adversely impact infant and early child development and mental health. While there is no past analogue or example of non-conflict related wide-spread and prolonged lock-downs from which to draw information from, concern for child development stemmed principally from the known impact that family and home stress, parent and child anxiety, lack of stimulating environments, and other economic and environmental adversities can have on the developing infant and child brain [8, 9].

Like many other states and regions in the United States, elementary, secondary, and post-secondary schools were closed throughout the state of Rhode Island (RI) to in-person instruction from March 16, 2020 through to the beginning of the 2020/2021 school year. However, with the surge of virus infections in the fall of 2020, most schools in RI continued to operate with fully remote or with hybrid inperson/on-line learning until January 2021. For younger children, daycare centers were also closed in March of 2020, but were

allowed to reopen with reduced capacity in June, 2020. Restrictions on daycare capacity remained in effect until June 2021. Broader state-wide travel restrictions and stay-at-home orders were enforced from March to May, 2020, with many businesses operating with reduced on-site work forces and/or work-from-home options until mid-2021. Indoor and outdoor mask policies were also in place throughout 2020 and 2021 following CDC guidance. Despite being one of the smaller US states with a population of just over 1 million, RI has suffered high numbers of SARS-CoV2 infections, with approximately 154,000 cases of COVID-19 illness and almost 3,000 deaths. RI has mirrored national trends with respect to disproportionate infections and deaths in Hispanic or Latino and Black or African American communities [10, 11] as well as lower income families [12].

From 2009, Brown University and the Warren Alpert Medical School at Brown University has been home to a longitudinal study of child health and neurodevelopment, termed the RESONANCE study. Now part of the NIH Environmental influences on Child Health Outcomes (ECHO) program, the RESONANCE cohort consists of approximately 1600 caregiver-child dyads, who have been continuously enrolled between 0 and 5 years of age since 2009 and have been followed through infancy, childhood, and early adolescence. This cohort, therefore, offers a unique opportunity to explore the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on child health trends in RI, which may reflect broader trends in the US.

In the absence of direct SARS-CoV-2 infection, environmental exposures associated with COVID-19 pandemic can affect the developing infant and child through multiple pathways. The human brain is unique in its prolonged developmental timeline [13, 14]. Infants are born with relatively immature brains that, like them, are simultaneously competent and vulnerable. Infants are inherently competent in their ability to initiate relationships, explore, seek meaning, and learn; but are vulnerable and depend entirely on caregivers for their survival, emotional security, modeling of behaviors, and the nature and rules of the physical and socio-cultural world that they inhabit [15]. The infant brain is likewise born with immense capacity to learn, remodel, and adapt, but is sensitive and vulnerable to neglect and environmental exposures that begin even before birth [16-18]. Optimal brain development depends on secure and trusting relationships with knowledgeable caregivers who are responsive to the infant's needs and interests. Neurodevelopmental processes, including myelination and synaptogenesis, for example, are stimulated by external cues and experiences like maternal interaction, and physical skin-to-skin "kangaroo" care, touch, and warmth [19-22]. The brain's adaptive plasticity, however, is a double-edged sword. While positive and enriching environments can promote healthy brain development [23-27], neglect insecurity, stress, and lack of stimulation can impair maturing brain systems and disrupt cognitive and behavioral outcomes [28-30].

Maternal stress, anxiety, and depression in pregnancy can impact the developing fetal and infant brain structure and connectivity, leading to potential delays in motor, cognitive, and behavioral development [31, 32]. It is believed that alterations in fetal exposure to stress-related hormones, including cortisol, affect these changes in brain structure and function [33-35]. Past analysis has revealed strong associations between maternal prenatal stress and anxiety related to maternal or paternal displacement and job loss and infant health (birth weight and gestation duration), mortality, temperament, and cognitive development [36]. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, maternal and paternal job-loss, employment furloughs, or increased food / housing insecurity have been experienced by many families. Survey results at the beginning of the pandemic showed significantly increased rates of clinically relevant symptoms of maternal depression and anxiety [37].

Given these changes in children's home, education, and social environments, it is not surprising that cross-sectional and longitudinal studies of child and adolescent mental health throughout the current pandemic have revealed increased stress, anxiety, and depression [38]. Studies of child learning further show reduced academic growth in math and language arts in elementary and high school children [4]. The impact on infant and child cognitive development, however, remains less clear. Despite the known impact of parent and family stress, economic adversity, reduced parent and peer interaction and other stimulating environments, on child brain development [9], direct observation of reduced development as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic remains elusive, despite early findings of altered temperament in 3 month old infants [39].

In this work, therefore, we specifically sought to explore individual and population-level trends in infant and early child neurodevelopment. Analyses of cognitive development, assessed using Mullen Scales of Early Learning [40], a population normed and clinically administered tool that assesses function across the five primary domains of fine and gross motor control, visual reception, and expressive and receptive language via direct observation and performance, provides some of the first direct evidence of the developmental impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. Comparing yearly mean scores since 2011, controlling for age, gender, demographic, and socioeconomic indicators, we find striking evidence of declining overall cognitive functioning in children beginning in 2020 and continuing through 2021. We find that males appear significantly more impacted than females, and that higher socioeconomic status (SES, as measured by maternal education [41]) helps buffer against this negative impact. On a more individual level, we examined longitudinal pre and during-pandemic trends in the same children from 2018 to 2021, again finding declines in ability in 2020 and 2021.

Finally, to examine the impact of the pandemic during pregnancy on subsequent child development, we compared developmental scores in children up to 1 year of age born prior to 2019 and after July 2020 (i.e., those born prior to the pandemic and those whose in utero development may have been impacted by the COVID-19 environment for at least the last trimester of pregnancy). Again, we find significantly reduced scores in children born since the start of the pandemic, with lower SES individuals and males more significantly affected. Throughout all analyses, however, we found that the perceived stress of mothers in our cohort was unchanged throughout the pandemic, and was not significantly associated with developmental scores. These results provide compelling early evidence of the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, even in the absence of direct SARS-CoV-2 infection, on infant and early child neurodevelopment.

METHODS

All data were acquired in accordance with ethical approval and oversight by the Rhode Island Hospital institutional review board, with informed consent obtained from all parents or legal guardians.

Since 2011, 1224 cognitive assessments were collected from 672 healthy, full-term, and neurotypically-developing children between 3 months to 3 years of age. Repeated measures were separated by at least 1 year (mean = 384 +/- 41 days). A general overview of all child assessment timings are shown in Figure 1a. This dataset included 1070 assessments (from 605 children) prior to March 2020; 154 assessments (from 118 children) between March 2020 and June 2021; with 39 children who were born just prior to the pandemic in 2018 and 2019, and following during the pandemic to 2021.

To start, we grouped measures by testing year from 2011 to 2021 and performed an analysis of covariance to compare the three primary composite measures: the early learning composite (ELC), verbal development quotient (VDQ) and non-verbal development quotient (NVDQ) between each pre and during pandemic year-pair; with child age, and maternal education (as a proxy for socioeconomic status, SES) as covariates.

To investigate the cognitive trends more rigorously, we next constructed a series of general linear mixed-effects models that modeled the cognitive measures while taking a step-wise approach to include additional predictive factors, beginning with , , , , ,

[1] Where CM is the cognitive measure of interest (ELC, VDQ, or NVDQ) of child j at time-point i . $\beta_{0,j}$ is the intercept and $\beta_{1,j} \dots, \beta_{n,j}$ are the regression coefficients. $\beta_{0,j}, \beta_{1,j}$ combine a sample fixed effect and a subject-specific random effect (u_j), e.g., 0, 0 0, , [1b] and 1, 1

1, . [1c] allow individual differences in mean cognitive function and change with age. The COVIDmodel term is a binary factor that is 0 for any testing date prior to March 2020, and 1 for testing dates thereafter. Equation [1] was fit to the complete cohort dataset using the fitlme function in Matlab (MathWorks Cambridge, MA v2019b). The COVIDmodel term allowed us to test the hypothesis that pandemic-related environmental changes are associated with a significant negative change in cognitive functioning.

Building from our simple function, we used a step-wise regression approach to systematically include additional factors and interactive terms in our general model, i.e., , , , , ,

and, we included [3] to control for potential differences in gender and socioeconomic factors in the population. Given past findings associating COVID-19 stay-at-home orders and prematurity or potential low birth weight [42], we further included these birth outcomes as additional predictors, , , , , ,

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,000000 000 0,0 000000 [4] Finally, we also tested the interaction between the COVIDmodel and SES and Gender terms to test whether these factors had additive or buffering effects, , , , , ,

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[5] At each stage of analysis, we examined the parsimonious fit of the model using the Bayesian Information Criterion (BIC) [43], stopping when additional factors no longer improved the model fit. In the final model, we then examined the significance level of each model parameter, specifically the COVID model term, which denotes a potential significant difference in pre- and during pandemic scores. Recognizing that the analysis from 2011 to 2021 contained differing sets of children we next reduced our dataset to 39 children who were enrolled up to a year prior to the pandemic and who had at least 1 visit before and 1 visit during the pandemic (Table 1, Figure 1b). To this reduced set of data, we performed analogous mixed-effects modeling using the series of general linear models constructed above (Eqns. 1 to 5). Given the potential impact of the pandemic on maternal stress and, consequently, the developing fetal brain, we next compared the cognitive measures in 291 children under 1 year before January 2019 (i.e., their prenatal and first postnatal year of development occurred before the pandemic) to 118 children born after July 2020 (i.e., at least one term of pregnancy and the first postnatal year occurred during the pandemic) (Table 1, Figure 1c). As above, we used a mixed-effects approach to model our series of general linear models (Eqns. 1 to 5).

To test whether maternal stress was a potential causative factor, we replaced the Model term in our general linear models with the total score from the perceived stress scale (PSS) [44], a 10-item self-report that provides a continuous scale of perceived and experienced stress due to life situations. [6]

PSS scores were obtained from each pregnant mother prior to birth and at each child visit starting in 2017. We performed this analysis twice. In the first set, we used the post-natal scores collected at the same time as the child cognitive measures, in the second, we used the prenatal PSS scores obtained from the mother during pregnancy.

RESULTS

Demographic summaries of the children included in each set of analysis (complete set; children followed pre- and during pandemic; and children under 1 year of age born before and during the pandemic) are shown in Table 1.

Results from our ANCOVA comparing each year pre- and during-pandemic year pair is shown in Table 2. In general, we find mean ELC values from 2011 to 2019 ranging from 98.5 to 107.3, with standard deviations of 15.2 to 19.7 (Fig. 2), in general agreement with the expected mean of 100 and standard deviation of 15. Means and standard deviations for 2020 (March to December) and 2021 (January through Aug) were: 86.3+/-17.9 and 78.9+/-21.6, respectively. Controlling for differences in age and maternal education, we find inconsistent differences in mean ELC between 2011-2019 and 2020, but consistent and significant reductions between 2011-2019 and 2021 ($p < 0.001$). Results are similar for the verbal and non-verbal composite measures (Fig. 2, Table 2). In all cases maternal education was a significant and positive factor on ELC, VDQ, and NVDQ measures.

Results from our mixed model analysis using our complete data set are summarized in Table 3 and reinforce the results obtained from our initial ANCOVA. For each composite score, the model including child age, maternal education, child gender, birth weight, gestation duration, and test timing (pre vs. during the pandemic), as well as interaction terms of timing, gender, and maternal education was the most parsimonious model (lowest BIC). Across all measures, we found cognitive scores were significantly reduced during the pandemic by 27 to 37 points (or almost two full standard deviations), p values < 0.01 , with higher maternal education, increased birth weight and increased gestation duration being protective; while males were more heavily affected. We did not find significant differences in birth weight or gestation duration overall in the pre vs during pandemic children ($p > 0.3$), Fig. 3.

Repeating this set of analysis in the subset of 39 children who were born immediately before the beginning of the pandemic and whom we have followed up over the past 18 months (Table 4) presents contrasting results. Longitudinal plots of individual cognitive measures are shown in Fig. 4. Across all composite cognitive measures, we find that the inclusion of a term that distinguishes between pre vs. during the COVID-19 pandemic does not improve the model fit, and no significant decrease in cognitive measures in these children. This result suggests that much of the reductions observed in Figure 2, and Tables 2 and 3 may be driven by the infants born during the pandemic. Results from our last set of analysis (Table 5), restricted to newborns and infants under 1 year of age born before or during the pandemic,

support this hypothesis. Here we find a significant decrease in child cognitive scores in children born during the pandemic with males affected more than females, and higher maternal education being a protective factor.

The strong effect of the pandemic on early neurodevelopment suggests that maternal stress, already shown to be increased in mothers at the start of the pandemic may be an important factor. However, including maternal stress, recorded both prenatally and following delivery into our model, in place of the Model term was not significant (Table 6). Indeed, when examining perceived stress in mothers by year we find (Fig. 5) no significant increase or decrease during the pandemic compared to pre-pandemic years.

DISCUSSION

Children are inherently shaped by their environment. Across the fetal, infant, and early childhood lifestages, a child's brain undergoes immense structural and functional growth that is driven by an integrative mixture of genetic and environmental factors. The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the associated economic shut-down, school disruptions, and social distancing, stay-at-home, and mask policies have fundamentally altered the environment in which children and pregnant individuals have lived, over the past 18 months. Despite much speculation, the short and long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on fetal and child health and neurodevelopment in the absence of direct infection are not yet known [45]. This gap makes it difficult to develop evidence-based guidelines of care for expectant mothers and individuals, design effective strategies for follow-up care of sensitive infants; or provide informed guidance for school and daycare reopening and in-person vs. online learning.

Leveraging data collected continuously over the past decade in Providence, RI and surrounding areas, we sought to investigate how the pandemic has impacted cognitive development and function in newborns and young children. Included pregnant individuals and children reported no symptoms of SARS-CoV-2 infection or had evidence of positive antibody or RT-PCR testing. Families also reported having adhered to stay-at-home and on-going mask and social distancing policies, suggesting observed effects are environmentally driven rather than due to potential direct effects of infection. However, we did not perform antibody testing to confirm past infection status.

Overall, we find that measured verbal, non-verbal, and overall cognitive scores are significantly lower since the beginning of the pandemic. Looking further, we find that children born before the pandemic and followed through the initial stages do not show a reduction in skills or performance, but rather that young infants born since the beginning of the pandemic show significantly lower performance than infants born before January 2019. Thus, our results seem to suggest that early development is impaired by the environmental conditions brought on by the pandemic.

In contrast to other on-going studies through the pandemic [37, 39], we did not find an increase in general maternal stress and, thus, this was not a significant predictor factor in our analysis. This may reflect a general insensitivity of the PSS tool used here to pandemic-related stress; the potential selection bias in the families included in our study; or strong family and social support networks available to the pregnant individuals. The PSS is a standardized ten-item questionnaire that asks about general life stressors and how stressful individuals find their lives but does not include specific questions related to health or wellbeing. In contrast, the MOM-COPE study utilized retrospective data collection using an ad-hoc developed questionnaire focused on worry and anxiety of COVID-19 infection, pregnancy risk, and their own and their infant's health [39]. The survey-based study by Lebel and colleagues [37] also used a specially developed questionnaire to gauge maternal concern of the pandemic and its impact on their own and their infant's health. Additional measures of depression and anxiety were assessed using the standardized Edinburgh Depression Scale (EDS [46]) and PROMIS Anxiety Adult 7- item short form [47] instruments.

With respect to included participants, families in our study were drawn from the local Providence and surrounding communities with focus on typical child development. Exclusion criteria for enrollment has been consistent across the duration of the study and includes: twin or multiple pregnancy; preterm birth prior to 37 weeks; small for gestational age and/or birthweight less than 1500g; 5min APGAR scores \leq 8; major psychiatric illness in the mother, including depression requiring medication within 6 months of pregnancy; use of alcohol, tobacco, or illicit substances during pregnancy; diagnosed neurological disorder (e.g., epilepsy) in the child. During the pandemic, we did not target individuals with COVID-19 exposure or illness. However, since all study visits take place in a clinical setting, parents less

concerned about the pandemic, and those with strong social support networks, may have been more likely to participate than those with greater concerns. Thus, our observation that maternal stress (PSS) did not significantly increase may simply reflect the reality that we only tested less stressed and anxious mothers. These parents may also have greater financial security or other socioeconomic characteristics. However, in ad hoc analysis of maternal education measures of our full cohort by year, we did not observe a significant difference in maternal education between families tested before or during the pandemic (Fig. 5b). This, however, is an area requiring further investigation.

Family and social support is also an important contributor to maternal health and wellbeing [48] that can also affect infant temperament, behavior, and cognitive development [49]. Building from our discussion of maternal stress, we unfortunately did not collect additional measures related to daycare or working from home status of our parents. It is possible that parents of lower socioeconomic means may have been less able to afford daycare or prolonged parental leave. These are additional areas of focus, which could provide important guides for public health policies.

The first 1,000 days of a child's life are commonly cited as an important and sensitive period of child development. Environmental factors, including maternal mental and physical health, nutrition, stimulation, and supportive caregiving can individually and in combination affect the developing fetal and infant brain throughout this early life period [19-22]. Many of these factors have been substantively impacted by public health policies enacted in response to the SARS-CoV-2 outbreak. Work-from-home and shelter-in-place orders, for example, along with closed daycares, nurseries, and preschools may have dramatically changed the quantity and quality of parent, caregiver, and teach-child interaction and stimulation. Studies in older children and adolescents over the past year have found reduced social interaction, increased media consumption, and reduced physical activity [50-52]. It is likely these same trends are true for younger children and infants as well with the closure or reduced capacity of daycares and preschools, and may be associated with impaired motor development, motor coordination and visual processing, language development, and socioemotional processing. In addition, masks worn in public settings and in school or daycare settings may impact a range of early developing skills, such as attachment, facial processing, and socioemotional processing.

Unfortunately, we do not have direct or parent-reported measures indicative of parent or caregiver-child interaction, early media exposure, or physical activity to investigate the potential causative role of these factors.

One aspect also not investigated here is the impact of mask-wearing by the study staff during child visits and assessments [53]. The inability of infants to see full facial expressions may have eliminated non-verbal cues, muffled instructions, or otherwise altered the understanding of the test questions and instructions.

For parents who were able to work from home, and did not face furlough or employment loss, the dual role of childcare and work has increased the strain on parents, in particular mothers, resulting in increased parental stress and anxiety. For families who have suffered job loss, they may experience greater stress, depression, anxiety, as well as food and housing insecurity. Although we found no significant changes in the degree of maternal perceived stress, and we did, however, find that maternal education, often used as a marker of surrogate of socioeconomic status, was generally associated with improved cognitive function and, as an interactive term, had a buffering effect against the impact of the pandemic. This is particularly salient given the disproportionate effect the pandemic has had on lower income families [54], who have not only dealt with job loss and financial insecurity, but are also over-represented in front line and essential service employment with increased risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection and COVID-19 illness [55].

What is unclear from our data, however, is if observed declines or impairments are temporary and will normalize as employment and school closures are lifted and children return to pre-pandemic levels of play and interaction, and family financial insecurity and mental health challenges subside. Unfortunately, when that will occur is also unknown given the ongoing surge of infections associated with new virus variants. It is clear, however, that young infants and children are developing differently than prepandemic, and that addressing this now while their brain is at its most plastic and responsive, is imperative. Programs such as unemployment insurance, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC), and housing assistance, may help minimize the impact of the pandemic on the most sensitive of children. In addition, further research directly

exploring aspects of parent-child attachment, interaction, nutrition, food security, and environmental stimulation is needed to understand the primary driving factors underlying the trends presented here.

CONCLUSION

The COVID-19 pandemic has fundamentally altered the child health landscape, with pregnant mothers and individuals, and children living in a strikingly different economic, psychosocial, and educational environment than what was present just 18 months ago. Against this environmental backdrop, unanswered questions remain regarding the impact of the work-from-home, shelter-in-place, and other public health policies that have limited social interaction and typical childhood experiences on early child neurodevelopment. In this work, we provide early evidence suggestive of significant reductions in attained cognitive function and performance in children born over the past 18 months during the pandemic. While socioeconomic factors appear to mitigate against the negative consequences of the pandemic, the primary factors underlying our observed trends remain unknown. Understanding these factors are critical to helping ensure affected children rebound as the pandemic winds down and they re-enter daycares and schools; as well as implementing additional public health and educational policies that address the most affected of children, particularly those in lower income families.

DATA SHARING

All data acquired and presented here is freely available upon request to the authors.

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From: Adam Hairston <adamh@aspenpllc.com>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 9:51 AM
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Subject: Freedom

Hello Ketchum City Council;

The Ketchum City Council has the opportunity today to acknowledge past mistakes in lockdowns, masking policies and required vaccinations at certain locations around the city. Fear has caused poor decision making. However, acknowledgement of fear and it's side effects, gives one the ability to right the wrong.

Decide today to let go of fear.

Decide today to acknowledge that science is about inquiry, questions and evolving understanding.

Decide today to change course in the face of overwhelming evidence that masking, vaccines and lockdowns have done NOTHING to stop Covid.

It takes more courage to acknowledge a mistake than it does to triple down on bad policy. I'm hoping the city council will acknowledge science and end the socialist masking that does nothing to slow the pandemic. Ask yourselves, if masking worked, why are so many getting sick?

Be brave. End the socialist edict.

Sincerely,

Adam Hairston

Lisa Enourato

From: Graydon Burnett <grady@sunvalleyidahoproperties.com>
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To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Courtney Hamilton; Jim Slanetz; Michael David; Participate
Subject: City of Ketchum Mask Policy

Good morning Mayor and City Council members,

I am a 42-year resident in the valley and a business owner in the city of Ketchum. First off, I want to say thank you to all of you for your continued civic service to our cherished town of Ketchum. We recognize the amount of time and energy you have all put into your roles as Mayor and Council Members over the years and the citizens are fortunate to have such a hardworking, dedicated group of people working on our behalf. Thank you for your service.

I am writing this morning to ask you to immediately rescind the mask mandate currently in the city of Ketchum. This has gone on long enough. Let me say up front without question I absolutely recognize and understand that people's health is the **highest priority** and that all steps should be taken to keep our community as safe as possible. I love this community and the people here with all of my heart. It's an incredibly special place. In the late winter of 2020, we had no idea how serious and what this pandemic was going to bring, and we all did our part to protect our families and the community. However, at this time, 18 months in, it is very evident by now that masking, or other measures you have implemented have not stopped COVID. What it has done is stress our community, divide us, isolate us, damage our businesses and relationships, cause mental and other hardships to our children and ourselves. Enough is enough.

Have you been to a Ketchum restaurant in the last year or so? It's ridiculous and borderline comical (if this wasn't so serious) to watch highly intelligent, highly successful people bumble and fumble with their paper or cloth face covering. It's absurd that you walk into a fully packed restaurant with your mask on and then sit down and take it off. We are all breathing the same air in that environment. What is more aggravating to me is the hypocrisy and degrading policy that forces our restaurant workers to wear the mask their entire shift and the customers do not. It's humiliating and ridiculous. Like the customers are more important than the "servers". I have personally asked many restaurant workers and bartenders in town if they would prefer to NOT wear a mask when working and everyone one of them said, yes, they hate wearing it, it's demeaning and insulting to them, not to mention extremely uncomfortable.

I am sure you have received many emails with links to fact-based research and science that now show forcing citizens to wear a face covering is non effective and potentially dangerous. I will spare you my links and the research and data that I have read. I will simply say that enough is enough, the citizens are over it. I, as one citizen respectfully ask you to rescind the mask mandate, stop driving the fear narrative and let the citizens and visitors live and breathe freely.

Thank you.

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Subject: Misinformation, open discourse, and hypocrisy

Dear Ketchum Mayor and city council,

I watched the Sun Valley city council meeting last Thursday and was stunned and disappointed at the alarming lack of knowledge of some of the council members. They were unaware the [CDC has admitted most masks](#) don't work to stop viral transmission. (Also [see](#).) They were unaware that COVID-19 injections do not stop transmission as admitted by [CDC](#), the [Pfizer CEO](#), and even [Bill Gates](#). They were unaware the most recent data from countries all over the world shows the jabbed are [MORE likely](#) to contract and die from COVID than the jab free. (Also see [here](#) and [here](#).) Data from US states like WY and MA that distinguish between jab-free, partially jabbed, and fully jabbed echo this pattern. States like Idaho who lump in those less than two weeks after their second shot with the injection-free, distort the picture because the vast majority of injection injuries occur within a few days of a jab thereby obfuscating the true story. (See [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#). In fact, the situation [across the world](#), the US, and even here at home is [worse](#) than before any of these measures were implemented. It's time to stop them.

I also want to express my profound disappointment that local politicians are ducking open debate. Amanda Breen has been repeatedly contacted by a local news outlet that wanted to do a story on her views regarding the mask mandate in a roundtable discussion format. I know this because that media outlet asked me to participate and while I agreed, Amanda never responded. Angenie McCleary, a Blaine County Commissioner, also refused the invitation. Sam Linnett of Hailey was scheduled to do a discussion with Phil Rainey, a Hailey resident, health care practitioner and firefighter, but Linnett cancelled then never responded to repeated calls to reschedule. If local politicians aren't prepared to publicly discuss and defend the science and reasoning behind their policy decisions, they have no business making those policy decisions.

Elected officials are making decisions which impact our community mentally, emotionally, and physically and are therefore duty-bound to be informed and be able to defend your decisions. I was just following CDC is inadequate. Transparency is the only answer and the fact that Amanda and others have dodged open and honest public debate is not only condemnable, it's un-American.

Other local officials such as Kaz Thea and Heidi Husbands celebrate mask-free shoulder to shoulder in a crowded bar but vote that citizens must mask up to enter the grocery store. Lara Stone votes to mask our CHILDREN but exercises mask-free less than 6 feet from another person. This hypocritical behavior brings to mind the adage "rules for thee" but not for me and must stop.

Sun Valley Mayor Peter Hendricks reported at the city council meeting last Thursday that South Central Health District has been allowing staff to decide for themselves whether to wear masks. SCHED's policy reflected their concern about the harmful mental health impact of masks. This policy, conducted behind closed doors, speaks volumes about the low level of concern SCHED must have about COVID as well as the low level of confidence they must have in masks.

I understand you were afraid at the beginning of all this situation and wanted to do something, anything, but there is no excuse for continuing failed policies given the abundant evidence of inefficacy and harm. There is also no excuse for dodging public debate or for politicians hypocritically flouting rules they make.

Please do the right and honorable thing. End the mandate.

Sincerely,

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Lisa Enourato

From: Bonnie Thibodo <rptbonnie@icloud.com>
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To: Participate
Subject: Mask Mandate

Dear Ketchum City Council,

I am writing to let you know that you need to end your mask mandate. I am living in a hotel in Boise because I could not stand living under your rules anymore. In Boise, I can live a normal life and yes I am still alive. As an almost 80 year old, I do not want to live in fear of a virus nor have my face covered and experience the loss of human connection. Living in Boise is freeing but I don't get to spend time with my family who lives here. There is no reason that we need to be the only community in Idaho with a mask mandate. Please end this harmful mandate now.

Sincerely,

Bonnie Thibodo

Sent from my iPhone

Lisa Enourato

From: Cathie Davis <luchsunvalley@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 10:31 AM
To: Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Fwd: STOP MASK MANDATE PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!

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From: **Cathie Davis** <luchsunvalley@gmail.com>
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Subject: STOP MASK MANDATE PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!
To: <nbradshaw@ketchumidaho.org>, <ABreen@ketchumidaho.org>, <jslanetz@ketchumidaho.org>, <chamilton@ketchum.org>, <mdavid@ketchum.org>, <participate@ketchum.org>

I have lived in Ketchum for 40 years and want to express how extremely upset and concerned I am over all the CoVid 19 restrictions including mask mandates!! These restrictions violate my constitutional rights as a US citizen. I am fully aware of the health detriments of wearing a mask and refuse to do so. I do not go in any local businesses that tell me to put a mask on...many do not... thank god!!! I have always bought and supported local businesses to a huge extent and now I shop elsewhere if needed and will continue to do so regarding this mask mandate. I own two local businesses in Ketchum and have a very large clientele.... most of whom are tourists and the feedback from them is NO MASKING!! My partner who is a doctor operates a Holistic Health practice in Ketchumso 3 local businesses!! We have done extensive research and communications with his doctor colleagues worldwide who ALL express the dangerous effects of mask wearing. It is beyond time for all of you who sit on our city council to do your homework and WAKE UP to the dangers and unethical continuation of this insanity!!

Cathie Davis

This is included from my partner

Dr Stephan Siele

Ascension Holistic Health Center

Please be advised that this is a formal request from me, Dr Stephan Siele

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Yours in Health,

Dr Stephan Siele DC QN

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From: Steve Hollister <SHollister@NorthMarq.com>
Sent: Monday, February 07, 2022 10:35 AM
To: Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate
Subject: Please end the mask mandate now

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Comprehensive studies from independent scientists, researchers, and doctors show masks don't work. Even the CDC admits that cloth masks don't work.

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Steve

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**To:** Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate  
**Subject:** Masks

As a City Counsel you are revisiting mask mandates. This is a good thing. True science is always revisiting, re-testing hypotheses, questioning, and re-evaluating data. The issues of masking, lockdowns, and distancing have seen large amounts of quality data coming forth and old assumptions have changed. At this time, the CDC, NIH, & WHO do not feel mask mandates, blanket vaccination programs, and social distancing are able to prevent the spread of the current Covid variants and currently cannot recommend these measures as they did in the past. Britain, Germany, Czech Republic, Denmark, Sweden, Spain, Turkey, El Salvador, Japan, Singapore, Brazil, and Mexico have all cancelled their quarantine procedures, Corona testing and compulsory vaccination and consider Covid a seasonal flu. All of these countries have incidence and mortality rates significantly lower than the USA's (which is the highest, per capita, in the world. Obviously, our programs have not been as effective when compared to most other locations. It is time to reassess the data and hypothesis.

Masks have had few quality, randomized studies indicating benefit. In fact, the best studies are from South Korea, Hong Kong, and Vietnam from 2020. These studies indicate no statistical benefit to the use of masks; cloth, surgical, or N-95's. The vaunted N-95 masks have a 3 micron pore size; the virus is 0.06 to 0.14 micron in diameter, that is the pore size in the mask is 30 times bigger than the size of the viral particle. The analogy of transporting sand in a grocery cart or using chicken wire screens to keep out the mosquitoes have been used. In fact, Major Joseph Murphy's letter to the Inspector General of the Department of Defense indicated the virus was developed with masked lab animals, so that the virus would spread by aerosolization, not droplets, thereby defeating masks.

Recent studies also show detriments, especially to our children. A large, statistically powerful meta-analysis from Johns Hopkins last week clearly showed the detrimental effects of mask mandates on students. A paper from the University of Kentucky recently found in the last 2 years the learning difficulties associated with masks have caused a 20 point loss in IQ scores in 2-5 year old children. Children need to see adult's and peers' facial expressions and speech, to learn, cognitively, and socially develop.

Current science indicates that masks provide no benefits, cause specific, and observable detriment to the population, our community. To continue mask mandates is to join the ranks of true science deniers.

Tom Degan, MD

Marilyn Degan, ARNP



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**From:** Kendall Nelson <kendalltnelson@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 07, 2022 10:55 AM  
**To:** Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate  
**Subject:** Please end the mask mandates

2-7-22

Dear Mayor Bradshaw and Ketchum City Council members,

I am disheartened to learn that the Sun Valley City Council voted to continue the mask mandate for 30 days, even after learning that the South-Central Health District (SCHD) has not been requiring their own employees to wear masks for mental health reasons. The hypocrisy of those who help shape the masking policies is astounding and quite frankly, reprehensible.

Clearly, the masking issue is divisive. Some have even gone so far as to wrongfully assert that good liberals wear them, and bad conservative do not. It seems to me that our city councils have been voting for mask mandates based on politics and fear of retribution, rather than on science. That too is inexcusable.

None the sweeping social restrictions put in place over the past two years have been successful at preventing the spread of COVID-19. It is my sincere hope that the Ketchum City Council will base its future decisions regarding masking on science rather than on politics. It is time to stop dividing and silencing us.

For your reference, here is a link to over 150 studies and articles on mask ineffectiveness and harms. I hope you will take the time to read it. <https://brownstone.org/articles/more-than-150-comparative-studies-and-articles-on-mask-ineffectiveness-and-harms/>

In doing so, you will learn that masks cause more than mental illness. They also cause bacterial respiratory infections, neurological damage, birth defects, anxiety, fatigue, headaches, trouble with concentration, inability to learn language and empathy, and impaired emotional development in children. <https://healthfreedomdefense.org/masks-arent-just-ineffective-theyre-dangerous/>

Illogical masking policies have caused a tsunami of damage to both individuals and businesses. Please put an end to them today!

I urge you to be faithful and courageous.

Sincerely,

Kendall Nelson

Ketchum Resident

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**Subject:** Fwd: Misinformation, open discourse, and hypocrisy

Hi Amanda,

Thank you for sharing that information with me. I confirmed with the media outlet yesterday and again today after receiving your email below that you were called and left voicemails but did not reply so perhaps there was a technical glitch. I am replying all so all who received my original email are aware you of the situation.

It is great to hear that you always respond to media and are open to a roundtable discussion. The reason I responded to the news outlet is because I believe in open, honest, public debate so that our community can be as educated as possible, listen to different information, and make their own informed decisions. I feel this discussion has been sorely lacking in our valley and across our nation and that many people feel they have been shut out of the discussion.

The news outlet in question is still interested in hosting a discussion and would be delighted to have you participate if you are willing. I hope that's the case. Please let me know.

Leslie Manookian  
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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Amanda Breen <[ABreen@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:ABreen@ketchumidaho.org)>  
**Subject: Re: Misinformation, open discourse, and hypocrisy**  
**Date:** February 7, 2022 at 10:14:17 AM MST  
**To:** Leslie Manookian <[leslie.manookian@me.com](mailto:leslie.manookian@me.com)>

I have never been contacted by "a local news outlet" to participate in any roundtable discussion, and I always respond to media inquiries. Please correct your own "misinformation" that you are spreading about me.

Regards,

Amanda Breen  
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Please reconsider the mandate and do away with it entirely. We have put our trust in you all to make good decisions for our community and I ask for you to do that now.

Sincerely,  
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**To:** Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate  
**Subject:** End the Mask Mandate

Dear Ketchum Mayor and City Council Members,

For two years now, people have been listening to the so-called 'experts', with all kinds of conflicting information. It is time to stop listening to the so-called 'experts' and use your own common sense. People have to be able to breathe in and to exhale. All the masks can do are to disperse the air, but not filter the air that people in close settings are sharing. This is just common sense.

Why some people get sick and others do not has more to do with how strong their immune systems work. This is just common sense.

If some people feel safe wearing a mask, let them wear a mask. However, do not force ALL of the people to wear masks. End the mask mandate.

I will not participate in something that does not make sense. I have not and I will not patronize any businesses in Ketchum that require mask wearing indoors. I am a long time Wood River Valley resident.

Sincerely,  
Bob Pedersen

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**From:** Suzan Stommel <Suzan@ascente.us>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 07, 2022 11:40 AM  
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**Cc:** Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate;  
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**Subject:** Please End the Mask Mandate

To the elected leaders of Blaine County -

We're writing to add our names to the list of people who say it's time to end mandating masking. Those who want to wear them are welcome to - without any judgement. But those who are against mandatory mask wearing need to have our voices heard.

Thank you,  
Suzan & Pete Stommel

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**From:** Kris Haynes <krisaynes5b@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 07, 2022 11:40 AM  
**To:** Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate  
**Subject:** Mask mandates

Ketchum City Council,

Please consider the current situation with mandates. Wearing a mask should be a choice as described in our constitution. Mandates are not a legal law and therefore cannot be forced. There is more evidence coming out about the negative effects of mask wearing. Bottom line is this should be an individual choice. We live in a beautiful community that's being destroyed by this type of overreach, let's try and get back to individual liberties, supporting one another and loving being in this valley.

Blaine County Resident  
Kris Haynes  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Lori McNee](#)  
**To:** [Neil Bradshaw](#); [Amanda Breen](#); [Jim Slanetz](#); [Courtney Hamilton](#); [Michael David](#); [Participate](#)  
**Subject:** Please vote to END THE MASK MANDATES!!!  
**Date:** Monday, February 07, 2022 11:41:54 AM

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Dear Ketchum City Council,

Please vote to **END THE MASK MANDATES!!!**

Even the CDC has admitted that cloth masks don't work and are nothing more than facial decorations. "Cloth **masks** are little more than **facial decorations** and should not be considered an acceptable form of **face** covering." <https://www.nytimes.com/2022/01/14/health/cloth-masks-covid-cdc.html?referringSource=articleShare>

Cloth masks and N95s are very dangerous. They drastically elevate CO2 levels and cause neurological damage which is especially dangerous for child development.  
<https://healthfreedomdefense.org/masks-arent-just-ineffective-theyre-dangerous/>  
<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.08.10.21261846v1.full.pdf>

Even Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced face masks will no longer be mandated and are a personal choice! <https://www.bbc.com/news/uk-60047438>

South Central Health District acknowledge the harmful mental health impact of masks and therefore allow employees to make their own personal choice. Masks should be a personal choice!

Life south of Blaine County is refreshing, happy and way more normal! In Buhl, Gooding, Hagerman, Wendell, and Twin Falls, the majority of shoppers and people in other public areas including government buildings are maskless.

That is freedom of choice and the American way. Please end these unrealistic, unhealthy and unAmerican mandates.

With respect,

Lori McNee  
(Blaine Co resident since 1985)

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/health/medical/cdc-director-covid-vaccines-cant-prevent-transmission-anymore/ar-AASDndg>  
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**From:** Brian Opp <oppconst@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, February 07, 2022 11:55 AM  
**To:** Neil Bradshaw; Amanda Breen; Jim Slanetz; Courtney Hamilton; Michael David; Participate  
**Subject:** No Mask Orders Please!

The jury is out, and masking is ridiculous. The data is in, and when comparing places that mask vs. places that don't mask, has NO impact on getting Covid.

Lets let everyone get back to normal and stop this abuse of power.

Brian Opp