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To: Assembly; Stephen Giesbrecht
Subject: Emergency Mask Mandate

All,

Thank you for your public service, and I appreciate your willingness to discuss an emergency mask mandate today.

COVID-19 continues to be an issue that impacts many facets of our community, and continues to take a huge toll on our medical center staff, educators and school administrators. We are lucky to have excellent people that are keeping these vital services up and running, and it disappoints me to not see that hard work being supported or valued by community actions.

We are seeing the ineffectiveness of a patchwork approach to mitigation strategies. Some groups are implementing and planning for Covid mitigations, and many are not. As a community, we have the responsibility to protect our most vulnerable. It is undeniable that a patchwork response to a pandemic does not protect the most vulnerable members of our community, nor the community as a whole. We are seeing our schools and medical center pushed to the breaking point - again - by going above and beyond to serve our community. It is time to support and appreciate this effort and act in kind.

While I do not think an emergency mask mandate is going to solve many of the issues we are currently seeing related to Covid, I do believe it is a concrete step the Assembly can take to support the burden of mitigation that is currently being shouldered unevenly in our community.

Thank you for your time,

Carey Case