

Addenda
Special City Council Meeting
Meeting of February 17, 2022

ITEM 3 – Discussion of city-wide face mask mandate

A clerical error was identified on page 2 of the staff report included in the agenda packet. The last sentence should include the date range of “Jan. 10 to Jan. 31”, not “Dec. 20 to Jan. 31”.

In addition, the following are attached:

- Hennepin County data regarding case trends for the 14-day time period ending Feb. 7
- A revised resolution that includes the latest Hennepin County data
- Public comments received after distribution of the agenda packet and before 9 a.m. today, Thursday, February 17



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TO: Mayor and Council Members
Acting City Manager Mike Funk

FROM: Corrine Heine, City Attorney

DATE: Feb. 17, 2022

SUBJECT: Supplemental data for Feb. 17, 2022 special council meeting

This supplements the staff report for agenda item 3 for today's meeting. First, please note a clerical error in the second paragraph of page 2 of the staff report. The last sentence states that there was a 65% decline in the case rate for Hennepin County from Dec. 20 to Jan. 31. The Dec. 20 date is erroneous; it should have referred to Jan. 10 instead.

Second, Hennepin County has released data regarding case trends for the 14-day time period ending Feb. 7. The case rate per 10,000 residents is 66.4 for Hennepin County overall and 70.6 for Minnetonka. This puts the county at its lowest rate since Nov. 8, 2021, when the case rate was 62.0 per 10,000 residents – just before the omicron spike began.

A revised resolution that includes the latest Hennepin County data is attached.

14-day trends for 12/21 - 2/7

The 14-day trend data is the number of COVID-19 cases per 10,000 residents recorded over a 14-day time frame.

City	12/21-1/3	12/28-1/10	1/4-1/17	1/11-1/24	1/18-1/31	1/25-2/7
HC Total	231.8	356.1	349.7	230.5	129.9	66.4
Bloomington	217.2	351.5	358.0	239.7	134.1	69.6
Brooklyn Center	315.9	501.6	479.3	292.2	147.3	75.7
Brooklyn Park	296.4	480.4	458.6	273.5	156.7	79.1
Champlin	185.5	307.2	320.3	241.0	159.7	79.7
Crystal	216.3	362.3	389.4	266.0	140.4	71.1
Eden Prairie	191.4	315.3	315.2	211.3	131.1	72.5
Edina	237.8	334.4	335.2	242.7	144.1	69.8
Golden Valley	207.8	329.5	317.4	206.9	139.5	75.4
Hopkins	258.5	427.3	420.2	289.6	160.1	64.5
Maple Grove	216.0	319.0	328.2	239.8	134.1	71.4
Minneapolis	245.8	381.9	335.8	205.4	109.9	56.2
Mnetonika	203.8	309.4	334.2	236.6	128.6	70.6
New Hope	239.5	437.3	449.8	274.8	137.7	62.6
Plymouth	211.4	328.4	342.0	240.8	139.5	72.4
Richfield	253.2	393.8	403.3	274.6	133.1	64.8
Robbinsdale	253.0	392.6	375.4	228.1	121.7	62.2
Rogers	187.8	294.3	325.6	269.2	180.0	83.7
St. Louis Park	274.9	391.3	368.0	263.1	150.8	68.4
**Other NW Suburban HC	144.8	240.4	246.2	185.3	126.3	65.8
***Other W/S Suburban HC	163.1	261.2	283.9	204.7	131.5	73.5

*When city case counts are fewer than 5, the rate is suppressed to "" for data privacy.

Resolution No. 2022-___

Resolution suspending enforcement of Ordinance No. 2022-01

Be it resolved by the City Council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota as follows:

Section 1. Background.

- 1.01. On Jan. 14, 2022, the Minnetonka city council enacted Ordinance No. 2022-01, entitled "An emergency ordinance relating to face covering requirements within specified indoor spaces within the city" (the "Ordinance").
- 1.02. Pursuant to the Minnetonka city charter, the Ordinance will be automatically repealed 61 days after its adoption, which is March 16, 2022.
- 1.03. At the time of adoption of the Ordinance, the city and Hennepin County were experiencing a rapid spike in COVID-19 cases. According to Hennepin County's public dashboard, the case rate in Hennepin County increased from 77.3 cases per 10,000 residents (for the 14-day period ending Dec. 20, 2021) to 352.5 cases per 10,000 residents (for the 14-day period ending Jan. 10, 2022).
- 1.04. Since Jan. 14, the rate of cases has decreased dramatically. Data released on Feb. 17 indicates that the number of COVID-19 cases per 10,000 Hennepin County residents has fallen to 66.4, for the period ending Feb.7, 2022. Forecasts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention suggest that the case rate will continue to decline in coming weeks.
- 1.05. Under the applicable procedures for enacting ordinances, it would take longer for the council to enact a separate repeal than to wait for the ordinance to automatically repeal on March 16.

Section 2. Council Action.

- 2.01. The council directs the city manager to suspend all enforcement of the Ordinance, effective _____, and to notify residents and businesses of that suspension by notifying the local media, posting information on the website and city social media sites, and using available email notification lists.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, on _____, 2022.

Brad Wiersum, Mayor

Attest:

Becky Koosman, City Clerk

Action on this resolution:

Motion for adoption:

Seconded by:

Voted in favor of:

Voted against:

Abstained:

Absent:

Resolution adopted.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Minnetonka, Minnesota, at a meeting held on _____, 2022.

Becky Koosman, City Clerk



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TO: City Council
FROM: Kyle Salage, Elections Specialist
DATE: Feb. 17, 2022
SUBJECT: Change Memo for Feb. 17, 2022 Special City Council Meeting

Item 3 – Discussion of city-wide face mask mandate

The attached correspondence was received after distribution of the packet and before 9 a.m. today, Thursday, February 17.

From: Jan Andersen
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:09 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Mask mandate

End the mask mandate now.

Jan K. Andersen
4721 Timber Ridge Place
Minnetonka, MN

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Jan K. Andersen

From: Jackie Olafson
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:14 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Mask mandate

Please put an immediate end to the mask mandate .

Thank you
Jackie Olafson
Townview Rd
Minnetonka 55344

From: NANCY DICKINSON
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:39 PM
To: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>; Kissy Coakley <kcoakley@minnetonkamn.gov>; Brian Kirk <bkirk@minnetonkamn.gov>; Rebecca Schack <rschack@minnetonkamn.gov>; Bradley Schaeppi <bschaeppi@minnetonkamn.gov>; Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>; Kimberly Wilburn <kwilburn@minnetonkamn.gov>; Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Mask Mandate and Council Meetings

Good Afternoon Mayor Wiersom and Councilmembers.

I would like the City of Minnetonka to end the mask mandate now! I also think it is time for the City of Minnetonka council meetings return to "in person" meetings and open to the public. Let's move forward!!

Thank You! Have a great evening!

Nancy Dickinson
2930 Oakland Road
Minnetonka Mn 55305

From: Deb Swenson
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:01 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Masks

Please end this mask mandate.

Other cities are laughing all the way to the bank because people like me are shopping outside of Minnetonka.

We look like idiots and I hold all who voted for this overreach accountable!!

Deb S

From: Elin Neugebauer
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:05 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Minnetonka Mask Mandate

To the Minnetonka City Council and Mayor Wiersum,

Our family of five was extremely grateful for the mask mandate that was established last month. There are several exemptions to it, which are quite unfortunate, but it did make a difference in some places. We have three children, and our oldest is medically complex, at high risk of severe Covid even after receiving the vaccination. We also have a child under five who is too young to receive the vaccine. On the advice of our children's doctors, our two school age children have been home for eight weeks now because of how high the Covid numbers have been, and only just today returned to the school building today for the first time since before their winter break. We rely on school, business, and city wide mask mandates to add the extremely beneficial and needed layer of protection for not only them, but our community as a whole. Our children are able to go into stores for short amounts of time when there is a mask mandate. They are a part of the community when we can rely on most people doing the right thing and wearing a mask. Without a mask mandate at school, they would not be able to be present in their classroom. If the city mask mandate was ended now, the impacts would be devastating for not only our family, but many throughout our community. There is a significant amount of evidence that the protection provided from masks are extremely beneficial for the individual wearing them, those near them, and that further extends to benefits for our community, and medical facilities. We are just finally starting to come out of the most recent Covid wave, and we can not let our guard down now. Continuing to layer our methods of protection is the only way we will continue to reduce the spread of Covid. Masks are an extremely simple way of protecting our community, with little to no negative impact. The risk of ending the mandate however would signal to the community at large that our most vulnerable citizens and visitors are of no importance, and the negative impact to them and their families would be significant. I am hoping the city can agree with the considerable amount of evidence that masks are beneficial, and keep our city mask mandate in place.

Thank you,
Elin Neugebauer
Minnetonka resident and parent of children within the Hopkins School District

From: Shirley Cayze
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:56 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Masks

Please rescind the mask mandates. It's time

Thank you.

Shirley Cayze

From: Brian Noah
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:00 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: It's time to end the non-emergency masking ordinance

It didn't do one positive thing for our community. Prove me wrong.

Sincerely,
Brian Noah
Michaele Lane, Minnetonka
Ward 3

From: RJ Josephson
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:38 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Please end mask mandate

From: heather pasqualini
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:47 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: End the MASK MANDATE Please

It has come to my attention that you may be able to help our city and CHILDREN end the mask mandate. This has been incredibly harmful to the community without scientific evidence that this mandate has helped anyone still well. I appreciate your attention to this matter and expect that you listen to the people. It is time to end the MASK MANDATE!

Thank you so for listening,

Heather Pasqualini

From: Donna Vieillard
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 8:24 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Mask mandate

Please cancel the mask mandate

It is driving business out of minnetonka

In addition, masks have been shown to be ineffective in spreading disease.
Masks have reduced the IQs of our children

From: Adel Hoseck
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 8:02 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Minnetonka Mask Mandate

The city council should act to revoke the Minnetonka mask mandate. There is much scientific literature debunking the efficacy of the type of face masks worn by the general public. Citizens who find comfort wearing them could still do so. I'm 72 and I've had covid. I'm comfortable not wearing a mask so I've been shopping in neighboring communities.

Whether or not to wear a mask should be an individual's decision.

Sincerely,
Adel J Hoseck
13505 McGinty Road E
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: Kathryn Vande Kamp
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 8:09 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Mask Mandate

To whom it may concern,
I am writing to you today to request that you end the mask mandate in the city of Minnetonka immediately. There are several studies that show masks do nothing to stop the spread of a virus and are just a prop to make people "feel like they are doing something". This is a ridiculous charade and it is not healthy. Please allow people to choose for themselves if they would like to wear a mask or not. The mandates cause hate and division; they drive business out of our city and cause places of business additional stresses to try to monitor and enforce.
Thank you for your consideration,

Kay Vande Kamp
5808 Scenic Drive

From: Bob Fallen
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 8:27 AM
To: Kissy Coakley <kcoakley@minnetonkamn.gov>; Bradley Schaeppi <bschaeppi@minnetonkamn.gov>; Rebecca Schack <rschack@minnetonkamn.gov>; Brian Kirk <bkirk@minnetonkamn.gov>; Kimberly Wilburn <kwilburn@minnetonkamn.gov>; Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>; Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>
Cc: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Does the Minnetonka City Council Represent Residents?

The City Manager remarked during the January 14 City Council meeting that an extraordinary number of emails were received before the vote on the emergency mask mandate. Those emails, representing the opinions of Minnetonka residents, business owners and frequent visitors to the city, were made available to Council members prior to the vote.

The emails are a matter of public record on the city's website, and a spreadsheet summarizing the opinions on the mask mandate are attached. Not surprisingly, **an astounding seventy-nine percent (79%) voiced opposition to the mask mandate**, many citing medical research and data from leading government health agencies. The public comments made during the council meeting, and before the vote, reflected a similar ratio.

Based on the feedback provided prior to the vote, my question for all Council Members is “**Who do you represent?**” If you received public input reflecting that 4 of 5 Minnetonka residents opposed the mandate, why did you vote 5-2 to pass it? Who was the Council serving?

I hope that question can be answered at the hastily scheduled meeting for Thursday, Feb. 17. If the opinion of residents did not warrant your attention, perhaps the polling data showing enormous public opposition to mandates, and to the politicians that support them, will influence a vote to end the madness.

Bob Fallen
Freedom Loving Resident of Minnetonka

From: Candace Rust
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:04 AM
To: Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>; Kimberly Wilburn <kwilburn@minnetonkamn.gov>; Brian Kirk <bkirk@minnetonkamn.gov>; Rebecca Schack <rschack@minnetonkamn.gov>; Bradley Schaeppi <bschaeppi@minnetonkamn.gov>; Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Cc: Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>; Kissy Coakley <kcoakley@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Mask choice

Mayor and City Council-
Please vote for mask choice. I have avoided going to any stores, restaurants since you passed the mask mandate. We took our money elsewhere.
Here is what the surrounding cities are doing

Mask Choice	No plan, No changes, No answers
Edina	MINNETONKA
Northfield	
St Peter	
Wayzata	
Carver	
Chaska	
Waconia	
Orono	
Mound	
Eden Prairie	
Mankato	
Prior Lake	
Savage	

CONTACT NAME	DATE & TIME	AGAINST	FOR	NOTES
Aanestad, Chris	1.13.22; 2:38pm	1		Personal freedoms are more important
Ahern, Paul	1.14.22; 8:50am	1		I will be boycotting Minnetonka businsses.I will not comply with "show me your papers."
Ahlers, Dave	1.13.22; 8:37pm	1		A mandate makes no sense.
Ahlers, Maria	1.14.22; 10:18am	1		Totally opposed. Mask mandates in schools have not stopped the spread.
Ahrens, Michelle	1.12.22; 4:08pm	1		I do not support mandates
Alcorn, Steve	1.14.22; 10:13am	1		Most studies show masks are ineffective.
Anderla, Sherri	1.13.22; 9:58am		1	Other cities are doing so. We are vaccinated and boosted. Previous mandates have done nothing to stop the spread.
Anderson-Blythe, Olivia	1.13.22; 12:13pm	1		
Anderson, Deborah	1.14.22; 8:32am	1		Please let people make their own decisions. Free choice!
Anderson, Elizabeth	1.13.22; 7:32am	1		I do not support mandates
Anderson, Gail	1.13.22; 12:39pm		1	Implement until hospitalizations decrease
Anonymous	1.13.22; 11:39am	1		Masks don't work. Follow the science!
Anonymous	1.13.22; 1:57pm		1	I am masking already 50% of the time.
Anonymous	1.13.22; 3:51pm		1	Mandate N95 or equivalent.
Anonymous	1.13.22; 4:59pm	1		Masks do not stop the spread. They do create bacterial infections of the face.
Baca, Maria	1.13.22; 2:36pm		1	Requiring masking will help employee shortages. communities encourage them. People should have a choice.
Badzin, Bryan	1.13.22; 1:14pm	1		
Bakken, Kalee	1.13.22; 3:48pm	1		Please vote no.
Balken, Jason	1.13.22; 10:39pm	1		End this political corruption and medical experiment now.!
Bappe, Matthew	1.14.22; 0:00pm	1		No more mandates, forced injections or passperts. These worthless rules have no end.
Barczak, Dave	1.13.22; 10:15am	1		Individual decision.
Bar Hoover, Jennifer	1.12.22; 6:59pm		1	Chanhassen resident; kids attend Tonka schools.
Barrett, Tom	1.13.22; 10:14am	1		Many masks are a joke. Don't to this.
Beers, Carissa	1.13.22; 4:35pm	1		Let residents make personal decisions
Beil, Dick	1.14.22; 10:33am	1		Request a NO vote.
Beil, Kristi	1.14.22; 9:45am	1		Vehmently opposed. Allow personal freedoms.
Belisle, Julie	1.14.22; 10:45am	1		As a healthcare worker, science does not support the mass use of masks.
Beran, Chris	1.13.22; 5:55pm	1		Use common sense. Don't force people to mask.
Bergeson, Douglas	1.14.22; 10:12am	1		Vote No!

Bix, Kit	1.13.22; 9:29pm	1	Being in the presence of unmasked persons puts my life at risk. Director, DFL Disability Caucus
Blake, Mary Pat	1.13.22; 4:41pm	1	Reinstating mandates is the only responsible action.
Bolstad, Ayla	1.13.22; 7:45am	1	I stand for freedom. Masks studies show no effect.
Brandvold, Michael	1.13.22; 8:49pm	1	Individuals can wear masks at their discretion.
Brandvold, Sandra	1.13.22; 12:29pm	1	Did not work with the Spanish Flu and they won't with Covid.
Brody, Bill and Sue	1.13.22; 11:03am	2	Husband/Wife. Let people make the choice.
Bruss, Darcie	1.14.22; 11:20am	2	My husband and I oppose the mandate!
Bryce, Jen	1.13.22; 4:11pm	1	Nobody should be forced to wear a mask. This entire thing is politicized.
Burke, Brian	1.13.22; 11:30am	1	No science behind masking as effective.
Burns, Kathy	1.14.22; 10:17am	1	I am opposed to mandate.
Butler, Grace	1.13.22; 10:24pm	1	Purpose of government is to help organizations make decisions.
Calderararo, Camille	1.14.22; 10:49am	1	Yes.
Calhoun-Lopez, Heidi	1.13.22; 1:15pm	1	Cites quote from Golden Valley mayor. It should also apply to Minnetonka schools without exception.
Calvert, Valdo	1.13.22; 9:29pm	1	Fully support citywide mandate. Medical facilities are being overwhelmed.
Cannon, John	1.14.22; 10:26am	1	Let us make our own health decisions.
Cardinal, Andrew	1.14.22; 11:12am	1	Consider all the data. It is universal in saying masks are not effective.
Carroll, Elliot	1.13.22; 12:20pm	1	Opposed.
Carroll, Phillip	1.13.22; 11:57am	1	Strongly against mandate.
Carroll, Sally	1.14.22; 10:30am	1	Children mentally effected. Freedom of choice is the American way.
Catarrinho, Ricardo	1.13.22; 9:23am	1	We have freedoms.
Ciaccio, Terese	1.13.22; 4:31pm	1	Not a resident, but shop and eat almost exclusively in Tonka, Not anymore.
Coonan, Linda	1.11.22; 11:08am	1	Children are suffering and businesses are exhausted.
Corson, Judy	1.13.22; 11:03pm	1	Masking is proven to work.
Cousins, Ellen	1.14.22; 9:37am	1	Vote no on this proposal.
Cranbrook, Stacy	1.13.22; 11:57pm	1	Forcing masks will result in loss of business. We can keep people safe without mandates.
Cummins, Amanda	1.13.22; 8:11pm	1	It's up to the individual.
Dickinson, Nancy	1.14.22; 7:18am	1	Poor communication from the city council on this vote.
Dolan, Mary	1.13.22; 9:55pm	1	We have asthma. Please implement to protect workers.
Donnelly, Sheila	1.13.22; 9:55am	1	We must return to normal.
Douglas, Chris	1.12.22; 10:26pm	1	Triple vaxxed, former mask wearer. I am done. The mandates are useless.

Dumisani, Thomsen	1.13.22; 4:10pm	1		Plymouth resident with business in Tonka. Look at these studies!
Eaton, Sue	1.14.22; 11:32am	1		Walking into a bar or restaurant with a mask, then removing it to eat or drink makes zerosense.
Eberlein, Jackie	1.13.22; 8:26am	1		St. Louis Park Res; will not shop in Tonka
Eckleberry, Kathryn	1.14.22; 10:38am	1		Mask mandates are not effective. If you care about health, focus on the real dangers like poor diet.
Ehmke, Lisa	1.13.22; 11:57am	1		Mandates will only create anger and frustration
Ekstrand, Molly	1.13.22; 5:26pm		1	If only for a bit longer.
Elliott, Catherine	1.13.22;4:20pm	1		Tax revenues will decline as a result
Ertz, Bob	1.13.22; 3:04pm	1		We will spend our dollars elsewhere
Ertz, Diane	1.13.22; 5:46pm	1		Supreme Court and studies agree. No mandates.
Esh, Maryann	1.14.22; 10:56am		1	All of Minnetonka and all schools. Force the schools. Husband and wife adamantly opposed. Killing businesses, especially workout facilities.
Falk, Kristine	1.12.22; 6:08pm	2		
Farnsworth, Robert	1.13.22; 9:38am	1		Mandates proven NOT to work. Minnesotans are smart enough to see political action here.
Firestone, Mary	1.14.22; 11:02am	1		
Fitch, Tess	1.14.22; 10:39am		1	It would really help the economy if everyone wore a mask.
Foggia, Alyssa	1.14.22; 11:13am	1		Countless studies showing masks don't work
Francis, Mark	1.13.22; 2:48pm	1		Personal choice.
Franklin, Michael	1.13.22; 4:14pm	1		Masking does not work. Read attached article.
Funk, Mike	1.14.22; 9:41am	1		No more Covid rules.
Gause, Donna	1.14.22; 10:07am		1	gatherig, Worshippers are people too. Public Works employee
Gervais, Sammi	1:13.22; 2:32pm		1	Cites Minnetonka School Board universal masking.
Gilbert, Randy	1.13.22; 9:5am	1		Question the science. Masks don't work.
Glynn, Marshall	1.12.22; 7:49pm	1		The science is in. Masks are not effective. Mandates infringe on personal liberty.
Goecke, Linda	1.11.22; 4:18pm	1		Vaxed and boosted. Masks should be individual decision.
Gomes, Lauren	1.13.22; 12:14am	2		Husband/Wife thinking they may leve Minnetonka.
Green, Ann-Lie	1.14.22; 8:54am	1		I vote NO
H., Chad	1.14.22; 3:31am	1		Strongly opposed. Astonished by the non factual comments in support of a mandate.
Hadley, Trish	1.13.22; 11:06pm	1		No. Hurts businesses and has no impact of spread.
Halley, Linda & Michael	1.10.22; 4:32pm		2	Follow Minneapolis and St. Paul. Covid surge.
Harad, Serena	1.13.22; 7:35am	1		Let people decide. You'll kill local businesses.
Hassig, Dewey	1.14.22; 8:31am		1	I hope you support

Hedblom, Ed	1.13.22; 11:38am		1	Sensible measure.
Heim, Sara	1.13.22; 6:28am		1	Skyrocketing cases
Hennessey, Justin	1.14.22; 10:53am	1		Wearing masks should be a choice. Let people decide. Help reduce the spread by doing what other cities are doing.
Herzog, Ed	1.13.22; 5:03pm		1	
Heupel, Mavis	1.14.22; 10:25am	1		Strongly urge against mandate.
Hillen, Caitln	1.13.22; 4:32pm	1		I oppose the mandate.
Hilyar, Katrina	1.13.22; 8:00am	1		Over governance
Hoffa, Marge	1.13.22; 6:34pm		1	Wearing a mask will minimize the spread. Time for the unvaxxed to step up and protect the rest of us.
Hokenson, Louise	1.13.22; 11:56am		1	
Honningford, Bruce	1.13.22; 7:22pm	1		Strong opposition. No reliable data on effectiveness.
Howell, Brian	1.13.22; 8:36am	1		Don't join te lemmings. Will not shop or dine in Tonka
Howell, Cheryl	1.13.22; 7:17am	1		Studies shown masks don't work.
Howsden, Tamara	1.14.22;11:52am	1		I will take my business elsewhere. Look at the following studies.
Hubert, Ron	1.13.22; 3:22pm	1		Supreme Court. Let people choose.
Hubert, Tam	1.13.22; 5:25pm	1		Let Minnetonka residents and business owners decide. Your job is not to be the Mask Police.
Hway, Erica	1.14.22; 10:42am	1		Cloth masks, as said by CDC, have little impact.
Jacobson, Liza	1.13.22; 6:57pm		1	Poor choices from unvaccinated affect everyone else
Jennings, Mike	1.13.22; 5:01pm		1	Dr. Fauci said it makes sense to use masks. Scoreboard Bar and Grill; Jimmy's Kitchen.
Johnson, Ben	1.13.22; 1:40pm	1		Do not follow Minneapolis and St Paul examples of overreach.
Johnson, Brittney	1.13.22; 3:52pm	1		This will create more division.
Johnson, Jackie	1.13.22; 5:10pm	1		Eating healthy and not being overweight is far more improtant.
Johnson, Kelsi	1.13.22; 2:47pm	1		Mandate will be extremely detrimental
Johnson, Kirsten	1.13.22; 1;38pm	1		I will not support any business that support the mandate.
Johnson, Sharon	1.13.22; 5:38pm	1		Taking my business to other communities if this passes.
Jones, Sumner	1.14.22; 12:00pm	1		If you really want to make an impact, promote Vitamin D
Jordan, Richard	1.13.22; 5:54pm	1		These masks are nothing more than political theathre.
Joy	1.13.22; 10:18pm	1		Beyond the studies, think about the mental and emotional fitness of your citizens.
Judy	1.13.22; 10:26am	1		CDC guidelined say masks are not effective.
Kastner, Jamie	1.13.22; 8:27am	1		Gym owner.
Kaye, Autumn	1.13.22; 10:19am	1		Strongly opposed. Wll not patronize businesses.

Kazmierkoski, Julie	1.13.22; 3:41pm	1	Taking my dollars elsewhere.
Keefe, Dan	1.13.22; 8:56am	2	Husband/Wife run Primrose School. Masks are harmful to students.
Kennedy, Jackie	1.13.22; 9:15pm	1	There is no emergency. The City Council is pursuing a failing policy.
Kierski, Kirsten	1.13.22; 7:21am	1	Not a resident. Works in Tonka. I am concerned for my safety.
Kral, Cindy	1.14.22; 9:10am	1	Please trust our people and businesses to make their own decisions.
Kral, Dan	1.13.22; 4:38pm	1	There has been enough damage to small businesses. Mask mandates have not worked.
Kretz, Ellie	1.10.22.5:05pm	1	Hopkins resident. Asking Hopkins to implement.
L, Bob	1.13.22; 11:57am	1	Unvaxxed are the cause of crisis. Masks don't work.
Landon, Jeanna	1.11.22; 12:38pm	1	Decisions like this are ruining Minnetonka. We need leadership!
Landt, Sarah	1.13.22; 1:25pm	1	Preschool teacher. Protect the teachers.
Larkin, Jeff	1.13.22; 3:03pm	1	Help us protect each other
LaRoche, Chad	1.12.22; 8:52pm	1	Masking doesn't do anything but ruin school for kids.
Larson, Lisa	1.12.22; 1:43pm	1	Studies indicate masks are ineffective. Mask mandates are a disastrous policy.
Law, Tim	1.13.22; 10:02pm	1	All the news stations say masks don't work.
LeBlanc, Bonnie	1.14.22; 8:58am	1	Heavy-handed, one size-fits-all mandates don't work.
Lee, James	1.13.22; 5:34pm	1	Enforcement will cause more problems than it is worth.
Lee, Joanna	1.14.22; 8:29am	1	Unless a mask is N95 they don't work. Putting in a mandate will just create tension and mistrust.
Leonard, John	1.11.22; 1:32pm	1	They don't work and science backs up this statement.
Leonard, Lesley	1.11.22; 1:26pm	1	I don't know anyone who wants this. Masks don't work and everyone knows it. Political tactic only.
Lesmeister, Michele	1.12.22; 1:24pm	1	Massive mental health issues are the real problem.
Lindholm, Jessica	1.13.22; 10:46pm	1	Many studies show little benefit to masks, and mandates will hurt businesses.
Lindquist, Danielle	1.13.22; 7:55pm	1	I support.
Lindquist, Martin	1.13.22; 6:38pm	1	Until the cases go down
Lindquist, Pam	1.13.22; 6:47pm	1	Favor mandate
Lindsey, Lil	1.13.22; 4:19pm	1	Countless studies showing masks don't work
Lindstrom, Kirsten	1.13.22; 1:11pm	1	Masks and vaccines should be personal decisions
Linhoff, Heidi	1.13.22; 9:49pm	1	I am an ER nurse. Masks will not stop the virus.
Litman, Amy	1.13.22; 7:14pm	1	Amazed that people don't want to voluntarily protect others.
Long, Jennifer	1.14.22; 9:26am	1	It needs to be done because vaccines don't protect us 100%.
Lorence, Drake	1.14.22; 9:25am	1	MN Department of Health data shows that mask mandates are not effective.

Lorence, Kari	1.13.22; 12:16pm	1		No. Let your constituents decide
Louma, Kari	1.13.22; 6:16am	1		Please vote against Stop spreading a false narrative. You are fully aware of the studies. Let people decide.
Ludvigson, Laura	1.13.22; 11:47pm	1		Not good for quality of life. Leave that choice to us.
Luke, Terry	1.14.22; 11:56am	1		Hardley burdensome.
Malley, Frank	1.14.22; 10:49am		1	I will patronize businesses where masks are not required.
Marie	1.14.22; 5:33am	1		Long letter with several pages of studies.
Marie	1.14.22; 0:00	1		Stronly opposed. 99% recovery rate from Coviid
Martinson, Susan	1.13.22; 3:32pm	1		Leave it up to individuals and businesses.
Mason, Kat	1.13.22;3:55pm	1		It really hurts our businesses
Mason, Kat	1.13.22; 3:57pm	1		Please consider people's rights. Masks unproven.
McDevitt, Dis	1.13.22; 7:11pm	1		Little evidence municipal mandates have any effect.
McFarlin, Bob	1.14.22; 10:05am	1		Angered and frustrated by politics around masking
McGie, Dan	1.13.22; 4:28pm	1		It's a virus. Particles go right thru the mask.
McGie, Melanie	1.13.22; 3:56pm	1		If vaccinations work, why mask?
McKinney, Jenny	1.13.22; 8:20pm	1		We have had enough.
McMahan, Marti	1.13.22; 5:47pm	1		Research shows ineffectiveness. Follow Florida!
Menzies, Donna	1.13.22; 11:33am	1		Mandates are senseless and arbitrary. Non resident, frequent visitor. Let individuals make their own decisions.
Michaels, Matt	1.14.22; 10:42am	1		As a nurse I support masks.
Miller, Amy	1.13.22; 9:35pm	1		Herd immunity is the way out of this.
Moore, Amy	1.13.22; 11:27pm		1	Absolutely no
Moore, Bolt	1.13.22; 11:54am	1		Unnessary show of force.
Moore, Ian	1.13.22; 12:57pm	1		We will refrain from shopping.
Morris, Josh	1.14.22; 10:37am	1		Face coverings are ineffecive Enacting mandate will keep us in line with GV and Hopkins.
Motley-Meyers, Rachael	1.13.22; 6:34pm	1		Citing studies for masks and damage to businesses Unnecessary display of power rather than anything that will slow the spread. Mob rule will result.
Motley, Matthew	1.13.22; 3:08pm	1		Areas with mandates have higher Covid rates.Adult can take care of themselves
Mueller, Karen	1.12.22; 10:01pm		1	Citizens have aright to decide
Mueller, Penny Sue	1.13.22; 8:07am	1		
Murphy, Chris	1.14.22; 10:14am	1		
Murphy, Nick	1.13.22; 7:34pm	1		
Murphy, Pam	1.13.22; 5:44pm	1		

Nelson, Reed	1.14.22; 9:27am	1	Masks don't work. Bad for business. Shuts down exercise, which is what promotes health.
Nordquist, Carol	1.14.22; 10:37am	1	We don't need it.
Nysteu, Gerald & Arlene	1.13.22; 6:38pm	2	We believe people should wear masks except when eating and drinking.
Olafson, Jackie	1.13.22; 6:48am	1	Uphold our freedoms.
Oliver, Steve	1.13.22; 8:22pm	1	Frustrating. Studies back the argument against masks.
Olson, Jessy	1.14.22; 12:13am	1	Masks are ineffective. Negative impact on Tonka businesses.
Olson, Rolf	1.13.22; 6:44pm	1	Protect us from the unvaccinated. Also support vax card for bars, restaurants and public places.
Paul, Emily	1.13.22; 4:08pm	1	Will not shop in Minnetonka
Pearson, Ann	1.13.22; 11:28am	1	Masks don't work. Cites several studies. I hope common sense will prevail!
Pekarek, Wendy	1.13.22; 5:43pm	1	Registered nurse. Side effects of masking not good
Persinger, Amanda	1.14.22; 9:46	1	Masks are ineffective. Impact on school children is horrible.
Peterson, Dennis	1.13.22; 9:44am	1	Leave these decisions to individuals and stay out of schools.
Peterson, Jayme	1.11.22; 2:19pm	1	Enough is enough. Choice is important.
Peterson, Kristi	1.13.22; 6:54pm	1	Studies indicate masks are ineffective. Business from neighboring communities will not come.
Pfeifer, Samantha	1.13.22; 3:39pm	1	You will destroy our businesses.
Phares, Holly	1.13.22; 6:49pm	1	Yes.
Pierskalla, Nicole	1.13.22; 10:11am	1	No proof of masks. Plenty that damage the kids in school.
Pince, Matt	1.13.22; 9:02am	1	The same people that say no I.D. to vote are now mandating masks.
Pitkin, Tara	1.13.22; 12:57pm	1	Take politics out of your decision. Mask mandates make no common sense.
Poston, Christine	1.14.22; 10:06am	1	Request that all schools be included in mandate. Our hospitals are being overrun.
Powers-Johnson, Becci	1.13.22; 8:21am	1	Hanging by a thread. Codes already in place at gyms. * 2.8.22
Pratt, Daniel	1.13.22; 8:15pm	1	Minnetonka small businesses are suffering
Rabenberg, Vicki	1.13.22; 6:00pm	1	Peer reviewed studies show masks ineffective..
Ramalay, Paula	1.14.22; 11:59am	1	Avoid a crash of our health system. Follow Minneapolis and St. Paul
Reader, Jessica	1.13.22; 9:31pm	1	Maintain personal choice. Will cripple businesses.
Remucal, Michael	1.14.22; 11:29am	1	Chanhassen resident. Please join our neighboring communities.
Reynolds, Richard	1.13.22; 12:49pm	1	On behalf of my family, say no. CEO AREA Commercial Real Estate Advisors.
Ricco, Donna	1.14.22; 10:17am	1	These measures have not shown to have much impact
Rivers, Lynn	1.13.22; 6:20am	1	Loud and clear NO
Roers, Jennifer	1.14.22; 11:02am	1	Vote yes to protect our community

Roisen, Donna	1.13.22; 1:53m	1	Respectfully request NO. People have a right to choose.
Romero, Nic	1.13.22; 4:52pm	1	Masks not proven to be effective
Ronbeck, Laura	1.13.22; 10:10am	1	We need mandate to slow the spread.
Rose, David	1.14.22; 9:34pm	1	Please help protect the employees by passing a mask mandate.
Rothman, Elaine	1.14.22; 10:21am	1	Writing to urge council to pass mandate.
Rowley, Lisa	1.14.2; 6:15am	1	Edina's is better. Let people choose.
Russell, Lyn	1.13.22; 3:27pm	1	Personal choice and anticipate lost revenue for Minnetonka businesses.
Rust, Candace and David	1.12.22; 8:27pm	2	Husband/Wife. Will not to to Tonka businesses. Say NO to masks!
Ruud, Jennifer	1.13.22; 8:39am	1	Will not shop in Minnetonka
Salyards, Michael	1.13.22; 7:39pm	1	Protect themselves. No mandates
Sarah	1.13.22; 3:58pm	1	Follow the real science. Masks don't work.
Sather, Daryl	1.13.22; 6:59am	1	Ridiculous. What is next? How we dress in Communist Red?
Sattler, Karen	1.13.22; 6:56pm	1	Let's keep Minnetonka free. Allow businesses to deploy their own mandates, should they choose.
Sayler, Chelsie	1.13.22; 9:04am	1	Deep opposition. Only N95s work.
Scheltema, Karen	1.13.22; 5:07pm	1	Omicron is spreading so fast.
Schmit, Ryan	1.13.22; 8:23pm	1	If mandate passed, I will no longer support Tonka businesses.
Schoenfelder, Mark	1.13.22; 8:3am	1	Mandates killing businesses. Infringement on freedom. Schoenfelder Renovations CEO
Schreiner, Moniica	1.13.22; 12:25am	1	People should make their own decisions
Schuh, Mary	1.13.22; 8:23am	1	Will not shop in Minnetonka
Schwartz, Suzanne	1.14.22; 10:40am	1	Bad idea. Absolutely no evidence masks have done a thing to slow the spread. So says the head of the CDC.
Severson, Suzanne	1.13.22; 11:17pm	1	Favor until positivity rate falls below 5%
Shainess, Rob	1.14.22; 9:13am	1	Wearing a mask is among the best and effective means to minimize the spread of Covid.
Sheldon-Wilkonson, Sherry	1.13.22:5:42pm	1	Liberty and Freedom
Sheridan, Kristina	1.13.22; 9:27am	1	CDC guidelines say masks are not effective.
Shults, Amanda	1.13.22; 11:06am	1	Will not shop in Minnetonka
Sichting, Megan	1.11.22; 10:53am	1	Outrageous that people trying to mandate. They can't work.
Siebert, Ben	1.13.22; 10:13pm	1	A mask mandate will cause more harm than good.
Soderberg, Rebecca	1.13.22; 11:37pm	1	Wearing a mask is simple. Protect the vulnerable.
Stauber, Charles	1.13.22; 11:16am	1	No mandates. We will not comply.
Stoltenberg, Laurie	1.13.22; 6:46am	1	People will choose to leave Tonka to do business

Stone, Chris	1.13.22; 12:32pm	1	Businesses are getting killed and the Omicron is manageable.
Stone, Jeff	1.14.22; 10:30am	1	Material below shows cloth masks are ineffective.
Stone, Rachel	1.13.22; 5:45pm	1	No mandates. We will not comply.
Suerth, Tom and Jen	1.14.22; 10:36am	2	High quality research (attached) shows masking is extremely unlikely to provide meaningful benefit.
Supreme, Bobby	1.13.22; 1:08pm	1	Masks PROVEN to be ineffective
Swenson, Deb	1.12.22 3:05pm	1	I will not vote for any council members who support mandates.
Sylvia-Newfield, Bil	1.13.22; 4:02pm	1	We need to learn how to live with it
Tabakova, Ina	1.13.22; 12:25pm	1	Please no!
Taber, Bruce and Arlene	1.14.22; 8:51am	2	The decision should be left up to each household and each business.
Taffe, Allison	1.13.22; 8:54pm	1	Vaccinated and Unvaccinated are already effected. Masks will do nothing to slow the spread.
Thomas, James	1.13.22; 10:35pm	1	Minnetonka high school student. Don't take away our freedoms.
Thomas, P.	1.13.22 12:10pm	1	Just say no.
Thomas, Peter	1.13.22; 11:36am	1	Last thing we need is another mandate
Thomas, Zara	1.13.22; 11:05pm	1	High school student. Allow personal choice.
Thomson, Steve	1.13.22; 4:19pm	1	Please don't burden us with a mandate.
Tolliver, LuAnn	1.14.22; 10:32am	1	Considering Omicron positivity rate.
Tremel, Anne	1.13.22; 2:56pm	1	It could help Minnetonka business stay open.
Trimble, Marc	1.13.22; 9:27am	1	Elected service people don't mandate.
Troidl, Eric	1.13.22; 10:02pm	1	Frontline RN.I side with science and oppose the unscientific and harmful masking.
Van Santen, Luke	1.14.22; 7:27am	1	We support a mask mandate.
Venjohn, Sam	1.14.22; 10:19am	1	The mandate is ridiculous and infringes on our freedom.
Wahlberg, Sally	1.13.22; 12:15pm	1	Respect people's freedom
Wahlberg, Thomas	1.13.22; 3:49pm	1	Freedom of choice
Wahlen, Michelle	1.13.22; 12:29pm	1	Stop the madeness. Countless peer-reviewed studies show masks are ineffective.
Warden, Christopher	1.14.22; 6:18am	1	I urge Council members to look at the abundant data showing masks are ineffective.
Welch, Bob	1.14.22; 10:18am	1	Encouraging vote of yes.
Welles, George	1.13.22; 9:56pm	1	Anti maskers put our life at risk.
Wells, Susan	1.14.22; 10:16am	1	Stop the spread of Covid.
West, Andrea	1.13.22; 6:49am	1	Hurting Minnetonka businesses
Westmoreland, Barb	1.14.22; 12:21am	1	We are in the midst of an Omicron viral blizzard.

Westmoreland, Dan	1.13.22:11:47pm		1	Show our community that our elected leadership does not respond only to those with money.
Wheaton, Gina	1.13.22; 8:34pm	1		This is an overreach of your authority. Liberal policies like this are why people are leaving.
White, Melissa	1.14.22; 10:22am		1	Easist public health measure for society that value lives of all humans. CHAIR OF MEDICINE, M HEALTH FAIRVIEW
Wilkinson, Walker	1.13.22; 10:47pm	1		Implore you o respect the rights of those who decide.
Wilkus, Lindsey	1.14.22; 9:24pm	1		Concerned about undue burden on businesses.
Williams, Carinna	1.14.22; 10:27am		1	I am in favor.
Williams, Samantha	1.13.22; 3:48pm	1		100% taking my business elsewhere. Cites multiple studies
Winegarden, Jen	1.13.22; 7:39am	1		The virus will run its course. Masks hurt learning and businesses
Winship, Mike	1.13.22; 5:23	1		Let people decide. You'll kill local businesses.
Witta, Jay	1.13.22; 7:49am	1		End this insanity. 99% survival rate
Wolf, Diane	1.13.22; 8:04am	1		Masks don't work. Cites several studies.
Wolf, Steve & Lynn	1.13.33; 6:38am	2		Couple says no to masking, but yes to vax cards.
Z, D.	1.13.22; 9:01am	1		CDC guidelines say masks are not effective.
Zobel-Cannon, Jenny	1.14.22; 10:51am	1		Mandate would be a step backward. How about mandate eating more fruits and vegetables?

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Total Comments before 12pm 294

Total Against Mandate 78%

Total For Mandate 22%

Total Comments Before/After 321

Total Against Mandate 252 79%

Total For Mandate 69 21%

City Council Member Listing

CONTACT NAME	DATE & TIME	AGAINST	FOR	NOTES
Ahlbrecht, Karen	1.14.22; 12:46pm	1		Cites CDC Data
Amundson, Rachel	1.14.22; 3:28pm	1		Mandates are unlawful
Anthony, Tracy	1.14.22; 1:35pm	1		Elected officials not logical
Bruss, Rick	1.14.22; 3:15pm	1		CDC data
Capaldini, Laura	1.14.22; 1:08		1	Our lives depend on it. Vaxxed and boosted.
Cranbrook, Stacy	1.14.22; 3:24pm	1		Minnetonka businesses will suffer
Crockett, Will	1.14.22;3:18pm	1		Masks are unnecessary
Downing, Alyssa	1.14.22; 3:25pm	1		Opposed. Ton't Work
Fallen, Bob	1.14.22; 12:31pm	1		
Gibson, Deborah	1.14.22; 3:40pm	1		Plaeae vote NO!
Graves, Brandee	1.14.22; 1:30p	1		Vote No!
Griffith, Becca	1.14.22; 1:43pm	1		Freedom of choice!
Haggar, Colleen	1.14.22; 12:18pm	1		Intro via Mike Goodman. Working against mandates.
Hill, Brian	1.14.22; 2:35pm		1	Not hard to wear a mask.
Jaenchen, Becky	1.14.22.3:44pm	1		Data shows they don't mitigate spread
Johnston, Barb	1.14.22; 1:22pm	1		Mandates not the answer.
Michels, Carrie	1.14.22; 1:25pm	1		Health professional, citesi masks as ineffective.
Nelson, Luke	1.13.22; 1:28pm	1		Stop the mandates, Now!
Olson, Sara	1.14.22; 2:17pm	1		Extended maks weaing is harmful
Peterson, Gervaise	1.14.22; 2:46pm	1		Supreme Court Decision
Raymo, James	1.14.22; 3:37pm	1		Don't have the right to make decisions for my family
Redgehost, J.	1.14.22; 4:54pm	1		Ineffective and intrusive
Rouillard, Diane	1.14.22; 2:03	1		Mandates are a violation of rights
Slocum, Holly	1.14.22.; 11:08am		1	Just vote yes
Stoltenberg, Karl	1.14.22; 3:12p	1		You are not qualified to decide
T'Kach, Tony	1.14.22; 1:49pm	1		Will boycott Minnetonka business
Williamson, Jim	1.14.22; 1:41pm	1		Cases declining. Freedom to choose
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	Total Comments After 12pm	27		

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Against Mandate	89%
For Mandate	11%

From: Dick Beil

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:06 AM

To: Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>; Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>; Kimberly Wilburn <kwilburn@minnetonkamn.gov>; Brian Kirk <bkirk@minnetonkamn.gov>; Rebecca Schack <rschack@minnetonkamn.gov>; Bradley Schaeppi <bschaeppi@minnetonkamn.gov>; Kissy Coakley <kcoakley@minnetonkamn.gov>; Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>

Subject: End The Mask Mandate

To the Minnetonka City Council

It is time to END THE MASK MANDATE. This mandate is doing nothing to stop or prevent the Covid pandemic. This is only causing confusion and controversy among the citizens of Minnetonka that is unnecessary.

I am a post Covid patient. 1 year ago today, I was not expected to live and was sent home with oxygen and Hospice. Prior to that I spent 2 days in isolation at Abbott Hospital where I got absolutely no help or positive care. Once home my family (who all have medical background) and Homecare Health provided the care and routine general medication to get me through the crisis.

The wearing of a mask did nothing to prevent me from getting Covid and will do nothing to prevent me from getting it again. My faith in God and the positive attitude of people around me got me through it, and will get me through it again, if the issue arises. Your mandates are doing nothing.

So PLEASE, END THE MASK MANDATE, and let this community get back to normal.

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Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: Colleen Haggar

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:25 AM

To: Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>; Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>; Kimberly Wilburn <kwilburn@minnetonkamn.gov>; Brian Kirk <bkirk@minnetonkamn.gov>; Rebecca Schack <rschack@minnetonkamn.gov>; Bradley Schaeppi <bschaeppi@minnetonkamn.gov>; Kissy Coakley <kcoakley@minnetonkamn.gov>; Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>

Subject: RE: Meeting on Thursday, Feb. 16th, 2022

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I am writing in response to your upcoming emergency meeting for tomorrow, Thursday, Feb. 16th, 2022. I will remind you of what I wrote to you before - the recent vote on Friday, January 14, 2022, regarding a mask mandate for the city of Minnetonka, It was a 5:2 vote with Mayor Weirsum and Council Member Schaeppi taking the time to listen to the people of Minnetonka. The rest of you chose to ignore those who made efforts to speak at the meeting and write into you.

It continues to be clear that some of you in the city council are operating in a way that is politically aligned, or, aligned in a way that is not in sync with those that reach out to you. Because this is happening, you lose the overall trust and appear disingenuous in your comments. I will remind you - again - that many Minnetonka residents spent a great deal of time listening to people express their thoughts on the mask mandate. Many of us read through the comments that were posted, and also read the two added addendum's.

I would ask that you stop trying to use medical information to support your view as fact; You are not the medical experts. You are not in that field to know and understand the extent of this virus, its complications and its contradictions. Again, with all due respect Council Member Calvert, please do not misuse information about ICU beds to try to justify your decision. We can all go to the CDC website and the State of MN website. We can all take pieces of data and information to manipulate our point when it is up for debate. Try to consider that this is not the only personal or medical factor that everyone is dealing with on an individual basis in their individual lives with their individual families.

We remember that at the time that you spoke of your concern for an individual's health to justify your decision, we did not hear you acknowledging that we are in a mental health crisis in which we are seeing a large number of deaths due addictions, abuse and suicide: Isolation.

Some of you speak of communication and how you were committed to reading each and every email, and listened to every voice mail...

How did you respond to the people that had taken the time and effort to reach out to you? Did you treat them with respect, or, like Council Member Schack, did you grumble about some having the nerve to text message you, not taking the time to understand that that may be the best way for some to communicate. Or, when you left your phone number in an automatic message, did you take the time to be respectful to each and every person that called you during the weekend? Or, like Council Member Coakley, did you put a message on social media letting your followers know about a constituent that had the nerve to call you and complain about the mask mandate, speaking for longer than 60 seconds. When you had this person on speaker phone, did you let him or her know that your husband and daughter were in the car listening to what he or she probably thought was a private conversation? Was that how you respectfully handled differences in opinion from residents; indifferent to the stress that this has had on most people; for and against mask mandates. Isn't part of the job to listen to all voices, even when you disagree?

As I stated to you before, and I will say again (using my former letter), you all have a unique and special job; each and every one of you. Your job is a privilege and for those of us that live in this community, we deserve that you manage it in a nonpartisan way, avoiding the influences that some of you are publicly aligned with, and managing our opinions with objectivity and respect. We all deserve respect; no matter what our voice expresses that you may disagree with. Many of you did not give that to us on this day.

Some of you ignored us in the meeting, chastised us when you spoke, talked down to us, and disregarded a majority that reached out to you. And then, when you had time later, you undermined your professional role and compromised your integrity by taking confidentiality away from the resident.

This. CoVid. This thing that has hijacked our lives for two years plus. It has a double edge sword that we all carry. Each and every one of us. No one really has the right to compromise and hijack our independence in our own very personal decisions. I hope that you will remember this for Thursdays meeting. I hope that you will also remember that as public servants, you are just that. You do not know us, and you serve us, even when we disagree. We all deserve your respect. It is time - Please lift the face mask mandate and trust that we know how to make the best decisions for ourselves. No Face Masks. No Mandates.

Colleen Haggar
Crestwood Dr, Minnetonka

From: Blair Shackle

Sent: Saturday, February 12, 2022 1:29 PM

To: Bradley Schaeppi

Subject: Please consider lifting Minnetonka city ordinance 2022-01

Hello,

I appreciate your help for the city of Minnetonka, but it is time to consider lifting Minnetonka city ordinance 2022-01. The data suggests a rapid decline in cases and hospitalizations. I would love to start shopping again in my hometown and supporting our city's businesses. Thank you.

From: Emily Basara

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 11:25 AM

To: Brian Kirk; Bradley Schaeppi; Brad Wiersum; Deborah Calvert; Kissy Coakley; Kimberly Wilburn; Rebecca Schack

Subject: Vote NO to mask mandates

Dear Minnetonka City Council Members,

I am following up to my previous email about mask mandates in Minnetonka. As of mid-January, I have chosen not to spend a single dollar at Minnetonka businesses and don't intend to until the mask mandate is lifted.

I am requesting you reconsider the mask mandate and make Minnetonka mask-optional.

Thank you for your consideration.

Emily Basara

18900 Kingswood Terrace

Minnetonka, MN 55345

On Tue, Jan 11, 2022 at 4:57 PM Emily Bahr <embahr09@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Minnetonka City Council members,

I was disappointed to learn you are considering re-instating the mask mandate. Masks should be a CHOICE, not a mandate. Any "mandate" is completely unlawful and unconstitutional.

Should you allow this to go through AGAIN, I will gladly take my dollars to a neighboring community that allows for mask choice. This includes grocery stores, convenience stores, and community buildings.

By continuing to force people to wear masks you risk hurting local businesses - which is NOT what the city of Minnetonka needs right now.

Please consider this email and vote against any new mask mandates.

Thank you,

Emily Basara

18900 Kingswood Ter

Minnetonka MN 55345

From: Laura Egan

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 12:54 PM

To: Brian Kirk; Bradley Schaeppi; bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov; Deborah Calvert; Kissy Coakley;

Kimberly Wilburn; Rebecca Schack
Subject: Mask Mandate

Hello Minnetonka City Council members,

It is my understanding that Thursday you will be meeting to review and discuss the mask mandate. At this time I would hope you would consider the current data and realize that a mask mandate is not necessary at this time. Requiring masks in Minnetonka businesses is not going to slow already slowing case numbers of Covid. The data is showing a significant decrease in cases and this is while community members are still attending concerts, parties, athletic events and even shopping in nearby cities without a mask. At this point, your mandate is hurting business and not helping anything. Please consider the data and make the appropriate decision to make masks optional.

Thank you!

Laura Egan
18901 Kingswood Terrace
Minnetonka 55345

From: Rebecca M

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 2:11 PM

To: Brad Wiersum; Deborah Calvert; Kimberly Wilburn; Brian Kirk; Rebecca Schack; Bradley Schaeppi; Kissy Coakley

Subject: Mask Mandate

It continues to baffle me that the Minnetonka City Council voted to implement an illegal mask mandate—as if forcing people to wear masks in the businesses in your town will have any effect whatsoever in the spread of a virus in the state.

Have you done any research on the subject of COVID and/or masks (I have been...almost daily for the past two years), or did you vote based on your personal feelings/bias about masks?

First, let's see what Dr. Fauci had to say about infectious disease prevention and wearing a mask in a September 2019 interview with David Rubenstein (spoiler alert—it's not what you would expect to hear):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PjCBx1L12DM>

Here's what the *National Institute of Health* says about masks and COVID hospitalizations:

Conclusions

There was no reduction in per-population daily mortality, hospital bed, ICU bed, or ventilator occupancy of COVID-19-positive patients attributable to the implementation of a mask-wearing mandate.

[Analysis of the Effects of COVID-19 Mask Mandates on Hospital Resource Consumption and Mortality at the County Level - PMC \(nih.gov\)](#)

From January 12 Yahoo article:

Some local leaders say mandates just aren't effective at this stage of the pandemic, as people who don't want to mask simply won't comply. (I'm not complying by staying away from businesses in Minnetonka where I typically do a majority of my shopping.)

- ***Gov. Tim Walz has cited that same rationale for why he hasn't sought to institute another statewide rule.***

If the governor didn't think imposing a statewide mandate would be effective, why did you think a citywide mandate would?

Numerous states are dropping their mask mandates, yet I have heard one word about the City of Minnetonka following suit.

<https://www.nbcnews.com/news/us-news/mask-mandate-map-february-2022-n1289093>

Your focus really should be educating your constituents about ways to keep their immune systems healthy. Let's start with this from the National Institute of Health: **Vitamin D Insufficiency May Account for Almost Nine of Ten COVID-19 Deaths: Time to Act.** Evidence from observational studies is accumulating, suggesting that the majority of deaths due to SARS-CoV-2 infections are statistically attributable to vitamin D insufficiency and could potentially be prevented by vitamin D supplementation. <https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/33260798/>

In Minnesota, the sun is not strong enough to make vitamin D to meet our needs! Also, we do not get as much sunlight as we once did because:

- We use sunscreen to prevent skin cancer. Sunscreen does not allow the skin to make vitamin D.
- Some people wear clothing that covers most of their skin year round.

[Getting More Vitamin D \(state.mn.us\)](#)

Along with supplementing with Vitamin D, other supplements to take to maintain a healthy immune system include zinc, Vitamin C and Quercetin, for starters.

One last thing to consider:

OBESITY

Being obese increases the risk of SARS-CoV-2 infection and complications via several mechanisms. First, viral entry is enhanced due to increased ACE2, csGRP78 and presumably HSPG and NRP-1 expression levels in various cell types, like pneumocytes and adipocytes. Second, the immune system is unable to provide an adequate immune response leading to impaired viral clearance. Eventually, the immune system can overreact as a result of pro-inflammatory 'priming' due to excessive cytokine production by adipose tissue and its related immune cells and high ferritin levels, eventually triggering a cytokine storm [122,139]. Finally, hyperleptinemia, PAI-1 production by adipocytes and endothelial cells, endothelial dysfunction and low levels, or low bioavailability, of vitamin K, all increase the risk for the development of thrombus formation and hemorrhage.

An important lesson learned from the coronavirus pandemic is the importance of a healthy lifestyle to positively influence the course of COVID-19 disease. A non-processed nutrient-rich diet, limited excessive or overly energy-rich food, sufficient and intensive exercise, sufficient sleep and avoiding chronic psycho-emotional stress ***are all efficient health-promoting measures in the prevention of obesity.*** We also advocate an integrated multidisciplinary approach in the fight against COVID-19. Future research must identify causes of severity and complications to develop efficient preventive measures and curative interventions.

[Obesity as a Risk Factor for Severe COVID-19 and Complications: A Review - PMC \(nih.gov\)](#)

From: Heather Rider

Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:24 PM

To: Bradley Schaeppi

Subject: Mask Mandate

Hello Mr. Schaeppi,

I am writing to you to ask that you support the dropping of the mask mandate in the city of Minnetonka. I have been going out of my way to shop, etc in surrounding cities that do not require face coverings. There's no evidence at all that cloth masks, or even surgical masks, help to slow or reduce transmission. We've got to move on from this, especially with regard to children in schools. We are doing massive and possibly irreparable damage to their development. Masks are not harmless, as many people seem to falsely repeat as gospel.

Those that are at higher risk of poor outcomes of contracting COVID can continue to wear personal protection in the form of KN95 masks. Knowing that the vaccine does not prevent transmission and non-K(N)95 masks are completely worthless, it's time to move toward a path of personal protection rather than universal masking, which does nothing but leave your Minnetonka businesses out in the cold as folks choose to shop in places like Eden Prairie, Excelsior and others that have a better understanding of the science behind masking.

This is a really well-documented article I encourage you to read.

<https://vinayprasadmph.substack.com/p/mask-studies-reach-a-new-scientific>



[Mask studies reach a new scientific low point](https://vinayprasadmph.substack.com/p/mask-studies-reach-a-new-scientific)
vinayprasadmph.substack.com
MMWR appears to no longer be in the science business

I appreciate your time and service to our community.

Heather Rider

From: Adel Hoseck
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 7:57 AM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: Mask Mandate

Dear Mr. Schaeppi,

Please revoke the Minnetonka mask mandate. There is much scientific literature debunking the efficacy of the type of face masks worn by the general public. Citizens who find comfort wearing them would still be able to do so. I'm 72 and I've had covid. I'm comfortable not wearing a mask so I've been shopping in neighboring communities.

Please revoke the mandate; whether or not to wear a mask should be an individual's decision.

Sincerely,
Adel J Hoseck
13505 McGinty Road E
Minnetonka, MN 55305

From: Kathryn Vande Kamp
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 8:07 AM
To: Bradley Schaepfi
Subject: Mask Mandate

Dear Council Member Schaepfi,
I am writing to you today to request that you end the mask mandate in the city of Minnetonka immediately. There are several studies that show masks do nothing to stop the spread of a virus and are just a prop to make people "feel like they are doing something". This is a ridiculous charade and it is not healthy. Please allow people to choose for themselves if they would like to wear a mask or not. The mandates cause hate and division; they drive business out of our city and cause places of business additional stresses to try to monitor and enforce.
Thank you for your consideration,

Kay Vande Kamp
5808 Scenic Drive
Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: Jan Andersen
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:08 PM
To: Bradley Schaepfi
Subject: Mask mandate

End the mask mandate now.

Jan K. Andersen
4721 Timber Ridge Place
Minnetonka, MN

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Jan K. Andersen

From: Jackie Olafson
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:11 PM
To: Bradley Schaepfi
Subject: Mask mandate

Please put an end to the mask mandate.
Thank you
Jackie Olafson
12025 Townview Rd.
Minnetonka 55343

From: Donna Vieillard
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 8:32 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: Mask mandate

Please cancel the mask mandate immediately

I and many people I know are avoiding minnetonka businesses because of the mandate

There is no benefit to this mandate. People are free to wear masks if they want to, we do not need to dictate this in our city

This is a burden for every business owner- they do not need this extra burden after 2 years of mandates and lock downs

Be kind to the citizens

Thank you for your consideration

Donna
18501 Lime Tree Ct, Minnetonka, MN 55345

From: Vicki Weber
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 4:39 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: Masks

Let's drop the mask mandate and see people smile again!
Thank you.

Vicki Weber
5140 Kimberly Rd

From: Shirley Cayze
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:54 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: Masks

Please rescind the mask mandates. It's time

Thank you, Shirley Cayze

From: Brian Noah
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 5:57 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: It's time to end the non-emergency masking ordinance

It didn't do one positive thing for our community. Prove me wrong.

Sincerely,
Brian Noah
Michaele Lane, Minnetonka
Ward 3

From: heather pasqualini
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 6:46 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: END the MASK MANDATE PLEASE

It has come to my attention that you may be able to help our city and CHILDREN end the mask mandate. This has been incredibly harmful to the community without scientific evidence that this mandate has helped anyone still well. I appreciate your attention to this matter and expect that you listen to the people. It is time to end the MASK MANDATE!

Thank you so for listening,

Heather Pasqualini

From: Samaritan Tire Company
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 9:02 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: Fwd: Re: Mask Mandate

Hi Bradley

My home address is 16617 Bywood Place here in Minnetonka and the business I own at 3200 Oak Ridge Road also in Minnetonka. I am sending you this email to find out how much longer this mask mandate will continue. I did watch the city hall meeting on January 14th and I do appreciate very much that you were the only council member that did not vote for the mask mandate (thank you).

I was shocked to see that based on all of the phone calls the council listened to at this meeting that the council still went forward with the mask mandate.

As you can see below I did contact Rebecca Schack the council member in my business location and she stated that the mask mandate will be lifted soon.

As I stated in the email to Rebecca the mandate is having a negative effect on our business. Most customers come into our location without a mask and they feel uncomfortable doing so. It is just not fair to put our customers in this uncomfortable situation. The city of Minnetonka is also a good customer of ours and we see city workers come into our location without a mask every time they come in. I do not want to create any problems by pointing this out to your attention because we really appreciate the business we receive from the city but if the city workers do not wear masks why should we as a business be mandated to. I could go on with more examples but I am sure you understand my position here. Please continue to do your best to end this mandate.

I really appreciate all the hard and good work you do for our community.

Thank you!!

Chris Mortensen

Owner

Samaritan Tire Company



----- Original Message -----

From: Rebecca Schack <rschack@minnetonkamn.gov>

To: Chris Mortensen

Date: 02/09/2022 8:24 AM

Subject: Re: Mask Mandate

Mr. Mortensen,

Thank you for your e-mail. I am sorry the mandate has been difficult for you. I understand your position and your frustration. I anticipate that the mandate will be lifted soon.

Rebecca

Sent from my iPad

On Feb 9, 2022, at 7:29 AM, City of Minnetonka, MN <minnetonkamn@minnetonkamn.gov> wrote:

Message submitted from the <City of Minnetonka, MN> website.

Site Visitor Name: Chris Mortensen

Site Visitor Email: [REDACTED]

Hello Rebecca

I am the owner of Samaritan Tire at 3200 Oak Ridge Road.

Just wanted to let you know we oppose the mask mandate.

This appears to be have a negative effect on our business. Most of our customers are coming in un masked and I do not want to tell them to leave because we can not afford to lose any customers ever. I watched the city meeting on January 14th and the majority of the callers were not in support of this mandate.

Please end this mandate as soon as possible.

Thank you

Chris Mortensen

Samaritan Tire Company

From: Nate's Work

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 12:13 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>

Subject: Please end the mask mandate

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Thanks!,

Nate Vick

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 12:52 PM

To: Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>; Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>; Kimberly Wilburn <kwilburn@minnetonkamn.gov>; Brian Kirk <bkirk@minnetonkamn.gov>; Rebecca Schack <rschack@minnetonkamn.gov>; Bradley Schaeppi <bschaeppi@minnetonkamn.gov>; Kissy Coakley <kcoakley@minnetonkamn.gov>; Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>

Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting Feb. 17

Dear Mayor and Council Representatives,

I wrote to you all before your last meeting in which you voted in favor of a mask mandate. I was saddened and frustrated that the council members voted their own conscience in favor of the mandate, when it seemed clear that the people they are supposed to represent were clearly opposed to the mandate 3:1. Since that time, our family has been shopping and eating in communities outside of Minnetonka where masks are not required, like Excelsior, Eden Prairie, Chanhassen, and Wayzata.

I hope that tomorrow's "special meeting", as described on the public notice, is with the intent to END the mask mandate. I think the date you can all agree upon would be "Effective Immediately".

Of course citizens who feel vulnerable are still free to wear a mask. Please don't punish healthy people to wear a mask!

Scott Gottlieb, former FDA Commissioner, and *The New York Times* as well as other publications around the country, announced this week that one-way masking is the best option for getting our country back to normal. I hope that the Minnetonka City Council will realize that, too.

Sincerely,
Kristi Beil
5342 Michael Lane
Minnetonka, MN 55345
Ward 4

From: Jon Schoenrock

Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 5:14 PM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>

Subject: mask mandate in Minnetonka

When was the last time you wore a mask for 7 hours? I'll bet, if you have, you felt light headed; an indication your brain isn't getting enough oxygen. Studies show exactly that. I have yet to see a study that shows masks protect you from COVID. despite what the CDC tells us. You won't find one. But you will find many studies on the negative affects to your health from wearing masks and depriving the brain of oxygen. I won't go into details. I am sure you have already done that in your due diligence when considering your vote on tomorrows decision to stop the mask mandate in our great city. Yet we are forcing our children to to wear a mask while in school under this mask mandate. I am sure you would feel as guilty as I would if in the future we find a whole generation harmed because we forced them to wear masks in school.

I hope it is not too late to correct this. Please consider stopping the mask mandate like so many other cities, states and countries are doing.

Thanks you reading my request.

Jon Schoenrock

12852 Burwell Drive
Minnetonka, Minnesots

From: Bruce Honnigford
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:23 PM
To: Brad Wiersum; Deborah Calvert; Kimberly Wilburn; Brian Kirk; Rebecca Schack; Bradley Schaeppi; Kissy Coakley
Subject: Mask Mandate discussion

Council members,

It is well established and understood by a large section of our community that the wearing of masks allegedly for protection from Covid-19 is more about politics than about health policy.

Facemasks are primarily being used in our community as virtual armband for identifying political identity or compliance under duress.

Furthermore it is evident that there is significant harm to the community and to the health of individuals from other aspects of covering your nose and mouth that likely far outweigh any protection they may serve from Covid-19.

Yet, the Minnetonka City Council held an emergency meeting and voted to approve a measure to mandate mask wearing in an arbitrary way for much of the community, potentially backed by law enforcement in response to only a few letters sent to the council despite significant objections by residents. Most of our neighboring communities have wisely declined to do so.

Despite this overreach by the council on citizen's rights, I have found that, when doing business in Minnetonka, many businesses and organizations have refused to comply.

On the other side of the coin, some organizations have chosen an extremist path as was the case with my recent visit to the Ridgedale DMV - where I was shocked by the draconian level of implemented safety measures and rules that made my visit very unpleasant.

In fact, the skeleton crew staff were completely walled off from the public and were required to wear KN95 masks all day. My visit took over an hour to register a vehicle and as I have a hearing impairment I asked the clerk to pull her mask down so that I could understand her better - permitted by the measure. She was so paranoid of getting Covid that she refused to lift her mask and instead resorted to shouting and using hand signals.

All this masking hysteria and ambivalence is being exacerbated by the council's ruling even as the MN Dept of Health own statistics show a dramatic decrease in all aspects of the Covid situation for a variant that is far less harmful than what we faced last year.

The Minnetonka mask mandate was not mandated by the community, was ineffective and was a response to a small but vocal population of activist individuals seeking to drive a wedge into our community.

The threat is gone.

It's time to drop this mask mandate that should never have been approved in the first place.

Bruce Honnigford
13705 Summit Ln
Minnetonka MN

From: Anna Wagner
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 1:05 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: Mask Mandate in Minnetonka

Hi Mr. Schaeppi,

I understand you are having a special session tomorrow to discuss removing the mask mandate. As a resident (12105 Hilloway Rd W) this couldn't come soon enough. It is long over due as the CDC has even suggested the ineffectiveness of masks coupled with the dramatic down turn of covid cases in our county-not to mention the much more mild cases that we are seeing.

Mask choice is the right option for Minnetonka residents. I have been taking my business to Wayzata and Edina and will continue to do so until the mandate ends.

Sincerely,

Anna Wagner

From: Nate's Work
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 12:12 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: Please end the mandate

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Thanks!,

Nate Vick

From: Cindy Lulloff
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 12:11 PM
To: Deborah Calvert; Kissy Coakley; Brian Kirk; Rebecca Schack; Bradley Schaeppi; Mayor Brad Wiersum; Kimberly Wilburn
Subject: suspend enforcement of Ordinance No. 2022-01

Hello again Minnetonka Deciders,

Of all the discredited non-pharmaceutical interventions around COVID, none stand out as a bigger boondoggle than mandatory masks. See the results for the infection curves in Hennepin County; masks or none the curves went up together for each city and fell together. The masks failed again and looking forward I hope we can agree that mask mandates should be off the table in the future. Masks mandates may have more to do with controlling and dividing your citizens than about public health. the mandate created a hostile environment for all.

Don't even try to defend the physics of the restaurant rules, which I am astounded any serious human can believe.

I am praying that each of you votes to stop masking the citizens of Minnetonka and their children. Allowing for individual choice is always the best policy and it used to be understood and well accepted. The time is now for each of you to do the right and good thing, vote to suspend the face coverings.

In the best of health,
Cynthia A. Lulloff
19000 Kingswood Terrace
Minnetonka, MN 55345
home ph. [REDACTED]

Please see my other emails on this issue: Jan. 24, Feb. 5

From: STEVEN RYDBERG
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 5:27 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Masks

It's time for the council to lift the mask mandate. Hospitalizations are down and the people are now ready to rebel! I don't have to cite the tremendous ground swell of personal freedom and decision-making on this issue. Please get out front of this instead of running scared. You are losing the confidence of your constituents. Other municipalities are making Minnetonka look foolish.

From: Margaret Bauer
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 5:31 PM
Subject: 2/17th Special Minnetonka City Council Virtual Meeting

Dear Mayor and City Council members,

Brad Wiersum – Mayor
Deb Calvert – Seat A
Kimberly Wilburn – Seat B
Brian Kirk – Ward 1
Rebecca Schack – Ward 2
Bradley Schaeppi – Ward 3
Kissy Coakley – Ward 4

As long-time small business owners in Minnetonka for over 33 years, we want to see the end of the city-wide face mask mandate. Our employees still wear masks, but feel the mandate should be eliminated. Most people, vaccinated or not, should have the ability to make their own choice to wear a mask or not. Many communities in our area have already stopped mandates in their cities. People at risk can always opt for a mask if they so choose.

Thank you for considering our input.

Regards,

Michael Bauer
Minnetonka Minnoco & U-Haul
Bauer's Custom Hitches
13118 Excelsior Blvd
Minnetonka, MN 55343
[REDACTED]

From: Karen Schoenrock
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 5:48 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Mask Mandate in Minnetonka

I am writing to ask the city council to please end the Minnetonka mask mandate immediately. Masks have never stopped the spread of Covid or any virus. The size of the virus particles is so small that they will escape through any type of mask without an attached respirator. Oxygen is crucial for brain development and also for keeping our immune system healthy. Masking causes hypoxia and encourages bacteria and infections to proliferate. It even harms dental development because it forces mouth-breathing. Even though the school children have been masked for two years, it has done nothing to stop the spread. This is harming the children in so many ways. Our grandchildren haven't had a normal life in all this time and can't even communicate fully with teachers and classmates. This is child abuse. Have you ever worn a mask 7 hours a day for even a week? Try it sometime.

Our family is not patronizing any Minnetonka stores or restaurants until the mandate is lifted. We will continue to bring our business to Eden Prairie and Chanhassen where more level heads prevail.

Please consider this carefully. Our children have been through enough.

Karen Schoenrock
12852 Burwell Drive
Minnetonka, MN

From: Dan Kral
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 7:38 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Repeal of Face Mask Mandate Ordinance

Dear Mayor Wiersum and the Minnetonka City Council,
We are writing to ask you to please pass a resolution to publicly end enforcement of the face mask mandate that went into effect on January 18. We understand that passing that kind of resolution is maybe the only option at this time, but whatever you can do to end this mandate is essential to the health and well-being of Minnetonka businesses and residents. Thank you for your support of a resolution that will immediately and effectively end this mask mandate.

Sincerely,
Dan & Cindy Kral
3532 Tonkawood Rd
Minnetonka 55345

From: Will Crockett
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:32 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Mask Mandate

Dear Council-Members,

Please vote to undo the mask mandate. It has put an unnecessary burden on our family and caused us to do our shopping elsewhere. The mandate feels particularly insulting now that mainstream data show how cloth masks are ineffective and most of the city is vaccinated against or naturally immune to COVID.

Masks should be voluntary, not forced.

Thank you,
Will Crockett

From: Drake Lorence
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 11:16 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Please Lift the Mask Mandate

Minnetonka Council,

I've lived in Minnetonka 45+ years, giving our Council members feedback at various times. Please lift the mask mandate.

I've spent 40 years on Wall Street managing hundreds of millions of dollars of investors money. One thing I have painfully learned, no matter how good an idea (investment) sounds, one must seriously listen to the reasons that contradict it. To casually dismiss reasons that do not agree have resulted in painful losses of capital. So too, with politics. Listening to the Council deliberate over this matter was painful. I do not think you really listened to the opinions of people who were opposed to your position. There is plenty of serious data that contradicts the efficacy of masks. (I'm sure people have supplied you with plenty of data.)

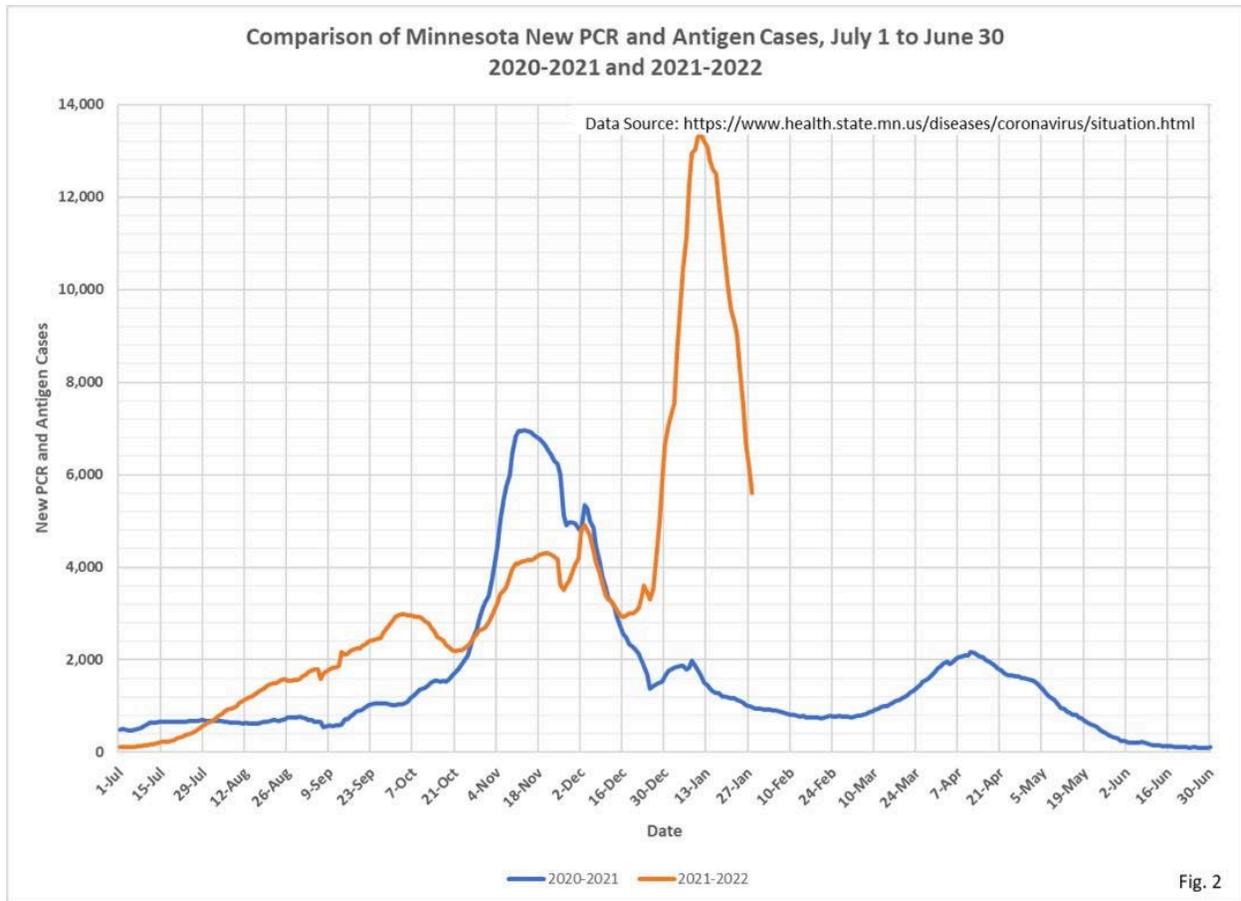
Government is notorious for reacting late to a crisis, closing the proverbial gate after the horse has left the barn. This is exactly what happened on your Mask mandate (read the graph below from the MN Dept of Health).

Drake Lorence
13555 Essex Place
Minnetonka, MN 55305

(952) 412-6144

P.S. - Please return to in-person Council Meetings. Wear a mask and shield, social distance for your protection, *but no more Zoom Meetings*.

You Passed the Mandate Right at the Peak of Omicron. Your Timing Could Not Have Been Worse.



Minnesota Department of Health

From: Gervaise M Peterson
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 1:19 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Mask Mandate

Dear Public,

I hope you will consider ending the Mask Mandate in Minnetonka on Thursday.

Thank you,
 Gervaise M Peterson
 212 Townes Lane
 Wayzata, MN 55391

From: Jean Coatta
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 7:15 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: Mask Mandate

Dear Council Member Schaeppi,

Thank you for voting against the mask mandate initially. We need this to end tomorrow!

Jean Coatta
McGinty Rd
Minnetonka 55305

From: Dan Kral
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 7:46 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: Please End the Mask Mandate

Dear Brad,

We are writing to ask you to please pass a resolution to publicly end enforcement of the face mask mandate that went into effect on January 18. We understand that passing that kind of resolution is maybe the only option at this time, but whatever you can do to end this mandate is essential to the health and well-being of Minnetonka businesses and residents. Thank you for your support of a resolution that will immediately and effectively end this mask mandate.

Sincerely,
Dan & Cindy Kral
3532 Tonkawood Rd
Minnetonka 55345

From: Sherrie Byron
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 7:48 PM
To: Deborah Calvert; Kimberly Wilburn; Brian Kirk; Rebecca Schack; Bradley Schaeppi; Kissy Coakley
Subject: Council Meeting

Hello!

Thank you for gathering to discuss the mask mandate, and thank you for trying to keep our city safe during this pandemic!

I am hoping you will decide to lift this mandate and leave the decision to wear a mask up to each individual, depending on their own situation. I believe this will have a positive impact on our community - I miss seeing people smile!

I think this also sets a good example for our schools since the risk of spreading serious infection is very small among young people and our student's emotional well-being is at stake. I have seen a change in my own daughter over the last several months as she is more isolated than ever before, and trying to make new friends in her small "pod" at school. Depression and suicide are at an all-time high. We need a common sense approach to keeping people safe without ruining their lives.

Thank you for your time and for trying to do what is best for all the people in this wonderful city!
Sherrie Byron
Westmill Rd, Mtka

From: Colette Sulser
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 8:12 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: Mtka mask mandate

Hi Brad,

We are in favor of Mtka doing whatever is best for the health of its citizens. If that means a mask mandate then we are in favor of a mask mandate.

Mike & Colette Sulser
250 Townes Road
Wayzata 55391

From: Sumner Jones
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:40 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: mask mandate

Dear Minnetonka City Council,

I urge you to get rid of the mask mandate. I go to Cub, Target, and O'Rielly's and it's the same: about 10% of the customers aren't wearing a mask because they are sick of masks that don't work anyway and an authoritarian government with no expertise trying to force people to do their idea of "what's right". And the other 90% of the customers aren't concerned that 10% aren't wearing a mask, they know it's a joke but are just doing it because the rule is there. The people working in the stores and restaurants often are wearing a mask in manner that couldn't possibly be effective, obviously only wearing it because they have to do their job. All my neighbors think the mask mandate is a joke. And it's embarrassing to say "yeah, my city has a mask mandate." Please, get rid of this ridiculous decree.

Sumner Jones
4425 Tonkawood Rd.

From: Sumner Jones
Sent: Wednesday, February 16, 2022 9:30 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: mask mandate

Dear Councilman,

I understand that the mask mandate is going to be under discussion. Please get rid of it. Cases are way down in Minnesota and a mask mandate cannot be justified on any grounds.

Thank you.

Sumner Jones
4425 Tonkawood Rd.

From: Jennifer Noble
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 7:43 AM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: Stop the Mask Mandate in Minnetonka please!

Good morning! Please let me get back to shopping and going to restaurants in my city of Minnetonka. I have been going to Chanhassen and Eden Prairie for the last 3 weeks. You are hurting their businesses with this mask mandate. Any info that it is restaurants that are spreading Covid??? Stop ruining our local businesses. Time to end this!
Thank you!!!

Jennifer Noble [REDACTED]

From: Debbie Meagher [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 8:27 AM
To: Brad Wiersum; Bradley Schaeppi; Kissy Coakley; Kimberly Wilburn; Deborah Calvert; Rebecca Schack; Brian Kirk; Brian Kirk
Subject: Eliminate all Mask Mandates and Covid Restrictions

Dear Mayor and City Council,

Please eliminate all COVID mask mandates and restrictions for the City of Minnetonka at your meeting today. We all know enough about COVID now to make our own decisions on what is right for us and our families as far as masks, vaccines, etc. are concerned. COVID is a very small risk at this point for the vast majority of people.

It's been 2 years, and we are ready to move on with our normal lives without government interference.

Thank you.

Debbie

Debbie Meagher
Cell – [REDACTED]
18508 Timber Ridge Dr.
Minnetonka, MN 55345
[REDACTED]

From: Rachel Struck
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 8:39 AM
To: Brian Kirk; Rebecca Schack; Deborah Calvert; Kimberly Wilburn; Kissy Coakley; Bradley Schaeppi; Brad Wiersum
Subject: Mask Choice

Please eliminate all COVID mask mandates and restrictions for the City of Minnetonka at your meeting today.

Thank you!

From: david hopper
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 8:59 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Time to end all mask mandates

Good Afternoon

I hope you are able to read this and understand that the mask mandate is not working or necessary, not for our city and definitely not for our schools. The political theatre behind this has gone on long enough. This mask mandate came into effect at the end of the Omicron variant where most people were either exposed or who have gotten it, or have immunity. We know for a fact the shot does not prevent one from getting it or spreading it. We have no clinical studies that prove that a cloth strapped to your face especially a Childs will prevent one from this virus. We have proof that other cities and states have not required mandates and their numbers are showing no signs of spikes or increased health risks. We can all agree we want to get through this and be over it. We want to keep our friends, neighbors, and children safe and healthy. But clearly a mask isn't the way to do this. What signs we ARE seeing is increased in drug use, suicides, family problems, and many other several health issues not related to Covid. I end by respectfully asking that you end all mask mandates in Minnetonka including our schools. I would be more than willing to show proof that we are at the end of this and we hope that you can see that as well.

I ask you if Masks are suppose to work, why don't they work? Time to end this and stop with the ever changing daily CDC guidelines. Not rules.

Thank you

Dave Hopper
4305 Williston Rd
Minnetonka, Mn. 55345



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TO: City Council
FROM: Kyle Salage, Elections Specialist
DATE: Feb. 17, 2022
SUBJECT: Change Memo for Feb. 17, 2022 Special City Council Meeting

Item 3 – Discussion of city-wide face mask mandate

The attached correspondence was received after 9 a.m. today, Thursday, February 17, but before the adjournment of the meeting.

From: Holly Ricke
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 9:41 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: End the Mandate TODAY

My husband and I have not spent one dime in Minnetonka since the recent mandate. You are hurting peoples businesses and have no right. I ask that you remove this mandate and never do it again. The masks have been shown to be ineffective over and over again. It is a personal choice to wear one and should never be mandated by anyone else. Enough is enough

From: Lulloff THomas
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 10:05 AM
To: Brad Wiersum; Bradley Schaeppi; Kissy Coakley; Deborah Calvert; Kimberly Wilburn; Brian Kirk; Rebecca Schack
Subject: Please consider the following on Mask Vote today
Thank you.

https://www.theepochtimes.com/san-francisco-voters-oust-three-school-board-members-over-strict-pandemic-rules_4281661.html?utm_source=News&utm_campaign=breaking-2022-02-16-1&utm_medium=email&est=DDihBfidKFQcufHGoue6%2FBfCzofuJngQS2%2BCEQig0i1AWrW7ShV2S0qx4g7xceM%3D



[San Francisco Voters Oust Three School Board Members Over Strict Pandemic Rules](https://www.theepochtimes.com/san-francisco-voters-oust-three-school-board-members-over-strict-pandemic-rules_4281661.html)

www.theepochtimes.com

San Francisco voters on Feb. 15 overwhelmingly voted to recall three school board members, expressing their frustration with ...

From: Kari Lorence
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 10:29 AM
To: Bradley Schaeppi
Subject: Special meeting
End the mask mandate immediately! Full stop.
Kari Lorence
13555 Essex Place
Minnetonka Mn 55305
Ward 2

From: Kari Lorence
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 10:34 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Special meeting

End the mask mandate immediately! Full stop.
Start meeting in person! I should be able to see and speak to my council member in person. Where is debate and an open conversation? The City Council of Minnetonka should stop hiding behind a pandemic that is over. Democracy dies in secret. Get out of your basement and face your constituents. That is what leaders do. I am sick and tired of this and I am not going to take it anymore.

Kari Lorence
13555 Essex Place
Minnetonka, Mn 55305
Ward 2

From: Lisa Pemrick
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 11:41 AM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Minnetonka Mask Mandate

It's time to repeal this mask mandate.

Using the CDC data makes no sense when it doesn't reflect the actual situation on the ground, which is that cases in Minnesota have dropped 65%, and the current Omicron outbreak has been shown to be mild across the board.

The impulse for the city council to want to "do something" is understandable, but the reality is that at this point all the mandate is doing is harming local business which ultimately harms the community.

Sincerely,

Lisa Pemrick

Minnetonka Resident since 1995

From: Susie Nelson
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:26 PM
To: Bradley Schaeppi <bschaeppi@minnetonkamn.gov>; Rebecca Schack <rschack@minnetonkamn.gov>; Brian Kirk <bkirk@minnetonkamn.gov>; Brad Wiersum <bwiersum@minnetonkamn.gov>; Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>; Kissy Coakley <kcoakley@minnetonkamn.gov>; Kimberly Wilburn <kwilburn@minnetonkamn.gov>; Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Meeting today about masks

Hello,

I hope you end the mask mandate at today's meeting. It is truly pointless as many small AND large businesses are not even enforcing the mandate and, anyway, it is easy to drive 5-10 minutes away and give other cities business.

Cities, states, and school districts locally and across the country are ending covid rules - please follow suit. The peak of Omicron had already passed before you even started this mandate. Please stop denying the data and catch up with the current science.

Thank you, Mr. Schaeppi and Mr. Wiersum for your actual leadership and common sense on this topic.

Also, when will you start meeting in person again? Do you not want to interact with your constituents?

Regards,
Susie Nelson
Resident on Kensington Ct., Minnetonka

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Susie

From: Dave Lloyd
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 12:53 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: MANDATES

Minnetonka Mills room at City Hall this am had unmasked elderly in the room. A car dealer suggested this morning I mask because of the City even though I had a beverage and was well distanced.

UNACCEPTABLE disparate treatment. Anyone qualified at City to make mask demands or enforce?

Dave Lloyd

From: Paula Chilton
Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 2:00 PM
To: Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>
Subject: Please Keep Masking

I'm sure you're getting plenty of feedback from a very vocal group of residents who oppose the mask mandate. I'd like to offer support for the idea that we see Minnetonka continue to mask in our schools and businesses. Masking is such a very small concession to help keep us all safe a bit longer. We can't be expected to rely on someone's claim that they're fully vaccinated and should therefore not be required to wear a mask in public. For a multitude of reasons, a blanket policy will be most effective in protecting our populace until further evidence that mask-free public is a safe option to prevent further waves of viral increase.

I also want to thank you for your service to our community. This experience has been a new one for us all, and our elected leaders have faced unprecedented pressure from our residents. Please know that my little household is grateful for the time and efforts employed by yourself and the whole City Council to satisfy as many of us as possible. Your job is no easy task, for sure. You can't please all of the people all of the time...

Thank You

Paula Chilton

16616 Eagle Ridge Dr, Minnetonka 55345
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From: M F

Sent: Thursday, February 17, 2022 2:11 PM

To: Mike Funk <mfunk@minnetonkamn.gov>; Brad Wiersum <bwersum@minnetonkamn.gov>; Deborah Calvert <dcalvert@minnetonkamn.gov>; Kimberly Wilburn <kwilburn@minnetonkamn.gov>; Brian Kirk <bkirk@minnetonkamn.gov>; Rebecca Schack <rschack@minnetonkamn.gov>; Bradley Schaeppi <bschaeppi@minnetonkamn.gov>; Kissy Coakley <kcoakley@minnetonkamn.gov>; Public Comment <publiccomment@minnetonkamn.gov>

Subject: Re: Vote NO on mask mandate

Thank you for ending the mask mandate. I never wore a mask a single time during your mandate. I didn't wear one in businesses that didn't enforce it, and in those businesses that did enforce it, I left and did my business elsewhere, usually Eden Prairie.

Michael Franklin