

BOCC MEETING PUBLIC COMMENTS

9/9/2020

These are questions and comments received through the County website and through the Strategic Communications email.

Name:

Peter Struska

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Received By:

This comment was received through the communications email

Subject:

Personal Rights

Comment:

“Please stop overstepping your boundaries on taking personal rights. Our rights do not have a pandemic exception. Compare the Sedgwick county curve to Ford county. Wichita (The main driver in SC) had a mask mandate, Ford county never did. There was a spike in cases as testing ramped up, then it naturally tapered off. SC did the same, but was delayed. If you look at California, 3 areas did mandates at 3 different times. LA, San Diego and Orange County implemented mandates 4/10, 5/1 and 6/18 respectively. They all peaked at the same time. The data is not

backing your decisions. Please stop taking personal choice away with masks and whether an organization can open.

Lacey Cruse. . . Please listen and be open minded to alternative viewpoints.

Respectfully,

Peter Struska”

Name:

Linda Weesner

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Received By:

This comment was received through the communications email

Subject:

Please discontinue Mask Mandate

Comment:

“Dear commissioners,

Please discontinue the mask mandate. It is hurting our businesses, our mental health and is a disproportionate response to the low level of risk from covid in Sedgwick Co. And masking the school kids is child abuse.

Thank you,

Linda Weesner

Sent from my iPad”

Name:

J Rice

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Received By:

This comment was received through the communications email

Subject:

Masks

Comment:

“Commissioners:

So tell me with your seems to be unending "common sense" if masks and fear are working then how is it that your supposed numbers keep going up? You are lying to "We the people" and are set to be up on criminal, and civil charges. Don't pretend for one minute you are doing this for anything other than a distraction from the upcoming elections in November. You have destroyed this great county with your fear mongering and lies. When " we the people" find out the truth you will be removed from office by our lovely right to vote and the great constitutional rights we enjoy. You have pissed off a giant you never want to awake. Stop this nonsense right now.

A concerned and pissed off private man on the land.”

Name:

Rachel Henry

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Received By:

This comment was received through communications email.

Subject:

Unmask ICT

Comment:

“Hello!

I’m a resident of Wichita. I’m requesting that you end the mask mandate. Please give us the freedom to choose.

Thank you!

Rachel Henry”

Name:

Rebekah Evans

Contact Information:

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Received By:

This comment was received through the communications email.

Subject:

Mask Mandate

Comment:

“Hello,

I'm asking for an end to the mask mandate for the following reasons:

1. Since the mandate started, we have not seen any significant drop in positive COVID cases. There were even days with higher numbers in August.
2. This mandate is causing discrimination against people with special needs. My son has multiple special needs and is unable to wear a mask. He is now unable to attend certain classes that would benefit him, and he's experienced bullying for not wearing one.
3. This mandate is problematic for people with many different health concerns. I am a person who has asthma and is also hard of hearing. Wearing a mask gives me health complications. I also

can not communicate with people well since I can't hear them or read their lips.

Please give people the right to choose whether or not to wear a mask.

Thank you for your time,

Rebekah Evans”

Name:

Jonathan Alvarez

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Received By:

This comment was received through the communications email.

Subject:

Songbird Juice

Comment:

“As I understand it, this Juice bar is openly advertising and encouraging its customers to come into this tiny and cramped space without masks. Their Facebook event for an anti mask protest at Century II has multiple comments from people admitting to wanting to "get your place packed", referring to the original juice bar "business" that is organizing this ignorant "protest".”

Name:

Desiree Huff

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Received By:

This comment was received through the communications email.

Subject:

Unmask Sedgwick County!

Comment:

Name:

Dan Dickgrafe

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Received By:

This comment was received through the communications email

Subject:

Renew face mask requirements during the COVID-19 Pandemic

Comment:

“The COVID-19 pandemic has caused many levels of discomfort over the past several months in our community. I am aware of the pressure being placed on you by a segment of our population to rescind any orders or guidance directing citizens to wear face masks in public, as state and local orders expire.

Reversing, rescinding, or significantly altering the existing state and local directives requiring masks to be worn in public would very likely erase any gains we’ve made over the past few weeks, in fighting the virus in our community.

I urge you to renew and support a local order requiring not only the wearing of face masks in public, but also ongoing restrictions of large community gatherings and any other health-related practices until the time that a vaccine for the COVID-19 virus has been tested, distributed and made available to any members of our community who could benefit from it.

The time for partisan politics is over. It is time to do what's right for the entire community, not just your political supporters. Please agree to renew the guidelines and orders recommended by the health professionals, so that we can continue to improve our performance against the pandemic, and keep our people working and our economy growing.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Dan Dickgrafe

Wichita, Kansas”

Name:

Judy Handley

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Received By:

This comment was received through the communications email.

Subject:

Face Masks

Comment:

“I am so thankful that Dr Minns extended the face masks usage until October. I am self employed with a weakened immune system due to cancer and while I feel well enough to work, I stay home because of COVID 19 and the stupid people who refuse to wear a mask. They don't care if they infect me. If the idiots would have done the face masks in April and May - this just might be over now.

Judy Handley

316-371-1950”

Name:

Tiffani Sneath

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Received By:

This comment was received through the communications email.

Subject:

Mask Mandate on the agenda 9.8.2020

Comment:

“Hello Council Member,

I would like to address the hypocrisy that has been brought to light through the mask mandates because of the covid 19 pandemic.

We have been told as citizen's that it is unsafe to walk around freely in our everyday lives. We believed it at first, However, With the recent release from the CDC stating that only 6% of the 153,504 reported deaths from covid 19, died OF covid 19. Even though it is now being redacted & twisted we still see the truth, you cannot pass legislation based on CDC reports then when they report something that does not fit your narrative you suddenly do not listen anymore. They are either experts that we need to listen to all the time or never.

Elites from all over the United States who have either taken part in making these laws & mandates or enforcing them are violating their own rules of keeping business' closed, Not being able to go

eat at a restaurant, or staying quarantined & they are doing it without wearing masks, They are a very hot topic on social media. Dr. Lee here in Kansas altered graphs & charts to make it seem that the masks were working. These are Lawmakers, Doctor's, Mayors, Governor's, this is a case of "What's good for thee is not good for me". Citizen's don't have this luxury & we have been silenced.

If this virus is so dangerous & we have so many elderly people dying of it then why the hypocrisy, Altered information & constant changes? If this virus is so contagious why are there masks strung out all over the city instead of being disposed of in Bio-Hazard Bins?

It is time to stop the misinformation & fear mongering that the we are under at the hand of the government & government leaders such as yourself. This is now an agenda being pushed by government to gain control & your constituents are fully aware of it now.

Child Trafficking is at a record high in this nation, it is simply irresponsible to send children to school with masks, this should not be your choice, it should be the parents' choice.

Crime in this nation is at a record high, it is ridiculous to have masked creatures walking around committing crimes because they know it will be that much harder to identify them.

We the people are in control of our lives, our health, and that of our children. The Case/Death statistics in Kansas do not and never have justified the need to impose a mask mandate on its Citizens, This was meant to not overwhelm hospitals which we have accomplished, Now it is to drive cases down, Next it will be

until we have a vaccine, Then what? Until everyone is vaccinated? Where will it end? When will the government have enough power over us? We can self-govern ourselves and our families, but because of this hypocritical power play by government, people are turning away from the need to protect ourselves & others at all from this virus which will be an even larger problem.

The AT RISK people should be quarantining themselves for their safety not the healthy.

On behalf of myself, my children and many more citizens of The greater Wichita area, The State of Kansas and the United States of America - please do not extend the mandates and allow our God given immune system the ability to fight this virus as it was designed to do.

Signed,

Tiffani Sneath

Sedgwick County Resident & Voter.”

Name:

Daniel Warren

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Received By:

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Subject:

Public comment 9/9/2020 BOCC Meeting

Comment:

“There has been no update on the jail's COVID-19 outbreak since 10 days ago, when the sheriff downplayed the severity of the outbreak.

I have had 4 patients since July jailed for drug use, despite assurances from the DA and sheriff that there are few non-violent offenders in jail.

The jail stopped testing asymptomatic inmates, despite KDHE recommendations to retest them twice.

The jail is not a closed system. This outbreak will not end until the jail can effectively quarantine, which requires significant depopulation.

With few criminal trials, what is the DA, sheriff, and judges' plan for managing the already-overcrowded jail population? We also deserve daily updates and increased accountability from the BOCC.
Daniel Warren, MD”

Name:

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Received By:

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Subject:

Closing times restaurant and bars

Comment:

“My concern as an employee is my wages are down over 50 percent, why are we not able to be able to stay open until at least midnight? The covid isn't going to change in an hour, our industry has been hurt more than others and with hair salon open and tattoo shops open why can't we make a living, we want to work!!!!

Get Outlook for Android”

Name:

Cathy VanDeventer

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Received By:

This comment was received through the communications email.

Subject:

Covid

Comment:

“Sent from my iPhone when will this stop being a political issue. I’m embarrassed to say I’m from Sedgwick county. All of u are reckless and do not care about the health of this community. You are all a disgrace and I along with many others will vote against everyone of u.”

Name:

Dakota Garrison

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Received By:

This comment was received through online website.

Subject:

Please stop mask mandate

Comment:

“The mask mandate is adversely impacting many. Disabled, those w/ a medical exemption but still refused service @ area businesses, women quitting their jobs to homeschool, students w/ learning abilities, Etc. It is time to allow freedom for choice and represent those who elected you but stopping the mask mandate.”

Name:

Lori Clem

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Received By:

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Subject:

COVID-MASKS

Comment:

“STOP MASK MANDATES. LET US LIVE OUR LIVES FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.”

Name:

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Subject:

COVID-MASKS

Comment:

“STOP MASK MANDATES. LET US LIVE OUR LIVES FOR GOD AND COUNTRY.”

Name:

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Received By:

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Subject:

Unmask Wichita

Comment:

“Please vote to end the mask mandate for sedgwick county! After the mandate was adopted July 3, one would expect to see cases drop beginning mid-July, if the mandate was effective. There was no significant decrease in cases all of July or August with the mandate in place. Please give us the freedom to make our own health choices!”

Name:

Jocelyn Reid

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Received By:

This comment was received through online website.

Subject:

Testing Sensitivity/Mask Mandate

Comment:

“Information came out this week that the PCR tests being used are so sensitive that a person may test positive but not be contagious. I hoped that the panel on 9/3 would address this but Dr. Minns deflected it saying that anyone who tests positive is contagious. Do you know this for sure? How much amplification is necessary to produce a + result- 20, 30, 40? Research is showing that anything more than 30 (or maybe less) is over-sensitive. Up to 90% of people who test positive show only traces of the vaccine and are not infectious. We are basing mask mandates and other orders on these numbers that we are expected to accept as accurate. Also, the goal posts have been moved based on what could be faulty data. We deserve more than this.”

Name:

Sandy Newill

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Received By:

This comment was received through online website.

Subject:

Mask Mandates

Comment:

“We no longer believe you have our best interests at heart! Stop the mandates!! Cannot back up these mandates with ANYTHING SCIENTIFIC.”

Name:

Heather Johnson

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Received By:

This comment was received through the communications email

Subject:

Mask Mandates

Comment:

"First, thank you for taking the time to read this email. I do appreciate that. What I do not appreciate is being forced to wear a mask. Nobody has the right to decide what is "best" for my health except me. My health is my responsibility. Not yours. My child's health is my responsibility. Not yours.

I know this virus is real. I don't dispute that. I understand that there will be deaths caused by this virus. What I do not understand is why we are destroying businesses, people's livelihoods over a virus that has only a slim chance of being fatal. Why are we destroying the mental health of those in our community over this? Why are children being deprived of a "normal" childhood over this? When will you realize that the masks and the fear are doing more damage than the virus?

I have heard so many people talk about how they are being denied entry into businesses, and how they are harassed and belittled in other businesses. Why? Because they are not wearing

a germ infested mask. What's really interesting about most of those stories is they are people who fall under exemptions. Yet, those exemptions seem to mean nothing.

The masking is causing further divide, and raising tensions between people. Its unnecessary and needs to end.

I am asking you to end the masking mandates/ordinances immediately.

Thank you,

Heather Johnson”

Name:

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Received By:

This comment was received through the communications email

Subject:

Mask Mandate

Comment:

“PLEASE end the Mandate on mask. We elect you to protect our rights, not to take them away. My children deserve better. A kindergarten aged child should NOT have to wear a mask to attend school. This is crazy.”

Name:

Julie Libel

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Received By:

This comment was received through the communications email

Subject:

Video opinion to cancel mask mandate

Comment:

“I appreciate your consideration of my request and opinion regarding the mask mandate. I have attached a video since I was unable to stay in the long line due to knee surgery.

Julie Libel

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