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Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

Two weeks ago I wrote to you in support of keeping the Covid-19 Business Restrictions. Today, I do the same. Little has changed in the past two weeks. Our numbers are still increasing, our city is just reopening the municipal transit, and our tourism numbers are on the rise. Our risk continues to increase. We have not peaked. Many members of our community tire of the restrictions and have become lax at preventative measures. Our community needs your steadfast guidance at this time. The virus is not tired or lax. Today it is reported that 8 days after all testing negative for COVID-19, 142 Fort Benning soldiers test positive. Just 8 days.

At the beginning of this it was stated that it is better to do too much than too little. I urge you to hold firm to that and lead our community as you have.

Name: Joanna M Lawler

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Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: COVID-19 business restrictions

Comment:

Please keep business restrictions in place.

Cases in our area continue to rise. Our curve is not flattened. Our capacity for testing is nowhere near where it needs to be. Tourists continue to come to our community.

Following basic public health measures has become inexplicably politicized, so we need leadership from our city government to back businesses that want to keep its employees and customers safe. If we don't keep these common-sense restrictions in place now, we may be facing more restrictive measures later.

Name: Christine Stephenson

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Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Extension of business restrictions

Comment:

I'm writing to ask you to extend the business restrictions to prevent the spread of Covid in Rapid City. When considering the economic impact of Covid, please also consider the impact of another school closure this fall. The district was only able to meaningfully connect with approximately two-thirds of students when remote learning began in March. If we are unable to provide face-to-face instruction for the majority of the 2020-2021 school year, I fear a sizable chunk of our population will never catch up. And make no mistake, this will have a larger economic effect in Rapid City than temporary social distancing measures. Please also pass an ordinance requiring the use of masks in public. A growing body of evidence suggests that masks are much more effective than previously thought at slowing the spread of Covid 19. Requiring masks will have no economic impact, and it will save lives.

Christine Stephenson, member, RCAS BOE

Name: Carol Waider

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Meeting: City Council

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Agenda Item: Shall or should in city ordinance for covid-19 recommendaions

Comment:

I am concerned about the rise in Covid-19 cases, lack of information present regarding hospital beds being occupied, and the number of tourists in the area that we are forgetting about the seriousness of this issue. I have heard that monument in Rapid is diverting patients to other places. We need to keep the businesses at half the capacity or even close them completely. Opening the businesses back up has directly resulted in an increase of cases of COVID-19 in our area. We need to further mitigate or at a minimum keep restrictions in place.