

Name: Cynthia Ross

Address: 603 Dilger Avenue

Rapid City, SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: COVID Masks

Comment:

I am IN FAVOR of mandatory public face masks

Name: Jeni Rae Peters

Address: 1216 St. Andrew St

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I am a foster mother, an adoptive mother, a children's mental health therapist, and a woman with breast cancer. I am asking the mask mandate be made an ordinance. I recognize our ideal for personal freedom, but it is much safer for me if others wear masks while I wear mine. It does not seem like a freedom for me to choose to go to the dentist, go to the drug store, or purchase groceries. In these settings this week, multiple people were not wearing masks. I worry every day what will happen to my adopted children if I get Covid while undergoing radiation and chemo. Will they have to move in with a third mom? As a Children's mental health professional, I am watching my clients respond to the schools shutting down. Many lost their safety net and quality education. Wearing a mask is minor inconvenience in the crisp air. As a community, we should sacrifice this for our Children's education, economy, and our healthcare resources.

Name: Margo Allen

Address: 6051 Vanishing Trail Ct

RC, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

From the onset of Covid our goal has been to “flatten the curve” and not overwhelm our health care system. Our curve is not flattened, in fact it is sky rocketing, and our health care system is overwhelmed. I believe it is time for our city government to step in and instill some guidelines, since our state government won’t. I am all for a mask mandate.

Name: Dayna Dick

Address: 2911 Springbrook Road. Rapid City, SD. 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Bravo Mayor Allender !!! It's time we all take responsibility for being part of a community !!! I am happy to comply and relieved that others will be doing the same . . . Phew

I felt safer traveling to California last week than I do in my own town. Sad, because I LOVE Rapid City and the Black Hills.

Thank you,

Appreciatively,

Dayna Dick

Name: Greg Brandriet

Address: 8020 Brooks Loop

Spearfish, SD 57783

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandates

Comment:

As a frequent patron of Rapid City, I oppose mask mandates, fines, or any other imposed form of punishment for non-compliance.

Name: Fitzgerald Nanette

Address: 13249 Tomaha Ridge Road

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Please pass the mask mandate for Rapid City. I am a nurse at Monument Health and am asking in behalf of all of the physicians, nurses, and caregivers. Our hospital will not be able to provide enough staffing to care for those who need to be cared for if this pandemic worsens. Please separate this from politics and follow the science.

Name: Peggy and Vince Vidal

Address: 223 Alta Vista Dr.

Rapid City ,SD, 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate for 11/19 meeting

Comment:

Please vote for a city-wide mask mandate. The science is real. This is not a political issue, it is about the safety and health of our community. Please support our health care workers who are asking us to do this. South Dakotans historically have come together in times of crisis and helped their neighbors. Wearing is mask is HELPING your neighbor. Thank you. Peggy and Vince Vidal

Name: Corissa Busse

Address: 9750 Sheridan Lake Road, Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: City Mask Mandate

Comment:

Dear members of the city council -

I would strongly appreciate your vote in favor of a mask mandate for our community. Masking is one easy step that we can take to help slow the spread of this deadly and devastating virus in Rapid City. On behalf of many friends and family working at Monument hospital who are already strained trying to keep up with the hospital loads we are experiencing; wearing masks across our community can help slow the burdens they face in the weeks and months ahead. This mandate can help save lives of our fellow community members who need urgent and intensive care by limiting the burden on our hospitals. A mask mandate can also give a fighting chance to our retail and businesses as they push through the end of year in this pivotal time of sales - helping them do so more safely. If there is any chance of keeping our economy functioning while protecting lives - masking must be required.



Name: Amanda Lee

Address: 362 Big Badger Drive

Box Elder, SD 57719

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandates

Comment:

I am in Rapid City daily, shopping small and supporting local businesses. I oppose all mandates for masks and fines relating to mandates.

Name: Holly M Lemay

Address: 914 Fairview Rapid City. 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

There should be no financial penalty issued for not wearing a mask if the ordinance is passed: A \$500 fine is absolutely ludicrous. It's bad enough that people and businesses are struggling financial hardship already. Such a mandate is unnecessary and is an example of extreme governmental over reach. Police state here we come.

Name: Cori Meadows

Address: 8020 Brooks Loop

Spearfish, SD 57783

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandates

Comment:

As a resident of neighboring Spearfish and a frequent patron of Rapid City businesses, I oppose any and all mandates for masks and subsequent fines.

Name: Debbie Buckingham

Address: 2401 Crown Hill

Rapid city SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Masks

Comment:

I am so proud of the mayor for standing up for the the safety of the citizens of Rapid City. I do wear a mask and I'm careful where I go. I do not eat out but I try to support our local shops and restaurants so they don't struggle during this pandemic. I order carry out but so often when I arrive the masses are not wearing a mask. This is the same in the grocery stores. My parents are moving to Arizona sooner than typical because they are safer there.

Name: Danielle Hernandez

Address: 1516 wood ave apt 1

Rapid city, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

Agenda Item: masks

Comment:

my body

My choice

Name: Leah Schweppe

Address: 23003 candlelight dr rapid city, SD 57703

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

Let us breathe! I cannot believe that we are talking about a vote that gives us the right to breathe freely or not.

We have already implemented the stay at home if you are sick, wash your hands, and continue to do what you can to stay healthy. There is no factual science that states the use of masks helps any in the spread of Covid. I have been in the grocery store and watched countless people play with their masks wipe their nose touch their lips look touch a product and put it back on the shelf. To say that a mask will protect us all is not true. Rapid City let us breathe freely!

Name: SCOTT HALL

Address: 3607 Chapel Valley Rd

Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

I'm writing in support of the mask mandate. We're asking barely any effort for people to help out against this public health crisis. If anything, the mandate allows for too many exceptions, but, it's better than the nothing we have now.

Name: Zea Powell

Address: 814 E. Indiana St

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

I am pleading with my fellow citizens to support a mask mandate. I know some people think they don't work, and can cite some random study to prove their point, but why not err on the side of caution? If the worst thing in your life is that you had to wear a piece of fabric on your face, how blessed are you? I just lost someone very dear to me because of this. Real South Dakota values include helping your neighbors.



Name: Jerry Sailer

Address: 2930 Melody Lane

Rapid City SD 57703

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

Just last week my father who was located in a nursing home and on lock down since March, and where all staff members had to wear masks, died from Covid, and yet here i am working in a bar, exposed to people from all over the world and the United States, and yet i have had not even a sniffle. So explain to me how wearing a mask will protect us from a virus that can be contracted through touch also. A mask did not save my father so why will it save me??? I plead to you not to bring this mandatory mask to Rapid City. If people wish to wear a mask then let them, if they do not choose to wear one then let them not wear one. Masks are still a topic with no perfect answer, the numbers can be spun to show positive or negative results just depends on which questions you ask. So again i ask you do not require this for us.

Name: Dawn Pence

Address: 710 Belmont Dr.

Rapid City

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Masks

Comment:

#1 Mandating masks violates our constitutional right of pursuit of liberty.

#2 Mandating masks in Europe with strict enforcement has not prevented their covid numbers from skyrocketing. Cloth masks are not tight fitting and even OSHA has said they are not adequate PPE.

<https://www.ishn.com/articles/112570-oshha-issues-faq-on-cloth-face-masks>

Name: Margareta Evans

Address: 3726 Park Dr.

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

I wear a mask and believe everyone should wear a mask indoors and outdoors if there is no distancing. I don't think people should be punished or fined for not wearing a mask, shamed maybe. Let us not go overboard.

Name: Ross Milliken

Address: 2806 Box Wood St

Gillette, WY. 82718

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

First I am not a RC resident, yet. However, with my retirement fast approaching, RC is one of our top picks for our retirement.

Fines up to \$500 and/or 30 days in jail! That makes no sense what so ever! Further, if the offender refuses to sign the citation, jail?

Think about this, and think hard! When did RC become a liberal stronghold?

I suggest a no vote! My voting will be done by my relocation, or NOT!

Name: Cheyne Cumming

Address: 920 Fairview St

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I expect Rapid City to issue a mask mandate for all public spaces including businesses. I am furious with the lack of respect shown by too many people in Rapid City. It is absolutely insane that this city and state is tolerating the sickness and death of hundreds of its citizens because the leaders don't care enough to do something that can save lives. Pass a mask mandate in Rapid City!!

Name: Kirk Rausch

Address: 702 Comet Ct

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: CC111920-0

Comment:

I understand that this virus is putting strain on the health care system and a solution to ease this strain should continue to be investigated. However, wearing whatever you have laying around to cover your face is not an effective solution and only puts the public in more mental stress. These face coverings are immediately dirty, people touch their faces and then touch surfaces, this cannot be avoided by a government mandate. People should be aware of their surroundings and do what is right for their families. The government, even if it is local, should not MANDATE anything.

Name: Anne Hazel

Address: 121 Cleveland St 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: NO mask mandate

Comment:

You will fine us for not wearing a mask???

People move here to be free of tyrants.

How is it "personal responsibility" when the government imposes heavy fines and jail time!

STOP Government control and intrusion!

Name: Carol E Bell

Address: 1206 Clark St.

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting:

Comment Type:

Agenda Item: mask mandate

Comment:

I will state directly that I am in favor of an ordinance to wear masks in the city of Rapid City and it's jurisdictions. We as a society have accepted that we must wear shoes and shirts in restaurants, and in public retail businesses for Public Health & Safety purposes, We accept that we must have a drivers license to drive on public roads for safety. These requirements are for the public health of all citizens and visitors our city and state.

During a pandemic, or even the flu season, science has repeatedly proven that wearing of masks, hand washing, and distancing are critical components in stopping the spread. . Please rely on the extensive knowledge of the CDC and the Hospitals and since it is necessary at this point in RC, vote yes for the ordinance to wear masks in public places.



Name: Ricky L Robertson

Address: 3245 Harmony Lane

Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type:

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Well here we go with a mask mandate with a fine for noncompliance. What's next, internment camps for the the unwashed of Rapid City. Did you council members swear to uphold the Constitution of the United States or do you even know what that is? Monument Health has had a mask mandate for months, so has the school district how has that worked out and now you are going to listen to them as experts. Get a virologist and talk to them and see what they say the information is there. Is this mandate for you or are you going to be exempt, this question is for the Mayor also. Lady's and Gentlemen we are not subjects and you are not Kings, this is how a dictatorship works.

Name: Barbara Chapman

Address: 919 Saint Cloud St.

Rapid City SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

I am firmly on the side of a mask mandate. Our numbers are dangerously high and we have no leadership from our governor. Without a mandate people will continue to follow the lead of Kristi Noem and not take responsibility. We have to balance our freedom with our belief in caring for the larger community. People will continue to die and our hospitals will continue to be stressed unless we do something different. Please pass a mask mandate.

Name: Jan Swank

Address: 830 Saint James Street, Rapid City, SD, 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

This has been a known recommendation by the CDC for 8 months. Mask wearing indoors prevents easy spread of novel COVID-19. Not mandating it for our citizens is criminal. I am in the danger zone, risking death if I contract this disease. The medical community has been begging for this, and they are currently being overwhelmed by the actions of selfish people who are ignoring public health standards. I cannot understand opposing this measure. Pass it, so we can begin to get on with our lives. Please.

Jan Swank

Name: Nicole Preble

Address: 327 Flormann St

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Rapid City Mask Mandate

Comment:

Surgeons are required to wear masks while operating to prevent infection of the patient. Food service employees are required to wash their hands before handling a customers food. These are public health issues for the good of the whole. They are not a political matter.

Wearing a mask to reduce the spread of a deadly virus should not be a political matter either, although that is exactly what it has become. Listening to and letting politicians set the course for our healthcare system is akin to asking Gov. Kristi Noem to perform brain surgery.

PLEASE City Council, do the right thing and mandate masks to help get this virus under control before our ONE hospital buckles. This is truly a matter of life and death.

Thank you!

Nicole Preble

Name: Christian Seeley

Address: 333 Omaha St. Suite 2

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

We are asking that you PLEASE enact a mask mandate for indoor spaces in Rapid City.

By not issuing a mask mandate for indoor, public places, you are putting the responsibility on us, the small business owners. I hope you understand the hardship that puts on us, in an already trying economic time. By leaving it up to us, the small business owner, we have to decide whether or not to mandate masks in our business, putting us in a no-win situation. If we decide to mandate them (which we have done here at The Market), we risk alienating and upsetting the customers that don't want to wear a mask. If we don't mandate them, we risk alienating and upsetting the customers that do want them.

Name: Roxanne Rathbun

Address: 54 Glenshire Dr

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Masks

Comment:

We support a mask mandate 100%. As an immunocompromised member of the community I do not feel safe to leave my home. The quicker we can all work together to get the numbers back down, the sooner our lives can return to us. Our schools can open and every one can feel safe. This is not political. Thank you.

Name: Thomas Horrell

Address: 4010 Kyle St

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I think that mask mandates are not necessary. This is un-Constitutional and a violation of our God given right to medical freedom.

Name: Stephanie Goldy

Address: 2425 MT Meadow

RAPID CITY SD

57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask Ordinance

Comment:

It is outrageous that you are even considering this ordinance. Talk about people on a power trip.

Let the people have free will and make their own decision.



Name: Tim Lee

Address: 362 Big Badger Dr

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I whole heartedly oppose the mask Mandate. Preserve our rights as Americans! It starts here, then on to mandated vaccines and then on to losing our right to choose how we handle our own Healthcare! Land of the Free needs to mean something! Keep our choices OURS!

Name: Frances Miller

Address: 239 Westberry Ct North

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Please pass a mask requirement for Rapid City. It would help slow the spread and provide relief for our overburdened health care workers and possibly allow schools to reopen.

Please consider limiting the size of gatherings in public places. There is no reason that 10-20 people need to be together at a table in public ie the Loftus family last Friday night with no masks. Unacceptable especially as they see patients.

Name: Heather Bindel

Address: 210 Jasper Lane, Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Hello,

As an employee of the healthcare community, I have had a first hand look at what this pandemic has done, not only to our communities physical health but our mental health as well. It is time that we as a community took steps to do what we can to slow the spread of this virus. Our hospital system is not designed for this many people to be sick at once, we must slow the spread.

Please vote in favor of this mask mandate.

Name: Ryan Raposa

Address: 1011 Fir Drive

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

I do NOT approve of a mandatory mask mandate!

Major Study Finds Masks Don't Reduce COVID-19 Infection Rates!

<https://thefederalist.com/2020/11/18/major-study-finds-masks-dont-reduce-covid-19-infection-rates/>

VOTE NO!!

Name: Daniel Clegg

Address: 4820 South Pointe Dr

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Absolutely not. This is an obscenely gross government overreach into the personal freedoms of American citizens.

Name: Jodi Mockabee

Address: 2460 Carter Dr

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mandatory Masks

Comment:

Dear Local Government Officials,

I am writing in regards to the proposal of mandated masks. Already we have experienced discrimination when my autistic child who was unmasked and medically exempt tried to attend the public library with the rest of his family (we were all masked). The librarian kicked us out in front of multiple people. He was embarrassed and ashamed of his condition and is now anxious about going anywhere public. What is to happen to children or adults like him who are questioned at every store or location? I will not let him be treated like a criminal for his neurological differences. When we go to public places, it appears that at least 90% of the people are masked. Masked states have no lower percentage of cases per capita than those who have mask freedoms. Please consider the data on the states or counties that have mask mandates.

Thank you for your time,

Jodi Mockabee

Name: Benjamin Heidgerken

Address: 4800 W 114th St, Bloomington, MN 55437

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask requirement emergency ordinance

Comment:

My family has been hoping to travel to Rapid City for Thanksgiving to visit family. Given the levels of community spread in the Rapid City area, however, we are seriously reconsidering whether it is a good idea for us to make this trip from and to Minnesota, where we now live. This mask mandate may be coming too late for us and our trip to visit my family. Still, I believe the City Council benefits the public health and facilitates safer family gatherings during this holiday season by implementing a mask mandate. I heartily support this emergency ordinance.

Name: Annie Loyd

Address: 4307 Brookside Dr, Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Masks are a medical lifesaving device.

There is an ancient and wise saying - you are the leader you have been waiting for. It is time to listen to our inner voice and recognize that what we have been doing is not working. It is time to change directions. It is not necessary to blame - it is only necessary to make immediate changes.

Wear a mask - maintain physical distance - and for the time being, if you can stay home for the next few weeks, order food to take home.

I was raised with the understanding to care about the members of my community as extended relatives of my family. In this way, I wear a mask, not only so I stay healthy, it is because I care about the well-being of all people with who I come into contact. It is needed and necessary for the health and well being of all of us to wear a mask.

Let's be sure the folks we love are here next year!



Name: Victoria Bantam

Address: 3600 Apt. 327

Sheridan Lake Road

Rapid City, SD 57783

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate Rapid City

Comment:

CDC & scientific research states mask wearing is essential to mediating Covid 19, until we have a vaccine to assist. SD governor has ignored science. Our local government needs to step in to assist with the escalation of illness & death due to Covid. We need to slow community spread in order for the schools to be in session & businesses proceed at some level without shutdown. This is a life & death issue & masks are a minimal inconvenience for all. Science needs to rise above denial of a pandemic. Please enforce mask mandates.

Name: Tim J Evens

Address: 13734 47th Avenue West

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

No mask mandates unless we have scientific proof that it actually helps prevent the disease Covid-19. There are many states that had mask mandates that are NO better off than states that didn't. Why mandate something that doesn't help and may actually make it worse...

Name: Kristine Gullikson

Address: 22587 Lightning Ridge Rd

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask requirement

Comment:

I would sincerely request that our mayor follow suit with the mayor of Sioux Falls, which is a much larger city, in not mandating a mask requirement. People have the right of their own volition and therefore are responsible for their own health decisions. If someone is afraid, they can wear a mask but if someone chooses to not wear a mask that is also their right. Please do not take our liberties away from us. The entire nation is begging to have a governor like ours. Kristi Noem stands with the constitution and the freedom for people to make their own decisions. I stand with my governor. I hope that you will take this into consideration when making your decision. Thank you for your time.

Name: Opal Jones

Address: 2110 5th Ave

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask

Comment:

We all know we are adults & don't want to be told what to do but there is some that do need to be told cause they are only thinking of themselves & not the people that have no choice to be out in public like our healthcare workers, our teachers, our essential workers & our children that have no choice because their parents have to work to survive & pay bills Our people our/my family members that work in the health field our/my family that work for RCAS. I don't know about all the people that refuse to wear mask but I love my family & they are scared to be sick but have to go out so that "the community" can still function I want my grandchildren and children to be happy, healthy & be able to come stay & visit with me like before Please don't be selfish & heartless like SD Gov & some others because the people should come before anything. this too shall pass and we have to protect our people & sacrifice a little so that our people may live

Name: Charlie Petrick

Address: 840 N Spruce

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

I fully support a mask mandate for all indoor areas, as well as outdoor events where social distancing is not possible.

Our daily positivity rate has consistently been 6-9 times the accepted 5.0% in Pennington County. Rapid City comprises the population bulk of the county.

Our healthcare workers are exhausted emotionally, spiritually, & physically. They are succumbing to illness in growing numbers.

Our hospital capacity is dwindling. Covid bed & ventilator available capacities include pediatric beds & vents, unsuitable for adults.

When we were in our semi-lockdown & masks were required, our covid cases had been pretty level. We CAN regain some control. Even a mandate without penalties will send a message.

Please, help keep our city safe!

Name: Joshua Kauffman

Address: 1000 Enchantment rd. Rapid City SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I highly oppose any mask mandate. Also, as city council you work for the people, not rule the people. Let personal responsibility prevail. Masks do not decrease transmission rates, as science and statistics have shown. Please do not be influenced by propaganda and mainstream media.

Name: Peter Welsh

Address: 11210 N. High Meadows Drive

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

If masks worked, there wouldn't be new cases. This is pointless virtue-signaling. Wear a mask, don't wear a mask, viruses are going to spread. Protect the vulnerable.

The only thing that will stop it is a vaccine. Absent that, locking people away with no human contact for the rest of their lives. COVID is here to stay. FOREVER. The common cold is a coronavirus.

This is hysteria for a virus that has a 99.8% survivability. And WHEN (not if) masks fail, you'll push a lockdown.

I will abide with private property owners. I'll even indulge your wishes in public govt buildings. But I will not be wearing a placebo on my face outdoors. Or driving in my car. Or in my home.

Your mentality is the same as "leaders" who threw Japanese-Americans in prison camps "for the greater good."

Cowardice and ignorance.

Name: Lucy Kells

Address: 4932 Steamboat Circle

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I oppose a mask mandate.



Name: Larry Petersen

Address: 819 Valley Drive, Rapid City SD 57703

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask ordinance

Comment:

I do not think it is up to the city Council to decide what I wear in public and when I wear it. It is my civil rights to do what and where I want. This is not California or Washington State. Reelection time for the people that decide how we live is coming soon and there will be some changes made.

Name: Christine baird

Address: 22575 miller dr.

Rapid City, Sd 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

Please take all facts into consideration. Fifty percent of deaths in SD were people in facility care. People are masked up in those situations. When I am out and about most people have masks on already. Please leave the decision up to the individual. Please do not take away our civil rights. Please no mask mandate. Please help the hospital get and keep the staff they need, to care for sick people. Please let people know you trust them with their city and it's residence. Also please do not put law enforcement in charge of taking away our rights, I really doubt they want to be in that position.

Name: Carole Foster

Address: 3285 Moon Meadows

Rapid City SD

57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

Thank you Mayor Allender for taking a stand on implementing a mask mandate. The politicalization of how to handle the pandemic has cost us American lives, wasted months of time and deeply damaged the economy. I hope the City Council chooses to listen to the science as well as our own medical professionals and implements a mask mandate for Rapid City. I would be deeply relieved and thankful.

Name: Matthew Bumbach

Address: 2425 Janet St.

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

Science has clearly shown that wearing masks can significantly impede the spread of COVID-19. While social distancing and hand washing are important, these measures cannot stop the spread of droplets and aerosols in which the virus resides. We have seen a complete failure of leadership from our federal and state leaders. The result is an explosion of COVID-19 positive results, hospitalizations, and deaths. We must do something to stop the spread of this virus.

The argument of "personal freedom" falls apart when we consider that seatbelt laws and other public safety measures are clearly constitutional. Furthermore, our personal rights are outweighed by the rights of our neighbors to live and work in a safe society.

I strongly urge you to institute an enforceable mask mandate.

Name: Jamie LaPlante

Address: 15015 Sunshine Valley Rd

Piedmont, SD 57769

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I believe the city council should NOT implement a mask mandate. It should be left up to businesses on what policies they want to put into place for customers & staff. If someone doesn't like that a business does/doesn't enforce masks they have the freedom to support a business does. I believe those who don't support this mandate will go into other surrounding areas & give their sales tax money somewhere else. My grandfather is an 83 yr old Korean & Vietnam veteran that fought for our freedoms while he wears a mask everywhere he still fought & recovered from COVID. Never once have I heard him blame or judge others for their choices through this pandemic. I have friends & family in heavily restricted states that still have gotten COVID. Because they're proof no matter what mandates you put into place or what restrictions or lockdowns you make up or how cautious you are on following CDC guidelines you can still get this virus.

Name: Terry Lea Livingston

Address: 2901 Orchard Lane

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate and fine

Comment:

Unless you want to see some very unpleasant demonstrations, better think long and hard about a fine and jail. Plus, you might be butting up against some legal issues. Surprise, we aren't all stupid sheep.

I oppose a mask mandate. Masks have not been proven successful in stopping virus spread; wearing them on an ongoing basis compromises people's health, rather than protects it. I am concerned we have not begun to see the repercussions of ongoing mask usage, in terms of increased lung disease and other health issues resulting from compromised immune systems. Breathing air in and breathing toxins out is a major component of health, one compromised by ongoing mask wearing. Mayor Allender's statement in the 11/18/20 of the RCJ stating, "There is no controversy in the medical community over the wearing of masks." is inaccurate. I watched a video of 20+ medical doctors gathered at the steps of the US Supreme Court, stating otherwise. In addition to decrying mask-wearing to prevent the spread, several told of their successful treatment using therapeutics. I listened to 2 other doctors on news interviews share of their successful treatment using nebulized common asthma medicine, 1 of which wrote a white paper on it. Early intervention using such treatments could reduce hospitalizations. A mask mandate is not the answer.

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