

Name: Lisa DeMary

Address: 300 Aspen Dr

Lead SD 57754

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask mandate.

Comment:

This is a no brainer. Follow the scientific data. This is a public health crisis. LISTEN to the doctors!!! They need our help right now. Please pass the mandate so we can shop safely in Rapid City.

Name: Jeremy Schubert

Address: 2931 west St Anne street

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

Agenda Item: Mask

Comment:

Listen to the hospital it's time to mask us. In 2 weeks after turkey day we're going to blow up in numbers and deaths! Well head right in to Christmas and flu season my god slow it down. So please mask us.

Name: Carol Duncan

Address: 412 S Berry Pine Rd, Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

Please vote for a mask mandate. Personal freedom and personal responsibility are not keeping this pandemic under control. Early calls to "flatten the curve" have given way to statements of personal freedom. Where is our concern for the community? I wear a mask to work everyday and have gotten used to it. I do not love it, but I do it for the greater good. Masks are NOT a political statement but a sensible response to a raging pandemic that has killed almost a thousand South Dakotans. Please vote to make mask wearing required in public places and help make our city safer. Thank you.

Name: Erika Lamprecht

Address: 501 Neel Street Apt 101

Rapid City SD 57703

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

I was cleared from the department of health just shy of 2 weeks ago from Covid19. I understand the reasoning behind it however it's a joke to try to force masks. The people who don't want to or are against it will simply say they can't due to mental or health reasons. All this does is cause good citizens who follow the laws to become angry.

Name: Mike and Rhonda Von Colln

Address: 1306 Copperfield Dr., Rapid City, SD. 57703

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

We believe masks help, wear them and avoid situations such as the last meeting where few were worn. We patronize businesses that require them and rarely enter those that do not. We see Rapid City residents resisting the wearing of masks which is very self centered of them, with no respect for their fellow residents. Many of them at the last meeting, where very few wore masks, were very disrespectful of Dr. Weiland after he spoke and had left the room. And they were supposedly religious people who prayed together before entering the room. We believe the medical professionals and the CDC.

We support a mask mandate.

Name: Kellie Linn

Address: 21406 Linn Rd, Elm Springs, SD 57791

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I live in a rural community and Rapid City has always been our shopping hub. There is so much evidence that wearing a mask does not stop the spread of covid (which, by the way, has a 99.9% survival rate). If this mandate is passed, I will chose to take my business to another community. I have always supported the small businesses in my area rather than shopping online because I realize how important they are to our communities. This mask mandate will greatly harm the economy of Rapid City because I know that in addition to my family there are many, many others who will take their business elsewhere. I am so disappointed in the "leaders" in city council who would consider imposing these freedom violations on the people.

Name: Chastity Julson

Address: 16424 West Elm Springs Road

New Underwood, SD 57761

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

As a freedom and health loving South Dakotan, I urge you to reject any mask mandates. This is first a gross overreach of government power. Please allow the businesses to make this call for themselves. A city wide mask mandate would otherwise be wholly unenforceable, and would make criminals of otherwise law-abiding citizens. For myself and my family, if this mask mandate is enacted, we will choose to take our business to other towns in support of their endorsement of freedom. While I regret that this will hurt local business, the fault for that will lie strictly at the feet of those of you who choose to enact a freedom-limiting mask mandate that has been proven thus far to be wholly ineffective. Thank you for your time.

Name: Steve Martinez

Address: 121 St Francis St

RC., SD. 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Thanks to the 5 Council members and Mayor Allender for your courage required in passing the 1st reading of the mask mandate. Please know that though I may not be as vocal as those opposing the mandate I will support your decision to again vote in favor of mandating mask use. People don't use masks (or use seatbelts, or refrain from texting while driving, etc.) unless they are required to. Once more, thanks for doing what's best for our community and voting to pass the second reading of the mask mandate.

Name: Joanna Smith

Address: 2116 4th Ave

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask Mandates

Comment:

City Council Members - please refer to my email for details, studies, personal experience.

Cases in Pennington County are decreasing on their own.

Please postpone intervention and do not vote to approve any mask mandate. It will cause more division in the community during a time when we need to come together.

Name: Trish Anderson

Address: 3124 Palmer Drive

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Please approve the second reading of the mask mandate tonight. Covid is widespread in our community and a mask mandate will lessen the spread until the vaccines become available. We all want to see our older loved ones and be able to celebrate the Christmas holidays with our families...in person. A community wide mask mandate is the only tool we have available to us right now....it is inexpensive and it works. Do the right thing tonight and vote yes to pass.

Name: Chantelle Williamson

Address: 226 East Texas Street

Rapid City SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

I oppose a mask mandate.

Name: Cheryl Kruse

Address: 3714 Mulligan Ct.

Rapid City, SD

57703

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: City Mask Requirement

Comment:

I am a private Health Care worker, so my request is more so for my 95 year old client than myself. I pretty much only go out for the essentials and wear a mask everywhere I go. I try so hard not to bring anything home to her and it's difficult. I will avoid going into a business if there are a lot of people because there are so many that don't wear a mask or social distance. Normally I wouldn't comment, but the other day I was at a business and I was social distanced from the person in front of me however the man behind me had no mask, stood directly behind me and was sniffing and coughing. Because people are so touchy about this situation I just left the business rather than have a confrontation. To me it's almost like, "No shirts, no shoes, no service ". It's not forever, and I'm just wanting to keep my client safe. Thank you for your time. Stay safe and Happy Holidays!

Name: Amy Lawrence

Address: 840 N spruce St #383 Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Ordinance 6453 - Face Coverings

Comment:

Lockdowns on designated non-essential businesses were implemented in Rapid City at the beginning of the year despite expressed concerns over economic hardship, psychological stress, and potential homelessness. That strategy sought to implement social control rather reinforce medical capabilities but delivered no significant results. I see no sense in applying yet another ordinance that offers no true solution but instead seeks to experiment the efficacy of masks on the citizens of Rapid City. Yet again ignoring the psychological and social stresses it places on individuals, with stress being a scientifically proven cause of lowered immune systems and therefore reducing the ability to fight the virus. The ordinance also ignores the right of those who have contracted Covid-19 and recovered to return to normal. I cannot agree to legislation that acts primarily on fear and ignores every other aspect of human life that keeps us healthy.

Name: Shirley Garnette

Address: 1210 Milwaukee Street

Rapid City, SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Ordinance 6453- Approve the 2nd Reading Emergency Ordinance Requiring the Wearing of Face Coverings.....

Comment:

The Rapid City Council members have a constitutional obligation to provide for the protection of the health and safety of the people of Rapid City. The members of the council have taken an oath of office to do so. Without swift and effective actions to slow the spread, the council may face lawsuits. The 4 council members and our Mayor were doing their job and fulfilling their obligations when they passed the ordinance for the first reading. The ordinance makes a lot of sense as this health crisis worsens daily with nearly 1000 deaths in our state. Accordingly It is necessary to pass the second reading of Ordinance 6453, as it is, with penalties for violators. This ordinance stands on its own to offer the protections that are needed to slow the spread of the virus. The penalty phase of the ordinance is needed as with all other city ordinances that require compliance. Please pass this ordinance just as it is written! Thank you.

Name: Courtney Brown

Address: 24114 Alkan Ln

Hermosa, SD 57744

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Citywide Mask Mandate

Comment:

Living in South Dakota during the pandemic, I've been SO proud of the way Governor Noem has set the stage of trusting her citizens to make wise choices regarding concerns towards Covid and not mandating masks like so many other states have done (and they are not better off.) People are moving here from all over the country because the freedoms that we have right here in our state and they have that back. South Dakota is benefiting from strong leadership, staying true to the Constitution and it's paying off!

If a business owner doesn't want to require masks, they shouldn't be required to enforce something like that. That is their business and that's their right as a business owner to make that decision.

I believe this is a government overreach. Before this, I would wear a mask in stores that required it out of respect for what THEY have set but I will not wear one anymore.

Name: Jamie Hower

Address: 726 Payton Court

Rapid city

57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

My family fully supports a mask mandate. I am a healthcare worker and my husband an educator. We beg the council to listen to our local and National healthcare experts who support a mask mandate that correlates to reduced transmission. For the sake of our present and future business and health, please pass the mandate.

Name: Traci Holz

Address: 1920 Elmhurst Dr.

Rapid City, SD

57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

There is research to prove that masks are ineffective against this. There are many doctors from Stanford, Harvard and on worldwide platforms that know virus need to virus. If you look at the scientific evidence of countries across the world there have locked down and masked the evidence does not show that this has been successful. Italy had the harshest shut down in the world and masking policies, at a 95% rate compared to a 50% of America if that was the answer they would not be spiking back up as it is with the rest of the world. In Tennessee 3 out of 4 counties did a mask mandate 25% capacity in 6' social distancing Statistically there was no difference in their charts. Do the research. In countries around the world if you look at their charts they have mandated masks and their cases have spiked after their mask mandates and even if they mask mandated for the outdoors .it would be great if masking worked but it simply does not.

Name: Shannon White

Address: 1640 Skyline Ranch Road 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

November was the deadliest month SD has had. Per capita, SD has more deaths than NYC city did when they were the hotspot. NYC had no time to prepare. We had months to prepare and to institute Mitigation strategies. Here we are, a mess. We are doing very little. We have given people months to practice personal responsibility. The CDC has put forth guidelines to follow. They're not being followed. No one has the right to infect someone else with a potentially deadly disease. This is a public health crisis. As a medical professional, I'm tired of all the excuses, the denial, the politicization of mask wearing, and the lack of concern for the well being of the community. it's time to institute a mandate. Science has shown masks work, but only when the majority wear them. We can't rely on people to make the right choice. It's time to protect the community, the businesses and our healthcare workers. Please vote yes for the mask mandate.

Name: Rodney Michael

Address: 3400 Ward Court

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Considerations for a "Mask Mandate"

1. What constitutes a satisfactory mask?
 - a. A surgical mask?
 - b. An N95 respirator?
 - c. A cloth mask?
 - d. A bandana?
 - e. A neck warmer stretched over the nose and mouth?
 - f. A neck scarf extended over the nose and mouth?
 - g. A hand over the mouth and nose?
2. From what should the mask be made?
 - a. Paper?
 - b. Cotton?
 - c. Wool?
 - d. A synthetic fiber?
 - e. A knit mask?
 - f. A woven mask?
 - g. Something else?
3. What is the data supporting masks for prevention of respiratory viral infection in community Settings?
 - a. Has anyone shown you data?
 - b. What is the source of the data?
 - c. Was it acquired in a believable, high quality study?

d. NOTE: If there is any data that any kind of mask prevents transmission of viral respiratory infection, why isn't that mask the national standard?

Name: Andrea Davis

Address: 4607 Steamboat Circle Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council Working Section

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

Vote NO on the mask mandate. Listen to your constituents. Listen to actual scientific data. Not MSM copied talking points. Real data the proved that in a peer review BMJ study in 2016 - CLOTH MASKS put people 13x more at risk than surgical masks. Cloth masks actually were MAKING people sick during this study. The study showed that the moisture in the mask was ATTRACTING the aerosols and trapping them causing infections and pneumonia. DO NOT PASS THIS MANDATE!!!

Name: Kaleigh Clark

Address: 14815 Telluride St

Summerset, SD

57769

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Please vote no to a mask mandate for Rapid City. My family has recently relocated to South Dakota, from Northern California. While in California, we were required to wear a mask, businesses were shut down, schools have been closed since March, and even still, our numbers were still rising. You would see children riding their bike down the street, wearing a mask. Families with young children masked and socially distanced from each other. Businesses closed because they weren't "essential". Most recently, a mandatory curfew was imposed. All the while, CASE NUMBERS have CONTINUED TO RISE . Child abuse, suicides, and poverty rates have all risen drastically, schools are seeing failure rates increase and mental health decrease. And still the covid numbers rise. Just as recent studies from around the world have shown, mask mandates and lockdowns do not work. Our community does not need or want a mask mandate in Rapid City. Please vote no.

Name: Molly I. Dailey

Address: 4625 W. Chicago St.

Rapid City, SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Please make the wearing of masks a mandated rule. It needs to be enforceable. There can be a date to review it and rescind it if vaccines get out, and we start hearing it is safe. But until then the good of the public demands the council take strong and decisive action. Follow the science.

Name: Jenn Buell

Address: 4023 Prairie View Dr

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Please pass this. Our citizens are not taking things seriously and wearing masks. Those of us in the service industry are exposed daily to so many. The science backs it up and what South Dakota is currently doing is not working. Let's work together to protect our healthcare workers and each other.

Name: Paula Jensen

Address: 409 Field View Dr.

Rapid City SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: mask mandate

Comment:

It would be great if people would just wear a mask in public to slow the spread, but people are not. The science is behind it. Please vote for the mask mandate and there needs to be some fines. I understand that this hard to enforce.

People are dying in South Dakota. We are dying at a rate 9% more than the last three years. This is an overall rate, not just COVID. It is time to take action. Here's the CDC website:
https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid19/index.htm?fbclid=IwAR1_dYHZJ6TPPis4f4Oc0uYdFWO0zi3n_29ogTK2jxsdn4C51G6Ojl8cWcg

People need to be reminded to wash hands, not touch their eyes, and more. The virus is real, and people are not wearing masks in stores that require it. People think it is ok. They are putting other people in danger more than themselves. We need to have some fines.

Good Luck. I hope you make the right choice.

Name: Frederick-Denton:McCauley

Address: C/O 3703 Western Avenue

Rapid City, South Dakota

NAC: 6CRXM QB8NT

Non-Domestic / without U.S.

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

You must vote against any mandate to wear masks if you are intending to uphold your required oath to the Constitution of these United States. You do not have the authority to create mandates such as the one currently proposed. Ignorance of the Law is no excuse and will expose you personally to lawsuits. Suggestions are fine, but mandates or ordinances requiring masks without valid evidence to backup the claim that such an encumbrance actually helps against the transmission of a virus are exceeding the authority the people have trusted you with. You cannot even find proof that the "covid-19" virus is any more harmful than the common flu to the general public.

Name: Justin Casey

Address: 6196 Timberline Road West

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

Government overreach. We do not want or need a mask mandate. People can take care of themselves.

Name: Julie Delaney

Address: 13086 Pine Cliff Circle

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Our numbers are dropping dramatically, as is typical of this virus. A mask mandate makes no sense at this point. It's definitely not worth the division it's causing in our community.

Name: Tomi Lahren

Address: 24014 Hackney Ct

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

Though the council received countless comments and in person testimony AGAINST the tyrannical mask mandate, The Mayor and much of the council decided to ignore their constituents and move forward onto the next step. Clearly you are not listening to the people of Rapid City who are wise, intelligent and FREE enough to make their own health decisions and do not need the city council telling them what to wear on their faces. This mandate will not only infringe on the rights and freedoms of Rapid residents, it will further harm businesses as folks will choose to forgo outings, shopping, and leisure trips due to this tyrannical mandate. Do not step down the road to control and do NOT California our Rapid City! If this is passed I will personally ensure the mayor along with council members are not re-elected. That is a promise.

Name: Rebecca Caselli-Smith

Address: 916 Franklin

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council Working Section

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Masks

Comment:

I wish we didn't need a mask ordinance and people would choose to show their community concern voluntarily. I wish we all remembered that with freedoms come responsibilities to respect and protect our most vulnerable community members. But that is not the case today in Rapid City or much of South Dakota, so please vote for this mask ordinance. Thank you.

Name: Paul Sauser

Address: 909 Columbus St.

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 Rapid City. South Dakota has the worst record in the world for per capita covid deaths. People are clearly not making the right choices. The council members who vote for a mandate deserve our respect and admiration because it can't be easy to do so in the face of angry mobs.

Name: Tamra Gruis

Address: 23809 Placer Place

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: OSHA/MASK

Comment:

OSHA has standards for oxygen levels. Inside the mask, the particle immediately go below OSHA 28 particles. In a fireman's situation his monitor would alarm him to get out of that situation. These mask cause harm to the person wearing it. Many have had major issues w them. Should have Rapid City sign a release form saying any issues caused by the mask, the city pays for it.

Name: Sharlyn Swenson

Address: 1122 Clark St.

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: mask ordinance

Comment:

Please vote for the mask ordinance to slow the covid virus and save people.

Name: Dan Lux

Address: 1018 11St.

Apt. 501

Rapid City 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Please mandate mask at all inside public places. It is the least we can do. Freedom requires responsibility.

Name: Sandy Marlette

Address: 6013 Mountain Pine Lane

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

How can you justify taking away our liberty by forcing us to wear masks? Where do you get the authority? Americans should never have to surrender their constitutional rights out of fear. What other decisions about my health do you plan to mandate? It's a sad day when government believes that we the people are not intelligent enough or worthy enough to make our own decisions. Please vote NO

Name: Jennifer E Carr

Address: 4640 Sturgis Road lot 12

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Maak mandate

Comment:

Please please please... pass the mandate already. I am an essential employee working in a retail environment.

Without a mandate, my job cannot enforce people wearing a mask because we have nothing backing it up.

I ask that you pass it tonight and ease the minds of us essential workers. We aren't getting hazard pay, everyday we risk our lives and the others who maybe in our bubble. A mandate is the first step we have in easing this pandemic.

Will business complain about it? Yes probably, but we done the "do what you want" phase... it's time for leadership and making the hard choices.

It's a hard choice, but one that must be made for the good of the many.

Please make the right choice.

Name: Tami Aschwege

Address: 826 Missoula St

Rapid City, SD 57703

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Good Afternoon,

I am writing in disagreement with the mask mandate coming up for a second reading tomorrow, Nov. 30th. I believe this mandate will cause more division and separation than we already see. Masks are such a divisive topic and to force people to wear them will do nothing but cause more division. As I was out and about this weekend a majority of people are wearing them already. Please allow people to do what is best for themselves.

Thank you,

Tami

Name: Tyler B. Durden

Address: 800 E Centennial St

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

The CDC states - wearing a mask helps protect others in your community.

We should be wearing masks in public settings, like on public transportation, at events and gatherings, and anywhere you will be around other people.

You are not oppressed because you're asked to wear a mask.

You get in your government-registered car, that you pay taxes on, and wear your seatbelt as required by law. How is wearing a mask an infringement of your rights? You're already complying with government rules.

If you truly believe that COVID-19 is a hoax, or that it isn't serious, I question where your empathy is. Just because it hasn't directly impacted you or your family does not mean that other people have not been DEVASTATED by it.

Wearing a mask is NOT a political issue. You're not a "libtard" if you wear one. This virus has one job - to spread, to infect, to incapacitate.

Name: Carol King

Address: 129 Nebraska St

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Coronavirus

Comment:

I writing to mayor, texted, called about COVID mask mandate. I want one, fines, yes. The "experts" say there going to be an increase in coronavirus. Look again at the hospital. It is really full.

Name: Melissa Rowe

Address: 3205 iris dr

RC

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Masks

Comment:

As a retired older RN I want you to know allowing personal responsibility for wearing masks isn't working.

At least masks must be mandatory in grocery stores, pharmacy and stores where everyone has to use. The Places where even the most vulnerable have to go into would be a MINIMUM. I have heard from health care that it is a bad situation in our community. And the City council and the mayor must lead us on this issue.

It makes me so sad to see so many not care about the vulnerable.

Name: Jody Javersak

Address: 713 Roubaix Drive

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask ordinance

Comment:

I am 100% in favor of an Ordinance requiring the wearing of face coverings in public places during the COVID-19 emergency.

While I appreciate the work by some council members to formulate an alternative, I don't believe that a resolution encouraging mask use is likely to change the behavior of people who have so far been unwilling to wear masks and so will not be effective in slowing the spread of the novel coronavirus and allow our community to return to a more normal way of life as quickly as an enforceable mandate can.

Thank you.

Name: Bettyanne Hammond

Address: 1063 Alma St

Rapid City SD

57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

I am against a mask mandate. I do not believe it helps , nor is it healthy.

Name: Cassie Silbernagel

Address: 1104 West Blvd North

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Please do the responsible thing and vote in favor of a mask mandate.

Name: Richard Wahlstrom

Address: 410 MIDDLE VALLEY DR

Rapid City, SD 57701

605-484-7761

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Ordinances 6453 & 6454

Comment:

Here's how I look at it:

Rapid City averages a positive Covid-19 testing rate over 30%.

That means when you are in line with two other people in any setting, be it Safeway or Walmart or church or a restaurant, ONE OF THE THREE of you is carrying the coronavirus. If the one who is Covid-positive "chooses" not to wear a mask, the other two are at greatly increased risk of contracting an often lethal disease.

Please vote to pass either Ordinance 6453 or Ordinance 6454. A mask reduces transmission of the virus by a dramatic 95%. The health of this community, and possibly your life or mine, depend upon it.

Richard Wahlstrom

Name: Jerome Thomas Wright

Address: 2036 Stirling Street

Rapid City, South Dakota 57702

605 348 6549

605 415 2788

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Ordinance on wearing protective mask

Comment:

I support a City directed/sponsored/supported wearing of a face mask during the current covid crisis to protect the community's public health, safety, and welfare. You have no reason to fear taking such action as in the South Dakota Statutes that allow the establishment of municipalities, clearly charges the municipalities to "protect the public health safety and welfare". To do less would be contrary to the City's mission. You may take an approach of no fine, etc. as enforcement will be next to impossible, but the taken position of supporting mask wearing is most appropriate and in my opinion in the interest of the community based upon communal rights, health, safety and welfare.

Name: Rise Ficken

Address: 2719 Lanark Rd

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Thank you so much for bringing this mandate forward. I sincerely appreciate your willingness to provide community leadership during this crisis. The simple act of wearing a mask will provide some protection for our nurses, doctors, grocery and other retail employees. It will also make it safer for the rest of us to be out in the community during the holiday season. Thank you.

Name: Julie Godbe

Address: 4930 Ireland Place, RC, SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Face Masks

Comment:

As a nurse and an immuno-compromised citizen, I subscribe to the mask policy and appreciate the self-initiated caring gesture of others, who voluntarily do the same for self-care and courtesy. (But the self-initiated part is not working). I am in favor of the mandate policy in accordance to the science regarding the virus, the public health menace it continues to cause, and to improve public sanitation in places where we cant always social distance. Our community health should not be governed by the behavior of a small group who lack either the responsibility or the public courtesy to undertake a minor inconvenience, because none of us is more important than all of us!

Name: Steve Clark

Address: 14740 e valley view Dr

Piedmont, sd 57769

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

Vote no on the mask mandate. It is unconstitutional

Name: Jane O'Leary

Address: 5134 Meadowlark Drive

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

Comment:

Please protect our community by voting for the mask mandate with some teeth to encourage those who have not followed best practices to comply. Thank you!

Name: Christine Baird

Address: 22575 Miller Dr.

Rapid City, SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

Please do not pass the mask mandate. Most of Rapid are already wearing them. Do not treat the public like they are too dumb to make their own choice. Most of the people who do not want this mandate, put a mask on if the business asks them too, if they are forced it makes them want to rebel. Please do not divide our community further by force. There are better ways to lead, please take time and figure them out.

Name: Maryanne Rohrer

Address: 2317 5th St.

Rapid City, sd 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type:

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

Please vote to pass the mask mandate ordinance. It is a way to care for our "neighbor". A recent article from the Mayo Clinic Network shows the benefit of masks from their tests.

<https://newsnetwork.mayoclinic.org/discussion/mayo-clinic-research-confirms-critical-role-of-masks-in-preventing-covid-19-infection/>

Name: Theresa Phelps

Address: 1234 Range View Cir, Rapid City SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type:

Agenda Item: Mask

Comment:

I am writing this in support mask ruling.I do this for all of us who daily wear our masks for up to 8 hours a day serving the public, of which some care only for their rights. Rights run both ways. South Dakotans have always hated to be told what to do - seat belts, cell phone texting and driving but all have made an impact on lives.Those I feel the worst for are health care workers. They are working endlessly on all who have gotten seriously ill. I could not do their job taking care of people who because of their stupidity or political views are now sick. Yes, not everyone gets ill enough to be hospitalized but those that are require extensive care, turning hourly, intubation, oxygen. All because of what you feel are your rights. Let's do an experiment everyone wear a mask for the next 4 weeks if the numbers go down Great. If they don't change or go up then you folks who think this BS can tell everyone how right you were.

Name: Carrietta Schalesky

Address: 2728 W Saint Patrick St.

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

The city council should not pass a mask mandate for the city of Rapid City. Citizens deserve a right to choose whether they wear a mask in public areas or not and the business owners have a right to choose whether they want customers to wear masks in their businesses or stores.

Most mask designs don't guarantee protection against the spread of Covid-19.

Name: Bill Tysdal

Address: 5857 Una Del Dr.

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Covid-19 Business Restrictions

Comment:

I am strongly in favor of a Mask Mandate in Rapid City. It is necessary to diminish the spread of Covid-19 until the vaccine is widely distributed. I will not visit businesses who do not require masks. Even then, people do not comply. I then must try to avoid those without masks, but sometimes it is impossible. I have spoken with store managers who say they can do nothing without a law against it. It is a simple act to wear a mask and can help mitigate the disease. It should only be required for a short time until the vaccine is distributed. Thank You.

Name: Mike Brewer

Address: 3009 Yale Ct

Rapid City,SD. 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Masks

Comment:

How is the city going to enforce this ordinance? It is not being done right now. A couple weeks ago I attended a craft show in the Civic Center and there was a number of people there not wearing masks. I also seen a few Civic Center employees standing around with no masks. I thought it was required in city buildings. I also seen the same thing while picking someone at the airport. If you aren't going to be serious about enforcing this you are wasting a lot of time just encouraging people to wear a mask because nothing will change from the way it is currently. I have no problem wearing a mask if every one is going to be required to but if others aren't doing it why should I. Please vote no to something you can't enforce.

Name: Karen Mortimer

Address: 4280 Skyline Ranch Ct

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Special meeting on mask mandate

Comment:

Please support a mask mandate for our city to require our community to safely mask in all situations and with consequences. A simple resolution will not create this timely change that is necessary now, more than ever. Our healthcare system is stressed and our total citizenry will be affected if we do not significantly decrease Covid 19 cases. Your leadership will be valued and noticed. We will all be watching on Monday evening

Name: Angie Stanford

Address: 312 48th Street

Rapid City, SD 5702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I am writing today to voice my support for the Mask Mandate. I love my community and believe this is a step in the right direction to keep businesses and schools open and provide much needed relief and support to our healthcare workers. The statistics speak for themselves as the virus is spreading at an almost exponential rate and our hospital is at capacity. Please continue to do the right thing for the community you were elected to protect.

Thank you,

Angie Stanford

Name: Warren Weller

Address: 4212 Canyon Lake Dr.

Meeting: City Council Working Section

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Please pass the mandatory use of masks (Mask Mandate) for all public indoor places for the health and safety of all in our community. This is common sense. Freedom requires sacrifice and responsibility.

Name: Tamara Pier

Address: 1705 Palo Verde Drive

RC,SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I am in support of the mask mandate. It is scientifically proven to protect against transmission of COVID. Our numbers are staggering and the impact on our health care system is overwhelming. Please pass this ordinance to protect our public health.

Name: Patricia Weller

Address: 4212 Canyon Lake Dr

Rapid City 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Please mandate masks for All Indoor Public Places for the health & safety of all in our community.

Name: Beth Weber

Address: 756 Lion Drive

Rapid City, SD. 57701

Meeting:

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Masks

Comment:

I am opposed to a mask mandate, especially with a fine. It should be up to individual businesses to decide upon mask requirements. The public should be trusted to comply with the wishes of these businesses. It is overstepping the boundary of government to impose this mandate.

Name: Laura Kremmel

Address: 1343 Founders Bend

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

A mask mandate is long overdue for this area. Science proves that masks work. If a person who is asymptomatic wears a mask, they're protecting those around them from getting sick. It's time to put immaturity and selfishness aside and be considerate of others and their health. It's time to step up for your country and wear a mask.

Name: Calvin Luke

Address: 714 Halley Ave apt3 Rapid City,SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

I rise in opposition of the mask mandate. Places are finding out mask mandates lockdowns do no good at stopping this. Contrary to what Monument would lead you to believe the hospital isn't overwhelmed. This virus was released in time to upend President Trump. Monument and other healthcare systems are soaking it to Medicare and private insurance. The states don't want to be honest about the virus it's a way for them to make ungodly profits. I am upset at the mayor city council that this issue is before the council. This is government overreach leaning towards tyranny. I will stand up for my rights and fight. There needs to be exceptions for those with medical mental health autism. What is going on is 1933 all over.

Name: Neil Robinson

Address: 117 East Oakland St.

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

Comment:

Taking measures to stop the spread of disease is pretty basic Social Contract stuff and, frankly, it's embarrassing that something as simple as "cover face sneeze not go far / other sneeze not come in" has to be explained, discussed, and be the subject of multiple meetings to resolve.

Name: cindy Rains

Address: 1719 Sioux Ave

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: masks

Comment:

How do we get people to care about others? We need to convince folks that they are protecting themselves as well as others by using masks and social distancing, the hospitalizations and deaths do not lie. PLEASE vote for a mask mandate!

Name: MICHAEL AMICK

Address: 385 12th STREET

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: MASK MANDATE

Comment:

Where does it end? The mayor has seen fit to deny me access to city services unless I wear a mask. I consider this taxation without representation.

Now you want to drive customers away from local businesses with this mandate. That is all you will accomplish.

When this doesn't work, will you try closing businesses (again) or locking residents in their homes?

When the vaccines come out, will you demand we show papers or have a badge before we will be allowed government services or even be allowed to buy food?

This is how tyranny begins and it MUST be stopped now.

If you keep picking at Pandora's Box with all of these insane ideas, it might open and nobody knows where that will lead.

Name: Anthony Ireland

Address: 13243 Daybreak Ridge Rd

Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: mask mandate

Comment:

Sorry, Laura Armstrong, you might want it to be true but masks are NOT effective against aerosolized viruses ... you have to keep up with the facts. And if you follow this outbreak in SD, and particularly western SD, you'll see that the trendline has been declining for two weeks. Kids are back in school, there are only 570 hospitalized cases, only 22% of hospital beds are Covid occupied, and most recently CDC data shows no spike in US deaths in this era of Covid 19. We don't want your mask mandate.

Name: Cheyne L Cumming

Address: 920 Fairview St

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

ENACT A MASK MANDATE NOW! STOP IGNORING SCIENCE AND PREVENT MORE SICKNESS AND DEATHS!! SUPPORT HEALTHCARE WORKERS!!

ENACT A MASK MANDATE WITH ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES!

Name: Shane Schroder

Address: 3202 Meadowbrook Drive

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Vote NO on the mask mandate. These mask mandates for the general population are unconstitutional and idiotic. Don't listen to political rhetoric even if it is made by medical professionals. It is setting anti-American precedent.

Move to China if you want to wear a mask.

Name: Carol E. Bell

Address: 1206 Clark Street.

Rapid City, SD, 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask resolution

Comment:

Just as speed limits protect the health/life of others, the fines are necessary to keep most people from speeding. Clearly, Rapid City needs fines and a resolution to wear masks since we have such high per capita Covid19 illness data. Our Hospital is already near capacity and staff is overworked which increases the likelihood they will also get sick.

I request that you pass a mask resolution that requires persons to wear masks in all indoor public places, and in the presence of other, in shops, restaurants, buildings, gyms, salons, barbers, groceries, shopping malls, movie theaters, sports events, schools, churches etc. I also request that the resolution also includes fines due to the fact that failure use masks endangers the health/life of others.

Name: Mary F Ireland

Address: 13243 Daybreak Ridge Rd

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

A resounding NO!!!! to the proposed mask mandate. Science shows they are ineffective, and such ridiculous interference with our personal freedoms starts us down the slippery slope to totalitarianism. Enough already!

Name: William Crawford

Address: 2021 Cherry Ave

Rapid City

South Dakota

57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Council members,

One doesn't have to go much further than a few articles to figure out that masks just don't work, in fact they do more damage than good!

While I'm all for people who feel they need to wear a mask having the freedom to do so it should be the choice of a people in a free society to choose to do so or not, and I for one am sick of having my rights stripped from me a little at a time over a virus I have a 99 percent chance of surviving on the slim chance that I do catch it!

I may only have one vote but I use that vote for freedom, I never had problems breathing till I had to put on one of those masks and as I said anyone who feels they need a mask is welcome to make their own decisions!

I will not use my one vote for anyone who tries to tell me I have to wear a mask in a public area I work and pay the taxes on, I will instead vote against those individuals at any opportunity

Name: Shawn Pealyic

Address: 1705 north 7th. street Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

It is Unconstitutional, and should not be mandated. For any length of time. If we had a smart mayor he would do his homework and see the real results from some really good doctors and virologists and other experts showing how wrong this is. And he would realize that this whole covid is not real. But he isn't smart, I vote no on this ridiculous mandate.

Name: RICHARD BELL

Address: 1206 Clark St., Rapid City SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Please pass the mask mandate so people must wear masks when they're in enclosed spaces in Rapid City. Evidence clearly shows that mask wearing helps to reduce the risk of COVID transmission. A meta-analysis of 172 studies (see [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(20\)31142-9/fulltext#%20](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(20)31142-9/fulltext#%20)) looked at various interventions. It found that mask wearing significantly reduces the risk of viral transmission, protecting the wearer and others from catching an infection from the person wearing a mask. The people who say the City shouldn't have a mask mandate are putting their own selfish behavior above the health and safety of everyone else. It's the government's role to protect the welfare of its citizens. Sure, it means that we must sometimes do things we don't particularly like, such as paying taxes and obeying speed limits, but that's what we must do to support the common good.

Name: Erica Haugtvedt

Address: 211 E Nevada Drive, Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

I strongly support a mask mandate for Rapid City. Public health advice and medical professionals all endorse widespread mask use. Masks, along with distancing and sanitizing, will help us break this pandemic. We must do everything to support the health of our community. Even if everyone dies not obey the mandate, we must protect our citizens and do what we can. This is not a partisan issue. Utsa matter of public safety.

Name: Shirley Frederick

Address: 2002 Promise Road Apt. 5216

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandates

Comment:

Please support the mask mandates. We who live in Rapid City are counting on our City Council members to provide leadership and do what is necessary to slow the coronavirus. By wearing masks we will all help protect each other.

Name: David H Godbe

Address: 4930 Ireland Place

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type:

Agenda Item: Face Masks

Comment:

As a local Trauma Surgeon, I STONGLY support the mask ordinance requiring a face mask at all times when in public--either indoors or out doors. Mask should be used in all places of business, worship, and general public areas. Please enact mandatory mask usage to help protect our citizens and get this pandemic behind us. Some self sacrifice now will shorten this pandemic and save countless lives!

Thank you

David H. Godbe, MD

Name: Sandra Kaitfors

Address: 1719 Sioux Ave

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Masks

Comment:

Masks are essential if we plan on lowering the coronavirus numbers! I would love to shop local but I can't because of not feeling safe. I would love to dine in, celebrate the holidays but I won't because I am not safe when masks aren't required. Please show some concern and compassion for others put on a mask!

Name: Jeanne Simon

Address: 612 Saint Joseph St

Rapid City SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I do not agree with this mask mandate. Will it end when the number of active cases drops to zero? Or drops 10%? What if cases continue to rise in spite of the mandate? We need to know what criteria you will use to end this mandate, if you choose to proceed.

Am I supposed to confront every maskless person entering my business to demand proof of antibodies or a medical note? Am I to call the police to report them?

Wearing the same mask all day every day is unsanitary and can spread germs, so will you require that people wear CLEAN masks every day? Will you be providing masks to our homeless? Will our police department be given extra resources to respond to all the calls on maskless people?

I hope you will reconsider this push to mandate masks and instead focus on ensuring our medical facilities have all the resources they might need as we ride out this pandemic.

Name: Andrew Pavlis

Address: 305 Bluebird St

Pine Ridge, SD 57770

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Masks are not effective as numerous influenza controlled studies have historically illustrated and merely sew division and increase strife. In fact, further studies, including one published by Anthony Fauci, indicated secondary diseases dramatically increased the mortality rate during the Spanish flu, not the flu itself. Recently, a covid-19 specific study out of Europe showed that masks are ineffective when it comes to preventing covid-19; masks contribute to increased staph and pneumonia infections. As a concerned SD resident, I implore you to reconsider the mask mandate with penalties as evidentiary-based science indicates the mandate would further harm, rather than help, citizens in fighting the disease. Studies show increased humidity prevents influenza spread; an ordinance requiring a minimum, indoor humidity level would be much more effective to prevent the spread than a mask mandate.

Thank you for your time.

Name: David Johnston

Address: 1101 Ridgeland Loop, Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I worked as a nurse anesthetist for over 40 years. When I was in the operating room, delivery room, ER or any other place that I gave care to patients, I wore a mask. It was not to protect me, it was to protect them. I have the same view with covid, I wear a mask not to protect me, it is to protect others in case I have covid and do not know it. We have tried letting people decide on their own what to do and we see many gather in large groups, many do not social distance and many do not wear a mask. The result is a massive increase in cases to the point our health care givers are being run ragged. We need a mask mandate to protect the public and to help out those who are really laying it on the line for us. And yes, fine those who do not comply because for many, this is a life or death issue. Thank you.

Name: Patrick Fleming

Address: 2016 Stirling St.

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: No. CC111920-01

Comment:

In an Ideal world we would not need to mandate masks because people would wear them because it is the right thing to do. That is clearly not the case in this polarized climate. Therefore, please for vote the mask mandate, it will save lives.

Name: Erika Olson

Address: 2016 Stirling St., Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: No. CC11920-01

Comment:

I support the proposed resolution for requiring masks and having a penalty for enforcement. We have a duty to the most vulnerable in our community to do what we can to protect them. Wearing a mask is not a hardship - it is an act of kindness to our neighbors. It is not taking away anyone's liberty or rights. For months now experts in our community have encouraged mask wearing with little effect. Having an enforcement mechanism is needed so that people will take it seriously.

Name: Thomas Main

Address: 1820 9th Avenue

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

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Comment:

I am a healthy senior citizen and support the mask mandate as I want the general public to keep both workers and customers at public places safe so I can continue to shop locally. If we have no concern for those who stock the shelves and checkout customers the local businesses will no longer have workers or customers.

We show respect for healthcare workers by wearing masks in the community.

Name: Desirae Stahly

Address: 22756 Stonemeadow Rd

RC SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item:

Comment:

I find it interesting how there is so much focus on masks versus real educating and protection. If a little bit of reason and logic was utilized, one might realize some education on the proper way to cough and sneeze would slow the spread moreso than a mask. Additionally, requiring patrons to sanitize prior to entering a public building and then prior to paying would also slow the spread in comparison to a mask. And if someone is sick, they should know enough to stay home. A person can wear a mask all day long but if they are not shielding their cough or sneeze, using their hand as the shield then not washing their hands, germs are being spread all over...but hey they have a mask covering the face. I have heard people will wear the mask but then pull their mask down to cough or sneeze in a store because they do not want that wetness inside their mask. There are far more germs circulating on hands right now than from the nose or mouth.

Name: Luke Krueger

Address: 3816 Brookside Drive

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item:

Comment:

Mask compliance is already very high in the Black Hills. Forcing the issue will have adverse consequences and may not significantly increase compliance.

Name: Michelle O'Toole

Address: 3661 Serendipity Lane

Rapid City,SD

57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

Please,please.please initiate a mask mandate.

Following the CDC guidelines for the entire country is not too much to ask!

Help the healthcare workers out!

All of the people at the last city council meeting SHOULD have been wearing masks as that was the rule initiated by the mayor weeks ago!

This should have been implemented a long time ago, it could have saved some people from suffering and death by now.

Thank you all

Name: Elaine Karsky

Address: 23468 Dry Sage Lane

Rapid City, SD. 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Ordinance

Comment:

I ask the council to approve the mask ordinance 6453 to go into effect immediately. The State, County and City of Rapid City asked their citizens to practice personal responsibility to protect themselves and their families, especially the elderly population. We have failed miserably at this request. I do not understand why wearing a mask has become a political statement. Health care workers, factory workers, heavy industrial workers and construction workers wear masks every day, all day, to protect their health and those they provide services. It's proven science! Wearing a mask, combined with the other CDC guidelines, is a simple, easy request to help slow the significant community spread this State, County and City is experiencing. We cannot continue at this rate as our health care system is already stressed and the economic impact will be devastating. I know if this ordinance is passed, the majority will abide. Thank you.

Name: Catherine Maisonet

Address: 8280 North Star Road

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I vote NO on this mandate. 1) If masks work why are they not working in those whole cities and states that have had mandates for months? The numbers are rising in these states as fast, if not faster, than SD. There is NO evidence that wearing masks works. 2) it should be my decision to wear. Those that wear a mask should be protected according to your proposal. I can decide how/when I protect myself.

Name: Matthew J Pisanzio

Address: 126 Trout Run

Newark, NY 14513

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate for Rapid City

Comment:

Dear City Council of Rapid City,

Please consider the following links, articles and videos to develop a perception of the pandemic that is not broadcast by mainstream media or politicians and is censored "Big Tech."

<https://thehighwire.com/videos/new-study-casts-doubt-on-mask-efficacy/>

<https://79days.news/watch?id=5fb94fcdd4cd4b442fcb11b2>

<https://www.zerohedge.com/medical/pandemic-over-former-pfizer-chief-science-officer-says-second-wave-faked-false-positive>

<https://thehighwire.com/videos/americas-frontline-doctors-speak-out/>

<https://banned.video/watch?id=5f76221cc2b64e0cfeddcfa>

<https://www.zerohedge.com/political/10-hypocritical-dems-who-prattle-about-masks-lockdowns-personally-act-theyre-all-bs>

<https://www.zerohedge.com/medical/new-study-exposes-alleged-accounting-error-regarding-covid-deaths>

<https://thehighwire.com/videos/new-study-covid-was-already-here/>

<https://twitter.com/VincentCrypt46/status/1330760862265589763>

Name: Andrew Simonson

Address: 210 S. Fisk Ave

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Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

My family and I, in short, believe that wearing a mask should be left up to the individual. There should be no infringement on any one persons constitutional right to live free by mandating mask wearing.

Name: Mary Anderson

Address: 143 Pine Cone Ave

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Vote NO on mask mandates. A mask mandate is unconstitutional and is a direct violation of our civil liberties. We will not conform to your draconian mandates, virtue signaling, and fear mongering. Masks are proven to be ineffective, and can cause a cascade of health issues. You could be held liable for resulting diseases.

Name: Renee Peterson

Address: 6665 Manchester St. Summerset, SD. 57718

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

Agenda Item: Mask requirements

Comment:

Please don't muzzle us. We are yearning to breathe free. Masks are not a proven deterrent to Corona. Let it run it's course.

Name: Jo Clark

Address: 14740 E valley View Dr Piedmont SD 57769

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: NO on the mask mandate!

Comment:

DO NOT pass a mask mandate for RC! It is unconstitutional AND unnecessary!

We are all free to choose in this state, whether to wear a mask or not is a PERSONAL choice. A mandate is CLEAR Govt overreach.

Do not buckle to the liberal media, we are NOT rising in cases, we are in fact, going back down.

Lockdowns and mask mandates haven't worked for any other state or town and they WILL NOT work here either.

Vote NO on the illegal mask mandate.

Name: Tracey Kline

Address: 142 Crescent Dr.

Rapid City, SD 57701

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Masks

Comment:

China has been wearing masks for years. They are now in their 3 wave of covid. Many other USA states have been wearing masks for last 6-9 months, and they are seeing new surges as well. Don't you get it??? Masks don't work!!! It's all a big lie! Just more indoctrination. Welcome to China. Thanks, for nothing, Mayor!

Name: Duane Langenfeld

Address: 3407 Idlewild Ct

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: mask Ordinance

Comment:

There is conflicting data regarding mask efficacy.

A recent Danish study (<https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-6817>), a study from the CDC (https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/5/19-0994_article) and many others have clearly challenged the need for masking, especially when most are using cloth masks and ARE asymptomatic.

Furthermore:

We touch our faces up to 20x a day and Covid has been shown to stay on exterior surfaces for up to 70 hours. Studies have shown, there is as much covid on masks as there is anywhere else.

The viral load of Covid requires medical masking. It's common sense it slows globules from freely flying around, but I also know I've sneezed straight through my cloth face covering. ???

Isolation and fear are causing a significant spike in suicides. The psychological ramifications are many. How about you check data on uptick there and correlation to mandates?

And you will be responsible for this outcome.

Name: Sarah Powers

Address: 2900 Orchard Acres, Lot 101, Rapid City, SD 57703

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Ordinance 6453 & 6454

Comment:

I'm a 20+ yr. Rapid City citizen, cancer survivor and covid-19 survivor. I strongly oppose mask mandate, including enforcement-fines/jail time, as non-beneficial and unconstitutional. I need my immune system (defense system) to fight, meaning being exposed to germs including, yes, covid-19- not lowering immunity by forced mask use to buy/sell/exercise/etc. Also, I'm seeing business signs, with no modification to cramped shopping space insisting "Mandatory Masks-No exceptions " -(violating Nuremberg Code, the US Constitution as well as possibly American Disabilities Act and Medical Exemptions). Personal acquaintances; a nurse (N-95) and many servers (cloth mask), are suffering regularly recovering FROM mask use. Masks sound nice but aren't scientifically proven to slow or stop covid. And constitutional liberties should be protected- even by city council. No mask mandates!

Name: Donna Fisher

Address: 12311 White Tail Road

Deadwood, SD 57732

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I live in rural Pennington County, but Rapid City is my center for shopping, medical care, church activities, social contacts and public events. I am 79 years old.

Since March 15 I have worn a mask when I come to the city because I trust the advice of the medical and scientific experts.

Our governor's stubborn defiance of public health guidelines endangers us and makes our state an international laughing stock.

Social distancing and masking can keep our local economy functioning and our public schools open. I am thankful for the courage of Mayor Allender and council members who supported the mask resolution on first reading.

A unanimous vote on second reading can send a powerful message of solidarity for community safety and give local businesses cover to enforce safe practice. Please vote yes.

Name: Margaret Lovrien

Address: 2113 Rio Drive

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Masks

Comment:

I urge you to encourage people to protect one another by wearing masks. It secures the freedom to live in a healthy way and still be able to run needed errands in our stores. It helps the economy because we remain free to carry on trade. It helps our doctors and nurses who are stressed because of Covid. Please vote yes.

Name: Nicholas Arauco

Address: 816 Saint Joseph St

Apt 311

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Please pass the mandate and make it enforceable. Don't pussyfoot around, fine or arrest the people that refuse. If they want to endanger other's lives, they deserve to serve the time for domestic terrorism.
Good luck council people.

Name: Amy E Tweed

Address: 4315 N Glenview Pl

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

Please address the breaking of the tie by the mayor. The bottomline question is, "What is the code under which the Rapid City City Council operated until this November?" When did the RC City Council switch from the mayor not being able to break an ordinance tie to the current standard of the mayor being able to break a tie?

According to a 20 Nov 2020 Rapid City Journal article (https://rapidcityjournal.com/news/local/rapid-city-council-member-raises-questions-about-mayors-vote-for-a-mask-mandate/article_8526ad25-e384-5d8f-a9ae-0b7291e9ca2a.html) the city website states that the mayor cannot break a tie on an ordinance, but the state code says the mayor can break a tie. However, typically a lower level of government can institute a more restrictive law/ordinance/etc. but not less restrictive.

Name: patricia braun

Address: 3661 serendipity lane

57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

Agenda Item: mask mandate

Comment:

Yes to masks. Many were vocal about 'rights' 'freedoms'. I, too, have rights and I know freedoms are earned. I have the right, during this global pandemic, to walk into an essential business (groceries, pharmacy, bank) and know other customers and workers are following CDC guidelines of distance, masks, hand washing. The orders are finite, can be rescinded if our numbers do not improve.

The vocal few who show up at the city building designated as mask mandate should wear a mask (and worn properly) or not enter!

Name: Nancy Ellwein

Address: 625 South Street

Rapid City

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Comment

Agenda Item: mask

Comment:

I am a senior with medical issues. I feel everyone should wear a mask in public places until the number of new infections decrease significantly and remain that way for 3 or more weeks.

Name: Brent Cogswell

Address: 318 N. Berry Pine Rd

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I recently spent time in a local hospital recovering from surgery. On the wall opposite my bed was a poster displaying 2 facial masks with the wording: "Mine is for you, Yours is for me."

This pretty much sums it up. We wear this mask to protect each other.

The vast majority of medical professionals and scientists have also come out and affirmed that wearing a mask greatly inhibits community spread of this pathogen.

It's time we as a community stand up and say "this is how it is," and pass the mandate.

I'm tired of the whiners and scoffers and "freedom" screamers who care so little for their fellow citizens.

If we truly are a caring community, you will vote for the mask mandate and show our neighbors that we care as much for them as we do for ourselves.

Name: Mark Geyer

Address: 1729 cruz drive, rc 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: masks

Comment:

Hello, I'm totally against requiring masks, it should stay optional.

thank you

Name: Cherish Baker

Address: 12031 Chevy Lane

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Myself and my family will not be complying with mask mandates, as they make us sick (My doctor agrees) My husband has had two sinus surgeries and we are not going to risk having to have another one. Not only do I think you will not be able to enforce this but you have another problem on the horizon. For myself and my family we will defend ourselves as is our right if someone approaches us with contempt for not wearing a mask. You are going to embolden those who disagree and you better prepare yourselves for the consequences if they react in a threatening manner towards people who know the law and their rights when it comes to defending themselves.

Name: Ginette Reinicke

Address: 626 Enchanted Pines Drive

Rapid City, SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I am very thankful that city council is working towards saving lives with a mask mandate. Masks will work if we all wear one. I would encourage that more information be presented on the correct way to wear the masks. I decided to risk doing some local shopping week. It was disappointing to see half of the sales associates in a very nice store wearing their masks under their nose or chin. The mask need to be snug and covering the nose and mouth. Wearing a mask does not take our rights away. It gives us freedom to keep others safe and slow the spread of the virus.

Name: Nancy Hilding

Address: 6300 West Elm, Black Hawk, SD 57718

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Masks Required in Public

Comment:

I support Rapid City requiring masks indoors. I thank the Mayor and 5 of you who voted for the ordinance last time. I think churches and indoor conference rooms, meeting rooms, auditoriums or halls should be added to the pending mask mandate ordinance.

I am a 69 year-old who is at higher risk from Covid19. The failure of Kristi Noem and the local governments to require mask wearing indoors, increases the percent of infection in the SD public and thereby increases my risk when I venture to Rapid City stores or doctors/dentist office. I go as infrequently as possible, but must go sometimes. I fear the hospitals & doctor/nurses becoming overloaded and loss of quality medical care for all. My freedoms are reduced by others who won't wear masks. The communities general freedom, resources and lives/health of some folk will be reduced &/or sacrificed because of selfish stubborn people who won't wear masks. Please require masks.

Name: Lori Parrott

Address: 9504 Del Arroyo Avenue NE

Albuquerque NM 87122

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask mandate

Comment:

I am a Rapid City native and have responsibility for vulnerable family members in Rapid at facilities for elderly and for the developmentally disabled. I visit them frequently and oversee their financial and health care processes. Please help ensure their safety by requiring masks for the many tourists and underpaid workers in rapid city who are vital to your economic success.

Name: Sarah Gross

Address: 1115 Sitka St, Rapid City, SD

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Masking

Comment:

Although it is a very challenging issue, masking makes sense. There is data to support it. People in our community have NOT done it on their own. They need encouragement and guidance from our city leaders. There are extremists in our community that are endangering the lives of my family as well as many others. It is imperative that you act to create/pass a mask ordinance.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sarah Gross

Name: Karen Raben

Address: 6419 muirfield Dr.

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

Agenda Item: Mask Ordinance

Comment:

Comment on masks: Personal responsibility and the hands off approach don't seem to be working too well for SD. Our COVID-19 numbers are rapidly climbing. Scientific knowledge indicates that wearing masks is effective for curtailing COVID-19. I recommend a vote for a mask ordinance.

Name: Deanna Becket

Address: 10084 WILLMINGTON DR

Summerset, SD 57718

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: General Public Commnet

Agenda Item:

Comment:

Since the numbers are decreasing in Pennington County, please vote no on the mask mandate. We would like to keep our civil rights to choose what is best for our own health.

Name: Marcia Dunsmore

Address: 3311 Dover Street

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I believe those who espouse "personal responsibility" have not done enough of that to slow the Covid numbers here. We have other limits to personal freedom to protect public health like no texting or abiding by traffic laws. This time-restricted mask mandate seems reasonable to me.

Name: Carolyn Paluch

Address: 6105 Mountain Pine Lane

Rapid City, SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

Please support the mask mandate for our community! I am 61 years old and all of my friends and I wear masks, but are hesitant to shop locally due to the fact that we do not feel safe if others are not wearing masks. There are many of us that feel this way! Thank you for your service to Rapid City. This is the right thing to do, for our health care workers, teachers and everyone!

Name: David Charles Christie

Address: 2517 Cruz Dr, Rapid City SD 57702

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Mask Mandate

Comment:

I support a mask mandate.

Name: Justin Taylor

Address: 3004 Allison Ln

Meeting: City Council

Comment Type: Public Comment Agenda Item

Agenda Item: Face mask mandate

Comment:

You are no better than the California or New York communists if you enact any sort of mandate that restricts our freedom of personal choice. We are adults and can make decisions for ourselves. If a private business wants to require masks then so be it, it's their right. But the government needs to butt out of people's business. The masks do nothing anyway. All the states who have had mask mandates are still seeing rising case numbers. Everyone I know who's had covid have been religious mask wearers. How about you spend more time and energy fixing the roads in town? Actually do something productive.