

L-3 Consider two options concerning wearing protective face coverings in public

COMMENTS TO BE READ BY STAFF

Kathy Olsted

A face mask mandate would take away our god given freedom to breath fresh air and discriminates against people like me with medical conditions. My oxygen levels go dangerously low because of my heart when wearing a mask. Also, my four children have the right to breath fresh air, low oxygen levels are dangerous to their brain development and cause lung infections.

Michael Dolan

Regarding Ordinances and Resolutions 20-1415, I oppose BOTH OPTION 1 and OPTION 2. I live in neighboring Bolingbrook and will not be doing business in Naperville if either Option passes

Bond Henry

This is unconstitutional and not backed by my shred of science. The corona virus has never been isolated according to the CDC and any study claiming they have done it is completely fraudulent upon any scrutiny whatsoever. Requiring people to wear masks is un-American and tearing businesses apart slowly while simultaneously transferring wealth to large corporations. If you actually look at where your name pensions and retirement fund money goes you will find those same corporations are receiving the money you believe is for your retirement and putting your industries out of business. Please look into the work of Catherine Austin Fitts, former assistant secretary of urban housing and development under George Bush. This is not about masks this is about compliance and control. The government does not follow these orders they do not believe in them for their own lives that should tell you all you need to know about how serious this is. This is only happening in Democratic controlled areas, see NY, CA, MI and the mayor of Chicago and Governor Pritzker. Local government is the last stand against tyranny, if you let them do this freedom is lost and we will never recover.

Nancy Torres

I wish I did not have to remind public servants of their duty to protect the public's constitutional freedoms which includes bodily autonomy. You are not arbitrators of decisions affecting an individuals health. Why? Because it is the responsibility of an individual to make the appropriate decisions to care for their health. Because we continue to ignore data and information from medical professionals that tell us a different story. People are consumed by fear that you continue to feed. Why don't you inform the public of the current uptick of serious eye infections from bacteria that is pushed up through the masks from prolonged mask use? Why are we not informing the public about prevotella? A bacteria taking advantage of bodily changes that occur during viral infection, which leads to lung related problems and complications. Why are we not informing the public that masks are not required if we are not sick? Why are we not informing the public that asymptomatic and healthy people are not the cause for pandemics? Where has your common sense gone that now you want to require mask wearing instead of informing people that they need to breathe the fresh air after locking themselves up in their home due to fear? I beg you, make a well informed decision. Steer away from this fear. Uphold our freedoms to make our own decisions. Because if you can't tell the public to eat real food, stop consuming processed foods, and exercise, but force them to wear a mask, then you cannot say your decision is for public safety. If you were honest, you'd say a mask was just for show.

Margaret Collins

I fully support a mask mandate in Naperville. Too many thoughtless, irresponsible, misguided, or selfish citizens are defying public health experts and ignoring requests to wear masks. These people are putting the health of their neighbors and the future of our businesses in jeopardy. They are endangering employees of businesses and essential workers. Even worse, their reckless behavior threatens our healthcare workers and indeed our entire healthcare system. It is time we stop the nonmaskers from bullying the rest of the community and support the responsible people who are putting community above self and trying to stem the tide of this virus. It is time for a mask mandate

Patty Heatherly

I oppose any measure to require face coverings, it should be a choice NOT a requirement especially for children of any age. There is ample medical evidence that face coverings reduce significant oxygen intake and cause bacterial pneumonia. Please think critically regarding such an unethical measure. Thank you for your time.

W Kenneth Derickson

As a scientist with a Ph.D. in Biology and having worked in a hospital, I oppose the mandated wearing of face masks. For those people who feel more secure masks or who have medical issues it should be an option. Additionally, based on the many scientific studies and reports that I have read, including those from epidemiologists and CDC, there is no evidence to show that masks are effective in stopping transmission of viruses or influenza. In fact, there is evidence that masks have the potential for doing more harm than good (rebreathing of CO₂, reduce O₂ levels, and other wastes from the lungs). Without firm evidence that masks work, it is a violation of our freedoms and rights to be forced to wear masks that have not been proven to be effective and that can in some cases actually exacerbate existing medical conditions. While government and some health officials may support the wearing of masks. the preponderance of studies and reports do not support their position.

Tina Evans

I strongly oppose any mandate imposed by The Mayor and/or city of Naperville council members that requires me to wear a mask on my person while outdoors in public settings. This is definite over reach of power, and will have definite backlash if enforcement is attempted. It is one thing for businesses to require mask wearing in indoor settings, where risk of transmission may be increased. However, when outdoors, and socially distancing, the risk of any transmission is greatly reduced. To expect law enforcement to attempt to enforce any such mandate will result in more harm than good. I drive in the city of Naperville, and I have yet to see people breaching social distancing norms. Notice I mention norms, and not rules, because believe it or not, people have common sense in how to act in social settings (except for when we had the protesting/rioting here in Naperville earlier this summer). If the city council decides to vote in favor of this mandate, MANY residents/visitors of Naperville will NOT abide by this. If you intend to issue fines, they will NOT be paid. Most people wear masks when in public, and that is their CHOICE. However, if people choose to not wear masks when outdoors, let them breath freely!

Brad Evans

Mandating Naperville citizens to wear a mask while mowing the lawn, snow shoveling the driveway, going for a walk, riding my bike, etc is NOT within the best interest of our health! That type of mandate is over-reach. This is the land of the free, NOT China or North Korea! Please respect our freedom to choose. If I wear a mask while outside, then that is my choice. If I am not wearing a mask while outside, then that is my choice! I love living in Naperville. Please do not make me regret that! Thanks!

Amy Cohn Rieselman

Face coverings are not healthful out of doors. It is sufficient to remind people to use them when a distance of 6' cannot be maintained. Mandating a face covering in public outdoors is government overreach and also is without evidence of significant benefit.

Sara Sharp

It is illegal to mandate face covering in public. Please throw this idea out

Dr. David Bemis

Randomized Controlled Trial from British Medical Journal 2015 Apr 22;5. A cluster of randomised trial of cloth masks compared with medical masks in healthcare workers. Results: The rates of all infection outcomes were highest in cloth mask arm compared with the medical mask arm. Penetration of cloth masks by particles was almost 97% and medical masks 44%. Conclusion: This is the first RCT of cloth masks, and results caution against the use of cloth masks. Moisture retention, reuse of cloth mask and poor filtration may result in increased risk of infection

Angel Kallini

I and my family oppose both options. No one is speaking up for those with disabilities like asthma, copd, behavioral issues or ptsd. We will not be forced to mask our family and will not standby while others are punished and shamed for the inability to mask up. We live in a free country where everyone has the right to pursue happiness, even those with disabilities that prevent mask wearing

Cynthia Mundell

As Angela Merkel stated, "Freedom does not mean that everyone can just do what they want. Freedom now means accepting responsibility." The blatant disregard for masking & distancing in Naperville is having a catastrophic impact on our city. I pass Commisioners Park and see hundreds of unmasked patrons. Our newest park, Wolf's Crossing Community Park, hosts the same noncompliant patrons. Our beautiful downtown & River Walk demonstrates the same. We need to rescue our small businesses, by making it safe for everyone to shop. These noncompliant residents should not be able to risk the health of other individuals. They don't have the right to expose other people to a potentially deadly virus. (Paraphrasing Dr. Ezike.) Our hospital is facing a catastrophic challenge. Our healthcare professionals are on the precipice of a disaster. Many are becoming infected themselves. For every one person who dies, 19 more require hospitalization. Those that "recover" become "long-haulers", with heart damage, lung damage, strokes, and neurological damage. Finally, the efficacy of masks is not disputed. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7191274/>
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Veronica Hundley

"I OPPOSE both the Naperville Face Covering Ordinance and the Face Covering Resolution

Joe Neu

Links to articles/studies proving masks are useless and harmful: <https://fee.org/articles/europes-top-health-officials-say-masks-arent-helpful-in-beating-covid-19/> <https://www.globalresearch.ca/massive-danish-study-surgical-masks-found-no-significant-benefit-against-covid-19/5729897> <https://fee.org/articles/authors-retract-study-showing-efficacy-of-mask-mandates-as-biden-pushes-nationwide-requirement/>

Babilonia Caerá

Greetings, in light of the God given freedoms of all people it shall be for the good will of all people to suppress all acts of tyranny. Ordinances and Resolutions 20-1415 is not freedom in America. From the east to the west people are free and have inalienable rights before and after the creation of all "public" officials, before and after the creation of the Constitution of the State of Illinois and before and after the Constitution of the United States. Therefore, in order for public officials to uphold the Constitution of the State of Illinois and the Constitution of the United States they must not enforce ordinances against the will of the people. Such, deprivations will cause many to challenge jurisdictions and stand to uphold their liberties given to them by God. Public officials are not to infringe on the rights of free, noble, and/or private people who are often are fooled and forced into public policies placed against their will. Also, the public shall not be coerced into public polices that violate their God given freedoms towards their own blood, living, and breathing body. The government was not formed to control people but instead for people to control the government. All acts that suppress ones ability to freely travel and buy or sell is a direct attack on all true believers of Jesus Christ (non-esoteric). Ordinances and Resolutions 20-1415 is in support of depriving people from being able to freely buy or sell and travel. As Jesus said about the antichrist, "And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name." Any actions to suppress one to go against their God beliefs is not freedom. This truth should be honored and upheld whether it is ones belief or not. Notice has hereby been given of 18 U.S. Code § 242 - Deprivation of rights under color of law. If any public official hereby violates 18 U.S. Code § 242 this will serve as a proof of public notice hereby given.

Rick Hall - paramount skating arena, main street baptist church and Hardwood Floors by Hall
Restrictions to business are causing closures and bankruptcy people should have the choice but I realize that businesses should take all precautions

Philip Buchanan

Philip Buchanan Naperville Thanksgiving 2020 I am thankful for many things this year. Everyone wearing a mask is at the top of the list. The Boss, John Stewart (champion of 9-11 first responders) and Jon Bon Jovi want you to wear a mask. The Pope wants you to wear a mask. The DuPage County Health Dept and the Illinois Department of Public Health want you to wear a mask. Illinois has a failing grade, and we are back to Tier 3 Mitigation. It could get much worse after the Thanksgiving holiday. Local bars and restaurants fought this. The Naperville Park District fought this in court, wasting thousands of dollars of taxpayer money and lost. Mayor Chirico's Campaign Manager is thankful. Not only is the Mayor well known locally, but now -nationally! Thanks to a family member- he is the new champion of anti-maskers. The campaign contributions are pouring in! Congratulations to Mayor Chirico and his wife for their daughters' recent wedding! And finally, we are thankful for the top-rated Edwards- Elmhurst Hospital group for keeping us safe. They want you to wear a mask. We are thankful for our Doctors and Nurses. They are a precious resource and are overburdened, again. Many have lost their lives to the pandemic. Many others will not come back to work. Those that are still battling want you to wear a mask. Also, please provide an update on the local COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan.

Gail Spitzer

Proposed Ordinance on Facial Masking: As a citizen of DuPage county, and an employee in the city of Naperville, I strongly OPPOSE the adoption of an ordinance requiring face masks in all public places. *Face masks are extremely controversial, for every study showing their benefit there is an equal study showing they are not effective at stopping the spread of disease. * This ordinance would not take into

account an individual's own physical or emotional health; both of which can be negatively affected by the wearing of a face mask. * There is currently no scientific proof that a healthy person (asymptomatic) can spread a specific disease. Please give reference to at least ONE study showing this to be true and allow your citizens to make their own INFORMED decision. *The use of the word "cases" is extremely misleading. The PCR test was never intended to be used as a diagnostic tool and is also highly controversial. A positive "case" does NOT equal illness or death. There is no current evidence to suggest that a positive test results in a higher death rate from COVID-19. *A recent study from John Hopkins, conducted using the CDC's own published numbers reveals that when compared to recent years, the overall death rate (from all causes) in the United States HAS NOT CHANGED due to COVID-19. You simply cannot have a "devastating pandemic" and not see an increase in the overall death rate. While I do not want to deny or minimize the tragic death of loved ones, this information suggests that the world is not any more –or less – dangerous than it has been in past years. As someone who has studied and taught health and nutrition for over 20 years, I see this as use of incomplete information and the proposed mask ordinance as a way to instill further FEAR in your citizens and not as a true expression of public health. Perhaps the council should consider a resolution for supplementation with Vitamins C, D, E and Zinc, melatonin, and enzymes; ALL of which have been proven by scientific study to help strengthen the immune system and help prevent and lessen the severity of COVID-19. Again, I ask you to OPPOSE this ORDINANCE. Thank you for your time and service, Gail Spitzer

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<https://articles.mercola.com/sites/articles/archive/2020/11/30/coronavirus-enzymes.aspx>
<https://www.melatonin-research.net/index.php/MR/article/view/88>

Emily Manley

As an Illinois resident who regularly travels to Naperville both to shop and to take my children to their pediatrician, I would like to express to the board my strong opposition to a universal mask ordinance with the possibility of fines which to me as a pregnant woman with Gestational Hypertension poses a significant threat to both me and my unborn child. I am certain that there are many other people who live in or travel to Naperville who also have health issues either similar to mine or worse where wearing a mask would be detrimental to their health. I am very concerned that what the City Council is considering doing here could be harmful when there are much more effective and safer ways for a city to manage the situation, specifically focusing on those at highest risk to COVID, rather than the whole of the population who have varying degrees of health risk. For me and countless others, please vote NO for both options of the ordinance and resolution (#20-1415) under consideration.

Malise

No fine's for masks. That is completely a disgrace to personal freedoms and destroying Naperville. I for one., will never eat or enjoy Naperville again if this is passed

Barbara Weglarz

While I understand there are many people who want to wear masks I feel it is against our constitutional rights. People who want to wear masks certainly should. The survival rate for COVID 19 is over 90% It should be the choice of an individual whether or not to wear a mask There is no clear evidence that particles from any virus are not able to pass through any masks so basically I feel it is a false sense of protection

Sara Forster

I have seen Facebook posts that the City Council is considering a new mask-wearing ordinance for the city of Naperville. In drafting and amending any such ordinance, I ask that you take the following into consideration:

As of 11/17, ICU bed availability in DuPage County is shown at the IDPH website as 30%; the figure from Ms. Sullivan's post on Facebook shows overall hospital bed availability at Edward Hospital to be 25%.

Both are still in the green “risk” indicators. However, I could see where Edward Hospital administrators & first responders could be concerned about moving to yellow and red in the winter months.

Has the City Council discussed whether the mask ordinance will apply only to the densely populated downtown area (bordered approximately by Webster, Van Buren, Washington, and Aurora)? Or is the Council considering an ordinance that will apply citywide - including to low population density individual subdivisions, walking trails, and parks, where masks are less essential to public health & safety?

It is important to tailor any ordinance to something that would be meaningful to controlling COVID spread as well as worthwhile to enforce. Any ordinance extending beyond the busy Naperville downtown area may come across as a pretext for a new citation-based revenue stream, where citations in 2020 are generally down due to decreased traffic everywhere. It also could lead to less-than-neighborly communications between neighbors which helps no one.

It is also important to provide a timeline for how long the ordinance will be in effect. Even if people may be willing to comply - and need to comply - now, there may be a lot more pushback if the ordinance is still in effect in June.

Thank you for your consideration

Jennifer Brown

Please do NOT mandate masks in the city of Naperville! There is little to no evidence of mask efficiency. According to the CDC site, 70% of infected persons reported mask wearing at all times in public. There are no studies on long term mask wearing, there's no consistency in the types being worn, and should be individual choice if one is at risk (99% survival rate).

Sandy Glass

I understand the placebo effects of stores and businesses require information masks indoors.. However, to threaten me, a 70 year of, woman with.. handcuffs, jail, harassment for not wearing a mask while walking outdoors is a litigious event. I personally become very short of breath, and dizzy while walking at a face pace for exercise. I won't put my health at risk for a very draconian regulation . Most people can not exercise, nor jog with a mask on. Most exercise places allow masks to be removed during exercise. My O2 saturation level drops below 94% with the mask on. I will not give up my daily walks nor jeopardize my health for an insane, ill advised mandate. Steve Chirco and his pal, Pritker apparently allow their children to visit and participate in Florida, where there is no mask mandate. Newsom and his medical advisors all enjoyed a mask less dinner at the French Laundry. Denver Mayor warned residents to stay home, and promptly flew off to Texas, top British “medical” advisor for masks, was video taped partying at a pool party. Something demonstrates that those with the “inside” scoop don't believe the mask nonsense as they don't follow it themselves. It was reported that Newsom and his gang thought it was funny. So, let's have some common sense in Naperville. If business wants masks indoors, that's their right. But to threaten me with fines and jail time for taking a walk or little kids from getting fresh air is beyond stupid. Fresh, clean air is healthy; our bodies weren't created wearing masks. If we all started putting masks on our dogs, while walking the outcry would be horrendous. Let kids breathe fresh air. while playing outdoors. It's the way people were created.

Peter Zibble

Item L.3. Dear Mayor and members of the Naperville City Council, The Advisory Commission on Disabilities would like to lend its support to a city ordinance mandating mask wearing in public places within the City of Naperville. Due to factors such as age or underlying medical conditions, many people with disabilities are at a greater risk from COVID-19. As a group, people with disabilities have been disproportionately impacted by the coronavirus pandemic. Despite these risk factors, people with disabilities have the same obligations as everyone else and must continue to work, shop and interact with the public in many ways. Isolation or quarantine for higher risk groups is not a practical solution. Based on information provided by the CDC, the AMA and many other groups, universal mask wearing is one of the most effective measures at preventing the spread of the virus. We believe that a mask mandate will result in greater compliance which in turn will allow everyone an equal opportunity to remain an active member of the community. Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. Sincerely, The Advisory Commission on Disabilities; Mikel Briggs, Chairman; A. Rae Elegant; Daniel Fumagalli; Michael Heyden; Suhel Siddiqui; Kaitlyn Becker, Student Rep.; Rewa Narsana, Student Rep.

Laura R. Welch

I am writing in support of the ordinance requiring facemasks to be worn in public. As a local activist, wife of a physician and mother of a medical student hoping to specialize in infectious disease, I am greatly concerned about the callous non-use of facemasks in Naperville. As noted, the vast majority of folks wandering around our great downtown are maskless until they enter a place of business. As we have witnessed over 13 million of our fellow US citizens become sickened with the Covid 19 virus and close to 260,000 perish, it is imperative that all measures be taken to curb the spread. So many of us are tired of the constant news, the constant warnings and the constant masks. Quite frankly, for those of us who do not have long-term health effects from contracting the virus, or for that matter, those of us still alive, it is all too simple to ignore the risks. But as I listen to my husband tell how speciality floors are being shuffled at Edward Hospital to accommodate rising numbers of Covid patients, I am horrified that any member of the City Council would chose not to support ALL of our citizens by approving this ordinance. Those who follow the news, and those in the medical/scientific professions are well aware of the devastating facts about this pandemic. Let's not allow politics to override the medical truths. Let's not allow those refusing to see the truth to further endanger our fellow community members. And let's not allow outside groups that use false, non-science based lies to cloud our judgement.

Elizabeth Cipriano

I oppose both the Naperville Face Covering Ordinance and the face covering resolution. I am a certified public school teacher and a mother of three. If these pass we will not be visiting Naperville or its businesses in the future. This is pure government overreach, and it must be stopped here today. Each person has the freedom to decide what they wear, and just as you do not madate head coverings for women, we should not madate masks. For you they may be necessary, but for me they are not. Just as a head covering may be necessary for some, it is not necessary for me. Do not impose your opinions or beliefs on us by city ordinances. If these are passed it will be a slippery slope and soon any whim may be made an ordinance. Please do the sensible thing and allow us to choose what we think is best for our health and safety.

Jennifer J Blair

Masks are unconstitutional

Ned

How dare you violate the right to not wear these bogus masks, they DO NOT filter viral transmission, AS a PPE expert and a PHYSICIAN there are many studies that dictate they do not help in the prevention of viral transmission. Do you want to start a riot? Then keep passing this communist agenda, you will be the one who regrets it. People WILL NOT tolerate this.

M. Gaji

I'm disabled and am medically exempt from wearing one. To make wearing a mask " mandatory" , violates the rights of all disabled individuals. It is embarrassing when having to show my documentation in stores and even more so when I've had an " urinary accidents" while waiting for management to approve my documentation. Some will say well just order groceries from home. I'm on SSI after rent and major monthly bills its barely enough for tissue and cleaning supplies, let alone online grocery shopping. There are some cheap online alternatives but they don't accept snap benefits. I am forced to go out and shop. The mask ordinance is not a one size fits all and should definitely be " optional". I vote no! To mandatory masks!

Riley Tomlinson

I am in opposition of wearing a mask outdoors. If someone chooses to that is their decision and I respect that but respect my decision not too as I believe we are now living in fear of everything. If we fear everything then how can you expect us to live our lives fully.

Cheryl Brittingham

Please note: IDPH Illinois Beginning November 6, 2020 and going forward, IDPH will report confirmed cases and probable cases combined. Source: <https://dph.illinois.gov/covid19/covid19-statistics>
And...FROM CDC: Infection Fatality Ratio† 0-19 years: 0.00003 Infection Fatality Ratio† 20-49 years:

0.0002 Infection Fatality Ratio† 50-69 years: 0.005 Infection Fatality Ratio† 70+ years: 0.054 Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/planning-scenarios.html>

Brent Neumann

I do believe one should wear a mask for the safety of themselves and the others around them. I also believe in the freedom for everyone to make their own decision for themselves on the matter. That said, the “hold Outs” are going to continue not wearing masks weather or not this mandate goes into effect. That said, instituting a universal mask mandate -worse off, a fine for non-compliance of said mandate - would represent dramatic overstep of our local government. Moreover, think on the position our law enforcement would be in for attempting to enforce if we proceed down such a path. As mentioned before it is not going to change the behavior of the very few individuals who are “hold outs”..... I do not support the motion to institute a universal mask mandate nor a fine for non-compliance in our City of Naperville.

Christopher Clifford

Do not want Naperville officials to support either the mask ordinance or mask resolution both of which send the wrong message and infringe on personal freedoms and liberties. liberties

Jen Pickering

A mask mandate violates our constitutional and civil rights. It is not natural for a virus that is 99.76% survivable. There is no reason to risk the healthy for the .26% that will not survive. Our children need their lives back – we need our lives back. This is not how Americans should be living.

Andres Schwartz

There's no scientific data justifying outside mask use in public. Even if there were our principles of freedom and liberty must prevail. Know that if you pass a city mask mandate, I a resident of Carol Stream that enjoys going to Naperville and frequenting it's various businesses, will avoid going to Naperville. If you vote for this mask mandate, you are ignoring science, Liberty, and common sense. You will be further damaging this wonderful community once voted one of the best places to live in the United States. Please vote no on any mask mandate

Michael w Greene

Please do not pass the ordinance requiring mandatory mask wearing. Doing so is only to "virtue signal" and does no real good or prevention. The US Government's own CDC is mixed on the effectiveness of cloth masks

Renée Gros

I am a person who does not wear a mask FOR MEDICAL REASONS. I have been shamed, judged, followed through stores, yelled at, refused service. These are inappropriate responses. If masks really work...wearing yours should protect you. This mask mandate is ripping the very fibers of “community” within our borders. It's teaching our children anger, rudeness, and isolation are common & appropriate behaviors. We are smart enough to protect our own health without finger wagging and mandates. I don't want a new future or “RESET”... I want to return to common sense and kindness. Please

Julija Cibireva

Me and my family is strongly opposing wearing masks while outside, i know a lot of people who agree with us.

We all truly hope that our opinion will be heard and taken into consideration, and you will not enforce this ridiculous mandate on Naperville's citizens.

Tobias Lepke

I am a resident of Naperville and would like to share my strong opinion as I believe it represents the majority of my fellow residents. The safety measures put in place in Naperville and around the country, even the world, have been too strict, unreasonable, and frankly unscientific. For example, there have been no double blind, controlled studies that support that wearing masks reduces the spread of COVID-19. In fact, when purchasing a box of masks there is a warning label that clearly states that the mask does not prevent the spread of COVID. So why are government representatives so quick to pass

regulations mandating the use of these ineffective masks? It is an exercise in tyranny. The governments would like to see how much control they have over us. Our elected officials need to be reminded that they serve the people, the people do not serve them. If you pass any further mask mandates we will vote you out.

Carla M Klausler

I oppose both the Naperville Face Covering Ordinance and the Face Covering Resolution. Forced maskwearing is physically, mentally and environmentally harmful; there's no basis that wearing masks is effective in preventing the spread of illness (as noted by the alleged rise in covid "cases") and I personally believe it is contributing to the divisiveness of our city. Rather, I'd like to see healthy eating and exercise promoted. Additionally, I truly believe that each person should make his/her own decision on matters of health, not any government agency at any level.

Will Ludwig

Not speaking just making opposition to ordinance and resolution #20-1415 known. The numbers don't add up the models the governor is using are for an agenda. Let the public make their own choices

Tony Majszak

I oppose Ordinances and Resolutions 20-1415 Option 1 and Option 2. Masks should be optional as they cause people to suffer from hypoxia. I am one of those people that had no current medical conditions before and adversely affected by being "required" to wear mask at work. I get dizzy and often feel like passing out during the day and I have to hurry to the front door to take it off to get air. Wearing a mask should be left up to the individual.

Colleen

Please consider that medical freedom is an essential liberty and the science does not support universal mask wearing as a covid-19 prevention strategy. In fact, the latest study on masks from the Netherlands titled " Effectiveness of Adding a Mask Recommendation to Other Public Health Measures to Prevent SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Danish Mask Wearers" found no statistical significance in surgical mask effectiveness. Masks can also cause harm. I would be happy to share studies with the city council. Adults should be free to breath and live without masks in a free country when the CDC itself found the majority of those who contracted covid-19 were frequent mask wearers. Please protect liberty and medical freedom and support true science, not biased opinions

Sharron Coeurvie - Director, Listen...Adult and Pediatric Services

I oppose the City of Naperville from passing both Option 1 and 2 for mandated wearing of masks in public. It is contrary to peer-reviewed research. My private practice in Environmental Health & Illness, and collaboration with physicians in Manhattan, NY, Chicago/ Champaign, IL, and Cleveland, Ohio has shown us the multiple peer-reviewed studies over 40 yrs. where the efficacy of masks for viruses is not supported-they catches 'droplets' but do not to filter submicron viruses. The US Dept. of Labor states: "Cloth Face Coverings" , "Surgical Masks" -"Are not considered PPE...Will not protect the wearer against airborne transmissible infectious agents due to loose fit and lack of seal or inadequate filtration". The New England Journal of Medicine (5/21/20) states: "We know wearing a mask outside of a healthcare facility offers little, if any, protection for infection..The chance of catching COVID 19 from passing interaction in a public space is therefore minimal." Viral particles (COVID-19) are 0.1 microns in size, a N95 filters 0.3 microns and larger at best without a loose fit/gaps around edges. British Medical Journal research (2015, MacIntyre et al) clearly shows, "The rates of all infection outcomes were highest in the cloth mask arm, with the rate of ILI (influenza like illness) statistically higher..."Moisture retention, reuse of cloth masks and poor filtration may result in increased risk of infection." Research with surgeons (2008, Beder et al) shows wearing a mask decreases oxygen levels and the resulting hypoxemia/ increased carbon dioxide, downregulates genes linked to immune responses (Casalino-Martsuda et al, 2018). The consequences of masks to our health are serious when considering it is known coronaviruses infect the brain through the olfactory (nose) and trigeminal nerves (Perlman et al,1989) and COVID-19 is being found in the brain and cerebrospinal fluid causing neurological diseases (Wu, et al,July 2020). Research for dentists in 2016, again shows masks do not filter viruses or submicron particles, which pass through them. (Oral Health Journal 10/18/16), Stacionian, Genevieve Briand, from Johns Hopkins, shows that "even patients dying

from other underlying diseases but are infected with COVID-19 count as COVID-19 deaths. This is likely the main explanation as to why COVID-19 deaths drastically increased while deaths by all other diseases experienced a significant decrease.” (American Institute for Economic Research 11/26/20) Our democracy- upon which our civil liberties rest, -dictates masks be a personal choice, not mandated, especially with little peer-reviewed science over 40 yrs to substantiate their ability to stop a submicron virus. Thank you.

Kelly

20-1415 I oppose the mandating of mandatory mask usage. I have a medical condition which contraindicates the use of a masks and have to explain private medical information multiple times a day to get access to food, medical care and important services. I have been denied entry as well. This violates the ADA, but these companies and their hirelings don't care about people with medical exemptions. Those that choose to wear a face mask should do so and those that choose not to should not be put through constant public interrogations as to why.

Rachael Resk

I am a homeowner in downtown Naperville. I oppose this ordinance for the following reasons. 1. This amendment permanently changes the municipal code for a temporary situation. 2. There is no provision or criteria to terminate this amendment except council discretion. Is it likely this will ever be repealed? Abuse of power issue. 3. We are already under similar state guidelines. Duplicative ordinance. 4. There is no practical enforcement means except turning neighbors against each other or police line of sight. Do we want police ticketing mask wearers when crime overall is up in the city? Do we want neighbors turning against each other? 5. Amendment is written in vague language (a lot is up to the person or situation) and cannot be reasonably made specific or easily enforceable. If people do not have a mask on and say it is for medical reasons. Are we going to ask for proof? 6. More people are wearing masks now than ever before with little respite from covid. Mask wearing has become partisan with scientific evidence about the usefulness of masks, what masks to wear, who should wear them and where coming out on both sides. The basis for this amendment is not solid. 7. No irrefutable data that a mask mandate works vs having guidelines or recommendations. Thank you. Rachael

Break 8:49 p.m.

Annette Licitra

Oppose mask mandate for a variety of reasons: 1) Violates civil liberties 2) many people are unable to wear them (religious, cardio issues, anxiety, PTSD, lung issues, chronic sinuses, etc.) 3) unsafe, unhealthy 4) taxes the cardio pulmonary system, which is awful for the the health of the body 5) creates a more acidic environment in the body, which heightens issues related to cancer and other dis-eases 6) rebreathing your own waste matter is horrible for anyone's health 8) check out studies and research info from OSHA (and, other) experts: <https://thehighwire.com/videos/mask-whistleblowers-tell-all/> 9) please do a ton more research before you continue supporting something that isn't founded on any truth: <https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2020/11/johns-hopkins-takes-article-showing-us-deaths-2020-no-different-prior-years-doesnt-fit-gonna-die-narrative/> 10) promote and market true health through initiatives that support the immune system like eating anti-inflammatory foods, detoxing the body, filtered water, movement, rest, consuming antiviral foods / herbals / supplements / vitamins / minerals, and the list goes on. This gives each person the opportunity to stay healthy 11) the "executive order" from the current governor has lapsed and is no longer in effect since April 2020, and this has been stated in court. If you're unfamiliar with this ruling, please contact me as I'd be happy to provide the court ruling. So, masks aren't required anywhere, all restaurants and places of business are to be open, etc. 12) my body, my choice - all of this is a choice, and should not be forced on anyone for any reason

George R Frayn DDS

I support the option to encourage face mask wearing and oppose requiring by law face mask wearing. In a free country like the United States, health choices are a personal right. In the current pandemic, one can protect themself irregardless of what others are doing. Lets support health education, not health dictation. should be our guide.

Josh McBroom

I'm writing to voice my opposition to the proposed city wide mask mandate. I read the entire mandate, and it looks like nothing is changing from what we have already been doing for months. This is a symbolic, feel good measure – nothing more. But it is not without consequence. We already have a very polarized community in regards to what are appropriate risk/reward mitigation efforts to combat COVID19 spread. I know that I am not alone in my skepticism from the very beginning from public policy measures that many times seem arbitrary, unfair, and frequently not backed up by data and science. However, like many I have dutifully followed guidelines to the best of my ability. We have been following guidelines for 8 months, and yet the virus still spreads. To take the position that the reason the virus still spreads is because people have been reckless and selfishly disregarding rules is offensive, divisive, and without any basis. For months I have not been to one indoor establishment where I have seen a single person not wearing a mask. I don't think there is a business you are allowed to walk into without a mask. To try to explain away the rise in cases because someone saw someone once without a mask, or has seen someone not wearing one correctly is beyond absurd. Everyone wants simple answers, and the fictional non mask wearer is an easy scape goat right now. The proposed ordinance does provide many exceptions for outdoor mask coverings, but people won't read it that way. It will only encourage people who believe COVID would have already been eliminated if people just behaved, to get more aggressive in shaming their neighbors for not caring as much as they do. Taking this action will not change what we are already doing, it will not stop the spread of COVID. But it will further the division in our community. The threat of fining someone who is outside without a mask, and might not be 6 feet away from someone is a gross overreach. Besides, most people will not wear masks outside anyway no matter what you threaten them with. Thank you.

Karen V Peck

Dear Naperville City Council Board, My comments concern the wearing of protective face coverings in public within the City of Naperville. I am in favor of OPTION 1, "to require protective face coverings in public within the City of Naperville," with the following guidelines: when in any indoor establishment or indoor location outside of your own home and outside when social distancing of six or more feet is not possible. I am in favor of citations/fines for non-compliance of businesses who do not enforce mask mandates and/or social distancing and for citizens when not in compliance. The amendment can be temporary and reviewed after a pre-determined period. Education by the City of Naperville must go together with this mandate for required protective face coverings. Misinformation and deliberate disinformation have circulated bad information in the public sphere. This happens most readily during periods of uncertainty and fear. Good policy cannot be made on bad information. Public health experts recommend frequent, consistent, concise, and accurate information to combat infectious disease. Disinformation underlies non-compliance. Knowledge and truth, and respect for our interdependence will keep businesses and people safe. I also urge public servants to counter dis/misinformation whenever possible, especially opinions presented as facts. Until we mitigate the spread of disease, we will not see economic improvement. Safe pandemic protocol will help the economy, not hurt it. Businesses can enjoy more traffic downtown and elsewhere when citizens know we can shop without running into others who are non-compliant. Universal masking and social distancing will save lives and the economy. We have precedent for Option 1: non-compliance resulted in laws for seatbelt wearing, smoking in public places, and driving while under the influence. Individuals do not have the freedom to engage in behaviors that put others at risk. No one has a constitutional right to endanger fellow citizens. Requiring protective face coverings in public when one is not able to socially distance within the City of Naperville will not be a hardship for anyone already complying. This mandate is specifically for those who refuse to comply; it can serve as an incentive to help protect our community from the spread of the deadly Covid-19 virus and will help protect our already overworked frontline and essential workers. Let's behave responsibly and care for one another in our community. This is a matter of life and death and we can all do our part to mitigate the dangers of the spread of disease. Sincerely, Karen V. Peck

John Mantinaos

Citizens should have the right to make their own health and medical decisions. As a medical professional, I am aware of the irregularities in the date we are presented, and to place any ordinance in place at this time can cause undue stress and harm to our fellow citizens. Please allow mask wearing to be a choice not imposed on everyone. Don't make rash decisions

David Grimestad

Agenda item 20-1415 wearing protective face coverings in public. I oppose both options for this agenda item. In a Danish study published on November 18th by the American College of Physicians in the Annals of Internal Medicine it was concluded that "the recommendation to wear surgical masks to supplement other public health measures did not reduce the SARS-CoV-2 infection rate among wearers". This study used surgical grade masks and provided proper fitment instructions. If surgical grade masks do not provide protection when worn properly it is highly unlikely that lesser grade masks will provide protection. Other studies have shown that cloth masks have a 50-60% efficiency at filtering particles that are 1 micron in size. Covid particles are approximately one tenth of that size which clearly reduces cloth masking effectiveness on any inhalation or exhalation that passes through mask material, however there is no filtering impact to the air that is moved around, over, or under any mask. Additionally, The Wall Street Journal published an article on November 11th showing that the case for mask mandates relies on bad data. The result of masking mandates is then to provide a false sense of security that there is safety related to mask wearing. This false sense of security can and is luring at risk people to resume normal activity and specifically gather more closely together with others. It is poor public policy to encourage at risk people to unknowingly expose themselves to a situation that is riskier for them by creating a false sense of security through mask mandates.

Scott Pruett

I believe our response to COVID 19 should be based on science and common sense and not be used as a technique to create unreasonable fear and panic. The current State Guidelines have been carefully planned and crafted to protect citizens by wearing a mask when deemed required. The refusal by many to social distance or wear a mask are the cause of our increased cases. Those compliant to the existing state guidelines should not be penalized further. Wearing a mask while in vehicle by yourself can be dangerous and walking outside by yourself has created a stressed, depressed community living in irrational fear. The increase in abuse of drugs, domestic abuse, depression is partially caused by this complete lack of normalcy and the fear that we all feel just having to wear a mask. Common sense and some sense of normal is needed. We need to be in a new normal as this has been a long haul. The more you push at this point, the more people are going to rebel - I can guarantee it

Theodora Mantinaos

Ordinances and Resolutions 20-1415 OPPOSE BOTH OPTION 1 AND OPTION 2 We all know that doctors, scientists and other health officials have been censored over the virus procedures. We have suffered greatly economically and emotionally. Wearing masks is dehumanizing and depressing. Please refrain from passing these restrictions and allow individuals with health concerns to decide and choose for themselves if they deem it appropriate to wear a face covering.

Hannah

Taking care of one's health is a personal responsibility and should not be mandated by government. Masks cannot possibly contain a microscopic virus. Furthermore, the survival rate is almost 100%; there is no need to impose restrictions.

Janice F. Guider

Support for a mask mandate... Wearing a mask is not a cure for SARS-CoV-2; however, evidence-based data supports the simple act of wearing a face mask can decrease transmission. For many Napervilleans, those who live life with co-morbidities, you and I wearing a mask is possibly the difference between life and death. It's time for Naperville to do more as a community and establish a strategy to fight this disease's further spread. Among an intellect to motivate our elected leaders, our community and business leaders, as well as every citizen, it's time to acknowledge the need to provide broader protection from both the spread of this still novel coronavirus. Adopting a mask mandate is not to criminalize our citizenry or occlude Constitutional rights, but rather a momentary public protection action. None of us live on an island and absolutely cannot allow politics to undermine our ability to respond to this pandemic by politics. Instead, I call upon each of you to enable science and humanity to guide us as a community committed to fighting this disease together. Let's pool together our attitudes and beliefs to establish a mask mandate to

protect the greater public and become the model American city to lead others. Since March 2020, we have asked the unimaginable from our first responders who daily place themselves and their families at risk. We continue to ask our frontline hospital workers to give more, and again, putting themselves and their families at greater risk. And yes, our critical workers.. People who stock store shelves with toilet paper, paper towels, hand sanitizers, and food to food us. The store clerks, maintenance workers, public transportation drivers, truckers, etc., are giving themselves and at significant personal risk to them and their families for many of us to continue to shelter in our homes and move around our community with minimal risk. None of us should believe that the promise of several vaccines should give rise to complacency. The strict monitoring of patient adverse reactions to new drugs could halt the distribution. A mask mandate is perhaps the best thing we can all honor to say thank you to our frontline healthcare workers, including police, fire, paramedics, and hospital clinicians. A mask mandate will show appreciation to our critical workers and business workers trying to stay afloat in an economy ravaged by this virus-infected economy. A mask mandate says, we're all in this together and makes you and I better keepers of each other.

Nelson Sotomayor

Dear Mayor Chirico and Ladies and Gentlemen of the city council, I am asking you as my representative in this great city to oppose both the ordinance and resolution for agenda item 20-1415 regarding wearing protective face coverings in public. There are scientific studies that show both surgical masks and cloth masks has being too porous to stop the passing through of the Covid19 virus. Thank you for your consideration, respectfully I submit this comment.

Tim Messer

I support the concept behind a local mask mandate. However, the ability to enact and enforce such requirements is undermined when those in leadership don't lead by example. I hope leaders at all levels—local, state, and national—will seriously consider how their actions are perceived by the public, particularly during this pandemic.

Terese Henricks

Option 2; I oppose mandates on any face masks. They do NOT work, not everyone can physically wear them, and they discriminate against the hearing impaired. In America, we the People have the right to choose!

Carol Hayes

I am against wearing masks in public as I am not physically able to, nor are many others. It has not been proven they prevent the spread of a virus.

Tressan More

I am opposed to mandated face masks. There is no valid evidence that masks prevent the virus from being spread. In fact there is much evidence to the contrary.

Mark T. Rodowski

Honor the Bills of Rights!

Teresa Link

I will not shop in any venue requiring mask.

Patrycja Skrzyniarz

This is about control not about health. If this was about health, you would ban cigarettes and alcohol and other poisons.

Sebastian Skrzyniarz

This is not about health, this is about control. The virus has a 99% survival rate.

Kristen

I STRONGLY oppose a mask mandate for the city. Masks are not proven to work (if they work why do cases keep climbing? A I see is masks everywhere). This is nothing more than virtue signaling to a certain group and ignoring actual science. Up until Covid the CDC said masks do not work for the general population. This should remain a choice based upon each person's risk tolerance.

Meaghan

I oppose the city wide mask mandate. Naperville is full of well educated individuals who are capable of making the decision on what is best for themselves and their families. Don't treat us like idiots.

Cynthia Paver

This seems like a great way to hurt Naperville businesses even more. It is also government overreach using fear to take away freedom.

Susan Stricklin

Please note that forcing people to wear masks outside is against our constitutional rights. The people of Illinois are banning together to file law suits against any government & to the people personally who try to take away these rights.

Colleen Balija

I strongly oppose the ordinance to force the use of a mask in public and fine those who do not comply. This is in direct violation of our constitutional rights. I oppose Ordinance 20-1415 wearing protective face masks in public and encouraging fines to those who do not wear them. This is a direct violation of our constitutional rights. We the people need to be trusted to use common sense when we are sick, which is to stay home. But to force healthy people to wear a face mask is unconstitutional. I strongly oppose this ordinance and encourage you to oppose it as well.

Norm Stricklin

Against our constitutional rights!

Ewelina

Mask doesnt work and make worst to our loungs then we all think

Nancy Kingsbury

I frequently go to Naperville for medical treatments and I am opposed to any requirements for wearing a face mask. I do not see science supporting this and I find it hard to breathe through them.

Bethanne Trankina

Your constituents are not your children. Governance and parenting are not the same thing. Mind. Your. Boundaries.

Cindi Muntz

I oppose all options. There is equal science showing masks not only ineffective, but harmful to ones health. Additionally there are individuals who truly are unable to wear a mask. These ordinances infringe on their rights within the ADA. Discrimination is already occurring and causing conflict within the community. Segregation, which is what this encourages, is never an answer. Allow people choice in their own healthcare, as you did last year during the TB crisis. Just because a death tally wasn't given daily within the media does not mean it should be ignored. No masks and no limitations were implemented then (& there is clear consistent science regarding TB!) To make ordinances like these are a knee jerk reaction without consistent science. Instead I would hope the board practice the "my body, my choice " motto. Those truly concerned about their health against a virus with a 99.7% recoup rate for the majority of the population (94.6% for those over 70... 99.97% 20 and under), can then make choice not to go too places they feel too risky. Healthy people should not have rights infringed upon.

Daphne Maxwell

There have not been any substantial research reported back on the effects of masks. So to make them required is not substantiate. Making it a recommendation is enough.

Joseph Palmberg

This is the United States of America. Let's give people a choice on what they want to do.

Anthony Milani

City wide mask ordinance - I STRONGLY OPPOSE a city wide mask ordinance. Wearing a mask outside is not necessary. Further more, our police officers have better things to do than fine people for not wearing a mask. I will not support using my tax \$\$s to pay for this nonsensical ordinance that is nothing more than virtue signaling.

Heather Hayes

Please us some common sense! I want to teach my children to respect authority and follow rules, however there is NO reason to mandate masks unless social distancing can't be maintained. If you want to mandate masks in the business district due to crowds on sidewalks that is somewhat reasonable. Remember those who live in fear will not come out of their homes to support businesses if you pass this. The only thing you will accomplish is to keep people away from our businesses.

Amy

Your proposed ordinance is in direct violation of our civil liberties. You may not impose a medical device or procedure in anyone. I will not shop, visit, conduct my business in Naperville should this heinous proposal be passed.

Chris Clifford

Do not want Naperville officials to support either the mask ordinance or mask resolution both of which send the wrong message and infringe on personal freedoms and liberties. liberties.

Robert Slayton

In our neighborhood we never go within 6 feet of another person (we cross to the other side of the street actually) . Furthermore, the probability of catching covid from passing a person is almost impossible. Science says being within 6 feet of a person for 15 minutes (who has covid) both unmasked. With outside air currents and no gatherings, requiring a mask puts an unnecessary burden on the public and those enforcing it. BTW, all a person needs to say is they can't wear a mask due to medical reasons and you are required to let them go. It won't work.

Sean Hynes

I oppose and encourage the council to oppose both tyrannical options regarding File# 20-1415.

Thomas Callaghan

Oppose both Option 1 and Option 2 of ordinance and resolution

Jennifer Sabin

I am opposed to a mask ordinance. There is no scientific data to support the use of mask wearing, it is causing more damage and wearing masks with lockdowns is prolonging the pandemic and hurting small business.

Kim

Masks have not been proven to stop any virus . Look at DuPage County Health Dept site - where is the flu data for 2020? Where is the pneumonia data ? Why are you closing restaurants and putting small business into bankruptcy for a virus with 99.8% recovery rate ?

Heather Merrill

I strongly oppose this government overreach!

Debra Nains

Oppose both options of a mask ordinance. Will shop and do business elsewhere.

Pam Ostrander

People's freedoms are infringed upon by government mandates to wear masks. Each person is responsible for their own health. There are many reasons people do not wear masks. Personal privacy and freedoms should not be violated.

Kathy

I will not shop or dine in Naperville if mandatory masks are needed while being outside

Heather Peterson

Regarding mandatory masks in Naperville. I oppose this. This country stands for freedom, and one of those freedoms is freedom of choice. Government mandating medical interventions strips us of that freedom. Citizens should be able to choose if they want to wear a mask or not. Also, there is no real science showing that mask wearing helps. There is plenty of real science showing it hurts. Do not mandate masks

Debby Figi

Please don't force us to wear masks outside! The science suggests that doesn't make a difference. We keep our social distance and so few out and about with cold anyway. I couldn't find agenda number

Joan Mikus

I OPPOSE the requirement of face masks. There are several studies and scientific data to support how harmful masks are for people. I am not sick and have not been sick it is against my rights to force me to wear a mask to cater to the fear in others. What happened to the slogan - My body My choice - or does that only apply when killing babies. I oppose requiring face coverings in Naperville.

Molly Specht

Oppose mask mandate!

Rebecca

Strongly opposed because it disenfranchises those with sensory, abuse & mental health issues. Once mandates are in place those who are unable to wear them are excluded from participation in daily life, isolated & treated as second class citizens.

Tanja Snodgrass

I oppose the requirement to wear face coverings in public

Tracy Driscoll

I oppose a public mask mandate. I will take my business elsewhere and no longer dining or shop in Naperville if a mask mandate is approved.

Stephen DiFranco

I oppose both the face covering ordinance and the resolution.

Carol

20-1415 is unconstitutional according to the 4th amendment. This is tyranny and obstructs living. This virus is 99.9% recoverable so why is it necessary to be covered outside? This is not living but again TYRANNY BY ALL ACCOUNTS.

Peggy Vilberg

I represent my family, that will not be visiting Naperville or giving any of your businesses my hard earned money, if I am forced to wear any unconstitutional face covering.

Dr. George Sooley

Mandating face mask is a draconian over reach. Basic freedom demands that citizens are not required to

Holly Walsh

Opposed. This is unlawful to enforce. Preventing entry to any establishment if someone not wearing a mask violates the US Constitution (1st and 4th Amendments) and Federal Civil Rights Law (Title 11, Section 2000).

Jim Phillip - Representing Phillip's Flowers, as well as part of my family who live in Naperville and others of us who support the community OPPOSE Option 1, and I don't think Option 2 is wise either, given that individual circumstances vary and it is not the city's place to recommend this practice

Samantha Prazma

I believe the city should not have the power to force people to keep a mask over their face.

TK

We oppose any mask ordinance for Naperville. Businesses have suffered enough!

Leona Di Amore

Did the Governor already have a policy? What about people who cannot wear for health purposes? What about this discriminatory policy that inhibits deaf or hard of hearing to be able to read lips? Where are long term studies on wear them extensively? WHY is this necessary for a virus with 99% survival rate? Did the Mayor wear a mask at his family wedding in Florida? Why are you wasting time/energy on a redundant request?

Katrina LaMonica

This infringes on my personal medical freedoms. I will never wear a mask outside as it impedes my ability to breathe and function as a human being.

Rosario Paredes

Opposing any mask mandate in this city or any other. It is time for Government to stop overstepping, the citizens are more than able to make their own informed decisions.

Joan

I OPPOSE both the Naperville Face Covering Ordinance and the Face Covering Resolution 2014-15, both options one and two.

Roberta Annicks

NO TO MANDATORY MASK WEARING IN ANY SITUATION but especially OUTSIDE!

BRENDA STOETZER

As someone who works in Naperville, I would like to voice my opposition to 20-1415 wearing protective face coverings in public within the City of Naperville.

Rick Poole

I will never abide to wearing a mask outdoors. Period.

Lisa

Please do not make wearing masks mandatory. Both my daughter and I have difficulties breathing, as I'm sure many others do. This would not only prevent us from being able to shop and walk downtown but others I'm sure as well. This would thus cause businesses to further degrade and close. Outdoor masks are not necessary even according to the CDC. Please do NOT make this a rule.

Bruce Hanson

I OPPOSE Option 1. If action is required, I would SUPPORT Option 2. We have enough regulation without this added burden to our enforcement officers. Their time should be concentrated on helping those in need, not in writing citations, bogging down their department with unnecessary paperwork. We can be good citizens with encouragement. Enforcement with fines and threats is not needed.

Katie Newberger

OPPOSE both Option 1 and Option 2 of the ordinance and resolution (#20-1415) under consideration. I oppose a city-wide mask mandate. I will not support or visit Naperville stores if this passes. Wearing in a store is one thing, but wearing them while walking around OUTDOORS is unnecessary and not the source of spread.

Stacey Nowak

It is against constitutional rights to fine for not wearing masks. Please vote no for resolution and ordinance 20-1415.

Jessica Thomas

I implore the city council to oppose the Face Covering Ordinance and the Face Covering Resolution. Residents and businesses should have the right to decide if they wear a face covering or request one to be worn in their business. I say "request" because whether or not to restrict one's breathing via a face mask should be a personal choice. Many have health conditions where they need to breathe freely and others believe they will be harmed by restricting their breathing or breathing bacteria from face masks. Think about our Founding Fathers and how far our nation has fallen. You, as the city council, are tasked to be public servants, not to "rule" over the public and impose your will. We want to remain a free country and a free city and a free people.

Gyuzel (Jizel) Gilvanova

RE: 20-1415 I oppose to ordinance that requires citizens to wear face covering in the city. It should be everyone's choice, and making people wear masks outside is not supported by any science or logic. Masks are ineffective in the first place as virus droplets are too small and get released into air through cloth. There is no logic to wear a face covering outside.

Justin

Masks have been shown to have very little effect in stopping spread of a virus. Its theory not studies that widely support mask wearing.

Elizabeth Stanek

Vehemently oppose a required mask mandate

Terry Brittingham

Oppose Both 1 and 2 Ordinances and Resolutions 20-1415

Laura Jean

A Mask Mandate is INSANE!! What in the world is the purpose of this?? Control? This is wrong on so many levels.

Nellie Gonzalez

I oppose the push for a mask mandate. It's disgusting what is being done to our constitution.

Amy MacAdam

The 20-1415 Face Covering ordinance is a drastic government overreach and must be voted down.

Michelle SCHULTZ

I'm voicing my opposition on the mandated mask ordinance. A Mask Mandate is INSANE!! What in the world is the purpose of this?? Control? This is wrong on so many levels. What would make it different than what we have now? Making Wearing masks outside mandatory??? #1 you have up be close to a sick person for 15 minutes or so. #2 OSHA has said mask DO NOT work & it's stated on mask boxes they do not work. Naperville is starting to lose all of respect from me.

Brad Butler

Oppose mask mandate as written. Masks in most outdoor situations have not proven necessary and there is no sunset date on ordinance. No provision for previously infected with antibody or people who have been vaccinated. Science says that they don't carry a viral load large enough to be infectious. Too broad. Prefer option 2. Despite vocal minority dissenting otherwise, mask compliance is not a widespread problem in public, indoor spaces. I rarely, if ever, see maskless people in these settings and I'm out every day of week.

Aimee Park

I vehemently oppose any resolution set forth by the City of Naperville that pertains to the mandatory wearing of face coverings and masks and the fines that can be imposed if one does not comply. I would like my opposition noted that I am against the Face Covering Resolution and Face Covering Ordinance as proposed by the City of Naperville.

Leslie Fuss

I am calling on all of you to oppose agenda item # 20-1415 which is a mandate to make mask wearing outside mandatory. Please listen to your city, your constituency, and hear the cries of your citizens. This is an outrageous proposal further squashing our personal freedoms and rights. Isn't it enough that we can't support most local restaurants, event establishments, and some can't worship in person? Why would you inhibit our taking walks with family, exercising, and walking around our great city by mandating we wear masks when the research of their effectiveness is unclear at best... and OUTSIDE? This decision to support this agenda item will not only lessen outdoor activity by many (which is our only source of sanity) but will stop people from walking around downtown, soliciting our local businesses. Watch our economy further suffer due to the pains of fruitless mandates. Please be reasonable and allow YOUR city the freedom to walk around without a face mask, which not only blocks all emotion but gives wearers an unhealthy sense of being controlled. Aren't we going through enough? This is abhorrent and needs to be immediately dismissed.

Dana Chlebek

Face coverings and masks in public should be optional and not mandatory.

Dave Oster

I am against the mandatory wearing of masks in public. If this measure passes I will no longer dine or shop in Naperville.

Chris Jones

We regularly shop in the beautiful downtown area. We will no longer shop in Naperville if masks are mandated in all spaces. Respectfully, Chris Jones

Catherine

For health reasons, I oppose a mask mandate

Jeff Harms

Masks wearing should be a personal choice. I have not seen any science that mask wearing stops or slows down transmission. Three Drs. have told me the mask does not stop transmission

Renee Brown

The mask mandates are not supported by science and do not reflect the findings of many doctors, surgeons and health professionals as being the least bit effective in preventing the spread of Covid 19. There should be a debate with professionals regarding the effectiveness of masks before even considering such measures. These measures would be contrary to health freedom rights and the Bill of Rights. Option 1 and Option 2 Face Mask wearing Mandates. I am opposed to any mandates requiring people to wear masks in public both outdoors and indoors. The mask mandates are not supported by science as being effective in preventing the spread of Covid 19. The actual death rate of Covid 19 patients is comparable to the seasonal flu. The City of Naperville should bring in and investigate these claims from dissenting professionals before even considering such a mandate.

Heather Veller

Re the proposed ordinance to require face masks. I oppose any ordinance that would mandate mask wearing and fines individuals and/or businesses for non-compliance. Businesses and individuals are struggling, financially and emotionally. Communicating this as a mandate will further aggravate these problems. I choose to wear a mask, and believe it's a "best practice" to limit spread. And I also recognize and accept that not all agree. I am ok with that.

CHERYL BADNER

I oppose Covid Vaccines based on faulty PCR Testing

Julie

I am writing you today to express my concern regarding the voting of mandatory masks outdoors which I oppose. I do not believe that the governments Role and is an overreach of power. Someone can definitely believe in the validity and the effectiveness of masks, but mandating that people wear them outdoors is extremely unnecessary and not the role we voted you into. Thank you!!