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### Required Face Coverings to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

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Masks should be optional not mandatory. I am particularly opposed to my child having to wear a mask during school which restricts her oxygen to her brain. This affects their ability to learn as it prohibits oxygen flow for normal brain and body functions. This is going to have an effect on our kids academically as well as mentally, socially, emotionally, etc. I went to an assembly recently where the kids had practiced for weeks but we could not even understand what they were saying due to wearing masks on stage. What is more important, the message they are sending or fear of getting germs from a mike that no one is even touching? How ridiculous!! They do not talk during class and are socially distanced from one another. We take our masks off to eat at a restaurant, how much more so should they be able to sit quietly without a mask on to hamper their oxygen intake for almost 8 hours a day? Our immune systems actually need germs to stay strong. When a muscle isn't used it atrophies. We are weakening our children and their ability to fight any diseases. We are actually going to cause them to be sicker by trying to prevent them from coming into contact with germs. Our kids also are lacking when it comes to engaging in social interaction which is already dwindling due to their increasing amount of technological screen time. They don't know how to converse with one another face to face and the masks make it even more challenging to do so with the inability to read non-verbal cues and just discouraging interaction. The negative effects of wearing a mask far outweigh the positives. You can still get Covid if you wear a mask as indicated by our numbers during the mandate. Florida has less cases than we do and they have not been implementing masks at all! If people feel that masks protect

them in some way, by all means they are free to wear one. But for those of us that feel it is doing more harm than good, allow us the same freedom!

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