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A mask mandate is required to slow down the spread of the Delta and Omicron variants of Covid-19. Sadly, it is too late to stop the spread of these variants. Nevertheless, masking, combined with vaccinations, social distancing and insuring that our buildings are adequately ventilated will reduce the number of illnesses and deaths that our community suffers. A mandate is required because experience over the past two years has demonstrated that voluntary compliance does not work. If we decide not to impose a mandate, we are accepting the fact that there will be more illnesses and more deaths. This is not opinion, this is fact. In addition, while it pales in comparison to avoiding sickness and death, the spread of the Omicron variant in particular will have a serious economic impact on the county as large numbers of workers and consumers become ill. Government-provided services will be impacted as well due to employee absences. We must treat Covid-19 as the emergency that it is and mandate the use of masks.

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