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I am inclined towards being in favor of the mandate, mainly because we cannot trust individuals to do the right thing (as is evident by the "we will not comply" individuals.) However, I do recognize and question the legality of such an action, as OpenCharlesCounty would easily pursue another lawsuit, and I don't want you to waste resources in litigation that *could* reduce your efficacy to respond to another viral outbreak. While probably not a possible option, I'd be strongly in favor of pursuing charges of negligent homicide against individuals who intentionally do not wear masks or otherwise take actions to protect their neighbors and other County residents. This would require a much more robust ability to accurately perform contact tracing, however. And would call into question other legal issues. Regardless, I do think it would be worthy of consideration as an alternative to a mandate, by essentially putting the individuals into a position of weighing the pros and cons of their actions in a more accurate light.

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