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I support a mask mandate for Charles County as some individuals have chosen not to get vaccinated and some individuals who for medical reasons cannot get vaccinated; therefore, for the good of all I support a mask mandate. There would be no need for masks mandates if everyone was vaccinated. The other option is to require a mask mandate for the unvaccinated. The mask mandate is the best option for protecting from infection those who have a greater risk for severe medical outcome (i.e. those with underlying conditions, elderly, immuno-compromised) even after having been fully vaccinated and boosted. Omicron is highly contagious. This not a freedom of choice issue but a right to be safe in our community and not be infected by others who are willing to play Russian roulette with their lives and others in the process. Recent data suggest that some persons infected with covid-19 are asymptomatic and capable of spreading the virus unknowingly. Another option other than mask mandate is the use of vaccine passport or recent negative covid test. Please protect Charles County residents especially those of us who vulnerable because of underlying conditions or age. Implement policies to keep us safe and minimize loss of life. After all seat belts are required and not wearing seat belt directly impacts the life of the person not wearing the seat belt and no one else. Where as not wearing a mask impacts the person not masked as well as others within six feet or more distance. I support wearing a mask in public indoor facilities.

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