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Please stop the mask madness! Repeated studies prior to covid 19 stated that masks were an ineffective tool to stop the spread of germs. Masks are useful to stop transmission of fluids into the mouth and nose (eyes are still completely vulnerable); please use reflective thinking - outside of your own children/family, how many times have you had accidental fluid sharing when in the grocery store? Never. Post-Covid studies show effectiveness, but don't generally acknowledge how people were staying home and didn't have the opportunity to spread germs as they would in normal life, and are essentially invalidated with correlational evidence instead of empirical data. These studies wouldn't pass a elementary level science fair. Second, you realize a mask that does not stop odors - passed gas, body odor, stinky sneezes, etc., is not going to stop microscopic germs. Third - we are doing direct harm to our children. With faces covered, it's easier to kidnap children, harder to locate/identify them during searches, and overall risky. Kids in school have lost visual support to support reading (summer school compared to before/after was infinitely better unmasked, and I received zero notifications about spread/exposure). The past almost two years had impacted their immune systems and their education, and we need to stop harming our children with adult fears and worries. Your mandates are harming small businesses in Charles county. Many of the people I know are leaving the county and shopping elsewhere. I'd rather pay to cross the bridge and

shop maskless in Virginia or make the drive to St Mary's, both inconvenient and time consuming, than to wear a mask. It is absolutely acceptable to allow adult human beings to make decisions and choices that directly impact their own health and well being, whether it's vaccinations or masks. I allow my 8 & 11 year olds to make their own choices based on their comfort; mind your own choices, and allow others to do the same.

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