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My first submission had a couple typos so I'm resubmitting my comment. I am against masks. The CDC has even said that cloth masks are ineffective. For me personally, it makes going out in public difficult. Especially if I have to talk to people or ask for help. I have a hard time hearing people in loud, bright, or crowded places due to a sensory processing disorder. I rely on looking at people's faces and mouths while they talk to understand what they're saying. It makes going out very stressful. Even going to the grocery store. Having to ask where something is so difficult because I can't hear the person explaining where to go so I can find what I'm looking for. Many times, I end up leaving without things I need. Wearing masks also effect my family. My husband has major hearing damage from his time in the military and needs to see people's mouths to understand what they're saying. My daughter has anxiety and asthma, and those are both made worse by wearing a mask. When she feels like she can't breathe fully, get anxiety goes up. When her anxiety goes up, she feels like she can't breathe. From there, it gets worse until she's having a panic attack. Please don't turn this into a law. It doesn't work, it's not good for individuals, and it's not good for us as a community. I grew up here, and it was so nice going out smiling at people, getting smiles back, having chitchat with strangers in stores or feeling a little more free to go up to someone to ask a question. It's not like that anymore. People barely acknowledge each other with a head nod. No more friendly

chat as we pass by each other in the stores. People are more closed off while masking their faces. It feels colder in our community. Not like a community anymore, but a bunch of strangers who happen to live in the same area. This is not the warm and friendly La Plata I grew up in.

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