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Im all for continuing the mask mandate. As a grocery worker ive seen so many of my co-workers go out sick from this, some still haven't come back (one was on a ventilator for 6 months & is now a "long hauler" & has to see a specialist). Customers come in hacking & coughing all over w/o a care (some treat us quite nasty but thats another matter entirely)& fuss because they are mildly inconvenienced for 15-20mins wearing a mask while shopping when we are required to wear one for our shift (up to 8hrs)& have a daily temp check w/pic taken w/mask . Theres a reason why we're constantly hiring and having job fairs, its because people are either fed up with how they're being treated ("old timers" fed up with changing rules & "new commers" dont stay because low wages, few hours, & no health insurance until 1 1/2years), or dropping like flies from illness. Next time you go shopping at your local store i recommend taking a look at how many new faces you see start making a tally of how many new faces. At one point we had 9 people out sick at the same time that had to quarantine for 2 weeks & couldn't come back unless tested negative. When the mask mandate was in effect & enforced (after awhile we were told not to enforce because of the shootings that have happened across the country)our numbers were better with less people going out sick. Are the masks 100% effective? No but then again neither is a seatbelt BUT IT DOES HELP. It makes a difference. I recommend calling or visiting our UFCW Local 400 & seeing the #s of workers who have contracted the disease or died you might be shocked. & next time you go shopping at your local grocery store & you don't see your favorite cashier or counter person but a complete stranger in their place stop for a moment & consider why. I have had

friends & family & coworkers get this or even die from it, so i will continue to wear my mask regardless of being vaccinated. With the amount of daily exposure I cant afford to get sick. Thats my stance.

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