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The Board of Commissioners is trying to mandate a practice that does not follow the science of how viral-based illnesses (or pandemics) are spread. Studies throughout the world that followed health care workers and college students in 2009, 2010, 2012, 2016, 2017, 2019, and 2020 all came to the same conclusion: masks and respirators are of little to no benefit with viral-based illnesses. First, the droplets are too small for masks or respirators to be effective, and second, the minimum amount to cause infection is too small—in other words, even one droplet can infect. In addition, virologists have shown that humidity directly affects the effectiveness of the virus. The more humid, the faster the decay, the fewer infected. That is why in the dryer, colder months, transmission increases regardless of any other consideration. Moreover, there are other tertiary effects caused from wearing masks: aerosolized droplets that go directly into the lungs; labored breathing that leads to lethargy due to increased carbon dioxide inhalation; more risk of transmission due to repeated mask wearing/touching, etc. Masks are simply a placebo, and to mandate them is a gross over-reach of government power over the individual's rights to his or her own health decisions.

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