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### Required Face Coverings to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

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#### Comment

I would like to respond to your proposed attempt to reinstitute a Mask Mandate regarding COVID-19. On face value, this is an abuse of power by the Charles County Government and this Mandate is unnecessary. Residents of Charles County can easily go to businesses, churches or non-government entities located in other nearby jurisdictions not covered by your proposed Mask Mandate. They do not need to patron county businesses in order to carry out their daily lives. They also have access to the internet to do their shopping if they do not want to use a mask. It will result in a loss of revenue for county businesses. Many businesses that had to close for substantial periods of time previously barely held on to their businesses. This time, the loss of business may close them permanently or force them to move to other nearby jurisdictions not covered by a Mandate. This proposed Mandate will institute an undue burden on businesses. You are asking these entities to essentially be the police to enforce the Mandate without the powers and financial compensation to enforce it. Inflation is already affecting residents and businesses. If businesses have to pass more of these costs onto their customers, customers will not be able to afford it and go elsewhere. The businesses will have to deal with violent angry customers before a Sheriff's deputy appears on scene. This proposed action is only a revenue generator in the form of civil fines and will not stop the spread of the virus as there will always be cases.

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Thank you,  
**Charles County, MD**

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