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Public Comment - Group 8

**From:** Lee Heller <leehellerk9@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 7:57 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Ansorg, Henning; Do-Reynoso, Van  
**Subject:** support for County Public Health Order Requiring Face Coverings

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**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Board of Supervisors and Public Health Staff,

I am emailing to express my gratitude and STRONG support for Dr. Ansorg's Public Health Order of May 22, 2020, requiring the use of face coverings in places where people gather indoors, or while waiting in lines.

The County's public health policy needs to be based in science -- not in politics or ideology. And the science is increasingly clear: widespread use of face coverings reduces the transmission of COVID 19. This in turn allows us to return to some measure of economic activity while we wait for more permanent solutions to the pandemic (better treatment, vaccines that confer herd immunity).

The CDC initially recommended against face coverings for fear that people would hoard N95 respirators and surgical masks (like they hoard toilet paper). But with increasing evidence that almost any face covering helps to reduce droplet transmission, they are now strongly recommending the use of cloth face coverings:

"CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, such as grocery stores, pharmacies, and gas stations.

- Cloth face coverings may slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others.
- Cloth face coverings can be made from household items."  
 (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>)

A recent metastudy of 104 studies of face coverings came to the following conclusion:

The preponderance of evidence indicates that mask wearing reduces the transmissibility per contact by reducing transmission of infected droplets in both laboratory and clinical contexts. Public mask wearing is most effective at stopping spread of the virus when compliance is high. [italics added] The decreased transmissibility could substantially reduce the death toll and economic impact while the cost of the intervention is low. Thus we recommend the adoption of public cloth mask wearing, as an effective form of source control, in conjunction with existing hygiene, distancing, and contact tracing strategies.  
 (<https://www.preprints.org/manuscript/202004.0203/v1>)

The key point here is that this is an affordable intervention, and that a lot of people need to wear masks for this to work. And **that requires a mandate, until people become comfortable enough that it becomes natural.** (Think seatbelt requirements, or no-smoking in bars and restaurants, habits that developed out of mandates). That's why several states, and many hundreds of cities and counties, have imposed public orders like ours.

Face coverings can include ANYTHING (I saw a man in my post office last week with a t-shirt tied around his face). For those who want sewn masks, there are many affordable options (visit [www.sbcmasknetwork.org/marketplace/](http://www.sbcmasknetwork.org/marketplace/)) and free masks for those in need who can't afford them courtesy of the Santa Barbara Bucket Brigade (which hit 16,000 masks today, in just six weeks!).

I love this County, and want it to have a low case count and a thriving economy. The best way to ensure both is to keep people masked up until we can beat this virus. And this Public Health Order is the necessary means to that end.

Thank you for this and for all you are doing.

Lee E. Heller, Ph.D, J.D.

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**From:** Owen Bailey <owenbailey@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:00 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Ansorg, Henning; Do-Reynoso, Van  
**Subject:** In support of face coverings in Santa Barbara County

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors and Public Health Staff,

I am deeply appreciative of your recent Order, requiring face coverings in retail stores and businesses, as well as in other locations where the public interacts. As someone with a compromised immune system and battling cancer, I am at high risk for COVID-19. Face coverings coupled with social distancing allow my family to feel far more secure when we must leave our home.

While businesses are reopening and County residents have begun to begin to emerge from our homes, COVID-19 remains a significant threat to all. Without any available treatment protocol or vaccine, there will continue to be risk, but your Order has increased public safety. Front-line workers in grocery stores and restaurants, hospitals and medical centers, and in countless other businesses, all deserve to be protected so they can safely return to their families at the end of the day. And face coverings offer them some protection.

I understand that face coverings are far from universally popular, but I applaud you for taking a stand for the health and well-being of all of Santa Barbara County residents and for the continuing enforcement your important Order.

With sincere thanks,

Owen Bailey  
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**From:** Good Farmers Great Neighbors <noreply@123formbuilder.io>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:07 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Supporting County Cannabis Farmers

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**Message** To: Honorable Supervisors of Santa Barbara County  
Supervisor Greg Hart, Chair  
Supervisor Das Williams, District 1  
Supervisor Joan Hartmann, District 3  
Supervisor Peter Adams, District 4  
Supervisor Steve Lavagnino, District 5

Our community has been hit hard by the COVID-19 crisis. Many of our local communities are experiencing double-digit unemployment. As Santa Barbara County continues to practice social distancing and under Governor Newsom's shelter mandate, the future of many local industries and jobs remain uncertain, in particular those in the hospitality and restaurant sectors.

I am writing to acknowledge the work of the county's cannabis industry, which was given an essential business determination by the Governor at the start of this pandemic. Our cannabis farmers have risen to the occasion, not only to bolster the local economy during this time, but additionally taking action to reach across industries in solidarity. As allies in our business community, we intend to continue finding new ways to collaborate and ensure our local independent businesses emerge from this crisis stronger than before.

The North County cannabis farms are working with beloved local eateries and restaurants to ensure they can weather this crisis together. Beloved local establishments such as Industrial Eats, Pattibakes, Floriano's, Herb Home, Los Arroyos, and California Tacos, are part of an effort to provide meals to our workforce through a food delivery service for all cannabis employees located at both farms and other facilities.

As our county looks ahead to potential budget cuts in the not so distant future, given the economic impact of the necessary COVID-19 response, the

importance of tax revenue provided by the cannabis industry becomes increasingly apparent. The tax revenues our county receives will be critical in the coming months to help off-set potential budget cuts to vital government services for communities of color, seniors and other vulnerable populations.

The cannabis farmers of Santa Barbara County are job creators, industry leaders, and valued community members. I urge the Board of Supervisors to recognize their actions to support us during these difficult times.

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**From:** Margaret Lazarus <margaret.lazarus@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 6:36 AM  
**To:** Margaret Lazarus  
**Subject:** Thank you. I support the face mask in public order

Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.

Those of us who are over 60, have any health issues, or just want to be safe, need to be able to go outside to shop and do other essential things. This order makes it safer for us to do so. It shows consideration for fellow citizens and helps slow the infection's spread. Again, thank you.

Margaret Lazarus

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**From:** Antonia Robertson <nzantoniारob@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 6:46 AM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Ansorg, Henning; Do-Reynoso, Van  
**Subject:** Support face masks in public

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Dear Supervisors:

Face masks in public are extremely important for public health in Santa Barbara. Face masks will help stop Covid and allow SB businesses to be open and thus boost the local economy and prevent a second wave.

Please continue to support face masks in public spaces where people congregate..

Antonia Robertson  
Laurence Dworet

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**From:** Sally H <sbhearon@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 7:46 AM  
**Subject:** I firmly support wearing masks

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Good morning,

I am pleased that the County PHD is requiring that people wear masks in businesses and places where people are likely to be in close proximity.

It concerns me that there is some backlash against this ruling.

Various health authorities have concluded that strong compliance with wearing masks is a major factor in limiting the spread of a viral disease. I'm sure that we all want to get through this without increased sickness and death.

On a purely humanitarian level, wearing a mask helps to protect other people, not just ourselves. I am concerned about the workers who must encounter many people every day during this crisis. They deserve our consideration, and wearing masks is our way of protecting them as they serve our needs. How can anyone oppose that act of kindness and concern?

Finally, I am quite sure that most of us will not want to enter a business or building that does not require masks. Everyone I know is a strong supporter of your requirement and feels safer when there is a sign that states "No Mask/No Entry".

Please continue to require masks in businesses and buildings where people are in close proximity.

Thank you,  
Sarah Hearon  
428 Montgomery Street  
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**From:** Good Farmers Great Neighbors <noreply@123formbuilder.io>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 9:57 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
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**From:** Good Farmers Great Neighbors <noreply@123formbuilder.io>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 10:37 AM  
**To:** sbcob  
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**From:** Ted Rhodes <rhodes.ted@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 12:42 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Ansorg, Henning; Do-Reynoso, Van  
**Subject:** In support of the County face covering mandate

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Dear Supervisors & County Public Health staff,

Thank you for issueing a county mandate requiring members of our community to wear face coverings/mask inside businesses and other settings where people gather in lines or tight groupings. As we begin to open back up our County and State, the last thing we want is to cause a resurgence or second spike in Covid-19 cases. I know we all find wearing mask a new, uncustomary, and sometimes annoying practice, but it is a small but prudent price for all of us to bear on this challenging road back to a more healthy and economically vibrant community with the Corona virus still a threat to so many of us.

Thank you for mentoring good common sense, as suggested by our County Health officer.

Sincerely,



Ted Rhodes  
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Carpinteria, Ca 93013

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**From:** Good Farmers Great Neighbors <noreply@123formbuilder.io>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 12:48 PM  
**To:** sbcob  
**Subject:** Supporting County Cannabis Farmers

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**Message** To: Honorable Supervisors of Santa Barbara County  
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Nationally, the leisure and hospitality sectors have lost more than 7.7 million jobs, its worst losses in modern history. In Santa Barbara County, more than 20,000 workers have recently filed unemployment claims, mostly workers in the hospitality and food services, including hotel workers, chefs, waiters and cashiers.

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California Tacos, are part of an effort to provide meals to our workforce through a food delivery service for all cannabis employees located at both farms and other facilities.

To this end, I strongly support all action to explore and advance this incredible opportunity to create wine and cannabis entrepreneur opportunities to bolster our local economies. We are especially interested in attracting a new demographic of consumers into the region that, according to experts, are looking for experience oriented weekend getaways while traveling close to home.

Flying Goat Cellars has been a Santa Barbara County wine business for 20 vintages. We have employed dozens of workers, directly and indirectly, provided edutainment to thousands of visitors, locals and tourists, and hosted a wine club for an untold number of members over the years. Flying Goat Winemaker/Proprietor Norm Yost has served on the Board of Directors for the Santa Barbara County Vintners Association for numerous terms over the past 20 years.

The local wine industry is inherently divisive. Please consider that in spite of a small vocal group of special interests within it, who are attacking the legal cannabis industry and specific individuals, many of us believe that there is room for both wine and cannabis to collaborate and thrive together in our county.

In particular, Women in Cannabis Farming and Wine are already demonstrating leadership in this emerging sector by organizing events, meetings, get togethers and salon-like conversations at both cannabis farms and vineyards. Sara Rotman, co-founder of North County Farmers Guild and Good Farmer Great Neighbors Community Initiative has co-led a series of conversations and discussions sparking an interest to showcase our best-in-class cannabis farms for new visitors and to introduce local sustainable food and wine production for consumption. This is a win-win initial strategy for our community to learn and build a foundation from which new Ag Tourism can grow exponentially.

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Sincerely,

Kate Griffith  
Proprietor/Chief Philosopher  
Flying Goat Cellars

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**From:** Arturo Tello <arturote@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:05 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Ansorg, Henning  
**Cc:** rhodes.ted@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Face Masks

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear Supervisor Williams and Interested health officials:

As a business owner eagerly awaiting the time when art gallery spaces are able to open to the public I want to express my strong support of a face mask mandate for the next couple of months at the very least. I live and work just steps away from the State Beach in Carpinteria and I have seen many people complying with the County and City requirement for wearing the face masks in public, but I have also seen many ignoring the requirement.

Frankly I would not feel safe allowing careless or willfully ignorant people inside my home and gallery.

I know our president is doing his best to set a very bad example in this regard and that "no maskers" are increasingly belligerent in their demands, but I would much rather we err in the side of caution and reason. So please remain steadfast and help our community get past this pandemic as safely as possible.

Thank you for all your efforts to this point.

Sincerely, Arturo Tello, owner of Palm Loft Gallery.



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**From:** Sally Isaacson <sixwildponies@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:16 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Ansorg, Henning; Do-Reynoso, Van  
**Subject:** In Support of mandatory face coverings

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Dear All,

Thank you for your hard work to protect the health of the members of our SB County community.

I feel strongly that we need to have mandatory face coverings. Please do not give in to any pressure from the masses to abandon this health order. We need all of the help we can get to try to slow the spread of COVID 19 and I'm afraid we are already in for a big spike in the next few weeks as people get more casual and start travelling all over the place.

Sincerely,

Sally Isaacson  
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**From:** Andrea Adams-Morden <aadamsmorden@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:46 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Ansorg, Henning; Do-Reynoso, Van  
**Subject:** The Importance of Mandating Face Masks in Public Places

**Caution: This email originated from a source outside of the County of Santa Barbara. Do not click links or open attachments unless you verify the sender and know the content is safe.**

Dear County Representatives:

It is extremely important for you to maintain masks for people in public gathering places. Without these masks, people who need to go to the store, the gas station, post office, medical facility, drug store, will be exposed to Covid 19 infection which could possibly kill them. The CDC has stated that masks can help to limit contamination. People who complain about wearing masks are being selfish. If they can be shown to cause disease then they would be guilty of taking away the civit rights of the people they are infecting possibly by removing their right to life. This is a criminal offence with a jail sentence. It is the civil responsiblity of every citizen to protect the health and life of every other citizen by simple keeping their nose and mouth covered when they are in public. It's just common decency.

Please require everyone to wear masks in public.

Andrea Adams-Morden  
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**From:** Laurence Dworet <ldworet@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, May 29, 2020 1:58 PM  
**To:** sbcob; Williams, Das; Hart, Gregg; Hartmann, Joan; Adam, Peter; Lavagnino, Steve; Ansorg, Henning; Do-Reynoso, Van  
**Subject:** RE: The continuing need for wearing masks in public in Santa Barbara County

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Supervisors and others,

As a medical doctor and the co-writer of the movie OUTBREAK, and as someone quite informed about pandemics and infectious disease, I I urge you continue to have people wear face coverings in congregate settings -- either in buildings or while waiting in lines.

To not do so would be deleterious to the public health.

This is really, at this point in the pandemic, a no-brainer.

Please take responsible action.

Laurence Dworet, M.D.  
Santa Barbara