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Dear Supervisors and Public Health Staff,

Thank you for requiring that face coverings be worn inside businesses and other settings where people gather, as well as while waiting in line. My family and I feel safer because of these requirements. Our elders, diabetics, and people with underlying medical conditions are at greater risk, and need to be protected from people who may be infectious but are not aware they carry the virus. Workers in stores are exposed to people all day long, and need to be protected -- especially essential workers in health care, grocery stores, pharmacies, etc.

The CDC recommendation that face coverings help reduce the spread of the virus: the CDC website now offers the motto, "Your cloth face covering may protect them. Their cloth face covering may protect you." The Royal Society of the UK sponsored study finds: "Face masks could offer an important tool for contributing to the management of community transmission of Covid19 within the general population. Evidence supporting their potential effectiveness comes from analysis of: (1) the incidence of asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic transmission; (2) the role of respiratory droplets in transmission, which can travel as far as 1-2 meters; and (3) studies of the use of homemade and surgical masks to reduce droplet spread. The analysis suggests that their use could reduce onward transmission by asymptomatic and pre-symptomatic wearers if widely used in situations where physical distancing is not possible or predictable, contrasting to the standard use of masks for the protection of wearers. If correctly used on this basis, face masks, including homemade cloth masks, can contribute to reducing viral transmission." (<https://rs-delve.github.io/reports/2020/05/04/face-masks-for-the-general-public.html>)

"Face Masks Against COVID-1: An Evidence Review," which examined over 100 studies of the value of face coverings. It finds face coverings to be an important tool in reducing the spread of COVID 19, concluding: "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. 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>)

Please continue to require face coverings be worn inside businesses and other settings where people gather, as well as while waiting in lines.

Sincerely,
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