



AGENDA NO: B-1 & C-2

MEETING DATE: June 9, 2020

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Honorable Mayor and City Council,

As a third-generation resident of Morro Bay, I am writing this letter to both commend City staff for proactively addressing the economic fallout from CoVid-19 and to express my strong support for agenda items B-1 and C-2. Furthermore, I would like to encourage the City to continue revising land-use policy as it relates to enhancing public space --for both residents and visitors-- and promoting economic development.

As we are all well aware, CoVid-19 has had, and continues to have significant economic fallout to which Morro Bay is no exception. Morro Bay's economy is seasonal, tax revenues reflect this, and when charted they resemble something of a roller coaster. CoVid has undoubtedly affected visitor traffic, of which many of our small businesses are dependent during peak seasons. Embarcadero shops and restaurants are particularly vulnerable because of the increased overhead. Absent immediate and significant intervention, many long-established business models will simply no longer be viable. This will be to the long-term detriment of the City's financial future and to many of the intangible assets our community values -- sense-of-place, small-town character, social capital, etc.

While items B-1 and C-2 are by no means a cure-all, they are at the very least a band-aid in the sense that they allow businesses to operate at an increased capacity they may otherwise be unable to achieve. By repurposing public and private outdoor space (sidewalks, city streets, parking spaces/lots, right-of-way, etc.), businesses can better accommodate seasonal variations in customer traffic, capitalize during peak periods, and better navigate the economic turmoil.

In summary, I would like to encourage the City Council to consider the larger, long-term economic implications of these policy decisions. We are in the midst of an economic emergency, for many of our town's small businesses the need for intervention is immediate and critical. It is not in this community's best interest to allow businesses to fail through paralysis at a policy level. Establishing seating configurations, prioritized parking spaces, and distancing requirements are much easier tasks than rebuilding a small business community.

Sincerely,

-Lorin French

Dana Swanson

From: Don Maruska <don@donmaruska.com>
Sent: Saturday, June 06, 2020 11:26 AM
To: Council
Subject: Please support opportunities for outdoor space for retail and restaurant seating (B1 and C2 on June 9, 2020)

Dear Council,

I hope that the Council, Chamber, and local businesses can work together to create expanded opportunities for local businesses to thrive in this COVID-19 period. The tasteful use of outdoor tables and seating would not only support social distancing but also help the community and visitors see that some welcoming business activity is coming back to life.

I do recall, however, the concerns some years back about the haphazard proliferation of sandwich board signs so I hope the tables and seating will occur in a tasteful way. Accordingly, I recommend that the City staff and Chamber work with a few businesses to model several examples of inviting and tasteful use of the outdoor spaces. Hopefully, these will set an aesthetically pleasing standard that inspires others.

Thank you.

Don Maruska - entrepreneur, author, workshop leader, Master Certified Coach
895 Napa Avenue, Suite A-5, Morro Bay, CA 93442 805-772-4667; fax: 805-772-4697; <https://DonMaruska.com> Author of "How Great Decisions Get Made" and "Take Charge of Your Talent"

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Items B1 & C2

June 6, 2020

City of Morro Bay Attn: Mayor and City Council
595 Harbor Street
Morro Bay, Ca. 93442

Honorable Mayor and City Council

I am writing to express my support for you to take swift action in this time of crisis that is affecting Dutchman's Seafood House and our 28 employees. We all have been gut punched by the COVID -19 pandemic and we are struggling to survive the economic crisis it has brought upon us.

Dutchman's closed on March 19th and we have suffered an 85% drop in revenue. We just recently reopened and we are stringently following all the guidelines and checklists. We are self-certified to operate our restaurant to insure the safety of our customers. The task has been monumental and the road back is tenuous at best given the fact that we can only operate at half our capacity.

I am respectfully asking that you to give staff direction to implement policies for reimagining public spaces that will help our restaurant and my staff survive. The ideas for outdoor dining and sidewalk vending before you enter are nothing new. When implementing additional restaurant seating outdoors and expanding retail areas, businesses are able to recover a percentage of the space lost due to COVID-19 safety precautions. Additionally, I believe that by allowing business to expand outdoors that it will encourage our visitor's easier access to our shops and restaurants and create a more welcoming experience for all. This measure would be a much needed win-win for all business and of course the city alike. It's a no brainer as it will help us all recover with increased businesses also provides additional tax revenue for the City.

Businesses all over Morro Bay are hurting and any additional support the esteemed members of the Council can provide would be greatly appreciated. Please move items B-1 and C-2 forward for approval

Sincerely,

Paul Van Beurden

Dutchman's Seafood House

Dana Swanson

From:
Sent: Saturday, June 06, 2020 1:09 PM
To: John Headding; Dawn Addis; Jeffrey Heller; Marlys McPherson; Robert Davis
Subject: Sidewalk Vending Items B1 & C2

As a restaurant owner who has nothing to gain from the passage of these items (I already have a large outside dining area), I totally support these items.

This will definitely help the recovery effort for those restaurants that have small indoor seating which has now been cut by at least 50%. Each available table will be critical for survival in the near term.

In addition to the economic benefit to the restaurant and the city of more diners, I believe that this lends itself to a more welcoming vibrant visual for the city. Yes we will have the challenges of space on the sidewalk. Much of that can be accommodated by property owners agreeing to share space with neighbors. The visual of outside diners, for me anyway, says "welcome".

There needs to be some level of control so it does not get out of hand, but I believe the individual business owners will take responsibility for this since it will help everyone to add more vibrancy to the environment.

Thanks for your consideration,

Ken MacMillan



AGENDA NO: B-1

MEETING DATE: June 9, 2020

STAFF PRESENTATION

Heather Goodwin

From: Homer Alexander
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 1:57 PM
To: Council
Subject: B-1 Sidewalk Vending

Dear Mayor Headding and City Council Members:

I am writing in reference to B-1 Sidewalk Vending.

I realize you have to pass this so the City's Municipal Code can be updated to conform with State Law. However you might consider deferring the 2nd reading until sometime in the Fall for the following reasons:

~If you look at the pictures of the "carts" included with the Staff's slide presentation (Agenda Correspondence) you can see that these are more than just hot dog stands. Why would the City want to add additional competition for our existing restaurants and ice cream/candy stores?

~ The City Managers Roundtable group discussed adding food at the Rock and the group was opposed. The concern was if food was available some folks would never walk onto the heart of the Embarcadero to buy something or eat at one of the take out restaurants.

~ Cart Vendors will not be paying Tideland Lease rents. The State/City may never see Sales Tax revenue.

~Social distancing could be an issue

~Mr. Irons concerns regarding trash will only be amplified.

If you can defer the 2nd reading thru the summer you will give our existing restaurants a better chance of success this summer

Respectively Submitted

Homer Alexander



City Council

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF
ORDINANCE 634 FOR SIDEWALK
VENDING PERMIT REQUIREMENTS**

JUNE 9, 2020



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Senate Bill 946 – Sidewalk Vending – Purpose

- Protects vulnerable populations by decriminalizing street vending
- Allows cities to establish permitting programs



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Senate Bill 946 – Sidewalk Vending – General Overview

- Senate Bill 946 became effective on January 1, 2019
- The Bill requires local authorities to adopt regulations governing sidewalk vending
- Allows local authorities to establish requirements regulating the time, place and manner of sidewalk vending *if the requirements are directly related to objective health, safety or welfare concerns.*



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MB Sidewalk Vending Ordinance - Summary

- Requires annual permit & fee
- Includes requirements for stationary and roaming sidewalk vendors
- Applies to persons selling merchandise, food or beverages from a non-motorized cart or stationary sales stand.
- Allowed to operate in the public right of way and public parks



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MB Sidewalk Vending Ordinance - Operating Restrictions

- High traffic areas (pedestrian and vehicular traffic)
- Prohibited or limited number of sidewalk vendors allowed in public parks, beaches, public parking lots
- Stationary Sidewalk Vending is prohibited in Residential Areas and on narrow sidewalks



- State owned or managed property (including state highway ROW) requires authorization from the State of California
- Prohibited on pedestrian/Bicycle trails/pathways



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MB Sidewalk Vending Ordinance - Permit Review items

- Cart size & accessories (tables, umbrellas, etc.)
- Trash management/cleanliness of area around cart
- Approval of items to be sold (rental of items prohibited)
- Business conduct of operators
- Fire Safety (review of cooking equipment, methods)
- Visibility of Cart for safety during day and evening hours
- Review of proposed area of operations



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Staff Conclusion/Recommendation

The Sidewalk Vendor ordinance is necessary to implement SB 946 in a manner consistent with the bill, while at the same time providing operational requirements to allow the Sidewalk Vendors to operate safely within Morro Bay.

Council introduce for first reading by number and title only, with further reading waived, Ordinance No. 634, Amending Title 5 of the Morro Bay Municipal code, adding Chapter 5.60 - Sidewalk Vendors, and amending Chapters 5.08.150(A)(I), 5.40.020 and 10.40.120 to regulate sidewalk vendors within the City of Morro Bay



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AGENDA NO: C-2

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STAFF PRESENTATION



City Council

**OUTDOOR DINING AND SALE PROGRAM
TO ADDRESS ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF
COVID-19**

JUNE 9, 2020



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Expand Blanket Encroachment Permit Program and Temporary Use Permit (TUP) Program

- Allow outdoor seating/sales on City sidewalks and other public areas
- Allow outdoor seating/sales on private property



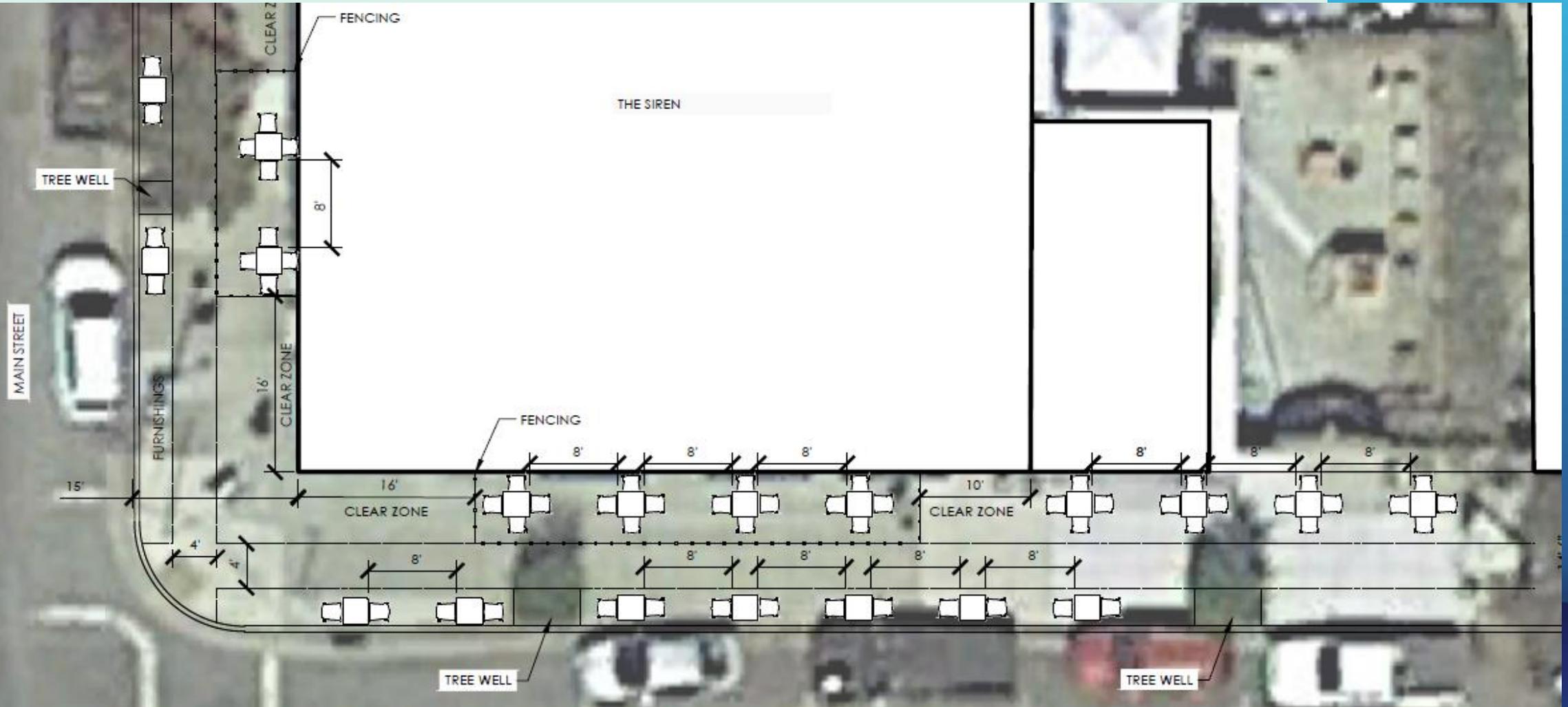
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Expand Blanket Encroachment Permit Program

- Program was established in July of 1998 by Resolution to allow placement of table/chairs and planters in the downtown
- Expand program to all 4 commercial districts
- Eliminate 2 table limitation
- Allow outdoor retail sales
- Eliminate requirement to bring table in at night
- There is potential that alcohol could be served at outdoor seating areas (ABC license)
- No Fee



Expand Blanket Encroachment Permit Program



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Temporary Use Permit Program to Allow Businesses to expand into private outdoor areas

- TUP regulations are found in section 17.30.050
- Temporarily allow use of outdoor areas on private property for expanded seating or sales opportunities
- Allow use of up to 50% of existing private parking lots for outdoor seating/sales opportunities
- Temporarily waive parking requirement for expanded use areas
- Temporarily waive \$292 TUP fee
- TUP good for 6-months



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Conclusion

- The Chamber in conjunction with the City conducted several zoom outreach meetings with our business community and there was strong interest in allowing expanded opportunities for outdoor seating and sales.
- Staff recommends adoption of Resolution 48-20 approving the expanded Blanket Encroachment Permit and TUP programs to make use of outdoor areas both on private and public property for seating and retail sales



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Heather Goodwin

From: Jamie Irons
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 8:29 AM
To: Council
Cc: Dana Swanson; Scot Graham
Subject: item C-2

Dear Council,

I will preface my comments regarding item C-2 with a cursory view of the staff report and proposed ordinance, albeit I may have missed some of the details of the ordinance.

As I read the Resolution it is prefaced by the current crisis of COVID-19 and the need to help businesses recover. While I agree and support ideas and actions to aid in economic recovery I ask Council to consider some options on such ordinance.

First, if the ordinance is driven by an expedited need of urgency then adopt with a sunset or requirement for annual review.

Second, with the increase of take out food as a result of restaurant businesses adapting during this COVID crisis has our city trash receptacles overflowing daily. Please require every outdoor dining area to provide trash and recycle containers with closed covers to prevent birds from raiding trash containers for food.

Third, and lastly require 6' clearance for walking and access and or no tables on curbside.

Like many of you on Council who walk about town we all observe things we enjoy and things that need improving. I am aware of Council Member Davis doing his daily walks and rides from Strava (thanks Red and Kudos) and Council Member McPherson walking the waterfront, not that all of you are out and about but Red and Marlys I see most frequently. Outdoor dining though enjoyable is the messiest. The use of disposable and non-disposal products generated by food and eatery's that litter the City on a daily basis is increasing. Pre - COVID on one of our walks on the waterfront there was a trash can overflowing with food containers and debris onto the sidewalk less than 30' away from a restaurant with outdoor dining. We went to the restaurant and asked for a trash bag to clean it up. It amazes me that within eyesight that a business would allow that to happen even if it is a public trash container.

Several years ago now the City underwent a Downtown Specific Plan workshop. In the workshop participant were given disposable cameras to photograph things they liked and things they didn't. The camera's were color coded red and green, it was clever. As a result the photo's were posted at the next workshop for viewing. The reason I bring this up is that a photo was taken of the sidewalk of Top Dog's Cafe showing the outdoor seating and plants. The walkway opening was narrow much like the proposed 4' of the ordinance you are considering. Interestingly many photo's were from a green (like) camera and many from a red (dislike) camera.

Another story from a downtown business of a customer trying to get out the car on the passenger side but couldn't because the curbside dining was blocking the door. Surprisingly the dining patrons wouldn't move or consider helping a elderly woman out of the car and things became heated. The neighboring business owner (not the restaurant) came out to take care of things.

To summarize, we all want to enjoy our community and prosper. The sidewalk is public and I ask that we maintain a comfortable area of 6' to move safely and require and maintain trash receptacles to keep our City and environment clean, after all, we are all in this together.

Sincerely, Jamie Irons

From:
To: [Council](#); [Scott Collins](#); [Scot Graham](#)
Subject: Outdoor seating C-2
Date: Friday, June 5, 2020 2:29:22 PM

Hello, All,

While I am certainly in favor of helping our restaurants, I have concerns with the examples in the report. With seating on both sides of the sidewalk, there is no way pedestrians walking past can be 6' distant from either side. People at the tables will obviously not be wearing masks, so it puts pedestrians at risk.

I assume there would be seating only in front of restaurants, so that access to other businesses remains clear.

Just some thoughts to consider.

Janice



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AGENDA NO: C-3

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Heather Goodwin

From: Dana Swanson
Sent: Tuesday, June 9, 2020 11:38 AM
To: Heather Goodwin
Subject: FW: Public Comment for June 9th City Council Meeting

From: Nicole Dorfman <nicole@briandorfman.com>
Sent: Sunday, June 07, 2020 9:57 PM
To: John Headding <jheadding@morrobayca.gov>; Jeffrey Heller <jheller@morrobayca.gov>; Dawn Addis <daddis@morrobayca.gov>; Marlys McPherson <mmcpherson@morrobayca.gov>; Robert Davis <rdavis@morrobayca.gov>
Cc: Scott Collins <scollins@morrobayca.gov>; Maggie Ragatz <>; sdegerer . <>
Subject: Public Comment for June 9th City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor Headding and City Council Members,

We are writing to comment on item C-3 for your meeting on Tuesday, June 9th. This item regards citywide recommendations for face coverings.

For this purpose, we are forwarding a letter written by a local woman with two young children and have included her extensive reference list and links to research on the topic.

We realize this is a difficult issue and urge you to base your decision on the best scientific understanding of the matter and not on emotion or public opinion. Thank you for your careful consideration of all the data and for keeping cool heads while discussing this sensitive matter.

Sincerely,
Nicole and Brian Dorfman
Maggie and Gabe Ragatz
Sara and Travis Semmes

"As a parent of two children with asthma, I've been looking into the pros and cons of wearing non-medical grade masks in response to the Novel Coronavirus. I understand that people want to feel safe, but I also believe it is important to address more than feelings and consider the issue with reason and research.

It turns out feeling safe may be the sole benefit of wearing non-medical grade masks in public. Experts warn that this false sense of security may actually be counterproductive to the goal of individual and community health.

Thus far San Luis Obispo County residents have successfully "flattened the curve" in lieu of a public mask mandate by engaging in social distancing and extra sanitary procedures like more frequent hand-washing. According to San Luis Obispo's County Public Health Director, Dr. Penny Borenstein, "[Supporting evidence is not strong enough to issue an order to mandate the use of cloth masks at this time... Consumer preference is already accomplishing this in most parts of the county.](#)"

Those who find comfort in masks should be welcome to wear them, but those who feel that wearing a mask is not in their best interest should remain free to decide for themselves and their family. I urge you to advocate for choice when it comes to wearing masks."

SCIENTIFIC STUDIES:

A cluster randomized trial of cloth masks compared with medical masks in healthcare workers

“Conclusions:

This study is the first Randomized Controlled Trial of cloth masks, and the results **caution against the use of cloth masks**. This is an important finding to inform occupational health and safety. Moisture retention, reuse of cloth masks and poor filtration may **result in increased risk of infection**. Further research is needed to inform the widespread use of cloth masks globally.”

<https://bmjopen.bmj.com/content/5/4/e006577?fbclid=IwAR0aFlpWPt-Tclhixx6PuEgCfBAwFr3FetkZGlu2kqIxBNIP-yKHjnX-6g>

Data do not back cloth masks to limit COVID-19, experts say

“Homemade fabric masks may capture large respiratory droplets, but there is no evidence they impede the transmission of aerosols implicated in the spread of COVID-19” https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/04/data-do-not-back-cloth-masks-limit-covid-19-experts-say?fbclid=IwAR0K56scOhNy1StrqhpUrD7DnH5S3j57ZWFqFzAcjy_s9R6B7j40Y7TBoiE

https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/04/data-do-not-back-cloth-masks-limit-covid-19-experts-say?fbclid=IwAR0K56scOhNy1StrqhpUrD7DnH5S3j57ZWFqFzAcjy_s9R6B7j40Y7TBoiE

Testing the Efficacy of Homemade Masks: Would They Protect in an Influenza Pandemic?

Improvised homemade face masks may be used to help protect those who could potentially, for example, be at occupational risk from close or frequent contact with symptomatic patients. However, these masks would provide the wearers little protection from microorganisms from other persons who are infected with respiratory diseases. As a result, we would not recommend the use of homemade face masks as a method of reducing transmission of infection from aerosols.

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7108646/pdf/S1935789313000438a.pdf>

WHO: Advice on the use of masks in the context of COVID-19

“The following potential risks of public wearing of masks should be carefully taken into account (for the use of mask by healthy people in the community setting) in any decision-making process:

- self-contamination that can occur by touching and reusing contaminated mask
- depending on type of mask used, potential breathing difficulties
- false sense of security, leading to potentially less adherence to other preventive measures such as physical distancing and hand hygiene
- diversion of mask supplies and consequent shortage of mask for health care workers
- diversion of resources from effective public health measures, such as hand hygiene”

[https://www.who.int/publications-detail/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-\(2019-ncov\)-outbreak](https://www.who.int/publications-detail/advice-on-the-use-of-masks-in-the-community-during-home-care-and-in-healthcare-settings-in-the-context-of-the-novel-coronavirus-(2019-ncov)-outbreak)

Effectiveness of Surgical and Cotton Masks in Blocking SARS–CoV-2: A Controlled Comparison in 4 Patients

“Virus-contaminated aerosols can pass through cloth and medical masks with coughing and sneezing...

In conclusion, both **surgical and cotton masks seem to be ineffective in preventing the dissemination of SARS–CoV-2 from the coughs of patients with COVID-19** to the environment and external mask surface.”

<https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-1342>

Facemasks and similar barriers to prevent respiratory illness such as COVID-19: A rapid systematic review

“The evidence is not sufficiently strong to support widespread use of facemasks as a protective measure against COVID-19.”

<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2020.04.01.20049528v1>

HARM ASSOCIATED WITH WEARING MASKS:

Chinese students die after running in masks

"Two Chinese teenagers died of sudden cardiac arrest last month after running while wearing face masks during physical education classes. Chinese education authorities reportedly have cancelled running events for this term after tentatively concluding that wearing masks during physical education (PE) caused the deaths."

https://www.koreatimes.co.kr/www/world/2020/05/683_289061.html

Two boys drop dead in China while wearing masks during gym class

"The students, who were both 14, were each running laps for a physical examination test when they suddenly collapsed on the track."

<https://youtu.be/F6B96XoBboc>

Driver in NJ crash may have passed out from wearing N95 mask too long

"Police said the driver apparently passed out behind the wheel "due to insufficient oxygen intake/excessive carbon dioxide intake."

<https://6abc.com/amp/n95-mask-car-crash-medical-ask-coronavirus-news/6129475/?fbclid=IwAR1UXQcVPJFkioTrFtxvISrQK9roCOrNCOEeggTtEtASO-X2U8EuKqUXe94>

The data is in — stop the panic and end the total isolation

"In fact, infected people without severe illness are the immediately available vehicle for establishing widespread immunity. By transmitting the virus to others in the low-risk group who then generate antibodies, they block the network of pathways toward the most vulnerable people, ultimately ending the threat. Extending whole-population isolation would directly prevent that widespread immunity from developing."

<https://thehill.com/opinion/healthcare/494034-the-data-are-in-stop-the-panic-and-end-the-total-isolation>

ARTICLES:

"Masks-for-all for COVID-19 not based on sound data"

The center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy says, "We do not recommend requiring the general public who do not have symptoms of COVID-19-like illness to routinely wear cloth or surgical masks because:

- There is no scientific evidence they are effective in reducing the risk of SARS-CoV-2 transmission
- Their use may result in those wearing the masks to relax other distancing efforts because they have a sense of protection
- We need to preserve the supply of surgical masks for at-risk healthcare workers."

<https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/04/commentary-masks-all-covid-19-not-based-sound-data>

"Masks: Are There Benefits or Just a Comfort Prop? Let the Facts Speak"

"So, in summary, mask-wearing can be dangerous and is shown over and over again to be ineffective. It appears masks are more effective in helping to spread illness, by providing a surface for viruses to collect on, like carrying a petri dish in front of your face. According to the Americans with Disabilities Act, if wearing a mask poses a mental or physical risk, there are exemptions. So please don't mandate them to attend school, and please don't teach the masses to hate and shame those that do not comply. This conditioning leads people to be more willing to follow irrational orders and do things without questioning authority, or logic, in the future. When there is a risk, there should always be a choice."

<https://www.healingwithouthurting.com/single-post/2020/05/21/Masks-Are-There-Benefits-or-Just-a-Comfort-Prop-Let-the-Facts-Speak>

"Masks Don't Work: A review of science relevant to COVID-19 social policy"

"There have been extensive randomized controlled trial (RCT) studies, and meta-analysis reviews of RCT studies, which all show that masks and respirators do not work to prevent respiratory influenza-like illnesses, or respiratory illnesses believed to be transmitted by droplets and aerosol particles."

https://www.researchgate.net/publication/340570735_Masks_Don't_Work_A_review_of_science_relevant_to_COVID-19_social_policy

"Wearing masks may increase your risk of coronavirus infection, expert says"

"Dr. Jenny Harries, England's deputy chief medical officer, has warned that it was not a good idea for the public to wear face masks..."

<https://www.news-medical.net/news/20200315/Wearing-masks-may-increase-your-risk-of-coronavirus-infection-expert-says.aspx>

"Cloth masks—dangerous to your health?"

"The widespread use of cloth masks by healthcare workers may actually put them at increased risk of respiratory illness and viral infections and their global use should be discouraged, according to a UNSW study."

<https://medicalxpress.com/news/2015-04-masksdangerous-health.html>

"Does wearing a mask while traveling ward off illness? Here's what experts say"

"There isn't a lot of data to support if there is any benefit to wearing a mask in the public setting. It is currently unclear," advised Dr. Jonathan Grein, a board-certified infectious disease physician and director of Hospital Epidemiology at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles."

<https://abcnews.go.com/Health/wearing-mask-traveling-ward-off-illness-experts/story?id=68502930>

"Masks may actually increase your coronavirus risk if worn improperly, Surgeon General warns"

"US Surgeon General Dr. Jerome Adams not only wants people to stop buying facemasks to prevent the novel coronavirus, but warns that you actually might increase your risk of infection if facemasks are not worn properly."

<https://www.cnn.com/2020/03/02/health/surgeon-general-coronavirus-masks-risk-trnd/index.html>

"Covid-19: These doctors are saying face masks may do more harm than good"

"According to the chairwoman of the Public Health Committee for the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Dr. Julie Vaishampayan, masks should be considered as "the last line of defence" that could contribute to a false sense of security for wearers.

She said: "We worry about people feeling they're getting more protection from the mask than they really are. Washing your hands and avoiding people who are ill is way more important than wearing a mask."

<http://theindependent.sg/covid-19-these-doctors-are-saying-face-masks-may-do-more-harm-than-good/>

"Dr Blaylock: Face Masks Pose Serious Risks To The Healthy"

"Now that we have established that there is no scientific evidence necessitating the wearing of a face mask for prevention, are there dangers to wearing a face mask, especially for long periods? Several studies have indeed found significant problems with wearing such a mask. This can vary from headaches, to increased airway resistance, carbon dioxide accumulation, to hypoxia, all the way to serious life-threatening complications."

<https://www.technocracy.news/blaylock-face-masks-pose-serious-risks-to-the-healthy/>

"Neurosurgeon Says Face Masks Pose Serious Risk to Healthy People"

"Blaylock says studies have also shown that face masks impair oxygen intake dramatically, potentially leading to serious problems."

<https://pjmedia.com/news-and-politics/megan-fox/2020/05/14/neurosurgeon-says-face-masks-pose-serious-risk-to-healthy-people-n392431>

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From:
To: [Council](#)
Date: Sunday, June 7, 2020 6:27:04 AM

Please enact a mask order for our city. On the weekends, the tourists are everywhere and few wear masks. My fear is that they will infect our workers in restaurants, grocery stores etc and that it will be passed on to our residents. With the large elderly population, it would be a disaster. I and others feel trapped in our homes on the weekends. Thank you, Patti Anderson

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Dana Swanson

From: Ric Deschler
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Council
Subject: Agenda Item C-3 Face masks

Dear Mayor and Members of Council,

So far our area has been lucky with a low infection and death rate from the COVID-19 pandemic. This is no time to assume that we will stay so lucky.

Santa Barbara and Monterey counties have implemented the use of mandatory face coverings. Please read their ordinances carefully and consider a variation of mandatory face coverings for Morro Bay. I would encourage that you mandate that all open businesses require the use of face coverings for all employees.

We are a tourist destination and with our bordering coastal counties mandating face coverings on everyone, all of the careless and irresponsible tourists from out of the area will be coming to our county and city because it is only suggested. I know enforcement of the tourists would be a difficult situation but we can at least reduce the potential spread of the virus by controlling their interactions at our businesses.

I had take-out from the Lil' Hut the other night and those preparing the food were not wearing masks. That is scary.

I picked up some medicine at Morro Drug and Gift and those preparing the drugs were not wearing masks. This is ridiculous and unacceptable.

The minor inconvenience of wearing a face covering for the next month or so is the only way to realistically keep our local citizens safe. All businesses that are operating, with the exceptions as cited in Santa Barbara's ordinance, must mandate the use of face coverings.

You are the only ones that can keep our community healthy while we transition to an economic recovery. Recognize that we are getting people from all over the state coming to our town. We can't control that. But, mandatory face coverings on our business employees is the simplest and safest route to go.

Thank you,

Ric Deschler

Heather Goodwin

Subject: FW: Public Comment for June 9th MB City Council Meeting

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Subject: Public Comment for June 9th MB City Council Meeting

Dear Mayor & Council Members of Morro Bay,

I became aware this evening that tomorrow you will be discussing the recommendation for city-wide usage of face masks & I would like to share my experience, learnings & thoughts on the subject for you to consider. I don't recall ever being moved to write in about anything before but this subject is very important to me.

I am a long-time member of our community. I moved to Morro Bay in 1987 when I was 13. My husband was born & raised here & our family is one of the original families of Morro Bay. We have an 11-year-old daughter & I am saddened about how many things have changed since she was born.

There are many stores that we are required to wear masks in; Albertsons, Costco & Whole Foods are the ones I have been in. Last week my daughter & I went to Whole Foods & Costco for groceries. We were in Whole Foods for 15-20 minutes & when we came out we felt tired. We took our masks off & then headed to Costco where we had to put them right back on. We were probably in Costco for 45-50 Minutes & we felt very tired, kept yawning & could not catch a good breath & I also got a headache. The moment we stepped outside we could not get our masks off fast enough for some fresh air. We had to sit for a bit before I felt clear-headed enough to drive.

We breathe in oxygen & breathe out carbon dioxide, which plants utilize & in turn they produce more oxygen for us to breathe in; it's symbiotic. We are not supposed to keep rebreathing our carbon dioxide; our bodies don't work that way, we expel it because we need more fresh oxygen & when we don't receive it, we become fatigued, light-headed, lethargic & that can all quickly lead to fainting, cardiac arrest & many other issues.

Please research the increase in hospitals admitting higher numbers of patients with respiratory issues & also car accident victims due to mask wearers fainting behind the wheel. Now, not only do we have to look out for drunk drivers but masked drivers too.

I am the bookkeeper/HR/office manager for a local landscape design & build company. Last year we had a consultation with an OSHA representative to update our employee binders & IIPP. When we got to the mask/respirator section, he stated that masks do not filter out all of the particulates & they are even less effective if the wearer has facial hair because there is no ability for a tight seal. He also said that when you buy masks for your crew, you are helping with some filtration, but the real investment is in the peace of mind for your employees because they feel taken care of.

I also want to bring up those of us who have issues wearing masks. My husband is a life-long asthmatic & having his airway impinged upon by wearing a mask is extremely risky. I was abused as a child & having anything covering my face especially my mouth is traumatic & I physically feel fear as if I am back to my

childhood & I feel the panic of fight or flight. What would the mandate look like for us? Would we have to get doctor's notes & carry them with us everywhere we go to show officers why we don't have a mask on?

I know Covid already went through our household in January; please research Covid Toes. I had the mysterious crazy itchy red bumps on my toes & some of my toes were purple. I felt under the weather with flu-like symptoms, I slept a lot & my mind was foggy; I could not think of simple words. After a few weeks all of my symptoms were gone. So I'm not worried about contracting Covid-19 & I'm not worried about passing it on to other people. Also, there is a large number of people who have already contracted & recovered from it because their bodies fought it off, just like mine did.

If there are people who are afraid to be exposed to Covid-19 because of their immune system or just out of plain fear, by all means they are welcome to hole up in their houses & wear masks when they are out & about. But the rest of us should be allowed to freely live without fear & mask free.

I am worried about the thought of losing the right to walk outside & get fresh air. We live in a beautiful community with clean salty air & we need to get out & breathe it in. Our bodies need the sun, exercise & fresh air to be well. Please do not try to take that away from us...stay in your lane. My family will not abide if you decide to try to strong-arm us into wearing masks outside when we should be breathing in the ocean breeze.

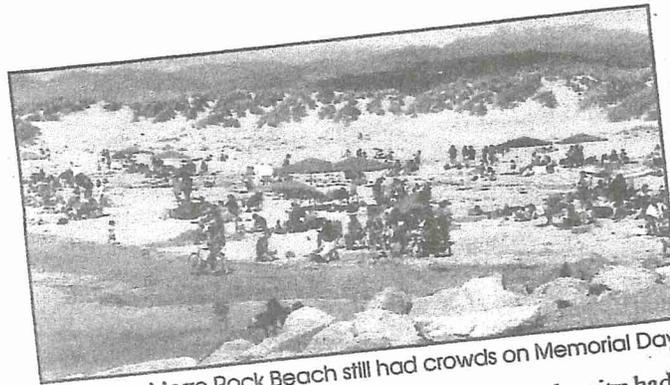
Thank you for your time,
Jeanette Stocking

JUN 08 2020

I read in the local paper you're considering a policy regarding face masks. Please follow the actual "science" as they say. Face masks do not help stop Covid-19 and they can actually harm healthy people.

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If people want to wear a face mask, that's their choice, but it should not be required. Breathing in fresh air and being outside is the best medicine!



Morro Rock Beach still had crowds on Memorial Day.

Bay City Manager Scott Collins estimates that the city had similar numbers of visitors to last year.

"Personally, I don't think now is the time to travel, and that perspective aligns with the State shelter at home order and messaging from the City and County," Collins said. "However, it's largely a personal decision at this point, because we are not under marital law. For the past several weekends, with temperatures rising and the orders still in place, many folks determined for themselves and their family, that travel to the coast was appropriate."

Collins said he understands the frustration some folks have watching large numbers of tourists coming to the area, but added "visitors are abiding by social distancing as we have seen from drone footage above the beach and Embarcadero."

Facemasks were not prevalent on people out and about during two trips taken by this reporter to the Embarcadero and Morro Rock Beach. Collins said the City Council would consider mask policies at their June 9 meeting.

Neurosurgeon Says Face Masks Pose Serious Risk to Healthy People

By [Megan Fox](#) May 14, 2020 6:09 PM EST

Every Karen on Facebook is [shaming her neighbors for not wearing a face mask](#). We are being told by governors that if we don't wear masks we are selfish, horrible human beings with no souls who want Grandma to die a horrible death. Police are tackling people [who don't wear face masks properly in the subway](#). Grocery stores are throwing maskless people out and denying them service.

But now, there's another doctor weighing in—besides Dr. Fauci, ruler of us all, [who also said face masks are largely security theater and of no use to the healthy](#). Dr. Russell Blaylock, a neurosurgeon, [has written an editorial](#) saying that “masks pose serious risks to the healthy.”

First, Blaylock says, there is no scientific evidence that masks are effective against COVID-19 transmission. Pro-science people should care about this.

As for the scientific support for the use of face mask, a recent careful examination of the literature, in which 17 of the best studies were analyzed, concluded that, “None of the studies established a conclusive relationship between mask/respirator use and protection against influenza infection.” Keep in mind, no studies have been done to demonstrate that either a cloth mask or the N95 mask has any effect on transmission of the COVID-19 virus. Any recommendations, therefore, have to be based on studies of influenza virus transmission. And, as you have seen, there is no conclusive evidence of their efficiency in controlling flu virus transmission.

It is also instructive to know that until recently, the CDC did not recommend wearing a face mask or covering of any kind, unless a person was known to be infected, that is, until recently. Non-infected people need not wear a mask. When a person has TB we have them wear a mask, not the entire community of non-infected. The recommendations by the CDC and the WHO are not based on any studies of this virus and have never been used to contain any other virus pandemic or epidemic in history.

Beyond the lack of scientific data to support wearing a mask as a deterrent to a virus, Blaylock says the more pressing concern is what can and will happen to the wearer.

Now that we have established that there is no scientific evidence necessitating the wearing of a face mask for prevention, are there dangers to wearing a face mask, especially for long periods? Several studies have indeed found significant problems with wearing such a mask. This can vary from headaches, to increased airway resistance, carbon dioxide accumulation, to hypoxia, all the way to serious life-threatening complications.

There are studies to back that claim up.

In one such study, researchers surveyed 212 healthcare workers (47 males and 165 females) asking about presence of headaches with N95 mask use, duration of the headaches, type of headaches and if the person had preexisting headaches.

They found that about a third of the workers developed headaches with use of the mask, most had preexisting headaches that were worsened by the mask wearing, and 60% required pain medications for relief. As to the cause of the headaches, while straps and pressure from the mask could be causative, the bulk of the evidence points toward hypoxia and/or hypercapnia as the cause.

That is, a reduction in blood oxygenation (hypoxia) or an elevation in blood CO₂ (hypercapnia). It is known that the N95 mask, if worn for hours, can reduce blood oxygenation as much as 20%, which can lead to a loss of consciousness, as happened to the hapless fellow driving around alone in his car wearing an N95 mask, causing him to pass out, and to crash his car and sustain injuries.

I am sure that we have several cases of elderly individuals or any person with poor lung function passing out, hitting their head. This, of course, can lead to death.

A more recent study involving 159 healthcare workers aged 21 to 35 years of age found that 81% developed headaches from wearing a face mask. Some had pre-existing headaches that were precipitated by the masks. All felt like the headaches affected their work performance.

Blaylock says studies have also shown that face masks impair oxygen intake dramatically, potentially leading to serious problems.

The importance of these findings is that a drop in oxygen levels (hypoxia) is associated with an impairment in immunity. Studies have shown that hypoxia can inhibit the type of main immune cells used to fight viral infections called the CD4+ T-lymphocyte.

This occurs because the hypoxia increases the level of a compound called hypoxia inducible factor-1 (HIF-1), which inhibits T-lymphocytes and stimulates a powerful immune inhibitor cell called the Tregs. . This sets the stage for contracting any infection, including COVID-19 and making the consequences of that infection much graver. In essence, your mask may very well put you at an increased risk of infections and if so, having a much worse outcome.

In other words, if you wear a face mask and contract some sickness, you will not be able to fight it off as effectively as if you had normal blood oxygen levels. The mask could make you sicker. It could also create a “deadly cytokine storm” in some.

There is another danger to wearing these masks on a daily basis, especially if worn for several hours. When a person is infected with a respiratory virus, they will expel some of the virus with each breath.

If they are wearing a mask, especially an N95 mask or other tightly fitting mask, they will be constantly rebreathing the viruses, raising the concentration of the virus in the lungs and the nasal passages. We know that people who have the worst reactions to the coronavirus have the highest concentrations of the virus early on. And this leads to the deadly cytokine storm in a selected number.

How about cancer, heart attacks, and strokes? Blaylock says face masks can make all of those conditions worse.

People with cancer, especially if the cancer has spread, will be at a further risk from prolonged hypoxia as the cancer grows best in a microenvironment that is low in oxygen. Low oxygen also promotes inflammation which can promote the growth, invasion and spread of cancers. Repeated episodes of hypoxia has been proposed as a significant factor in atherosclerosis and hence increases all cardiovascular (heart attacks) and cerebrovascular (strokes) diseases.

If that’s not bad enough, how would you like COVID-19 *in your brain*?

It gets even more frightening. Newer evidence suggests that in some cases the virus can enter the brain. In most instances it enters the brain by way of the olfactory nerves (smell nerves), which connect directly with the area of the brain dealing with recent memory and memory consolidation. By wearing a mask, the exhaled viruses will not be able to escape and will concentrate in the nasal passages, enter the olfactory nerves and travel into the brain.

Why is it that we only listen to dire predictions from Dr. Fauci and we don’t consult other experts in the field of medicine? Is Anthony Fauci the only qualified person to talk about this virus? Furthermore, if he is, he agrees with Dr. Blaylock that only sick people should wear them and he said so on *60 Minutes*. So why aren’t we listening to him?

There have been several great columns on the debate over mask-wearing in public. Scott McKay at the American Spectator explains why the mask is essentially useless: the mask is not an adequate defense against the COVID-19 virus, gang. The virus checks in at somewhere between 0.06 and 0.14 microns, meaning it's too small for any commercially available mask to effectively filter it out. The pores on an N95 mask, which are the best masks you're reasonably going to find, and the vast, vast majority of you are going to have not N95 masks, but rather cloth masks, which perform far less well, are 0.3 microns."

Woodstock occurred in middle of Hong Kong Flu pandemic...

Posted by Kane on May 9, 2020 1:56 am



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The Hong Kong Flu (H3N2) of 1968, killed 1 million worldwide, and 100,000 in the US, most excess deaths being in people 65+ (via the CDC). Nothing changed economically, nothing closed, no social distancing, no masks. No one was considered selfish then.



Woodstock Occurred in the Middle of a Pandemic

This story circulated a few days ago...

The 1968-70 pandemic was caused by an influenza A (H3N2) virus comprised of two genes from an avian influenza A virus, including a new H3 hemagglutinin, but also contained the N2 neuraminidase from the 1957 H2N2 virus. It was first noted in the United States in September 1968. The estimated number of deaths was 1 million worldwide and about 100,000 in the United States. Most excess deaths were in people 65 years and older. The H3N2 virus continues to circulate worldwide as a seasonal influenza A virus. Seasonal H3N2 viruses, which are

About That (Face) Unmasking

"There is no reason to be walking around wearing a mask." —*Dr. Anthony Fauci*

Mark Alexander · May 29, 2020



My friend [Mark Green](#), Republican representative for Tennessee, pointed me to a recent article in the *New England Journal of Medicine* that had piqued his interest. I followed that lead because Mark is, shall I say, at the high mark on the intelligence curve — something I can't say about most members of Congress. He is a USMA graduate ('86), a former Army Ranger with the 82nd Airborne Division, holds a graduate degree, and is a medical doctor. He did combat tours in both [OEF](#) and [OIF](#) as a Special Operations Flight Surgeon assigned to the 160th Special Ops Aviation Regiment.

That is all to say, when Mark suggests the review of a medical report, I'm on it.

The NEJM report in question is "[Universal Masking in Hospitals in the Covid-19 Era](#), which regards the efficacy of requiring all medical staff in hospitals to wear protective masks. I will leave that debate to the medical professionals, though suffice it to say, every physician and nurse among our family and friends believes that masking in hospitals is an important safety measure.

But what in this report should be of interest to *everyone* regarding the use of masks *outside* of hospitals is the second paragraph, where the authors note: "We know that wearing a mask outside health care facilities offers little, if any, protection from infection. Public health authorities define a significant exposure to Covid-19 as face-to-face contact within 6 feet with a patient with symptomatic Covid-19 that is sustained for at least a few minutes (and some say more than 10 minutes or even 30 minutes). The chance of catching Covid-19 from a passing interaction in a public space is therefore minimal. In many cases, the desire for widespread masking is a reflexive reaction to anxiety over the pandemic."

Task Force expert Dr. Anthony Fauci declared in March, “There is no reason to be walking around wearing a mask. When you are in the middle of an outbreak, wearing a mask might make people feel better and might even block a droplet, but it’s not providing the perfect protection people think it is, and often there are unintended consequences.”

In April, the CDC clarified its position on using cloth masks. Despite the fact the masks being worn by almost all people outside of hospitals are *not* surgical standard N-95 respirators, which the more recent NEJM report notes “offers little, if any, protection from infection,” the CDC “recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain.”

Bottom line: Feel free to wear a mask, especially if your governor is going to throw you in jail if you don’t. But regardless, if you *are* symptomatic, have the common decency and courtesy to stay home — to stay away from other people in accordance with the basic CDC guidelines. I learned those guidelines from my first-grade elementary school teacher, Mrs. Howell. Apparently some of Ralph Northam’s constituents did not get that far...

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