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To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

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Subject masks on buses

Meeting (if known)

Comments

Dear your worship and city councillors:

Although I do not ride the bus these days, I think you should cancel the face mask mandate for city buses. Yes, face masks 'work' in the sense that they catch droplets and likely a portion of smaller aerosols—and remember a typical coronavirus is in the neighbourhood of 0.1 micrometer in size, much smaller than the weave of a typical face mask. But, in any jurisdiction where the mandate was imposed—here, in other provinces and countries—usually as a reaction to rising case numbers and hospitalizations, they made no difference to the trajectory. Graphs showing the waves of infection and when restrictions were instituted are readily available on the internet and they show the failure of every kind of measure. And that includes things imposed at the municipal level here such as closing playgrounds, taping off the railway bridge walkway, closing tennis courts and other things that poorly informed individuals in positions of authority carried out. Some lessons should have been learned by now.

Unfortunately, as with everything covid, face masks became irrevocably politicized, to the extent that bona fide scientific articles and meta-analyses that concluded they did not do what they were intended to do were forcibly retracted. Technical studies that promoted their usefulness were quickly shown to be poorly designed or executed or statistically flawed, and the conclusions unsupported. Of course you should not rely on sources like Wikipedia and simple Google searches to get to the truth.

It is worth remembering that the state of South Dakota introduced no mandatory measures and their covid death toll was the same as that of neighbouring states which did institute such measures.

At this stage in the pandemic, I think you should leave it up to the individual whether or not he or she prefers to wear a

face mask in public.

Yours faithfully,

Brian Pratt PhD FGSA

Attachments

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting? No

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