

# ADDENDUM MATERIAL

DATE 8/16/21 ITEM NO. Add 7

**Bernadette Russell**

**From:** Andrea Ayala <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 6:28 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Please implement a mask mandate

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I hope to visit you both at school one of these days, but right now, I'm trying to drum up support for a county-wide school mask mandate.

Our son-in-law is Matt Heinz's chief of staff. He passed along this link to an article Matt wrote for the Sentinel:

[http://www.tucsonsentinel.com/opinion/report/081421\\_k12\\_masks\\_heinz\\_op/heinz-masks-schools-are-public-health-imperative-as-delta-spreads-kids/](http://www.tucsonsentinel.com/opinion/report/081421_k12_masks_heinz_op/heinz-masks-schools-are-public-health-imperative-as-delta-spreads-kids/)

If you like the idea, it would help to email the board (there's a link in the article).

I know you guys are busy, so I'm pasting below the email I sent which you are welcome to use in any way you see fit.

I hope things are going well for you.

Take care,

Steve

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am a parent of three children, 2 of them are ineligible for vaccinations, but attend school. My youngest, [REDACTED], age 5 has [REDACTED]. I am also a high school teacher, where we have far more students than our district planned for, and therefore have overcrowded classrooms. I am concerned about the elevated risk of COVID infection for the staff and students that we are already seeing at our schools across As. For children to be safe at school, we need to lower the rates of transmission throughout Pima County. It is irresponsible to have this knowledge and yet do nothing about it. I trust our Board of Supervisors to protect Pima County far better than Gov. Ducey's decisions have in regards to COVID.

Children under twelve are not yet eligible for the Covid vaccine. In order to do all that we can to protect children—school age and younger—I am asking the Pima County Board of Supervisors to require K-12 staff and students to wear masks while on campus and in the buses that transport students to and from campus. Last year, when the vaccine was not available, the county imposed a broader mask requirement designed to protect all members of the community. The children in our community deserve the same protection.

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DATE 08/16/21 BY [REDACTED]

I am well aware that the State Legislature and the Governor have passed a law intended to prevent local governments from requiring masks. I have little hope for the State to modify this law. Therefore, I am also urging the Board of Supervisors to ask the courts for a stay in the execution of this law in order to buy time to argue for its unconstitutionality.

Respectfully,

Andrea Ayala  
Parent and Teacher

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Britte <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 6:39 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Our kids

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Pima County Board of Supervisors,

MUSD had 5 total classroom in quarantine/shut down as of last week. That's over 120 students without learning. That's doesn't include the number of students who have tested positive and their classmates are now at home all over the district with their classmates continuing their education without them. Today my son will go to his classroom with 9 of his classmates or his teacher.

We have had over 100 cases in 10 school days. PLEASE help our schools and classrooms to stay open. If you value our kids education in Southern Arizona it's not enough to say it. Your words mean nothing. Your actions literally mean everything. Your actions can make a difference.

At least buy us some time, the governors law doesn't even go into effect until September 29th. Give us a fighting chance to stay in school until then at the very least.

Thank you,  
Britte Stumm  
Sent from my iPhone

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Dana Helfer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 6:44 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Please vote yes for masks in schools

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Dear Pima County Supervisors,

We live in District 4 and have two school age children under 12 in the Vail School District, 2nd and 6th grade. Our children are currently in person at school because after keeping them home all year last year we knew we had to have them in person this year. The mental health and developmental impacts of having them home and isolated for longer was concerning.

They have been wearing masks all day indoors and out for a month and doing just fine with it!

They have thrived the last month at school and it has been so very stressful to have them there in a situation where many of their classmates are not masked because the District will not mandate like TUSD has. Cases have been far worse in our District than they were all of last year January thru the end of the school year.

As we watch numbers climb in the the community and our District we are now in this excruciating situation of having to choose our children's physical safety over their mental health and development. They would be devastated and seriously depressed if we brought them home. It would no doubt impact their ability to focus and learn. Even worse we are concerned that as cases and positivity rates rise more and more children will get sick.

We know universal masking works! And with the Delta variant we need all hands on deck to protect our kids.

Our children should not have to bear the burden of this political situation. It is our duty as the adults to create the safest possible conditions for ALL children regardless of income, class and race. It says a lot that private schools are mandating masks.

Please, we urge you, frankly at this point we BEG you, to please take action and enact a County wide mask mandate.

Respectfully,

Dana Helfer

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**From:** Julie Galloway <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 6:59 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Please Pass Mask Mandate

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Thank you so much for bringing this to the board again. Please, please, please pass the mask mandate. Children have no protection against Covid and it is the duty of every American to wear a mask to protect the children and the immunocompromised.

Thank you for your Yes vote!

Julie  
Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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**From:** Helena Yip <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 10:43 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Indoor facial coverings

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Dear Dr. Heinz and fellow Supervisors

The time to act is now before it becomes too late. Maybe it's already too late. We should have had a mask requirement a week ago when we brought all the kids back on campus.

The clock is ticking and still everyone is looking at everyone else to do something. Let's wait for a court ruling. Let's vote the governor out. Don't just pay us lip service. Don't cite this law that is a danger to our children and community.

Mr. Scott, by casting the decisive vote to turn down dr. Meinz's proposal a week ago, you made a statement that you don't consider there to be a public state of emergency, that there should still not be a mask or vaccine mandate. No one will remember your reasoning behind it. Words mean a lot. You are not putting schools in a bind. They want the moral stance from you.

It's fine for individual schools to enforce it. It's fine that the county doesn't enforce it. If that's your objection to dr. Heinz's proposal.

We just want there to be an indoor mask requirement. Plain and simple and TODAY!!

Thanks

Helena Yip  
CFSD parent and Banner ENT physician

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**From:** Paul Buseck <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 6:04 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Concerned pima county parent re: covid-19 in schools

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I understand that you will again be taking up the issue of requiring masking in schools at today's board of supervisors meeting. I urge, verging on imploring you, to pass a resolution requiring masking in all schools, regardless of vaccination status. Even if you pass something that goes only until Sept. 29th when Ducey's law goes into effect. Your resolution could then be revisited shortly before that 9/29 deadline based on the community spread of Covid-19 at that time.

I have two students in the Vail school district, 2nd and 6th grade, and neither is vaccinated because both are under 12 years old. After keeping our children at home all last year, it became obvious that our kids needed the social and academic interactions that can only happen at school. It was a painful, high-anxiety decision, balancing their mental well-being with the fact we were sending them into an unsafe environment that everybody knows is unsafe due to the choice of whether to mask or not, irregardless of vaccination status. Neither the local community (i.e. Vail Unified School District) or the state (i.e. Governor Ducey) is likely to pass anything as bold or sensible as TUSD and other districts throughout the state that are requiring masks in school. So for better or for worse, I am asking Pima County to help take responsibility to help keep our kids safe at school!!!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Paul Buseck  
4300 S. Audrey Rd.  
Tucson, AZ 85730

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**From:** Amy Helfer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 5:49 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Enforce Mask Mandate

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To Whom it May Concern:

I have two grandchildren under 12 in the Puma County Schools. As they are not able to be vaccinated, they are wearing masks in school at their parents' request. However, not all children, teachers and other staff are, putting everyone in danger of becoming sick with the Covid Delta variant. More and more children are getting sick, some seriously.

Please institute a mask mandate for all who attend and work in school. We must protect our vulnerable children and educators.

Thank you,  
Amy Helfer

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**From:** Joan Scurran <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 12:20 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate

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As a retired teacher who is concerned with the health of all of our citizens, I believe there should be a mask mandate for ALL students and personnel at ALL Pima County schools. Please vote YES on a mask mandate for Pima County Schools.

Sincerely,  
Joan Scurran  
Retired teacher from CFSD

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Hellman, Shawn <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 7:45 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Support the mask mandate

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We cannot vaccinate our children under 12 yet because a vaccine is unavailable. The only thing we can do to protect our loved ones is wear masks. I implore Supervisors Steve Christy, Sharon Bronson, and Rex Scott to change your vote and support the school mask mandate.

Every sickness and death that will result from children getting and spreading Covid in schools are on the hands of Supervisors Steve Christy, Sharon Bronson, and Rex Scott. We will not forget what you're about to do to our families and friends. Change your vote, please! If you don't, as a community we will be devastated this fall, and we will hold you responsible.

Shawn Hellman

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Shawn Hellman, PhD  
English Faculty & Department Head, Communication Division  
Desert Vista Campus and East Campus  
Pima Community College  
[REDACTED] / [REDACTED]

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**From:** Aaron Hellman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 6:52 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate Needed

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

Please do what is safe and require masks for all teachers, staff and students in all our schools.

My grandson, [REDACTED], just started Kindergarten at Ventana Vista Elementary in the Catalina Foothills district. This last Thursday his parents were requested to take him out of school because the Kindergartner he was sitting next to in class on Wednesday tested positive for Covid (The school told my daughter that [REDACTED] fourth grade sister didn't need to go home, but my daughter took her home regardless to protect the other children just in case [REDACTED] tests positive).

Both my grandchildren wear masks. It so happens that on Wednesday (the same day that [REDACTED] was sitting next to the child who tested positive) [REDACTED] mask broke in class about halfway through the day, but he forgot that his mom had packed another mask [REDACTED] did not request a mask from the teacher, and the teacher didn't notice or say anything.

Without the mask mandate, not only will the health of the students and staff be in jeopardy, but you are putting entire families and communities at risk. The number of students who will be removed from school because of exposure or testing positive will only increase and create a nightmare.

Young children can not yet get vaccinated. At least give them the only other viable defense against covid, which is mask wearing.

Please require masks immediately at all schools!!

Aaron Hellman

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**From:** K LoGalbo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 6:16 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Yes to masks in schools

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I don't have a child in school, but I live in this community and I worry for those who do, for the teachers and school staff, and for the kiddos.

How hard is it, really, to ask that folks put a piece of cloth over their mouth and nose? There remains strong evidence of protection for all, the wearer and those in contact with the wearer. From a 2020 study in Nature Medicine (<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41591-020-0843-2>): *"Surgical face masks significantly reduced detection of influenza virus RNA in respiratory droplets and coronavirus RNA in aerosols, with a trend toward reduced detection of coronavirus RNA in respiratory droplets. Our results indicate that surgical face masks could prevent transmission of human coronaviruses and influenza viruses from symptomatic individuals."*

Our health professionals have known this for years. Respect for life = wear a damn mask.

Just last week the Board again mandated masks in county buildings to protect its staff and the public. Why would our schools not benefit from a similar mandate?

Thank you for considering this letter, and for your service.

Krisanne LoGalbo  
475 S. 3rd Ave.  
85701

*Instructions for living a life:  
Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it.*  
-Mary Oliver

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Joel Chorny <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 5:31 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** We need masks to be mandatory in our schools

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am a resident, employee, and parent of Pima County.

On Friday my children's school called me to come pick my kids up early because my son has been exposed to a child who tested positive for COVID. We now have to keep my son home for two weeks without any kind of schooling or until Thursday if he gets a negative test on Monday. This weekend has been awful for my family. We have been extremely cautious throughout the entire pandemic and managed to have no scares like this until now. But this weekend our fear of our children getting COVID has been all too real.

My grandmother died from [REDACTED]. I have had numerous clients lose loved ones to this horrible disease. I have no desire to see what this awful virus might do to my children who are still too young to get the vaccine.

We have been sending our kids to school with masks on and strict instructions to keep them on when indoors. Still my son may have been exposed. This is unacceptable. All the students and teachers should be wearing masks. It is quite literally the least we can be doing to prevent the spread of COVID in our schools.

I hope my son tests negative on Monday. But after that I'm not sure how I'll be able to bring myself to drop him off at school again if there is no mask mandate.

Please help our schools keep our children safe by taking the issue out of their hands and requiring that all students and staff wear masks.

Thank you,  
Joel Chorny

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Joel M. Chorny

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**From:** Joann Alexander <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 4:15 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masking in public schools

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To our Pima County Board of Supervisors, I send my fervent request that masking for children, teachers and all staff be mandated and fully supported in our schools. It is unthinkable that we would fail to do everything we can to keep our precious children and their loyal teachers safe from disease.

Wearing a mask is simple. Refusing to allow mask mandates is deadly political posturing. Please stand firm against Governor Ducey and instead require the simple use of masks in schools.

Thank you,  
Joann Alexander  
2600 E Skyline Dr Unit 6  
Tucson, AZ 85718

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Nichole Chorny <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 11:25 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks please

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Hello,

After 19 months of quarantine with my family, and trying my best to keep our children safe, we sent our kids to school last week. On the fifth day of school my kindergarten son was exposed to Covid and is now home as we pray he does not test positive on Monday. This is ridiculous. Our entire family is now at risk, just because some are choosing not to mask or not to get vaccinated. Please protect our children and REQUIRE masks in schools. Please, I beg you. I am horrified for my children and pray for a vaccine for them soon....until they can get vaccinated they need to be protected. REQUIRE MASKS IN SCHOOLS.

Horried mother,  
Nichole

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Michelle Metzger <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 11:11 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail; Brian Metzger  
**Subject:** K-12 masks

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I'm writing to express our support for Dr. Heinz's request to mandate masks at schools. We have kids at elementary, middle and high school in Pima County and are disturbed that there are students and staff that are unmasked. We are especially concerned for our 7 year old, who is too young for a vaccine. We are also concerned for those members of our community who are unable to get vaccinated. It makes no sense to not take this simple measure that can save lives and keep our kids in school without major quarantining interruptions. Please stand up to the political pressure and do what's right.

Michelle and Brian Metzger

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**From:** Erin St. Germain <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 10:02 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** masks

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing once again to beg you to do the right thing for our children on Monday night and choose to push back on this incomprehensible state law that prohibits mask mandates in public schools. All children need protection from the Delta variant, not just the rich kids that go to private school. Every day that passes, I am still in complete disbelief that our leadership at the state level chooses to prioritize political gain from their rabid base over the lives of children. As you are well aware, the statistics prove daily that our children are in greater danger from Covid than they were a year ago.

I send my 7 year old and 3 year old to school everyday praying that they stay safe, and that they remember how important it is to wear a mask both for themselves and others. They are both well in the minority with their mask wearing, and it is completely disheartening. My 7 year old is one of about 4 or 5 kids in his class of 30 that wears a mask. My 3 year old is in a smaller pre-school class, but is still 1 of 3 students.

I understand that you are between a rock and a hard place because you will be voting against state law, but this is a law that cannot continue to stand. Governor Ducey and his allies are perfectly willing to sacrifice our children who are not allowed to be vaccinated at this time for their polling numbers. I am begging you all to take a stand against this and be on the right side of history. Please join the other counties and school districts around the country that are fighting back against the same type of law.

We have made it this far through the pandemic, and to my knowledge, nobody has died from wearing a mask. However, the same cannot be said for those that do not wear masks. I think there are many school districts in Pima County that need your support with this so they feel like they can do the right thing for their students.

These kids belong in school right now, and being in school with a mask on is the only way that we have a chance to even get through this year.

Thank you for your time.

Erin St. Germain

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**From:** Susan Seid <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 5:59 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Support masks in our schools

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I strongly urge all of you serving on the board of supervisors for Pima county to support the use of masks in our schools. It's proven to reduce the spread of the virus so why wouldn't you protect our children from this risk? The politics of this is reprehensible. Also, the hypocrisy of our governor sending his children to private schools where masks are required show that his actions speak louder than his words. Please reconsider your votes if they were against protecting our children. And for those of you who have supported the use of masks, thank you for your informed and thoughtful votes.

Susan Seid

Sent from my iPhone

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Nora Evans-Reitz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 6:03 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate

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Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to urge you to adopt a mask mandate for all K-12 schools in Pima County. As a TUSD employee, I am counting on smart public health policies to keep myself, my colleagues, my students, and my family safe. I am very concerned about COVID in our schools, especially the Delta variant. We are all counting on you to stand up to Governor Ducey and the state legislature so that we can all stay safe in the schools.

Sincerely,

Nora Evans-Reitz, MS, CF-SLP

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**From:** Miriam McGill <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 6:37 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate, please!

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August 14, 2021

Dear Pima County Supervisors:

We are writing to you as concerned parents and teacher to thank you for adding Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective Mitigation Strategy to Keep our Children Safe from COVID-19; Effective Immediately back to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21. Thank you to the Pima County Supervisors who voted in favor of this critical Resolution.

**Thank you to the Pima County Supervisors for bringing the issue back to the Board of Supervisors on Monday, August 16 and urge you to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools. A county mandate will help keep our children and community safe.**

According to Banner Health Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Marjorie Bessel hospitals have seen a 95% increase in Covid-19 patients since July 1 and 300% increase in ventilators and there is substantial spread in the vast majority of Arizona counties. Arizona is also second in the nation for pediatric deaths related to COVID-19, according to data published recently by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The science around masking is settled. Masks work to prevent disease transmission. All recent public health agencies, both national and local, have issued statements recommending universal masks for K-12 students in schools.<sup>[1]</sup>

Arizonans have a right to safe schools for Arizona kids. Governor Ducey is attempting to prevent school officials from implementing any public health mitigation strategies in line with leading public health agencies, including the CDC and Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to help protect students, all while COVID19 cases are again rising in our communities and more contagious variants are becoming more widespread.

The law passed by the state, banning schools from implementing such policies is likely unconstitutional,<sup>[2]</sup> doesn't take effect until Sept. 29 and poses a serious risk to life and health.

Pima County has a duty to protect the health of the community under Arizona law. Arizona Revised Statute Title 36 authorizes counties and local health jurisdictions to protect the health of the community during contagious diseases outbreaks. It is your duty to take action.

**Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to the classroom by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools.**

Thank you,

Miriam and Chris McGill with 3 children in the TVUSD

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**From:** Jane Lykins <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 6:32 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Cc:** Joseph Lykins  
**Subject:** Please issue a county K-12 mask mandate

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Hello Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am a Tucson Family Physician and my husband is a Hospitalist who is currently caring for the increasing number of sick COVID-19 patients, once again. We are writing in support of a Pima County K-12 school indoor mask mandate. I'm sure that as board members, you have had access to briefings and statistics from many medical experts about this current COVID-19 surge, and how it is clearly affecting young people at a higher rate and with more severity, so I will not reiterate the numbers or data here. But the links to many of the studies/stats I allude to in this note are listed below.

I was very disheartened to see the county mandate voted down at last week's meeting, and I am thrilled it is back on the agenda for this week. Thank you so much for taking the time to revisit this important agenda item. I pray that those of you who voted against it have had some time to review all the emails/letters/phone calls, etc showing the public support for a county mandate, and to look at the large increase in cases and absences in schools just since your previous meeting, and to read about the precedent of other cities and school districts in AZ, TX, and FL who have instituted mandates in defiance of state orders, and to look at the lawsuits that are currently ongoing in TX and AZ regarding mandates and the positive outcomes in favor of mandates so far.

We have a son at Marana High School, and I spoke at our school board meeting on 8/12/21 to encourage them to issue a mask mandate. Afterward, a board member told me that he supported a school mask mandate, but that the board could likely not afford the potential legal ramifications from the state. I suspect the majority of school boards feel the same way: they would LOVE to have a simple rule in place that requires a proven and FREE method of protecting the safety of students, staff, and the public, but they cannot afford the potential costs. What a devastating position to put our school administrators in. They know how to help, and it will cost them nothing, but they are being told they can't do it. And the fact that private school administrators are NOT in this position seems actually discriminatory when it comes to public safety during a pandemic.

If a county-wide K-12 mask mandate could enable public schools to keep their community safer while alleviating the legal and financial burdens on them, I feel you have a responsibility to institute this mandate at the earliest possible date. Not only are the numbers of sick children increasing rapidly, other exposed children are missing school due to quarantine (with no good option to keep up with the 10 days of missed school work since there is no virtual learning). Therefore, we are on the verge of an academic crisis, as well. I feel strongly that both history and the law will be on the side of those who did whatever it takes to slow a pandemic, keep kids in school, and decrease the number of hospitalizations, deaths, and chronic illness where ever they could. Note: I added "chronic illness" to this list because an AZ study has just shown that even among mild to moderate cases of COVID-19, 77% still had symptoms 2

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months out from diagnosis. It's clear that just decreasing hospitalizations and death are not our only goal posts here.

Every additional layer of protection that a population employs decreases the spread of this virus a little further, and we have a simple, safe, cheap, and effective "layer" at our disposal: masks. However, they work far better if at least 80% of people are wearing one, and sadly, the only way we will reach that percentage is if masks are mandated. My son is one of about 10% of people at MUSD wearing a mask, despite the fact that our administration has "strongly recommended" them. This morning my son woke up [REDACTED], just as his older brother was leaving to go back to college in Colorado (where indoor masks AND vaccines are mandated for all, with little push-back from anyone). As I write this, we are in the 24-48 hour window of waiting for his [REDACTED]. We tried to get a [REDACTED], but every location in Tucson that offers one was already booked for the entire weekend, so he will likely miss school on Monday while we wait. Even though universal masking doesn't offer 100% protection (we need a layered approach, as mentioned), it will undeniably decrease the incidence of sick children and missed school. A meta-analysis of 49 well done, peer reviewed mask studies proves that masks decrease the incidence of disease better than not wearing a mask.

Thank you for your time and for all the hard work and energy you put into doing what is best for our county and our citizens. I know it cannot be an easy job. Please don't hesitate to reach out if there is anything we can help with during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

Drs. Jane and Joe Lykins, MD.

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**From:** Mariaelena Bonillas Esparza <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 6:41 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mask mandate for K-12 schools

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Hello,

I would like to resubmit my letter I sent last week to the Pima County Board of Supervisors. It is attached to the forwarded email below.

Thank you,

Mariaelena B. Esparza

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**From:** **Mariaelena Bonillas Esparza** <[maribe@email.arizona.edu](mailto:maribe@email.arizona.edu)>  
**Date:** Sun, Aug 8, 2021 at 2:05 AM  
**Subject:** Mask mandate for K-12 schools  
**To:** [COB\\_Mail@pima.gov](mailto:COB_Mail@pima.gov) <[COB\\_Mail@pima.gov](mailto:COB_Mail@pima.gov)>

Attention: Pima County Board of Supervisors

Hello,

I am writing to express my strong support for Mask mandates in K-12 schools in Pima County. The current COVID-19 surge is growing exponentially and is greatly affecting unvaccinated individuals. The Delta variant is spreading quickly and experts state it is affecting more young people. Pima County currently has substantial to high transmission rates. School age children under 12 years old are not eligible for vaccines, therefore are left vulnerable to this devastating virus. My son is in 4th grade at a Sahuarita school where currently masks are optional. My son wears a mask in school but most of the children, teachers, and staff are not wearing masks. This is very concerning to me, especially since the CDC, Pima County Health Department, and American Academy of Pediatrics all advise that at this time all individuals should wear masks in public indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status in order to stop the spread of COVID-19 and to help protect everyone. I feel that it is imperative that schools initiate a mask mandate to protect our children, keep everyone in schools as safe as possible, and keep schools open by diminishing outbreaks. Please make the health and safety of our children a top priority! Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Mariaelena B. Esparza

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**From:** Dr. Necoe Otto-Parkinson <dr.necoe@innerjourneypsychotherapy.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 2:16 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Kids, Parents, Families, Schools, and the Community Needs You to Take Action

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Please read this at the next meeting:

Dear Board of Supervisor Members:

I personally do not care how it is done or whose proposal it is, I just want our school kids to be safe. There will be a very angry contingent of concerned parents if action is not taken NOW! We are in a local healthcare crisis with the numbers growing at an alarming rate. Please find a solution today and do not point fingers or pass the buck. Work collaboratively together to find a way for our children to be able to have protective measures in place like mask wearing, greater physical distancing, air purifiers, and covid-testing on all of the staff and children in the schools.

A lack of action will indicate to Pima County parents that you are more concerned about whose proposal it is and doing it your way, rather than acting immediately to thwart the exponential rise in pediatric covid-19 cases. A lack of action will indicate that you are out of touch with your constituents and the medical professionals who are saying we want our kids protected in the classrooms now. Not a week from now or later this week.

If the local school boards do not feel adequately supported and emboldened to take action by Mr. Huckelberry's proposal, then we are back to having the children be unmasked and inches away from each other. Please find out what the school boards are saying. Talk to the Pima County Health Department. Call a state of emergency if warranted (it appears it is). However you need to do it, just get it done!

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Necoe Otto-Parkinson, Ph.D.  
Inner Journey Psychological Services  
4739 E Camp Lowell Dr  
Tucson, Arizona 85712

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**From:** Emily McGovern <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 11:47 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Marana parent - please institute mask requirement

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Dear Board Members,

I am a parent of a Marana 6th grader who is 11 years old and cannot yet be vaccinated.

As you know, the Marana Unified School District is recommending mask use but not requiring masks. In my child's classroom, and in time I have recently spent on the school campus, it is clear that well under half of students and staff are wearing masks. Social distancing is also very difficult due to large class sizes of 30-35 students. After 2 weeks in person, MUSD is seeing classrooms with multiple cases. On Friday the dashboard said 91 active cases in the district. As of this weekend, my son [REDACTED] and we will be headed downtown to get him a [REDACTED] this afternoon.

We desperately need you to stand up for children and families throughout Pima County by instituting a requirement for masks inside ALL schools.

Respectfully,  
Emily McGovern  
7482 W Colony Park Dr  
Tucson, AZ 85743  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Teresa Nelson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 11:54 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Concerned citizen

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To all Pima County Board of Supervisors,

We, the people of Pima County, demand you cease and desist ALL DISCUSSIONS relating to the mandated mask wearing, vaccine injections and any retribution against those who do not wish to of either one!

On August 10, you voted down the measures to mandate mandatory masks for K12. No further discussion will be tolerated on this subject! You are demanded to table ALL DISCUSSIONS on this matter immediately and permanently!

On August 10, you voted down the measure to mandate all Pima County employees to be vaccinated/injected starting October 1. No further discussion will be tolerated on this subject! You are demanded to table ALL DISCUSSIONS on this matter immediately and permanently!

Now you are looking to FORCEFULLY VACCINATE/INJECT our healthcare workers. You are to TABLE THIS MATTER PERMANENTLY!!! If you decide to proceed on discussion and implementation of any of these matters, please be advised you are hereby warned of the consequences of your actions! You are violating Govenor Ducey's Executive Orders regarding this matter in the state. There are to be NO MANDATORY VACCINES, NO VACCINE CARDS/PASSPORTS and you have ZERO rights to violate anyone's rights, civilly or medically! We also noticed you refuse to allow any religious exemptions in your proposed mandate, which is also illegal! Your mandate violates the Arizona State Constitution, Constitution of the United States, Bill of Rights, HIPPA and other civil and discrimination laws. These carry serious federal and local penalties, which you will be tasked to suffer should you proceed.

Thank you  
Teresa Nelson

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 12:14 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks for K-12 in Pima County

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To the board,  
I am writing again this week to ask you for a mask mandate for K-12 schools in Pima County.  
As you can see, the Covid numbers in Pima County are only going one way: UP.  
We need all the tools we can get for mitigation, one of which being masking.  
Since kids under 12 cannot yet get the vaccine (and those 12-18 are not fully vaccinated as yet), it's imperative that you mandate masks in schools.  
Thank you,

Patricia Stoll  
Tucson

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**From:** Kendra Nielsen <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 10:02 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Impose a mask mandate!

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Please impose a mask mandate for schools. To protect all Arizonans, each county needs to keep children healthy to stop the spread of covid. I write out of particular concern for the children too young to be vaccinated but also my elderly parents who have lived in Arizona for fifty years. Making schools safe will keep our communities safer.

Kendra Nielsen

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**From:** Danielle Schroeder <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 10:36 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Please reinstate PreK-12 school mask mandate

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am a high school science teacher in Pima County. About 25% of my students wore masks in the first week. As more of their friends were diagnosed and quarantined last week, the percentage of students and staff wearing masks increased to about 35%. Last year, almost 100% of our on-campus students wore their masks regularly, even after some of the oldest kids became completely vaccinated. Having a mask mandate is a much better preventative solution than the chaos that happens when this disease spreads, kids are quarantined, and become ill. Our first priority must be to protect children, even when we must sacrifice our own physical comfort. School leaders need a mask mandate from the county to protect our unvaccinated young kids from the virus until we can get them vaccinated.  
Thank you for listening.

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**From:** Monica Boccio <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 12:32 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** School mask mandate

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To the Board of Supervisors:

As the mother of a 10-year-old as well as an ER nurse in Tucson, I urge you to enforce a mask mandate in Tucson public schools.

Just as we don't leave drunk driving up to "personal choice," we should not leave the option to be unmasked in public school to personal choice. These choices cause grave harm to others.

I'm watching my emergency department fill with younger and sicker patients, at the same time that I'm sending my daughter back to school. I'm concerned for her and all students.

The clear and ethical way to protect students and their families in Tucson is to enact a mask mandate.

Thank you for attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Monica Silva

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**From:** Marci petti <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 12:42 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks for schools

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To whom it may concern,

Marana School district has 78 known active cases of COVID-19 as of 8/16/21. They went back to school on 8/2/21. They have had over 78 cases (some cases have been resolved) in 10 school days. These are KNOWN cases. What we know about covid is there are so many that don't have symptoms or don't get tested this number is likely much higher. Amphi school district has 37 known active cases. They opened 8/2/2021 Catalina foothills school district has a few cases at least and have only been open for 5 days (a friends daughter is currently quarantined from a Cfsd elementary school kinder class due to known covid exposure)

If we look at Phoenix it is even worse. Scottsdale unified school district has over 600 students in quarantine right now with over 100 known cases.

We all want to keep our children in school. They NEED be in school, but there is no denying this variant has increased cases nationally and it is affecting children more and more. ICUs are filling up quickly across the country. Some places in Texas has reported they do not have any empty pediatric beds. Surely we do not want to our our Pima county hospitals in that situation. Our children under 12 cannot be vaccinated. It is vital we use every possible mitigation strategy we can in our schools to prevent them from closing and going virtual again. Wearing a face covering is one of the most simple things we can do. This pandemic has affected 3 school years now. 3! My oldest is scared she will still be dealing with this as she enters middle school next year. My youngest is Terrified that her whole life in school will be based around covid-19 (she was in pre-K when it started) we NEED to protect our children. We have dress codes for many things in schools. Wearing a mask right now is simply a. Job we must all do. It will not hurt anyone and can only help. Our job as a society right now is to protect each other from this virus, but for it to work we must all do our "job".

On another note- prisons/jails in Arizona have mask mandates. Why are we not protecting our children the same way? Why is the law more important than our children, our future? It's not. Please mandate masks for schools. Please ask yourselves - what can I live with? Can you live with hundreds of students getting sick? Can you live with the loss of life knowing that you have the power to do more and possibly change this outcome? Wouldn't it be better to know you did everything possible to protect our children? Than know that you could have done more and chose not to?

Thank you,

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**From:** Pauline Malcolm <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 6:48 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** We need a mask mandate to protect our kids!

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Date: 8/14/21

Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned parent to thank you for adding Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective Mitigation Strategy to Keep our Children Safe from COVID-19; Effective Immediately to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21. Thank you to the Pima County Supervisors who voted in favor of this critical Resolution.

**I urge Pima County Supervisors to bring the issue back to the Board of Supervisors on Monday, August 16 and to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools. A county mandate will help keep our children and community safe.**

According to Banner Health Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Marjorie Bessel hospitals have seen a 95% increase in Covid-19 patients since July 1 and 300% increase in ventilators and there is substantial spread in the vast majority of Arizona counties. Arizona is also second in the nation for pediatric deaths related to COVID-19, according to data published recently by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The science around masking is settled. Masks work to prevent disease transmission. All recent public health agencies, both national and local, have issued statements recommending universal masks for K-12 students in schools.<sup>[1]</sup>

Arizonans have a right to safe schools for Arizona kids. Governor Ducey is attempting to prevent school officials from implementing any public health mitigation strategies in line with leading public health agencies, including the CDC and Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to help protect students, all while COVID19 cases are again rising in our communities and more contagious variants are becoming more widespread.

The law passed by the state, banning schools from implementing such policies is likely unconstitutional,<sup>[2]</sup> doesn't take effect until Sept. 29 and poses a serious risk to life and health.

Pima County has a duty to protect the health of the community under Arizona law. Arizona Revised Statute Title 36 authorizes counties and local health jurisdictions to protect the health of the community during contagious diseases outbreaks. It is your duty to take action.

**Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to the classroom by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools.**

Thank you,

Pauline Malcolm

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**From:** Kevin Goodrich <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 8:38 PM  
**To:** District1; DIST2; District4; District3; District5; COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Agenda Item #10

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Good Evening Board of Supervisors,

I am hopeful that you read this email and it resonates with you, to the point that you can vote to implement a mask mandate at all schools in Pima County for the safety and well being of our counties children, if not for that reason, then to help the residents of Pima County continue in the right direction (keeping the kids in the classrooms and the adults in the workplace). I am a father of two students in a school in Pima County, under a school district board that has shuttered away from the idea of implementing a mask mandate, my daughter is a beautiful and smart third grader and my son, a fun and caring Kindergartner. My children have attended school for two weeks wearing their masks at all times to protect themselves and others from what we all know to be a harmful, if not fatal virus. These children are vulnerable, as they are the only demographic currently excluded from vaccination opportunities. My children have witnessed half of their class disappear, being sent home for quarantine, this has happened in a matter of spending only ten days on campus, in our school district masks are "encouraged", however recommendations are not working, there are individuals in the schools without masks spreading the virus and sending half of our children home in only ten days, how is this going to shape in twenty days on campus, in fifty days on campus, in one hundred days on campus, I can provide my prediction, we are not going to make it to one hundred days, or even fifty days on campus, because without protection, children and staff will continue to spread the virus and eventually schools will be closed, what will be the effect of schools being closed, parents will be forced to stay in unemployment or return to unemployment to stay home with their children. This outcome is not conducive to anyone, the parents will be frustrated, defeated and depressed and the children will be left confused, upset and falling behind in their education. My hope is that you, the Pima County Board of Supervisors can step in from your positions of influence and power and use it to protect the children of Pima County, protect them from the confusion and inconsistency of bouncing back in forth from in person learning and being quarantined, protect them from the feelings of isolation that stems from being the only one wearing a mask, or the only one not wearing a mask, most importantly use your position to protect our children from spreading and catching this harmful virus that can have debilitating effects on them. Thank you very for taking time to read my email and hear my plea.

Sincerely,  
Kevin Goodrich

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**From:** Jaspreet Chahal <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 7:45 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate

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Dear Supervisor Rex Scott,

I cannot tell you how devastated I was to hear that the mask mandate for k-12 grades was not approved by Pima County Board of Supervisors. It is beyond me as a physician and doting mother of 3 to think that a common sense safety measure would not be approved to keep all our children safe. I have first hand seen the complete chaos and devastation that every wave of coronavirus has brought to our community. I have watched countless Pima county residents young and old succumb to this virus. I honestly think if yourself and county board of supervisor members personally saw the level of morbidity and mortality that we working in the hospitals see secondary to covid, then your opinion on mask mandates would change. Experiences are all relative. Please please please do the right thing by our extremely vulnerable children and mandate masks in k-12 schools in Pima county. Mask mandates inconvenience no-one and there is clear scientific and medical evidence that they help save lives by reducing transmission of covid-19. I ask you to look at your morality and your purpose in this life when making that decision on mask mandates for our children.

Thank you,  
Sincerely  
Jaspreet Chahal

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**From:** Laura's Personal <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 9:10 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate for schools

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I emailed you prior to the last meeting, attended my school board meeting, emailed several of you individually, met with my elected supervisor, and am emailing you as a group again now.

I cannot attend Monday's meeting as I will be caring for COVID patients in an overflowing ICU at Banner University Medical Center where I am a physician.

My nephew [REDACTED] during his first week at school and now seven family members are ill. Four children all under the age of 12, as well as three vaccinated adults, all who share the same household.

My sister is a kindergarten teacher in the Marana school district - the same district in which my nieces and nephews [REDACTED] Only 5 of the 20 kids in her class are being sent to class with masks, and few of the teachers are masked. She has a health condition that makes me very worried about her welfare despite her vaccinated and masked status.

My children, ages 5 and 9, are both students in the Catalina Foothills district. Neither of their teachers are masking. My sister in law also teaches there. They just shut down a kindergarten classroom tonight. More will surely follow.

Ducey's law puts our children in danger. There are more children sick and hospitalized than at any point in this pandemic and school has barely started. Many of the adult patients in my ICU are sickened by their kids and grandkids. Many will die. Vaccines aren't available to children under 12 yet. The kids depend on things that are not being done in our schools. There is no social distancing as there is no online option and classes are packed. There is no masking because of an unjust law.

Many counties across the country are standing up to similarly unjust laws by similarity misguided governors. I ask that you do the same.

Help us protect our children. It is clear that not enough people will choose to do the right thing without being compelled to do so. Sad. But true. We make people wear seatbelts because it prevents death. We make people obey speed limits. We forbid texting while driving. Please mandate masks while indoors.

Please.

I have seen enough death to last a lifetime, and this surge is only getting started. I don't want to risk seeing it closer to home.

Laura Meinke, MD

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Associate Professor of Medicine  
Pulmonary and Critical Care

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**From:** Roula Khawam <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 9:17 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Support for face coverings in K-12 schools

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing again to express my support for requiring face coverings in all K-12 schools.

I am a parent of two. One, a junior high student, [REDACTED]; the other, an elementary student, is still too young to be eligible for the vaccine. Both of them studied remotely all of last year. It was a very difficult year for them, as it was for many other students. My husband and I assured them that they would be able to return to in person school this academic year. With vaccinations and precautionary measures in place, we thought that we would finally have low levels of community transmission. We thought that our community efforts would allow them to return to school safely. We thought that our community efforts would be enough to protect our unvaccinated child. We were gravely mistaken. Between mask mandates being removed, not high enough vaccination rates, and now a more transmissible variant making its rounds, we are experiencing another surge. And now that masks aren't required in schools, it is creating an unsafe environment for our children. I can't keep them home any longer, as their mental health is being affected. As parents, we are being asked to choose between our children's mental health and their physical health. How is this a choice at all?!

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I, along with countless others, was very disappointed in last week's vote on the issue. Particularly as it appeared that most would have been in favor of such a measure, and acknowledged that such a measure is necessary, if it weren't for State law. A law whose constitutionality is being currently challenged. A law that needs to be challenged by our county as well.

I implore you to vote in favor of this resolution. We know that masks work when everyone is masking up; not just some. Masks do not cause any harm to the wearer. Masks help prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Our children need not only their peers, but also their teachers and school staff to be masked, so that they can be protected. It's still beyond my comprehension how some politicians will politicize a public health crisis, even at the expense of our children. We need to listen to our health experts, all of whom are arguing for mask mandates to be implemented in schools. Please make the right decision now to protect our children, and our community. Please make the right decision that would assure that our children can remain in person, and that our classrooms will remain open. Please, be brave in the face of misinformation and misguided policies by politicians.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Roula Khawam

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Ellen Entwistle <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 9:23 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** k-12 Mask Mandate

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Dear Members of the Pima County Board,

I am writing you once again to ask you to please require masks in the k-12 public schools. Our children are among the most vulnerable. They cannot be vaccinated under the age of 12, so the only protection they have is the mask.

It just seems to be common sense to me that all students and teachers should be wearing masks. It is a shame it has become so political. This is a public health emergency. We know how to stop it. Do we really want a repeat of last year where the schools will shut down and go remote? Our children have already lost a year or more of school and it isn't necessary to lose any more since we know that masks definitely help stop the spread of the virus.

As grandparents of 3 young children in school in Pima County, I am asking you to please put a mask mandate in place for our children's sake and the sake of their parents and grandparents.

Thank You,  
Ellen Entwistle  
Resident of Pima County

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Maureen Andrew <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 9:23 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks in schools

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To the Pima Co Board of Supervisors, PLEASE vote to require masks in Pima County schools. Our children have been put in a vulnerable and dangerous position by leaders in our State playing politics rather than insuring a safe learning environment during an unprecedented pandemic. It's not over and we pretend it is or ignore it at the peril of those children who look to us for safety and protection.

PLEASE act in the best interest of those who can't act for themselves.

Maureen Andrew  
6912 N Table Mountain Road  
Tucson, 85718

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Barbara J. Wayne <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 9:40 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masking In Schools

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I support Supervisor Heinz in his motion to allow masks to be mandated in schools. As a retired high school principal in TUSD, I always understood that my first responsibility was to keep students, faculty and staff, and visitors to the high school safe. Anything less would be malpractice, unethical and morally reprehensible.

I know my representative, Supervisor Scott, from our days with TUSD. In his career, I saw him meet difficult challenges head on and with the courage of his convictions. I believe that Rex always led with what he felt was best for students. I can't even imagine how difficult it would be to vote yes on supervisor Heinz's motion, but I hope that he and others who voted in opposition will reconsider and be bold.

Thank you all for all that you do for our community.

Sincerely,  
Barbara J. Wayne  
Principal of Palo Verde High School, Retired

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## Bernadette Russell

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**From:** Patti Racina <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 11:38 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** From a parent of a child in a public school in Pima County during COVID

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Last year was extremely difficult for my child. His 4th grade school year abruptly ended in-person learning, and teachers did the best they could with limited time and resources to try to ensure critical skills were taught. The following school year began remotely, and my son was excited to start "school" again. The teachers were much more prepared, the district had received more resources to support remote learning as well as families, providing a space (with social distancing and face masks) for kids to learn "remotely" from the school if needed.

I cannot begin to fully express the sheer joy that my son had when he was allowed to return to "in person" learning with masks and social distancing. My son's school again had received more resources for staffing, and since some remote options were still available for vulnerable families, social distancing was more attainable. When schools returned to "remote learning" again due to the winter surge, he struggled much more. His teachers had a harder time keeping the kids' focus, but the silver lining was the hope to return to "in-person" as vaccinations were rolling out.

When my son returned, even with a full day and decreased social distancing due to more kids in the classroom, his school had zero outbreaks, likely due to mask use and more staffing to allow greater distancing during lunch.

Due to the success of the prior year, I felt confident in sending my son back to school, knowing that everything done proved that the schools knew how to operate during the pandemic. But things are different this year. Schools do not have the remote learning options that they had last year. Schools do not have the additional staffing and resources they had last year, and they have more kids in the school. Schools do not have the authority to follow the guidelines of local public health officials with regards to masking, otherwise they risk losing their regular funding.

As a parent, I was hoping that other parents were paying attention to the level of transmission. I was hoping that other parents read the isolation and quarantine measures that have to be followed with any positive COVID case, especially in the absence of mask wearing. As a responsible parent, I asked my son to wear his mask and to try to stay around other children who wear their masks. Because ultimately, as a parent, I have been shocked by how many kids are not wearing their masks. Only about a third on a good day.

Maybe those numbers will improve as more kids are having to self isolate, keeping parents at home that otherwise would be at their jobs. Maybe people have to actually experience the disruptions and return to "remote learning" that have and will continue to occur over and over before they connect the dots. Or maybe I'm in the minority, and most people just don't care anymore, and are willing to risk it all so that life can "return to normal."

My son is ten years old, so I don't have the option of getting him vaccinated. Since he's in elementary school, no other child has that option. So my options as a responsible parent are to "homeschool" by paying for some

remote learning that my son will hate, or pull my son out of the school he has been at his whole life and send him to another school with mask mandates to navigate a new school, new friends, and new teachers.

I cannot begin to express the level of anxiety, anger and sheer bewilderment that I feel daily. I have expressed all of my concerns to the district superintendent and the principal on a few occasions just in the past week alone. I know I am not the only one. The district is not willing to risk their funding, at least not at this time. Knowing that they will have the support of local County officials may change that. I have never felt so powerless as a parent to be able to protect my child, and I have never been so ashamed of some of our elected officials' statements, actions, and lack of action.

You all have the numbers available to you. Imagine you were just looking at the data, there was no anti mask mandate, but you did have health care providers and associations to guide you regarding the increased transmissibility of the delta variant. Would you vote to pass a mask mandate in schools to help prevent disruptions from learning? To help teachers do their job in the classroom? To protect the kids who can't get vaccinated? If you would, then you should. Any law that affects the public's health that doesn't allow for local adjustments given more information or changes in the situation should be struck down. As a Pima County resident, taxpayer, and parent, I am strongly in favor of the County voting for a mask mandate in schools when local transmission is high and/or hospitalizations are nearing/at capacity. I am in favor of the County adding their resources to challenge the law so that more districts will feel comfortable following suit.

Thank you,  
Mr. and Mrs. James and Patti Racina

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Greg Corman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 4:30 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mandate Masks!

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I support Matt Heinz's position on mask mandates for schools. How much worse does this need to get???

Greg Corman

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Randi Levin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 11:35 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Fwd: Covid is Coming; Universal Indoor Masking in Schools Needed

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One last thing.

Here is Bill Nye the Science Guy explaining Covid and Masks that I referenced.

Maybe post this on the County website? the CFSD website? Share it far and wide!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpfmQKZ-B\\_0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpfmQKZ-B_0)

Thank You!  
Randi Levin

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**From:** Randi Levin <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Sun, Aug 15, 2021 at 11:15 AM  
**Subject:** Covid is Coming; Universal Indoor Masking in Schools Needed  
**To:** <COB\_mail@pima.gov>

Good Morning,

My name is Randi Levin. I am an [REDACTED] mother of 2 students in the Catalina Foothills School District (4th grader at Sunrise, 8th grader at OGMS). I'm also part of the MaskUpCFSD group that met with Rex Scott on Friday.

I wanted to write to say that I fully echo and support the other parents who are contacting you about the need for masks in schools.

I understand what a tight spot you have been squeezed into. I have great empathy for what a no-win situation you've been put in. The roving bands of violent agitators are no joke! Who are these angry loud people who don't even have kids in CFSD schools (wow, some don't even HAVE kids!)? Are they being shipped in and paid to yell and intimidate rational concerned parents and administrators? All while Governor Ducey himself sends his kids to a private school that requires masks indoors?

Regardless, I do not know all the "on the ground" practical constraints you are working under and what is holding you back from implementing the local health guidance on masks in schools. I do not know the local political landscape.

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But I think that you do. You understand the ins and outs of the local political landscape far better than me.

So what do we need to do to protect our kids and our hospital workers? What is the path forward? What words do we need to say and documents do we need to write to get this done?

Would it be helpful to meet with ALL the school boards in Tucson, and work collectively? Strength in numbers, right? Would it be helpful if the CFSD board met with the County Supervisors to work out a workable plan? What can we as parents do to help you?

Have you seen the latest from the Scottsdale Unified Superintendent? 632 students quarantined. How many of those will die? How many of those will have long Covid?

It's terrifying. And it's coming to CFSD.



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August 13, 2021

Dear Scottsdale Unified School District Parent Community Partners:

We have entered a new and challenging phase related to the spread of COVID. Consistent with our stated commitment, and in compliance with state law, the district made mask wearing optional. Those choosing to wear masks varies by campus. In some places, there were almost no masks on the first day of school and in others, as many as 70-80% chose to wear them. I recognize that the question of masks has been politicized and is polarizing for our community. However, what we are seeing in the larger community and, more specifically, in our school buildings threatens to disrupt our ability to continue providing in-person instruction unless we take more aggressive steps to mitigate the spread of the virus.

Since we resumed in-person instruction last week, there have been:

- 78 on-campus, confirmed cases of COVID
- 31 confirmed cases among students who did not come to school
- 150 symptomatic students sent home
- 632 students quarantined as close contacts, in compliance with orders of the Maricopa County Department of Public Health.

We know that providing in-person teaching and learning opportunities is critical for our students, and you have told us that is your preference. At the same time, our ability to do so is predicated on controlling the spread of COVID on our campuses. Last year, we saw very few cases of on-campus spread, due in large part to mitigation strategies that included wearing masks and a different strain of the COVID virus. In just the first 7 days of this new school year, outbreaks have already been identified at 5 schools and there is more evidence of on-campus transmission than we saw all of last year. This trend, if not disrupted, will invariably require not only quarantining even larger numbers of students, but potentially require us to also close classrooms or buildings for significant periods of time and return to virtual learning. Some of our neighboring districts have already had to do this.

I understand COVID fatigue. I personally do not like wearing a mask any more than you or your students do, but in order to slow the transmission of COVID on our campuses, I am again calling on our staff, students, and you, our families, to partner with us by voluntarily agreeing to mask up while indoors on our campuses. Public health officials are clear on what the two best mitigation strategies are to stem this new tide of COVID transmissions: 1) vaccination and 2) wearing a mask. COVID does not discriminate based on partisan politics, and it is circulating more rapidly now than ever among our school-aged youth. As a district committed to minimizing the chances of transmission to nearly 22,000 students learning in-person every day, we respectfully ask that you join us in that effort.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Meazel, PhD  
Superintendent

Have you seen what's happening in Texas?

In Dallas County, Texas, there are "zero ICU beds left for children," county judge Clay Jenkins said in a news conference Friday morning. "That means if your child's in a car wreck, if your child has a

congenital heart defect or something and needs an ICU bed, or more likely if they have Covid and need an ICU bed, we don't have one. Your child will wait for another child to die," Jenkins said.

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/08/13/us/dallas-county-no-pediatric-icu-beds-left/index.html>

In the meantime, the anti-maskers seem to be pitifully misinformed on the efficacy of universal masking. Maybe as our local leaders, you might be able to launch an Education Blitz on the dangers of Covid and the efficacy of Universal Masking? Require these lessons be taught in schools. Hand out candles to everyone attending the board meetings and start with the Bill Nye experiment on how masks work!

TEACH the misinformed! So while the law catches up to the actual real life situation, we are also waging an influence campaign of our own.

Thank You,  
Randi

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Kim Cromer <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 6:38 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** No vaccine or mask mandate!

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Permanently take these off your agenda!

Kim Cromer

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Carlos Ruiz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 6:10 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Look at Your Own Data Charts  
**Attachments:** 20210812\_COVID\_Death\_Case\_Hosp\_Report.pdf

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Do not mandate masks at school.

I follow the Pima County COVID data every few weeks and attached the most recent in case you don't know where to find it. Your own reporting shows neither hospitalization nor death is increasing. Reject Supervisor Heinz's motion.

[https://webcms.pima.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_6/File/Health/COVID-19/Report%20Files/Case%20Reports/20210812\\_COVID\\_Death\\_Case\\_Hosp\\_Report.pdf](https://webcms.pima.gov/UserFiles/Servers/Server_6/File/Health/COVID-19/Report%20Files/Case%20Reports/20210812_COVID_Death_Case_Hosp_Report.pdf)

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## Case and Death report

Data as of: 8/11/2021 for all non MMWR graphs  
MMWR week is up to week 31 (8/7/2021)

Source: Contracted County Labs

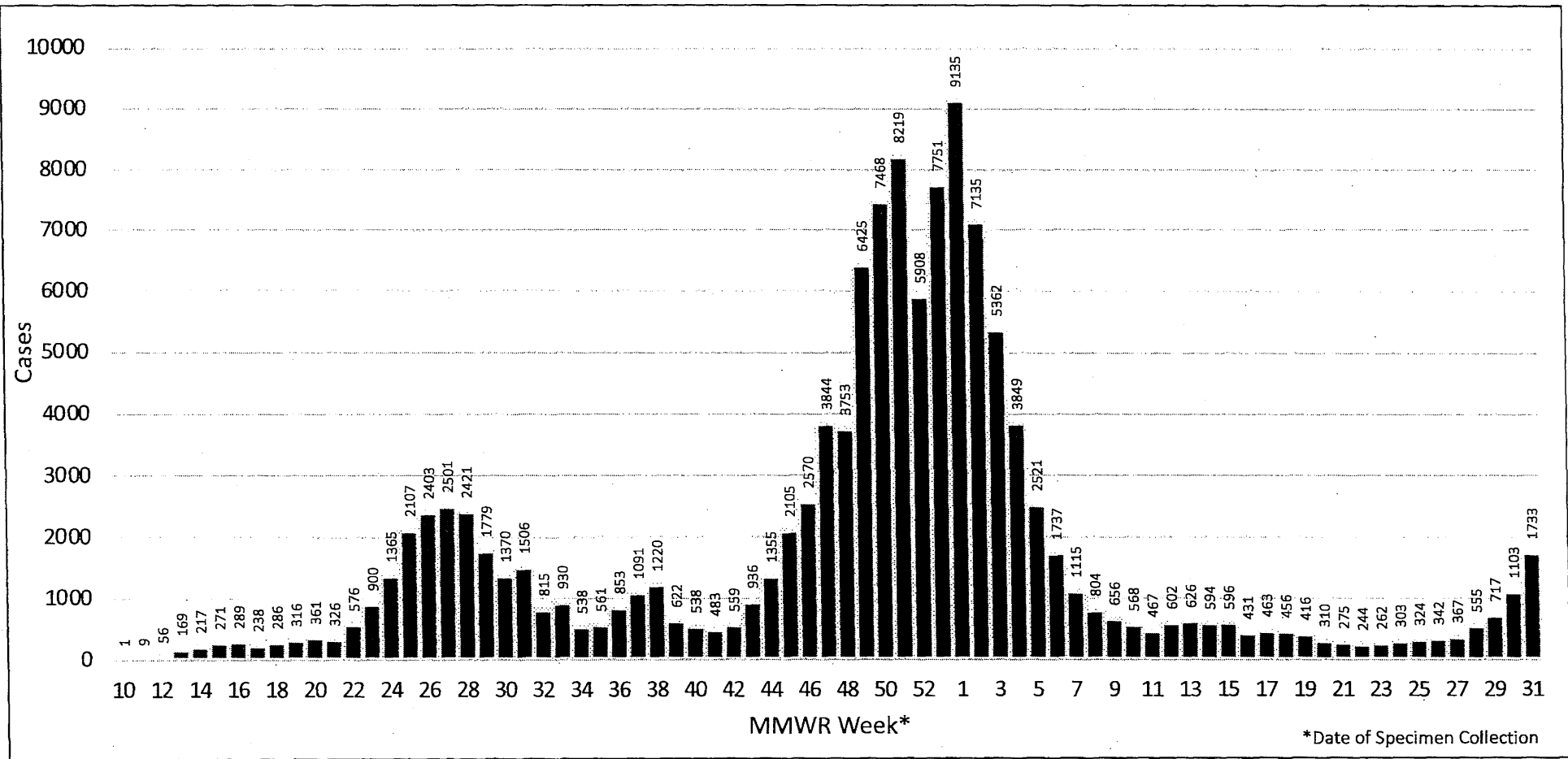


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## Pima County COVID-19 cases by MMWR



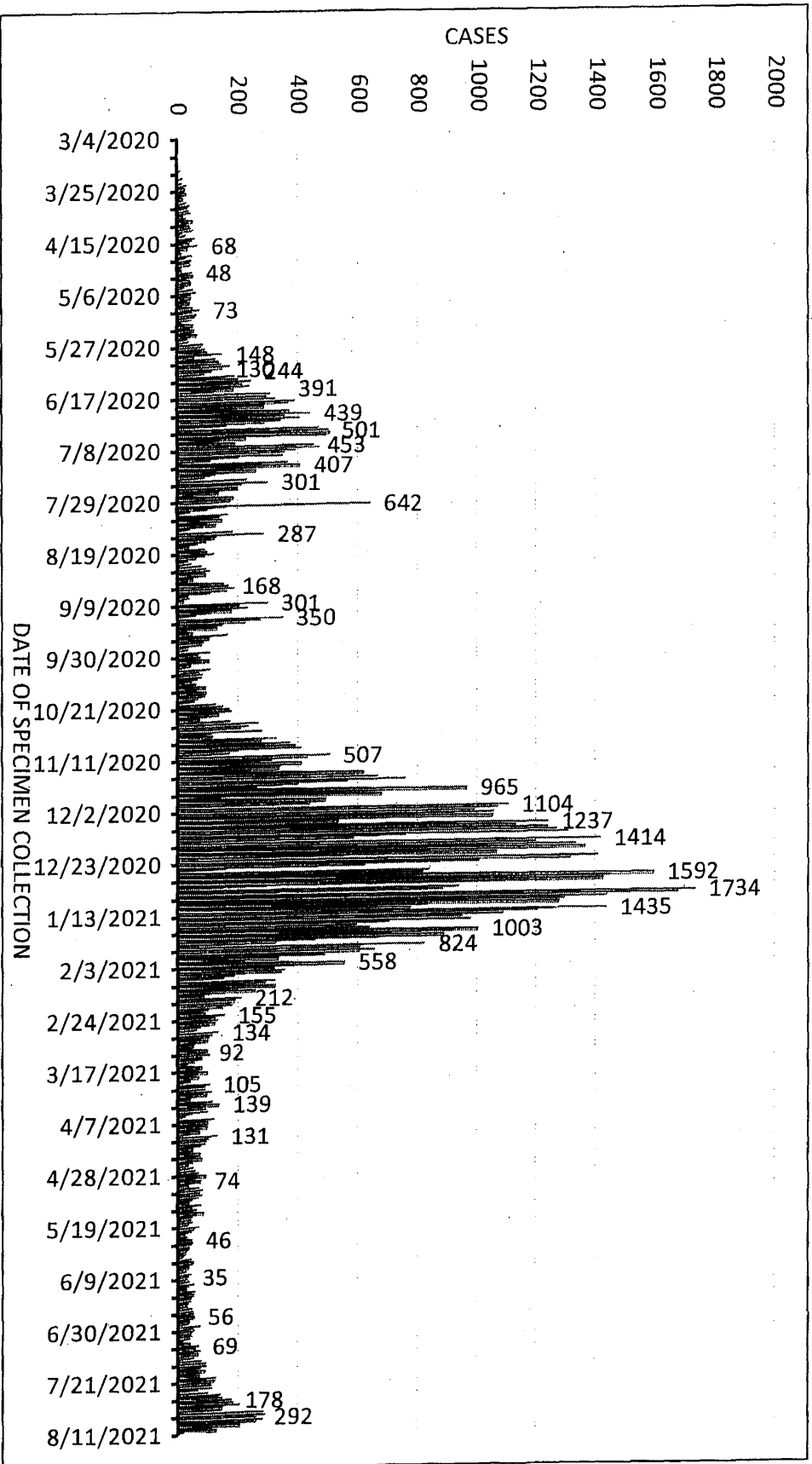
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# Pima County COVID-19 cases by date of specimen collection



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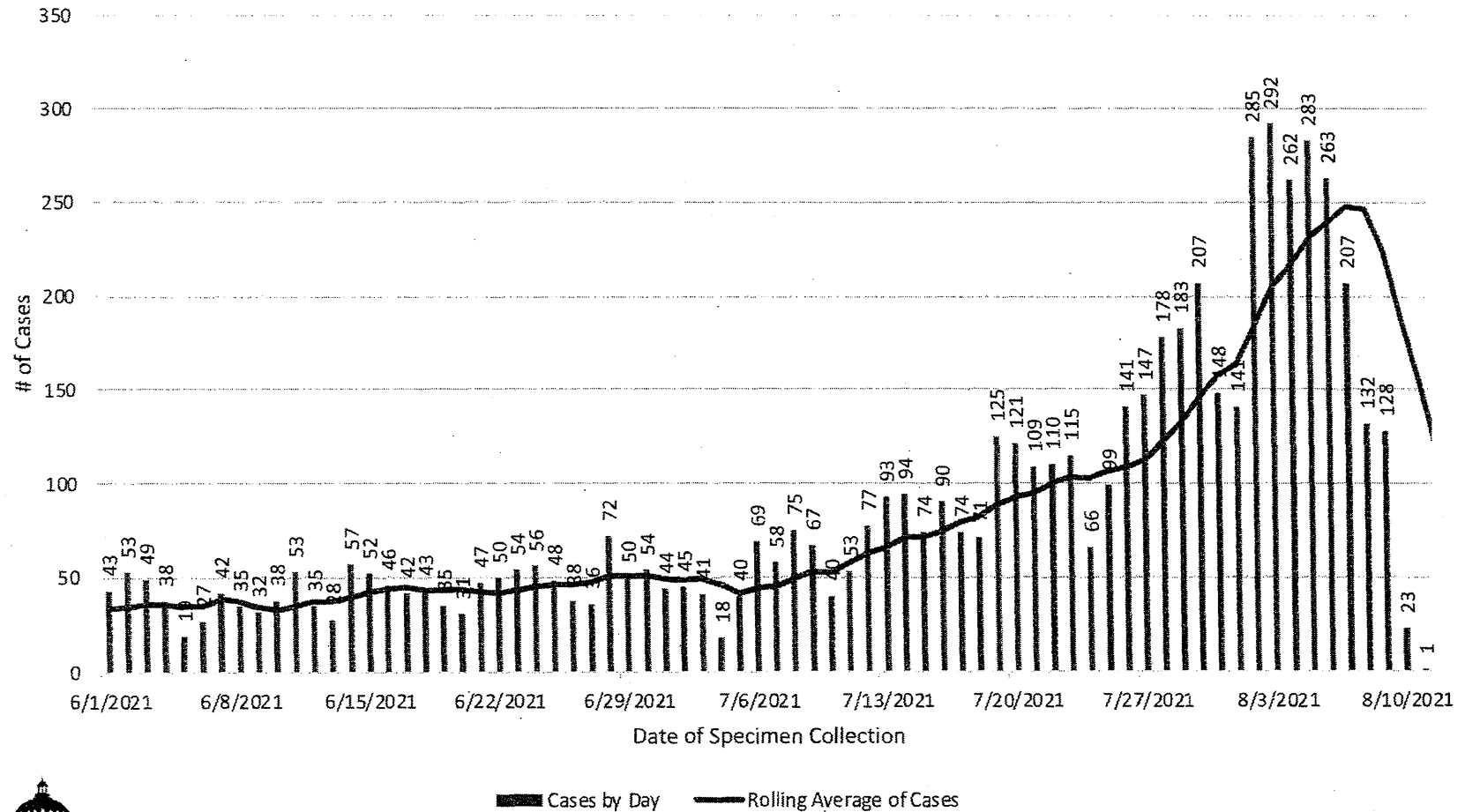
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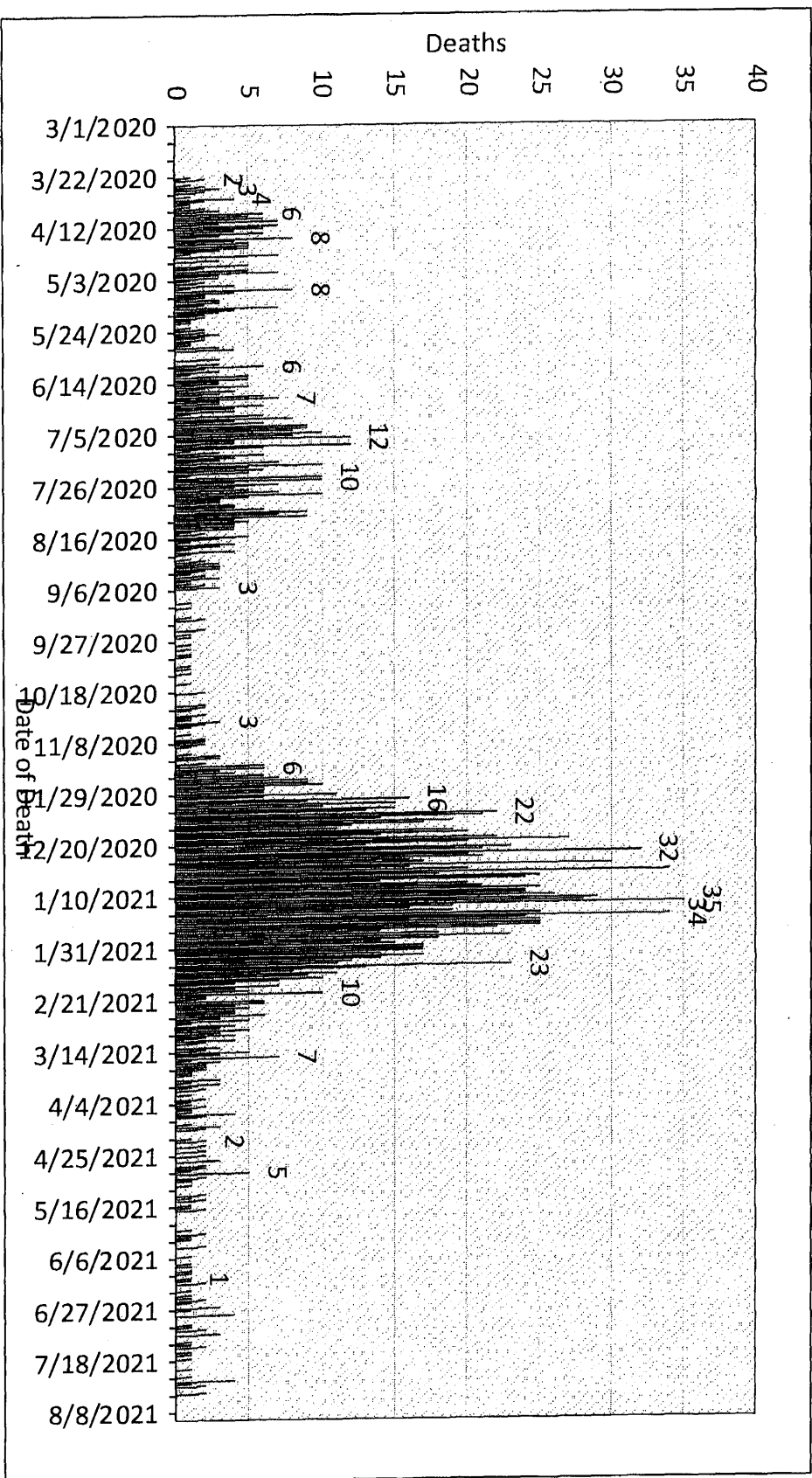
## COVID-19 Cases by Day with 7 Day Rolling Average from



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# Pima County COVID-19 deaths by date of death:



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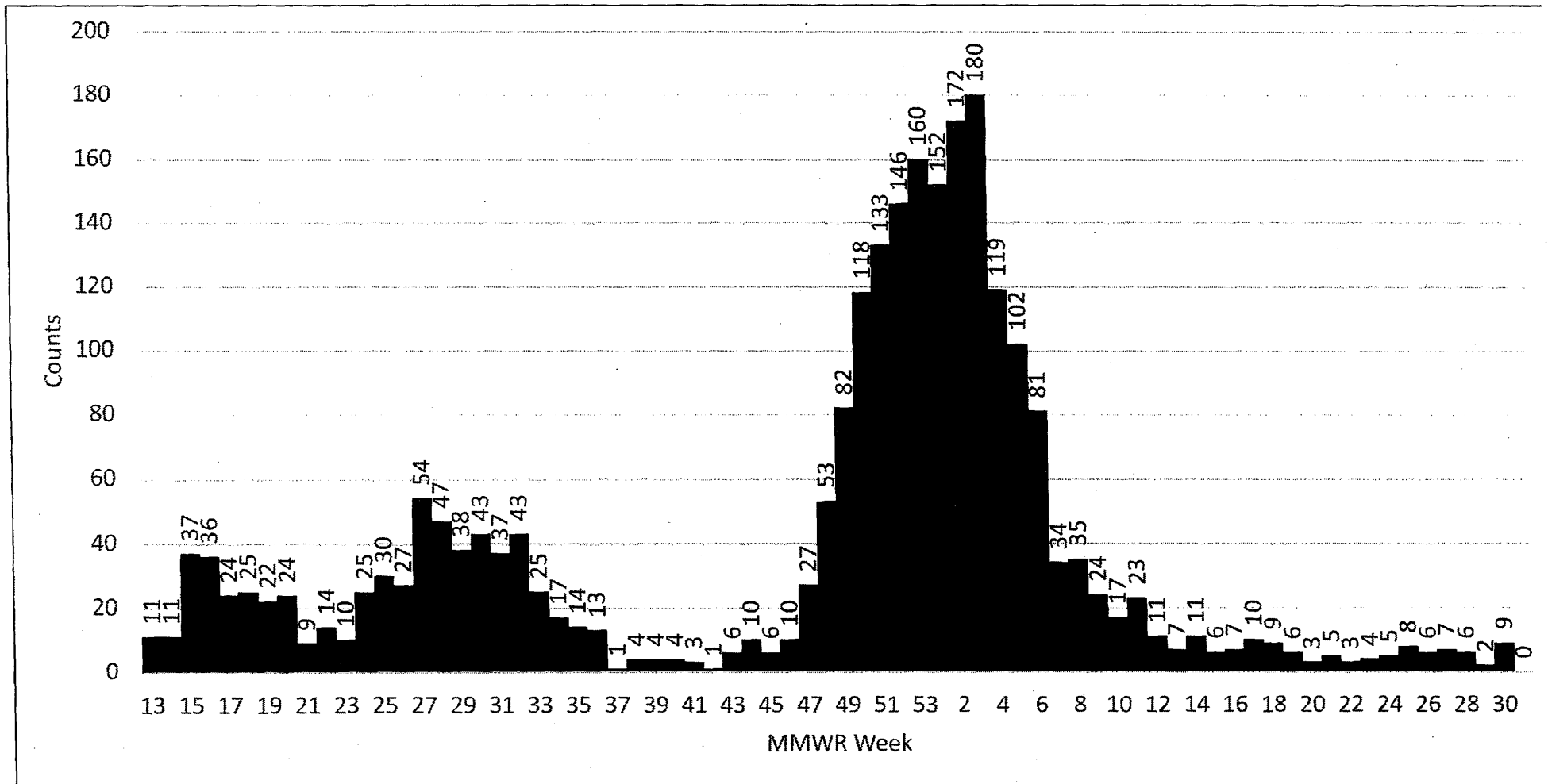
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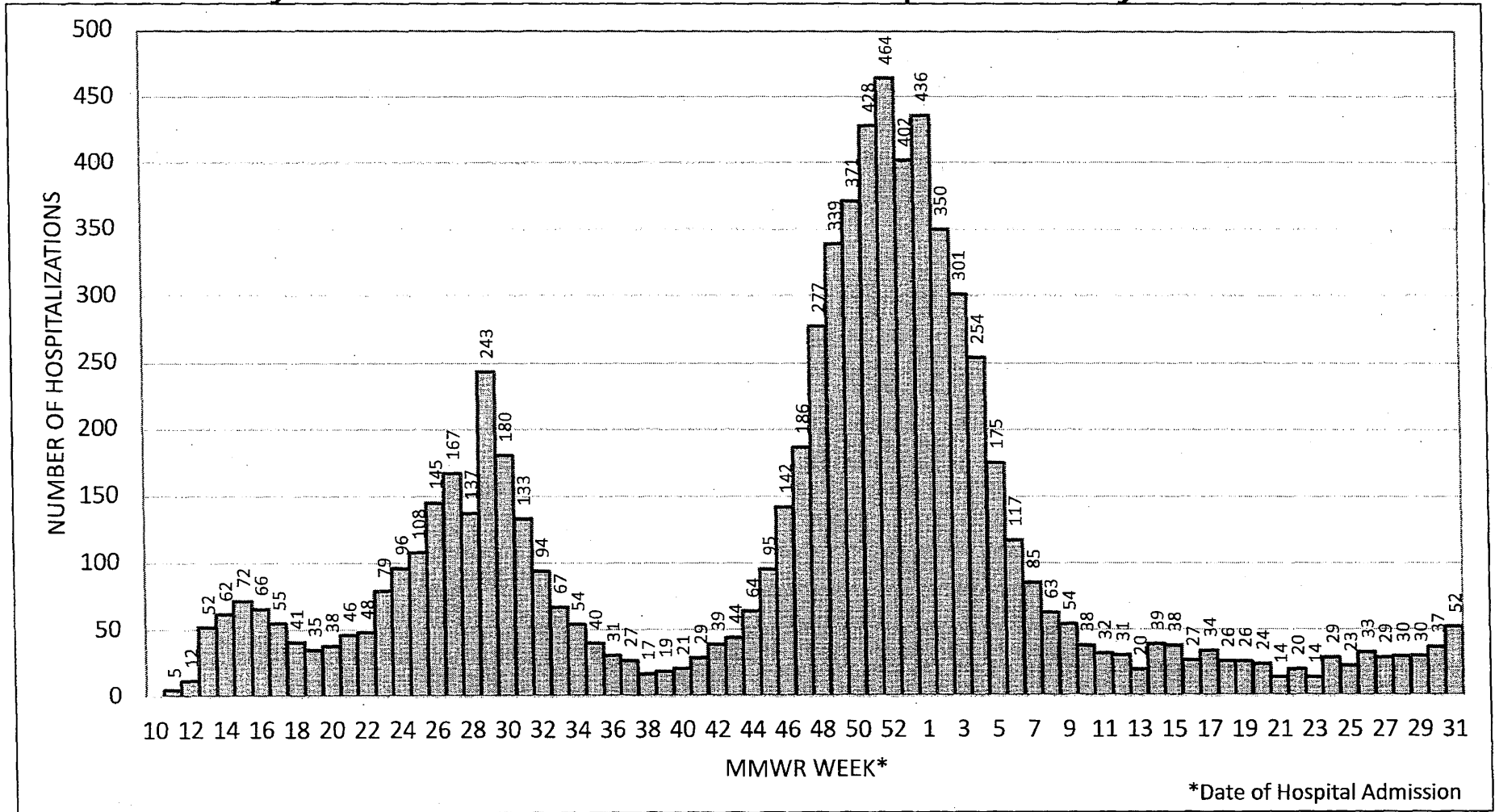
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## Pima County COVID-19 deaths by MMWR Week



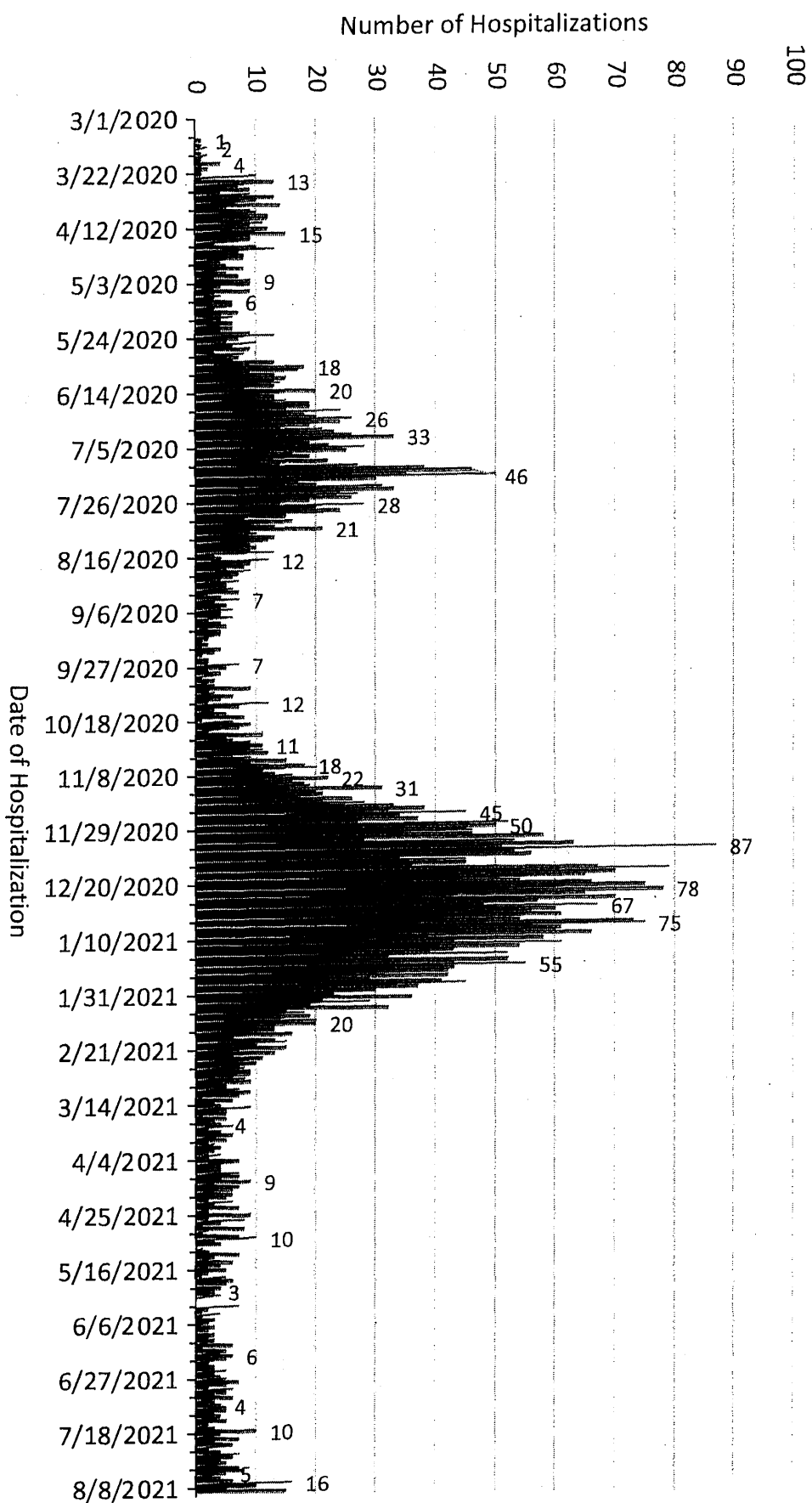
# Pima County COVID-19 cases that are hospitalized by MMWR



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# Pima County COVID-19 hospitalizations by date of hospitalization



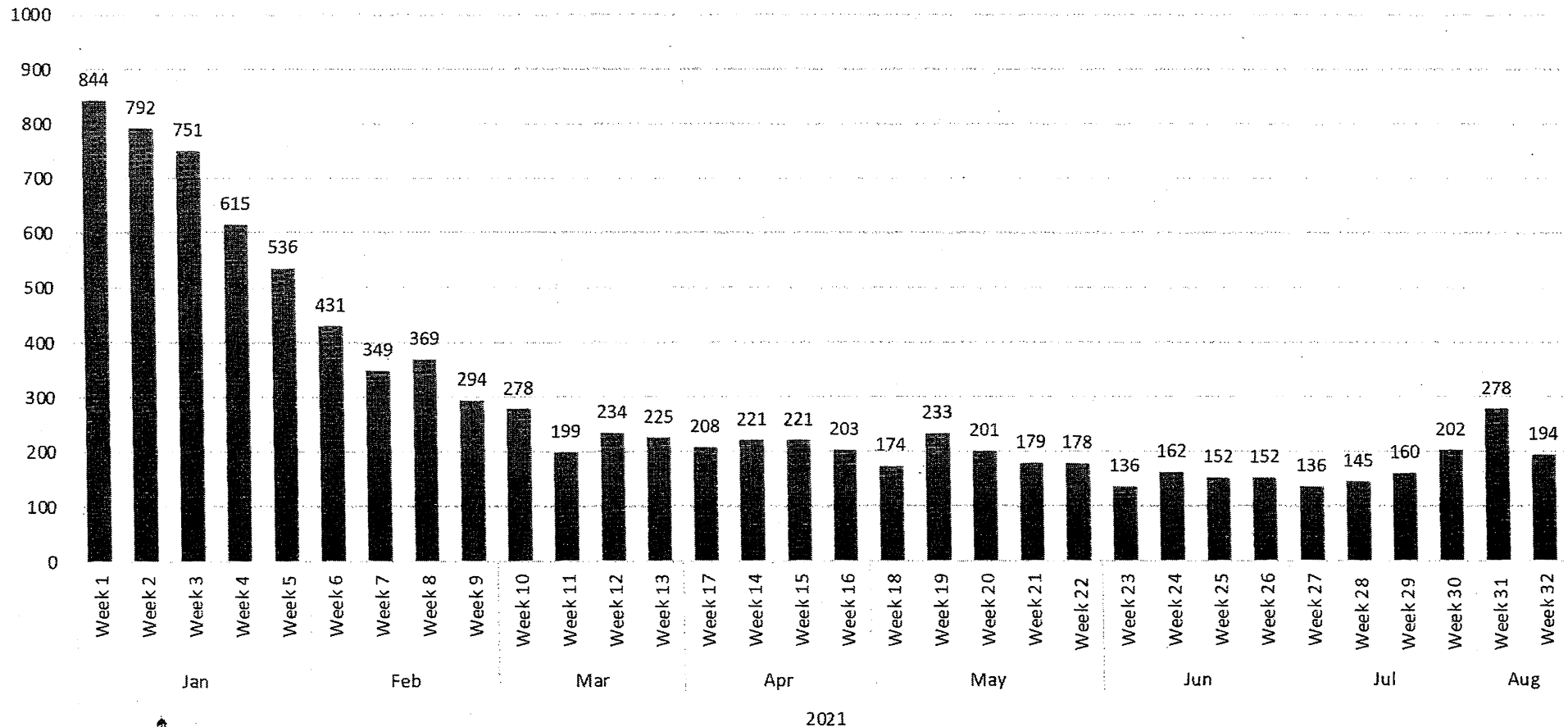
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# COVID Positive Admissions per MMWR Week at Tucson Area Hospitals via EMResource



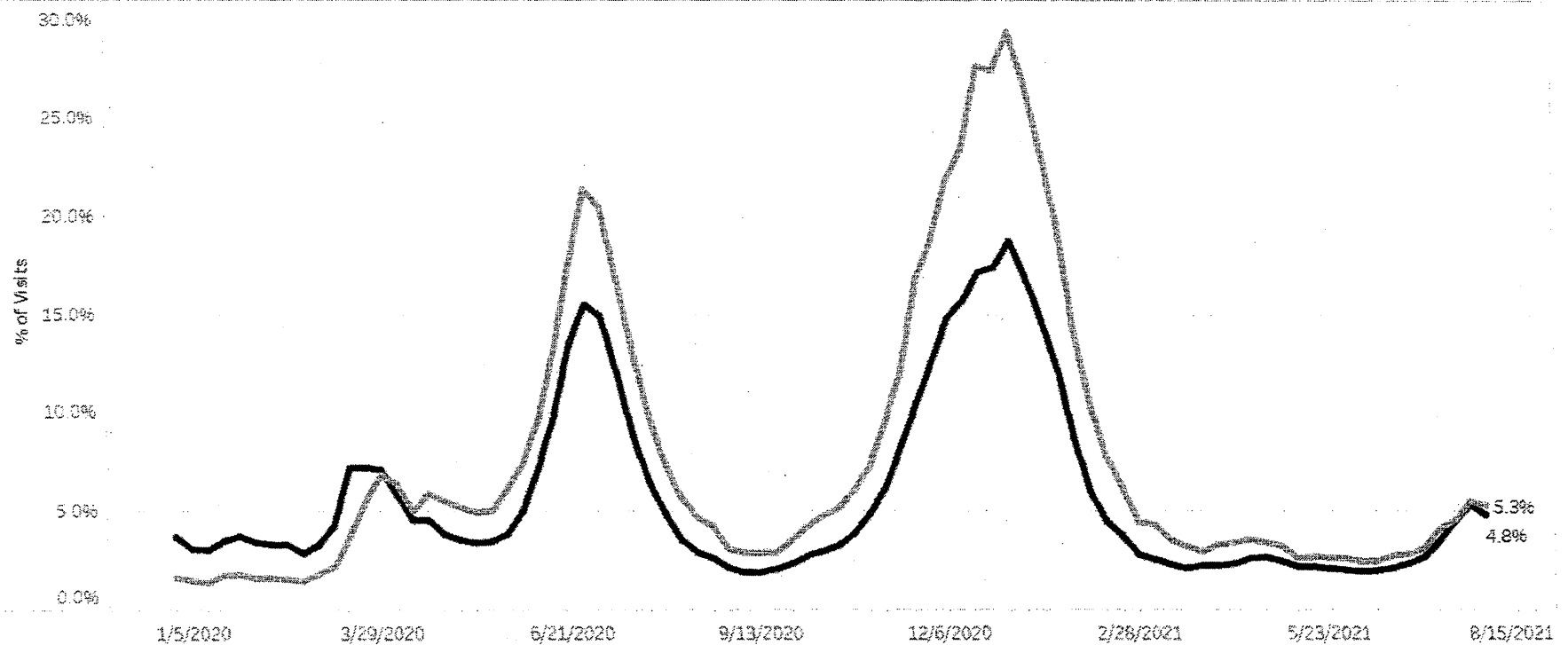




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## Hospital COVID-Like & Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance

■ % of Visits with CLI from Emergency Department (ED)  
■ % of Visits with CLI from Inpatient



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## **Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Laurel M. Cooper <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 5:26 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** vote YES to protect our children

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Please vote YES to support Dr. Matt Heinz' motion to require face masks at all K-12 schools in Pima County, both public and private. With Covid infections soaring in newly-reopened schools, this is NO time to pander to the anti-public welfare, anti-science elements in our state. Our children are our state's future, why jeopardize them? Those under 12 still can't be protected by vaccines —they're at our mercy. Without a mask mandate, children who wear masks risk being bullied by classmates and parents opposed to masks, and risk their health and lives.

Since Emerson and the anti-slavery movement, the United States has a long tradition of civil disobedience. When almost 1 million Arizonans have caught Covid, this is no time to honor a state law that was passed without public review.

As we said in the 1960's, "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."  
I'm grateful that I got polio vaccines back when those opposed were a tiny minority, and that smallpox was eradicated in my lifetime. Will children today be able to say something like that? I? I? I?

Please keep us safe in these difficult times,

Laurel Cooper, Ph.D.  
2537 E Richards Pl  
Tucson AZ 85716

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Sheetal Thaker <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 5:41 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** K-12 Mask Mandate

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Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a very concerned parent. Please bring back the issue of universal masking for grades K-12 tomorrow 8/16/21. Thank you to those that voiced support for this resolution on 8/10/21. Day by day, delta variant is changing the covid19 pandemic. Current school mitigation plans are not safe, and all kids deserve a safe place to go for in person learning. I did send both my young non vaccinated children back to in person learning. However, I just cannot continue to do so with the situation they are being placed in. Not everyone will be able to keep their kids home while the adults "figure it out." Despite doing everything they can to keep themselves safe, when almost 30 other people in a closed classroom are not wearing masks, my children are left grossly unprotected. Lunchtime is certainly not safe. Even outdoor time, which was always thought to be more safe than indoors, may not be as safe anymore with the delta variant. Students from varying classes interact with each other and countless visitors are allowed on campus. We have given it time but the data shows that covid19 is already in our classrooms. Now is the time to act if we want to make any difference in the virus spread.

I strongly urge you to curb the spread by recommending better mitigation plans for the schools. The first and easiest step is to support universal masking. If parents argue that they have the right not to mask their child, I should also have the right to send my kids to a safe classroom where everyone is masked as the CDC recommends. By making my child interact with dozens if not hundreds of unmasked, unvaccinated children daily, they are at risk. Not only do they risk getting sick but then we all risk getting sick as it spreads to others in the community. Even those of us who are vaccinated incur greater risk. Please protect our children and our community and reconsider passing this resolution. As a physician I took an oath to do no harm. Continuing to send my children into a dangerous environment is not something I can do.

Respectfully,  
Sheetal Thaker

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 5:47 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Please require masks in the Pima County schools

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To the Pima County Board of Supervisors:

I am the grandmother of two elementary-age boys and live in Pima County. I STRONGLY advocate for the use of masks in Pima County schools (and on school buses). Masks in schools is a public health imperative as the Delta variant spreads to our children, many of whom are extremely vulnerable because they are too young to be vaccinated. Masks and vaccines are widely endorsed by pediatric doctors and public health officials nationwide. Although I recognize that you have a difficult job, and thank you for your service to our county, to not follow the recommendations of these experts during this deadly pandemic would be unconscionable. Please follow the science and help protect the students (MY GRANDCHILDREN), teachers, parents, and school staff of Pima County. The sooner that we mask up and get vaccinated, the sooner we can get back to business. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Joan Thomas  
Tucson, AZ

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**From:** Mike Weingarten <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 6:00 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mandating masks in Pima Co. schools

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Dear Supervisors:

I just finished reading Supervisor Matt Hines' opinion piece on this subject in the TucsonSentinal.com, and I could not agree more.

We are facing a health crisis. Again. And largely of our own collective making. Our fellow citizens, family members, friends and neighbors, are getting sick, and too many are dying. Our children, many too young to qualify for vaccinations, are being placed into the petri dish in their school classrooms, and are also getting sick, and/or transmitting this virus to their adult family members back home. And it is so preventable. To quote Mr. Hines:

"We know how to stop the spread of COVID and we have the tools to do so: get vaccinated and wear a mask. It is that simple. But it does take the whole community pulling together and doing the right thing."

We need to follow the science, and the recommendations of our public health experts, and stop allowing the issue to be politicized. As a community, we need to do the right thing. We need to insist that our teachers and school staff be vaccinated. And we need to insist that they, and our students, wear masks during the school day.

Thank you for your service. And thank you in advance for making the hard, but obvious choice, to protect our community.

Sincerely,

Michael Weingarten  
2702 E Arroyo Chico, Tucson

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Veronica SantaMaria <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 9:06 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate

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Before it gets worse, please help keep our children safe by requiring masks. We support masks on campus and so should Pima County.

Thank you,  
Veronica

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**From:** Sherrylyn Young <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 9:18 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail; District1; DIST2; District3; District4; District5  
**Subject:** NO to mask and vaccine mandates!

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Dear County Supervisors:

Although at the last Board of Supervisors meeting it was voted 3 to 2 NOT to require masking for school children, it has appeared again on the agenda. I am adamantly opposed to school children being required to wear masks, and my opinion on the subject has not changed in 6 days, as yours appears to have done! Please continue to support parents and their right to make this decision for their children.

As a physician, I am also opposed to vaccine mandates for healthcare workers. Of all people who are qualified to assess the risks versus benefits of vaccination, healthcare workers are the most informed and most qualified! They should have the individual liberty to make their own choices. Covid in young healthy people is nothing more than a mild-moderate flu. Many have already been infected and have natural (and superior) immunity. Requiring them to take an experimental vaccine that is approved only for emergency use in vulnerable populations is not sound public health policy.

Sherrylyn Young, MD  
969 N. Rancho del Jefe Loop  
Tucson

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**From:** Crystal Espinoza-Shanahan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 9:38 PM  
**To:** Rex Scott  
**Cc:** COB\_mail; District3  
**Subject:** Vote in Favor of K-12 Masking

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Dear Supervisor Scott:

Thank you for your response to my email prior to the start of this school year. As you know, little has changed aside from a rise in COVID cases among children. Accordingly, I write now to urge you to vote yes during tomorrow's County meeting on mask mandates in K-12. While enforcement may pose some challenges, those can be overcome, as evidenced by TUSD's success along with at least 8 other courageous school districts in Arizona. They are currently making universal masking work for all families. It is possible, it can work peacefully, and our unvaccinated children require this protection! If you truly believe in the below statements you made in your July email, you will vote in favor of K-12 universal masking in Pima County:

"We believe that local school districts and our county health department have the right to take action to protect student health. Moving forward, we will do all that we can to assert these rights on behalf of our children."

We join the Pima County families who eagerly await your vote in favor of children's safety. With Pima County's support, we hope CFSD and other school districts will have the courage to act and set a universal mask policy for all Pima County schools.

Sincerely,

Crystal Espinoza-Shanahan & Family (85750) on behalf of all vulnerable unvaccinated school children & their families

On Mon, Jul 19, 2021 at 7:36 PM Rex Scott <[Rex.Scott@pima.gov](mailto:Rex.Scott@pima.gov)> wrote:  
Ms. Espinoza-

Good evening. Thanks for writing to the District One mailbox to express your concerns about student safety coming into the next school year. As a career educator who worked in Pima County schools for almost 30 years, I share your frustration with some of the decisions made by our governor and the Legislature, including the laws they recently enacted prohibiting school districts from requiring masks at a time when students under 12 have yet to be cleared for vaccination against the COVID virus.

Please see the attached memorandum from our county administrator to the Board. We received it last week and I am in full agreement with the points raised by Mr. Huckelberry and our public health leaders. We believe that local school districts and our county health department have the right to take

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action to protect student health. Moving forward, we will do all that we can to assert these rights on behalf of our children.

Rex Scott  
County Supervisor  
District One

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Maria Porter <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 9:39 PM  
**To:** District1; COB\_mail  
**Subject:** vote in favor of universal mask requirement in K-12 schools

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Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned parent to thank you for adding Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective Mitigation Strategy to Keep our Children Safe from COVID-19; Effective Immediately to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21. Thank you to the Pima County Supervisors who voted in favor of this critical Resolution.

**I urge Pima County Supervisors to bring the issue back to the Board of Supervisors on Monday, August 16 and to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools. A county mandate will help keep our children and community safe.**

According to Banner Health Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Marjorie Bessel hospitals have seen a 95% increase in Covid-19 patients since July 1 and 300% increase in ventilators and there is substantial spread in the vast majority of Arizona counties. Arizona is also second in the nation for pediatric deaths related to COVID-19, according to data published recently by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The science around masking is settled. Masks work to prevent disease transmission ([https://www.tampabay.com/opinion/2021/08/10/what-we-now-know-about-how-to-fight-the-delta-variant-of-covid-](https://www.tampabay.com/opinion/2021/08/10/what-we-now-know-about-how-to-fight-the-delta-variant-of-covid-column/?outputType=amp&fbclid=IwAR0aI5QKO37NrMvR_vRMNbSP8NIqrwQFEpdWr8I2j4mVHkmVzrKxeFFNsE)

[column/?outputType=amp&fbclid=IwAR0aI5QKO37NrMvR\\_vRMNbSP8NIqrwQFEpdWr8I2j4mVHkmVzrKxeFFNsE](https://www.tampabay.com/opinion/2021/08/10/what-we-now-know-about-how-to-fight-the-delta-variant-of-covid-column/?outputType=amp&fbclid=IwAR0aI5QKO37NrMvR_vRMNbSP8NIqrwQFEpdWr8I2j4mVHkmVzrKxeFFNsE)). All recent public health agencies, both national and local, have issued statements recommending universal masks for K-12 students in schools.<sup>[1]</sup>

Arizonans have a right to safe schools for Arizona kids. Governor Ducey is attempting to prevent school officials from implementing any public health mitigation strategies in line with leading public health agencies, including the CDC and Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to help protect students, all while COVID19 cases are again rising in our communities and more contagious variants are becoming more widespread.

The law passed by the state, banning schools from implementing such policies is likely unconstitutional,<sup>[2]</sup> doesn't take effect until Sept. 29 and poses a serious risk to life and health.

Pima County has a duty to protect the health of the community under Arizona law. Arizona Revised Statute Title 36 authorizes counties and local health jurisdictions to protect the health of the community during contagious diseases outbreaks. It is your duty to take action.

**Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to the classroom by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools.**

Thank you,  
Maria Porter

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**From:** Elizabeth Evans <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 1:15 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate

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Dear Board of Supervisors:

As a Tucson citizen and a grandmother of two school-age children, I am concerned about the risk of COVID infection for the staff and students at our schools.

I am asking the Pima County Board of Supervisors to require K-12 staff and students to wear masks while on campus and in the buses that transport students to and from campus. Last year, when the vaccine was not available, the county imposed a broader mask requirement designed to protect all members of the community. The children in our community deserve the same protection.

Against all reason, the State Legislature and the Governor have passed a law intended to prevent local governments from requiring masks. I have little hope for the State to modify this law. Therefore, I am also urging the Board of Supervisors to ask the courts for a stay in the execution of this law.

Sincerely

Elizabeth Evans  
2344 East 5th street  
Tucson Az 85719

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**From:** Frank Jude Boccio <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 9:42 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mandate Masks to protect our children

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Dear Board,

I wrote this as a concerned parent, and as a minister. The immorally politicized anti-mask policy of Governor Ducey MUST BE RESISTED! You owe it to our children to not comply with such a morally bankrupt policy.

Please show yourselves to have the backbone and integrity to put our children and their health, their safety, THEIR LIVES above the anti-science politically motivated and utterly irresponsible and depraved policy that risks out children's lives.

Thank You,  
Rev Frank Jude Boccio

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**From:** Todd Hlavacek <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 9:44 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisor August 16, 2021 Email Comment

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Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned parent and a Pima County constituent to thank you for adding to the Addendum Agenda, Resolution Number 2021: K-12 Schools Within Pima County Face Coverings Mandate for the 8/16/2021 meeting. Thank you to the Pima County Supervisors who previously voted in favor of this critical Resolution.

I urge Pima County Supervisors to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools. A county mandate will help keep our children and community safe.

According to Banner Health Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Marjorie Bessel, hospitals have seen a 95% increase in Covid-19 patients since July 1 and 300% increase in ventilators and there is substantial spread in the vast majority of Arizona counties. Arizona is also second in the nation for pediatric deaths related to COVID-19, according to data published recently by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The science around masking is settled. Masks work to prevent disease transmission. All recent public health agencies, both national and local, have issued statements recommending universal masks for K-12 students in schools.

Arizonans have a right to safe schools for Arizona kids. Governor Ducey is attempting to prevent school officials from implementing any public health mitigation strategies in line with leading public health agencies, including the CDC and Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to help protect students, all while COVID19 cases are again rising in our communities and more contagious variants are becoming more widespread. What Governor Ducey forgot was that Republicans have long been an advocate for small government, thus allowing localities more control over governance. Ducey's attempt took away that control from localities in direct contravention of Republicanism.

Furthermore, the law passed by the state. banning schools from implementing such policies is likely unconstitutional, doesn't take effect until Sept. 29 and poses a serious risk to life and health. There is a lawsuit currently pending in the courts to contest the legal merits of the law. As you may already know, our neighboring county to the north, Maricopa County, is currently experiencing school closures on account of COVID outbreaks. The closures were either done with an abundance of caution, thus protecting unvaccinated children, or because there were too many positives to continue with in-person schooling. The same may occur here which would be detrimental to parents who need to work and indirectly to businesses who will suffer unwarranted absences. Again, science says masks work.

Not only that, while the lawsuit is pending, the Pima County Board of Supervisors has a fiduciary duty to protect the health of the community under Arizona law. Arizona Revised Statute Title 36 authorizes

counties and local health jurisdictions to protect the health of the community during contagious diseases outbreaks. It is your duty to take action.

Indeed, as the 52nd Governor of Alabama, Bob Riley, a Republican, said in September 2003, "We have to make sure that we continue to protect the least among us."<sup>1</sup> Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to the classroom by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools. If a Resolution requiring masks for K-12 does not have enough votes, please consider a Resolution requiring masks for public, private and charter schools responsible for educating our unvaccinated children -- namely K-8 schools.

The question is, paraphrasing the words of Gov. Bob Riley: will you protect the most vulnerable among us during this pandemic?

Thank you,

Todd Hlavacek  
A concerned parent  
Tucson, AZ 85742

<sup>1</sup> <http://content.time.com/time/subscriber/article/0,33009,1005747,00.html>

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Kathy Noriega <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 9:44 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Cease and Desist

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We, the people of Pima County, demand you cease and desist ALL DISCUSSIONS relating to the mandated mask-muzzle wearing, vaccine experimental gene therapy injections and any retribution against those who do not wish to do either one.

On August 10, you voted down the measures to mandate mandatory masks for K12. No further discussion will be tolerated on this subject. You are demanded to table ALL DISCUSSIONS on this matter immediately and permanently. There is an abundance of scientific information showing that masks do not work to stop a virus. The pores of a mask are 20 to 100 microns in size, which is 200 to 1000 times larger than a virus at 0.1 microns. Please explain the science of how something portionally the size of a chain link fence can stop an object portionally the size of a mosquito. Muzzles lower oxygen intake, increase the amount of carbon dioxide to levels greater than OSHA allows for workers, close to a person's face, become more porous with the moisture from human breath, and become a germ incubator next to a human's most vulnerable entrances for disease, the mucus membranes of the face. They are germ collectors as everyone touches their face and mask many more times than normal to adjust it.

Here is information you and your cohorts have neglected in the name of control and tyranny over the citizenry:

#### Nine Potential and Proven Dangers to Muzzling Yourself

1. Cavities: New York dentists are reporting that half their patients are suffering decaying teeth, receding gum lines and seriously sour breath from wearing masks. "We're seeing inflammation in people's gums that have been healthy forever, and cavities in people who have never had them before," Dr. Rob Ramondi told FOX News.
2. Facial Deformities: Masking children triggers mouth breathing which as been shown to cause "long, narrow faces, narrow mouths, high palatal vaults, dental malocclusion, gummy smiles, and many other unattractive facial features," according to the Journal of General Dentistry.
3. Acne Vulgaris: Moisture and germs collecting in the mask cause "facial skin lesions, irritant dermatitis... or worsening acne" (according to Public Health Ontario) which stresses the immune system, can lead to permanent scarring and has been linked to depression and suicidal thoughts (according to the Journal of Dermatologic Clinics). Children also develop impetigo, a bacterial infection that produces red sores and can lead to kidney damage (according to the Mayo Clinic).

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4. Increased Risk of COVID-19: "Mask use by the general public could be associated with a theoretical elevated risk of COVID-19 through... self-contamination," states Public Health Ontario in Wearing Masks in Public and COVID-19. "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," theorizes nationally recognized board-certified neurosurgeon, Dr. Russell Blaylock, MD (in an article at The Centre for Research on Globalization).

5. Bacterial Pneumonia: At an Oklahoma Press Conference, Dr. James Meehan, MD testified: "Reports coming from my colleagues all over the world are suggesting that the bacterial pneumonias are on the rise" as a result of moisture collecting in face masks.

6. Immune Suppressing: Masks are often worn by criminals trying to hide their identity while perpetuating an offence (theft, violence, rape, murder, etc.). They produce subconscious anxiety and fear. Fear and anxiety activate the fight-or-flight nervous system which down-regulates the immune system, as shown in a study by the American Psychological Association.

7. Germophobia: Masks create an irrational fear of germs and a false sense of protection from disease, leading to antisocial (or even hostile) behaviour towards those not wearing a mask. (See the paper in the Journal of Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders titled "COVID-19, obsessive-compulsive disorder and invisible life forms that threaten the self").

8. Toxic: Many (if not most) masks and face coverings (including cloth) are made with toxic and carcinogenic chemicals including fire retardant, fibreglass, lead, NFE, phthalates, polyfluorinated chemicals and formaldehyde that will outgas and be inhaled by the wearer. (See "5 main hazardous chemicals in clothing from China named" by Fashion United).

9. Psychologically Harmful: "I believe the real threat right now is what we're doing to sabotage the mental, emotional and physical health of... our children, whose development is dependent on social interactions, physical contact and facial expressions," writes Dr. Joseph Mercola of Mercola.com. "Between mask wearing and social distancing, I fear the impact on children in particular may be long-term, if not permanent."

#### Six Proofs Masks Do Not Reduce Infections

1. Insubstantial: A CDC-funded review on masking in May 2020 came to the conclusion: "Although mechanistic studies support the potential effect of hand hygiene or face masks, evidence from 14 randomized controlled trials of these measures did not support a substantial effect on transmission of laboratory-confirmed influenza... None of the household studies reported a significant reduction in secondary laboratory-confirmed influenza virus infections in the face mask group." If masks can't stop the regular flu, how can they stop SAR-CoV-2?

2. Unreasonable: "Evidence that masking as a source [of] control results in any material reduction in transmission was scant, anecdotal, and, in the overall, lacking... [and mandatory masking] is the exact opposite of being reasonable," ruled a hospital arbitrator in a dispute between The Ontario Nurses' Association and the Toronto Academic Health Science Network.

3. Ineffective: "Oral masks in healthy individuals are ineffective against the spread of viral infections," write Belgian medical doctors in an open letter published in The American Institute of Stress, September 24, 2020.

4. Unsanitary: "It has never been shown that wearing surgical face masks decreases postoperative wound infections," writes Göran Tunevall, M.D. in the World Journal of Surgery.



"On the contrary, a 50% decrease [in bacterial infection] has been reported after omitting face masks."

5. No Protection: "There were 17 eligible studies.... None of the studies established a conclusive relationship between mask/respirator use and protection against influenza infection," concludes a research review in the journal *Influenza and Other Respiratory Viruses*.

6. Unproven: Dutch Minister for Medical Care, Tamara van Ark, asserted that "from a medical perspective there is no proven effectiveness of masks" after a review by the National Institute for Health on July 29, 2020 (according to Reuters).

#### Five Ways Forced Masking is Immoral

1. Reckless: "By making mask-wearing recommendations and policies for the general public, or by expressly condoning the practice, governments have both ignored the scientific evidence and done the opposite of following the precautionary principle," writes Denis Rancourt, PhD in his 2020 paper *Masks Don't Work*.

2. Manipulative: Dr. Andreas Voss, member of the World Health Organization expert team and head of microbiology at a Dutch hospital in Nijmegen, on July 24, 2020, told *I Am Expat* that masks were made mandatory "not because of scientific evidence, but because of political pressure and public opinion."

3. Fear-Mongering: "In fact, there is no study to even suggest that it makes any sense for healthy individuals to wear masks in public," write Drs. Karina Reiss, PhD and Dr. Sucharit Bakdi, MD in *Corona, False Alarm?* "One might suspect that the only political reason for enforcing the measure is to foster fear in the population."

4. Totalitarian: "If you look at the history of totalitarian regimes... they all do the same thing, which is they try to crush culture, and crush any evidence of self-expression..." explains Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. in an interview regarding face masks. "And what is the ultimate vector for self-expression? It's your facial expressions.... [Yet] we've all been told to put on the burqa and be obedient."

5. Virtue-Signalling: "Masks are utterly useless," testified Dr. Roger Hodgkinson, a pathologist, certified with the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, at a city council meeting. "...masks are simply virtue-signalling... It's utterly ridiculous seeing these unfortunate, uneducated people — I'm not saying that in a pejorative sense — walking around like lemmings, obeying without any knowledge base, to put the mask on their face."

Source here: <https://www.globalresearch.ca/twenty-reasons-mandatory-face-masks-are-unsafe-ineffective-and-immoral/5735171>

On August 10, you voted down the measure to mandate all Pima County employees to be vaccinated/injected starting October 1. No further discussion will be tolerated on this subject. You are demanded to table ALL DISCUSSIONS on this matter immediately and permanently.

Now you are looking to FORCEFULLY VACCINATE/INJECT our healthcare workers. You are to TABLE THIS MATTER PERMANENTLY.

If you decide to proceed on discussion and implementation of any of these matters, please be advised you are hereby warned of the consequences of your actions. You are violating Governor Ducey's Executive Orders regarding this matter in the state. There are to be NO MANDATORY VACCINES, NO VACCINE CARDS/PASSPORTS and you have ZERO rights to violate anyone's rights, civilly or medically. We also noticed you refuse to allow any religious exemptions in your proposed mandate, which is also illegal.

Your mandate violates the Arizona State Constitution, Constitution of the United States, Bill of Rights, HIPPA and other civil and discrimination laws. These carry serious federal and local penalties, which you will be tasked to suffer should you proceed with this discussion and vote.

This will no longer be tolerated by the people of this state and Pima County.

You are hereby mandated to cease and desist before your actions lead to legal penalties!

Regards,

Kathy Noriega  
registered voter

## Bernadette Russell

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**From:** Talitha Baker <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 1:22 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail; District1; DIST2; District4; District5; District3  
**Subject:** Re: Masks in Vail for [REDACTED] | A precious little boy who has [REDACTED] needs your help

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I wanted to follow up to share this news story which references your vote tomorrow and also features quotes from my friend Abbie who is a concerned Tucson mom. We really hope more can be done tomorrow to protect Pima County's kids <https://kvoa.com/news/top-stories/2021/08/13/another-lawsuit-filed-against-state-over-school-mask-mandate-ban/>

Also, I'm not sure if you've seen this petition, but may concerned citizens are signing onto it asking for more protections in Pima County <https://form.jotform.com/212200929085148>

Lastly, I wanted to share this opinion piece, it is a fantastic example of the broad opinions of Pima Co residents regarding masks in schools [https://tucson.com/opinion/local/pima-co-medical-society-gov-ducey-endangers-arizona-students-with-no-mask-school-order/article\\_a226e1d8-f14d-11eb-840f-236e0c08971a.html](https://tucson.com/opinion/local/pima-co-medical-society-gov-ducey-endangers-arizona-students-with-no-mask-school-order/article_a226e1d8-f14d-11eb-840f-236e0c08971a.html)

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 10, 2021, at 5:02 PM, Talitha Baker <[REDACTED]> wrote:

I couldn't possibly be more devastated by your decision. Rather than finding a legal stopgap that would allow schools to at least require masks for kids like [REDACTED] at Vail Schools until they're old enough to get a vaccine (even if it was tied up in the courts), you have abandoned the kids outside of TUSD.

What's more, you personally looked out for yourselves by having a remote meeting while you threw vulnerable unvaccinated kids into the lion's den.

Thank you to the two **brave** people who voted to protect kids like [REDACTED]. I don't know who you are, but you are on the side of bravery. The rest of you, I'll email you if [REDACTED] ends up hospitalized due to Covid. This is on your hands.

On Sun, Aug 8, 2021 at 1:32 PM Talitha Baker <[talithajbaker@gmail.com](mailto:talithajbaker@gmail.com)> wrote:  
Hello Pima Co leadership,

I'm a concerned citizen.

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This is [REDACTED] He's a family friend. He's a little boy in Vail School District who has [REDACTED] and who is extremely likely to be hospitalized if he catches Covid.  
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Covid is running rampant in Vail Schools. His mom made incredible sacrifices to homeschool him last year, but if she doesn't go back to work they will lose insurance. Vail School District has debated a mask mandate, but hasn't yet stepped up to protect kids like [REDACTED] against Gov. Ducey's anti-life mask ban that's putting kids in harms way.

These are my nieces in San Tan Valley who both IMMEDIATELY [REDACTED] in their largely unmasked school this past week.

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Their story was covered by every news station in Phoenix and on national outlets including Good Morning America, Yahoo News and MSN. Fortunately, they do not have Cystic Fibrosis so they will survive. [REDACTED] may not. Arizona has the highest per capita pediatric death rate for kids the USA.

GMA story: [https://www.goodmorningamerica.com/family/story/arizona-mom-urges-masks-classrooms-kindergartner-contracts-covid-79289128?fbclid=IwAR2NZOBYxspipwBDmHOqsGyZz80w0ym5OJx9yOJg0Ts\\_tm1guEa-zDIF6Nc](https://www.goodmorningamerica.com/family/story/arizona-mom-urges-masks-classrooms-kindergartner-contracts-covid-79289128?fbclid=IwAR2NZOBYxspipwBDmHOqsGyZz80w0ym5OJx9yOJg0Ts_tm1guEa-zDIF6Nc)

*(Feel free to Google "Heidi Kim News" for links to some of the other local news stories)*

I'm respectfully asking that you defy Ducey's anti-life attempts to harm children like my friend [REDACTED] and institute a mask mandate for kids in Pima County K-12 schools.

If [REDACTED] does get Covid, I will be sharing his story with all the Arizona and national reporters I met this week who amplified my nieces' story. Unfortunately, his situation will be much more medically serious.

THANK YOU for pulling together this meeting. I'm in constant talks with Kerri, [REDACTED] mom, and she is ENDLESSLY grateful for leaders like you working to find solutions to protect Arizona's kids.

Feel free to contact me here or at [REDACTED]

-Talitha

Sent from my iPhone

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With Gratitude,

Talitha Baker

## Bernadette Russell

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**From:** Lorella Ritzel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 1:44 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Public Comment for August 16 meeting

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Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am respectfully again asking you to stop! I will be back to comment every week that mandates are on the agenda. Masks have done little to nothing to stop the spread of Covid 19. If it had, no one would be recommending masks worn indoors by the vaccinated, as well as the unvaccinated. Again, I'm going to remind you that for the past 16 months, we have participated in your overreach experiment. I've mentioned the dirty masks! I've mentioned the behavioral struggles. Today, I'm mentioning the struggle to get those that are now uncomfortable speaking to articulate. I am going to let you know that there are those who are too timid to tell the mask wearing teacher to repeat themselves because they couldn't hear him/ her. I'm sharing that those who adamantly believe in wearing masks have been taught how to properly wear them. They have clearly been instructed by their families when it's appropriate for them to remove their masks and when to put them back on. When masks were mandated, we were constantly reminding our students to cover their nose. The kids that were getting the constant reminders would sometimes act out when they would get frustrated. The kids who are wearing masks are indifferent to those who aren't and vice versa. They play together. People, students and staff for the most part, are being respectful of the personal choices as well. Previously your mandates pitted people against each other. Your "goal" may have been "public safety" but you were failing! As well we were dividing us into two groups.....and you are sorely mistaken if you believe it was left and right. It was masked and unmasked. Now you're turning it into vaccinated and unvaccinated. As an educator, I can say that I already see that I have enough anxiety and behavior issues coming my way this school year without adding the contributions will come from making us mask police again, prohibiting visitors on campus, and all that comes with this mask mandate. We've seen a glimpse of normal and the students are responding. Don't take that away!

Again I am going to remind you that last year parents were desperate. Options were limited. This year is different, you can choose online schooling if you're adamantly concerned. Many of our families chose to return. Families that do not believe in masks and limited schooling are done. They aren't afraid to pull their kids. If I pull my child, we will not return to public school. We had chosen public school over private for our family, but in a heartbeat we will choose the route that gives my family the freedom they deserve. We are not the only ones that feel this way. We want and deserve the education that our children desire.

My last paragraph will change little with each submission I send. I can't stress enough how much recovery I've seen in the few days of school but a huge part of that is the respect allowed to families. Our families are respecting each other's choices. The children are respectful. By attempting to make the schools enforce a mandate when many have already established the right to choose what is best for their child, you are hurting our children and our school systems once again. This isn't your place!! Our school

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boards have spoken. Give these students and their families a chance at recovery and stay in your lane!! Stop negatively impacting our children! Thank you for your time.

Lorella Ritzel

Pima County Voter, resident, parent, and educator

PS- Your vaccine mandates need to be reconsidered too. I think you believe that you're in the right, but your constituents have had enough. You will find that out quickly when your county job openings start to increase and if not with that because you're effecting people's livelihoods, then when you're up for re-election. The voters that do not appreciate your overreach will voice it during election, whether they were in the same aisle as you or not. This is another conviction that has crossed both aisles.

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Vikki Spritz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 2:22 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** mask mandates

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<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/08/10/opinion/covid-schools-masks.html?searchResultPosition=1>

Please look at this study and see how important mask mandates at the present time would be. Why are you elected officials not more vocal about Gov. Ducey and the legislature tying your hands when it comes to public health? I hope you do what you can to help now. Vikki Spritz

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**From:** Debbie Ensign <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** Mask Mandate Urgently Needed for all County Schools

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Respectfully,  
Deborah Ensign  
5217 N. Tigua Dr.  
Tucson, AZ 85704  


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**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 2:24 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** School Mask Mandate

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I understand the Pima County Board of Supervisors will be voting on a county-wide mask requirement for K-12 schools on 8/16. I have two children under the age of 12 enrolled in an Amphi elementary school, and I am writing to voice my support for a mask mandate.

I understand that I am asking the board to go against the governor's executive order banning mask mandates, and that there are potential consequences to school funding, etc. I am willing to give the governor the benefit of the doubt regarding his executive order, however the situation has changed significantly in the weeks since it was issued. The covid-19 delta variant is in our community, cases are surging and there is no question that it is also in our schools.

I urge you to look at the data, listen to public health experts and listen to our own community of physicians in Pima County. Tune out all of the political noise and prioritize the health and safety of our children. It's not an easy decision, but it is a remarkably simple one. We've been down this path before. We know what works. Our kids should be wearing masks.

All the best,

Chris Hale  
686 W. Mountain Ridge Dr.  
Tucson, AZ 85737

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## **Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Earthlink <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 2:07 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Cc:** District1; DIST2; District3; District4; District5  
**Subject:** Face masks & mandatory vaccinations

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Rebecca Jones  
6401 N Anway Rd  
Marana, AZ 85653  
[REDACTED]



**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Isadora Hale <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 2:12 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks in schools

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Regarding Monday's vote for a county-wide mask mandate for K - 12 schools, I implore you to vote in support of the mandate.

Children under 12 years of age cannot yet be vaccinated, so they are wide open for COVID infection. School should be a safe place for them to be, and at present it isn't.

The American Academy of Pediatrics, the CDC and health experts worldwide widely support a layered approach to keeping people safe during the pandemic, and an integral part of that approach is masking up. For the many K - 12 students who are not yet old enough to be vaccinated, masks top the list of protective measures.

The rhetoric against requiring masks in schools has been that parents should be free to choose if their children wear a mask. However, schools already prohibit kids attending with certain graphics on their clothing, or their midriff showing, or without their vaccines up to date. Nobody is arguing with any of that, because it is to make school a safe and comfortable place to be for everybody, where kids can focus on their learning and development. Requiring masks in our current environment is no different. Let's not confuse politics with keeping children safe.

In addition to protecting the children in schools who cannot yet be vaccinated, requiring masks in schools will undoubtedly protect the community as a whole. Reduced transmission in schools will reduce transmission outside of schools. Simple.

I understand that choosing to make masks required at our schools is a difficult decision, but with the overwhelming evidence in support of their proven effectiveness, it is an amazingly simple one. Please keep our kids safe, and let's make this a healthy and successful school year.

Best regards,

Isadora Hale

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**From:** Shirl LAMONNA <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 3:28 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Vote NO on Item 9 - County assistance for school boards requiring Mask Mandates

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August 15, 2021

Dear Supervisors,

I am strongly opposed to providing County assistance to Local School District Boards who require K-12 masks for students, teachers and staff.

Pima County taxpayer revenue should not be used to provide financial assistance to School Boards who choose to break the law.

I am incensed that you would even consider using my tax dollars to support TUSD in this manner. They voted for it & they can pay their own legal bills if they are challenged.

In a civil society, all laws must be obeyed.

Please vote NO on Item 9!

Shirley Lamonna

Oro Valley

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 3:36 PM  
**To:** DIST2; District3; District4; District5; District1; Chuck Huckelberry; COB\_mail  
**Cc:** [REDACTED] Chuck Huckelberry  
**Subject:** We need masks, vaccines to combat COVID-19 -- NOW

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am very, very disappointed in the outcome of your votes on COVID-19 last week.

I support a) requiring masks in K-12 schools; b) requiring COVID-19 vaccinations for all Pima County employees; and c) declaring a state of emergency related to the COVID-19 pandemic in Pima County.

On August 9, 2021, County Administrator Huckelberry wrote to you suggesting you consider reinstating the state of emergency declaration because of the steep rise in COVID-19 cases in the county since the first week of July. The situation is even worse now than it was on August 9.

Referring to the governor and state legislators as "feckless" and talking about "Governor Do-Nothing Ducey" will not help the residents, young and old, of Pima County. I want you to do what's good for Pima County residents, not just wring your hands and trash talk other elected officials.

You are not powerless – now use your power to protect me, all those children under 12 who are ineligible for the vaccine, and also other Pima County residents.

Mari Jensen  
2918 E. Seneca St.  
Tucson voter

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## **Bernadette Russell**

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**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 3:36 PM  
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**Subject:** K-12 mask mandate

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Dear Pima County Supervisors,

At your last Board of Supervisors meeting, you voted down 3 proposals meant to help slow the upsurge of COVID-19, which is driven by the highly contagious and more virulent delta variant. Included in the quickly increasing numbers of cases in Pima County are unprecedented numbers of children being infected and hospitalized, many of whom are not yet eligible for the vaccine.

On Monday, Supervisor Heinz plans to re-introduce a measure that would require masks be worn by students, teachers, and staff in all K-12 schools. I whole-heartedly urge you to support this measure.

One reason stated for voting down the previous measures was that they are unenforceable, given the Governor's order banning mask mandates, as well as vaccine and testing requirements. This order is completely irresponsible from a public health perspective, and it tramples on local jurisdictions' ability to govern in ways best for their communities. It is also discriminatory, as it pertains only to public and charter schools, not to private schools. Private schools are free to put in place any health mandates they see fit to protect their students, teachers, and staff, while public schools are not. This smacks of racism and classism.

Arizona State University, University of Arizona, Northern Arizona University, and Pima Community College have all put in place mask mandates for students, teachers, and staff, as have a number of public school systems, including Tucson Unified; they are putting public health above politics. You, the Board of Supervisors, will do well to back them up with your own approval of a mask requirement.

I strongly urge you to stand up to the irresponsible ban on mask mandates and vote in favor of the re-introduced proposal on Monday. Take a stand for responsibility and public health; for the safety of our children, families, teachers, and school staff; for our community.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Rev. Karen MacDonald

Constituent of District 5

## Bernadette Russell

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**From:** Abbe Morrison Goncharsky <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 3:53 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Please support the PCHD and direct school districts to impose mitigation measures

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Dear Supervisors,

I write in follow-up to my previous message in which I asked you to impose a mask mandate. I am concerned at the lack of action by the Catalina Foothills School District, and most districts in Tucson, to impose the mitigation measures that have been shown to help protect our community and our students from the spread of Covid-19.

School has been back in session for a week. That's five days in which my child has attended 7 classes each day (8 on Wednesday), plus lunch. Five hours (give or take) of PE and band; 35 hours around other students and teachers, many of whom are not masked. In multiple classes, she is well within 3 feet (let alone 6) of unmasked classmates. In some classes, the teachers are unmasked, despite their repeated contacts with unvaccinated students throughout the school day. Each day, she bears the looks of those who are not masked and comes home and changes her clothes and showers immediately, just as her father does when he returns from his medical clinic. The difference? His cancer patients need his services and he has made a promise to them to take these kinds of risks. My 13-year-old, and her unvaccinated 10-year-old brother, have not. In the event that any of us contract the virus, we will likely have spread it within the household and, no doubt, to others as well, all without intention or knowledge. Short of us not interacting as a family or having to choose homeschooling when we believe strongly in the social value of education, CFSD and our other community schools are putting us in an untenable position of knowing that we are not doing everything that we can be doing to prevent the spread, because our older child spends her day sitting next to students who are unmasked (and perhaps unvaccinated).

I understand that the County didn't want to take a position contrary to the Governor and Legislature. I can understand that academically, if not personally. And while I hope that you will pass the resolution to support districts that take a stand, there are still other actions to be taken that would not necessitate such a position. Doing nothing risks not only the health of my family, but the health of our community. And with so many other districts and schools being willing to take a stand, it is disheartening that CFSD is not and that the County has not given the District any support in that regard. I hope it will not take having to quarantine classes and close schools, and the attendant impact that will have on our business community, not to mention our health care providers, for the County to take action. I fear it will.

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I haven't seen any reason that the County has not encouraged all schools to facilitate social distancing or provide a distance learning option to those who require or request it, nor do I understand the inaction. (We have hundreds of students in the county who are quarantined. If we are truly concerned about their educations, why aren't they provided a method by which to learn while they are asymptomatic?) Likewise, testing and hand-washing should already be in place. If parents don't want to require masking, and I assume that's why the County did not enact a mandate, then students (and their families) should regularly be tested for COVID. We cannot rely on identifying the symptomatic students in order to contain this virus, and certainly not with the Delta variant.

We've been rather lucky so far, but the numbers are increasing exponentially. Again. Don't we want our children to learn from history?

Please don't wait any longer. Please take immediate steps to protect our students, their families, and our community as a whole.

Sincerely,  
Abbe Goncharsky

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Sally Sumner <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 9:59 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** If not vaccines, at the very least MASKS

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Protect children and their teachers. If we cannot mandate vaccines at least mandate for protective measures in schools. Masks please. Ducey and the Legislature have chosen politics over lives. The Board must do the right thing, please.

SSumner

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Carol Evans <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 4:13 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Please require masks at all schools in Pima County

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Dear Board of Supervisor Members,

I am writing to urge you to protect our community and our children by voting to require that children and staff at both public and private schools in Pima County wear masks while indoors. In particular, stand up for our vulnerable elementary school children who are still not able to be vaccinated. Stand up, too, for our teachers and assistants and other school workers who may be vaccinated themselves, but do not deserve to be vulnerable in the face of the more easily transmissible new variant. I reside in the Catalina Foothills School District area, and I fret every morning as I watch my 9-year-old next door neighbor get on the bus. She wears a mask herself, but not everyone in her classroom does. And of course, all over the county, less healthy children than she are similarly exposed.

I have a friend whose adult daughter, the mother of 2 children under the age of 12, is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer. The patient's oncologist recently insisted, given the circumstances of easy transmission in schools, that the mother not send her young sons to school this year. They might come home and infect their mother, whose immune system has been squelched by the treatments. For shame. Just when some normalcy could return to one part of their lives, the boys must be isolated anew because of poor State leadership. There are doubtless hundreds of cases of something similar in our community.

You KNOW that the Governor is wrong to forbid mask mandates. You KNOW that it is destructive of our community. Please do not dodge the issue because of unpleasantness. It's time to stand up. Stand now with the districts, the University, PCC, the City of Tucson.

Respectfully,

Carol Evans

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Jillian Aja <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 10:36 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks & Other Mitigation in Schools

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Supervisor Heinz,

I cannot express how thankful I am to have you advocating for masks in schools in Pima County. I am the mother of two little girls, preschool and 2nd grade. Last year my preschooler skipped out on school and my oldest attended first grade virtually until April when the emotional toll because too much and it was clear she needed to be in person. We felt comfortable making that decision because schools were doing a great job of keeping kids safe. This school year we knew in person was the best option for our girls emotional well being but it is terrifying everyday sending them to school. The staff at my preschoolers school made the decision to all wear masks to help kids safe which I am so appreciative of. Some of the kids in her class are not wearing masks however and social distancing with preschoolers is next to impossible so a mask requirement is really the only option to keep kids safe. For my 2nd grader her teacher and many others are not wearing masks and neither are many of the students. There are only 17 kids in her class which gives plenty of room to space desks apart yet they are pushed together in groups of three. When I asked about having desks moved apart I was told the kids were 3 feet apart still so it was fine. It is not fine!!! Additionally, for specials the different 2nd grade classes are mixing. For example, half of my daughters class joins half of another 2nd grade class for PE. Why!!! This just increases exposure. I hope your mask imitative passes. I am also asking that the board of supervisors require schools to keep kids in cohorts by class and to space desks as far apart as possible. I worry about my girls getting COVID but I also worry about the emotional impact having to quarantine will take on them if they are exposed. These are simple steps that can be taken even if masks continue to be voluntary.

Thank you for your work in the hospital and for your advocacy on behalf of the youngest citizens in Pima County.

Jillian Aja

Sent from my iPhone

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Steve Reitz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 10:52 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** School Mask Requirement

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Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors:

I am a retired public school teacher concerned about the risk of COVID infection for the staff and students at our schools.

Children under twelve are not yet eligible for the Covid vaccine. In order to do all that we can to protect children—school age and younger—I am asking the Pima County Board of Supervisors to require K-12 staff and students to wear masks while on campus and in the buses that transport students to and from campus. Last year, when the vaccine was not available, the county imposed a broader mask requirement designed to protect all members of the community. The children in our community deserve the same protection.

I am well aware that the State Legislature and the Governor have passed a law intended to prevent local governments from requiring masks. I have little hope for the State to modify this law. Therefore, I am also urging the Board of Supervisors to ask the courts for a stay in the execution of this law in order to buy time to argue for its unconstitutionality.

Respectfully,

Steve Reitz

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Arianna Gray <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 9:44 AM  
**To:** District1; COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Vote yes for masks in school!

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August 15, 2021

Dear Pima county supervisors:

I am writing you as a concerned community member and constituent to thank you for adding Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective Mitigation Strategy to Keep our Children Safe from COVID-19; Effective Immediately to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21. Thank you to the Pima County Supervisors who voted in favor of this critical Resolution.

I urge Pima County Supervisors to bring the issue back to the Board of Supervisors on Monday, August 16 and to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools. A county mandate will help keep our children and community safe.

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The law passed by the state. banning schools from implementing such policies is likely unconstitutional, doesn't take effect until Sept. 29 and poses a serious risk to life and health.

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Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to the classroom by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools.

Thank you,

Arianna Gray  
1147 E Adelaide drive  
Tucson AZ 85719

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Yvette Dolan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 1:09 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** masking school children

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I am asking to request that you vote no on requiring masks in k-12 children. It has been proven time and time again that Covid-19 is not any more dangerous to children 17 and under than the common flu. In fact, deaths from the flu are more common. The CDC website shows that of the 4.2 million children that have been infected with COVID-19, there have only been less than .01% of deaths. In comparison, the CDC estimates that 485 children died from the flu in the 2018-2019 flu season. That's less than the amount of children that have died in the last year and a half of this pandemic. That is not to minimize their deaths in any way, but to ask why we would want to hide our children's beautiful faces for a risk that is less to them than the flu, when we have NEVER mandated a mask for flu season.

Last year, my children were in a public charter school full time, wearing a mask 7 hours a day. While I was grateful they were doing school in person, while most had to be remote, I know for a fact my first grader was not clean with his mask.

I witnessed kids picking their noses under their masks, dropping masks on the ground, stepping on them, and putting them back on. They had to breathe in their own breath, spit and sweat for 7 hours a day, bringing home nasty, germ infested masks.

My son spent kindergarten not being able to see his teacher's face or his new friends' faces. We've taught our kids to be afraid of breathing in the classroom. Keeping a child's nose and mouth covered for 7 hours a day (minus snack and lunchtime) is extreme, and in my opinion borders on child abuse.

If parents want their children to wear a mask, let them. If it keeps them more at ease, great. My daughter is in 6th grade and suffers from [REDACTED]. She has the choice to put a mask on in her classroom if she wants to, because I do worry about her health. However forcing her to not be able to take in fresh air throughout the day is also not good for her either.

Teachers now have the opportunity to be vaccinated, they can also wear a mask if they chose, why does this have to be forced other than to make yourselves feel better and to play politics? This is also against the law that Governor Deucey signed into place over the summer, and I expect our County to follow state law.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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*Yvette M. Dolan, mother of 2*

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Nancy C Faria <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 2:09 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Yes to mask mandates

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Hello,

I am in favor of mask mandates for Pima County and for requiring all Pima County employees to vaccinated against Covid-19.

We all need to do our part to stem the tide of this pandemic and public health emergency.

I urge you to vote yes on the mandate.

Thank you,

Nancy C. Faria

Tucson, AZ

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Trisha <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 1:29 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** K-12 Mask Mandate

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Date: August 14, 2021

Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned parent, teacher, community member and constituent to thank you for adding Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective Mitigation Strategy to Keep our Children Safe from COVID-19; Effective Immediately to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21. Thank you to the Pima County Supervisors who voted in favor of this critical Resolution.

**I urge Pima County Supervisors to bring the issue back to the Board of Supervisors on Monday, August 16 and to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools. A county mandate will help keep our children and community safe.**

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**Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to the classroom by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools.**

Thank you,

Trisha Arnold

Sent from my iPhone

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Rita Walter <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 1:41 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate for my grandchildren

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Please pass the resolution for universal masking mandate for my precious three grandchildren. The statistics of the number of children in the Children's Hospital and other hospitals scare me. You are an educating board, entrusted with the lives of thousands of children, how can you not listen to science?

Maybe your children go to voucher schools or private schools but they are requiring masks so why not PIMA county? Your conscience must be clear that you have insured that ALL measures were implemented to protect our precious children in your care.

FORGET POLITICS....listen to science and mandate mask wearing for all in the schools. The sadness and fear of a child dying in your care must overwhelm you.

PROTECT MY GRANDCHILDREN. MANDATE MASKS.

Rita Walter RN MS

Sent from my iPad

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Ashley McCally <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 1:42 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Please enact a mask mandate to protect our kids.

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Hello-

As a parent of children too young to be eligible for the Covid-19 vaccine that attend Wilson K-8 in the Amphi district I am imploring you to vote yes when Matt Heinz again asks the board to enact a mask mandate for schools k-12. The districts need support from you to allow them to follow Tucson and Phoenix in protecting our kids by mandating masks. Making them optional this year is NOT working. More than 50% of the children at Wilson are attending without masks, children are starting to test positive and our children who are too young for the vaccine are being forced to choose between their health and their education. This is not okay. Masks work to protect people from this disease, for this to be most effective ALL people on campus need to be masked until everyone is eligible for the vaccine. Sacrificing our children because some people prefer not to wear a mask is cowardly and not in line with the science or medical recommendations. Please reconsider and enact a mandatory mask policy for ALL schools in Pima County. Ducey is sending his kids to a school with a mask mandate while telling our schools they cannot protect our kids. This is hypocrisy and it is going to prove deadly. Make the right choice for our kids. Require masks.

Ashley McCally  
Oro Valley resident

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Alyssa Sisson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 1:57 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Universal Masking Mandate

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Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned Kindergarten teacher and to thank you for adding Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective Mitigation Strategy to Keep our Children Safe from COVID-19; Effective Immediately to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21. Thank you to the Pima County Supervisors who voted in favor of this critical Resolution.

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The law passed by the state, banning schools from implementing such policies is likely unconstitutional,<sup>[2]</sup> doesn't take effect until Sept. 29 and poses a serious risk to life and health.

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Thank you,  
Alyssa Sisson

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Meghan Cesareo <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 1:57 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** K-12 Pima County mask mandate

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To whom it may concern:

We strongly urge Pima County to require universal indoor masking in public schools for the 2021-22 school year per the latest CDC and AAP guidance. Until all school-aged children have the opportunity to be vaccinated against Covid-19, we need to continue to protect them. Even vaccinated teens and adults are capable of contacting and spreading this variant and, while they will be relatively well protected against getting seriously ill, they still may transmit the virus, particularly to those who are unvaccinated. While children are thankfully less likely to die or require hospitalization than adults, many are still developing long term symptoms from the virus. Furthermore, a mask mandate will reduce learning disruptions this school year due to illness and quarantines. A mask mandate is necessary as it is in the best interest of our children, from a health, academic and social/emotional perspective

Vince and Meghan Cesareo  
(Parents of children age 6, 12 and 15)

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Sandra Parker <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 1:57 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** County School Mask Mandate support

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Aug 14, 2021

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*I have already pulled my children out of in person school but would like to get them back in person as soon as possible if a mask mandate is passed. The online classes in Vail keep growing with people bailing out of in person classes, and I'm afraid our oldest daughter won't get as much attention as her online class gets overcrowded.*

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Thank you,  
Sandra Parker

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**[1] Public Health Guidance - recent statements all recommending universal masks in K-12 schools**

7/16/2021 Arizona Medical Association's Statement on Upholding Public Health Policies in K-12 Schools

7/19/2021 American Academy of Pediatrics

7/26/2021 Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Position on School Reopening

7/27/2021 CDC

7/27/2021 ADHS

8/2021 Arizona Academy of Family Physicians

**[2]** *The Network for Public Health*, "Assessing the Constitutionality of Arizona's Ban on School Mask Requirements Under Arizona's Single-Subject Rule" JULY 28, 2021 see,

<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/56ec8d2562cd9413e14c0019/t/6101c007b3c13f3dee9e2bd6/1627504647717/Western+Region+Memo+-+COVID+AZ+Mask+Ban.pdf>

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Marc Sbar <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 2:05 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks in Schools

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Dear Pima County Supervisors:

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Thank you,

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Marc Sbar  
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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Cheryl Pototsky <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 2:15 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate

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We are in an era never seen before. There has been over 611 k deaths in this country and rising. Deaths unequal, even in war. A time when we should come together as a country, has been turned more into a three ring political circus. As servants for the people of Arizona, there is need of strong leadership that represents the interest of the people, not a platform to further any political cry.

First as is the duty of those in leadership positions, to support and uphold the safety and welfare of those in your charge. The facts before you are:

1. COVID -19 has the potential to be deadly for a portion of individuals. As of late, we have seen the evidence across age groups.
2. This is not a numbers game. There has been constant discussion on how the numbers play out to determine political sway. A ridiculous notion, for individuals who do not have the scientific background to know, this is a new virus. New and numbers don't compute. And leadership is adding to misinformation.
3. Misinformation leading to bad decisions, that will impact the lives of many. And CYA is more important then the lives entrusted.
4. The delta variant has a higher viral load, what that means more transmission for all people. Both vaccinated and unvaccinated.
5. The best way to reduce the transmission, all those who can transmit, should mask. Per CDC suggestions.
6. As a prior educator and administrator, I don't care about your political ambitions. I care for the safety and welfare of the children. Do we really want to put the numbers to the test with their lives? As an adult, you have the option to get a vaccine. They do not. Leadership must do what it can to protect their safety, not use them to further political careers.
7. School systems are neither Republican , Democratic nor Independent. They are not the playgrounds for political staging. Do your jobs, provide the leadership needed to protect the safety and welfare of Arizona children. Following CDC suggestions. Stop tying the hands of the education professionals trying to do their jobs.

Sincerely,  
Mrs C Pototsky

Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** paul bailey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 2:25 PM  
**To:** District1  
**Cc:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks In School Should Be Required

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Date: 8/14/21

Dear Pima County Supervisors:

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My children cannot be vaccinated due to their young ages (11 and 8). At present, in CFSD, there are no remote learning options and no ability for students to maintain social distancing. The only thing they can do to protect themselves is wear masks. Unfortunately, if other students or staff do not wear masks, they remain at unnecessary risk. A mask optional policy is akin to having a "no peeing" section of the pool. Everyone in the pool is affected, even those in the "no pee" zone.

Most children who get COVID will be OK. However, quarantining for illness or exposure has a detrimental impact on learning. It also strains families, preventing parents from working when their children are required to stay home. My wife is a psychiatrist at the VA. If she is forced to stay home while our children are ill or in quarantine, she will need to cancel patients, placing additional burdens on an already strained healthcare system. More concerning, she could pick up COVID from our children and pass it on to her oftentimes frail and vulnerable patients. Or, in a worst case scenario, a child becomes

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seriously ill or dies. The risk of all these things happening can be greatly reduced by universal masking. It seems like a no-brainer.

Pima County has a duty to protect the health of the community under Arizona law. Arizona Revised Statute Title 36 authorizes counties and local health jurisdictions to protect the health of the community during contagious diseases outbreaks. It is **your** duty to take action.

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Thank you,

Paul Bailey

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**[1] Public Health Guidance - recent statements all recommending universal masks in K-12 schools**

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**From:** ShirI LAMONNA <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 2:36 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Vote NO on K-12 Mask Mandates

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August 14, 2021

Dear Supervisors,

As stated in my email last week, I am opposed to mask mandates for K-12 in Pima County.

Mask mandates are not working. The virus has waves regardless of whether a state has a mandate in place or not.

According to an August 8, 2021 Wall Street Journal article on whether masks reduce Covid transmission in children, the results of the single retrospective study they found was inconclusive. Yet "the CDC recommended that 56M US children & adolescents, vaccinated or not, should cover their faces regardless of the prevalence of infection in their community." It's just another power grab by the CDC which has flip-flopped on masks from Day one.

Why is the County considering imposing masks again when Pima County does not even have an emergency? It's ludicrous & has no basis in fact or science.

In reviewing ADHS Covid data:

- only 3.5% of those under age 20 were hospitalized in the entire state
- 35 deaths/0% for those under age 20 in the entire state
- Comparison of daily cases for Pima County
  - July 30, 2020 – 642
  - Aug 3, 2021 – 296
  -

Please vote against mask mandates for K-12. This should be a parental decision. The County should focus on its core responsibilities of fixing roads & enforcing the law.

Sincerely,

Shirley Lamonna

Oro Valley

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**From:** Ann Chihak Poff <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 3:04 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County

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Saturday, Aug. 14, 2021

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Ann Chihak Poff

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**~Ann Chihak Poff, CYT 500**

she/her

certified and experienced yoga teacher



**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Alison Meadow <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 3:44 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** please reconsider a county mask mandate for K-12 schools

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Thank you,

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**From:** Amanda Schneider <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 3:52 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Comments to Pima BOS

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Pima County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned parent. When I expressed my anxiety over my son's exposure to COVID to my chiropractor yesterday, she responded in an exasperated tone: "99.99% of cases will just be a bad cold in kids!"

I would like to remind us all that that .01% is not just a statistic. There are REAL kids behind that number. Last summer, I sat on the couch next to my 10 year old son as he tearfully asked the question, "Is she going to die?" And all I could say was, "I don't know." We were talking about his TWELVE YEAR OLD friend who was [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

These are OUR kids. These are your kids friends. Why are we exposing them to this physical risk and potential emotional trauma when we have the science and expert recommendations telling us how to prevent this?

This is a defining moment for all of us. We need to think outside of ourselves and our individual rights and remember that we have a responsibility that comes with freedom. That responsibility is to care for our students, our staff and our communities and we cannot do that with mask choice.

I urge Pima County Supervisors to bring the issue back to the Board of Supervisors on Monday, August 16 and to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools. A county mandate will help keep our children and community safe.

You know this is an issue. After you voted down the mask requirement last session, you chose to continue to meet virtually because of the Delta variant and high transmission. Yet you are okay with sending unvaccinated, unmasked kids off to crowded classrooms...? Please follow your conscience and stand on the side of science and safety for our kids.

Respectfully,

Amanda Schneider  
Mother of a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grader (two of my boys are too young to get vaccinated)

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**From:** Lindsey K <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 3:52 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Concerned parent

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In Vail, where my son attends, is a COVID hotspot with unmasked kids. After numerous emails from the school asking for masks, my son said the number of masked kids did not increase. What did increase is COVID.

Masks are the only thing the kid's under 12 have. My son is 11 and I'm only keeping him in school because he's already [REDACTED] and it will kill him to have to go remote again. Parents who care are being put in a disgusting place. I don't want to send my kid to school in a Covid infested place with no masks being worn. The kids who wear masks are probably the only kids in class Friday. Check the numbers.

I stand with Matt Heinz.

RVMS parent  
Lindsey Kron  
Very mad Mom

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**From:** Laura Lewnes <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 4:00 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail; District3; DIST2; District4; District1  
**Subject:** Please mandate face coverings in schools to protect our children

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Please read/enter this correspondence into the record at your next Board Meeting, regarding a mask mandate for K-12 schools:

Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

Our son attends school in the Catalina Foothills School District. Every day, there have been fewer children wearing masks than the day before at our son's school. The School Board agrees with the need to mandate masks to protect our children, but feels that their hands are tied without the backing of the Pima County Board of Supervisors. Due to the sharp rise of COVID-19 cases in our community with the Delta variant, and due to the fact that children under 12 are not eligible for a vaccine, it is imperative that face coverings be mandated in all schools. This is a decision that cannot be an individual choice. Our children rely on adults to keep them safe. Even children whose parents want them to wear masks, will often take them off at school if they are not required. We know that an unvaccinated person wearing a mask is not fully protected if they are close to someone with COVID-19 who is not wearing a mask. Schools need to mandate Pima County health and CDC guidelines to decrease the spread of COVID-19 as much as possible, to keep our schools open, so that our students do not miss even more time in the classroom than they already have. Waiting any longer to take this action could result in more children in the hospital, the death of a vulnerable family member, and more lost learning time. Please protect our children, and our community, and make face coverings mandatory in all K – 12 schools.

Sincerely,

George and Laura Lewnes  
6465 North Camino de Michael  
Tucson, AZ 85718

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**From:** Estelle Stern-Eilers <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 4:01 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** mask mandate now!

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To whom it may concern

with the increasing spread of the Delta variant I urge you to put in a mandate to wear masks in every indoor space, especially schools. Living with someone who has very frail health I constantly worry about a possible infection, or rather break through. We are both fully vaccinated and stay vigilant. We all must protect people that can not get the vaccine and should mandate proof of vaccine in public places.

Thank you.

Estelle Stern-Eilers

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**From:** Ajay Sutton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 4:08 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Writing in support of both mandates

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I am a Pima County resident and I strongly support Superintendent Heinz's call for a county wide mask mandate. We are in a worse position than we have been for most of the pandemic. The Delta variant is ripping through our community and we are sending defenseless children under the age of twelve into crowded indoor settings with no mitigation. Voluntary mask guidelines do not work, especially in schools. Everybody needs to be masked. You need only look at the in-person schooling statistics from last year, and compare them to the disaster that has been the last few weeks. Masks work. Vaccines work. Please protect our community. Public health demands your leadership, courage and sacrifice.

In addition, I strongly support a vaccine mandate for all Pima County employees.

Vaccines, masks, and social distancing are STILL our best weapons against the pandemic.

Regards

Ajay Sutton

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**From:** ROBERTA LATHAM <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 4:19 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Covid 19 mitigation

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Please reconsider your vote to reject the motion to require masking for all public school students. Their health and safety should be priority, not politics. Thank you Dr Matt Heinz.

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**From:** Joseph Sipp <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 4:32 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate

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As a resident of Pima county and grandmother of 2 in the Pima county schools, I urge the board to reconsider and mandate masks and follow the CDC guidelines for all students and staff to help keep them safe and healthy. Step up and do the right thing and stop making excuses for failing to keep our most vulnerable safe. This should not be a political issue. Children are getting very ill from this virus.  
Thank you, Chris Sipp

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**From:** Patricia Schell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 4:37 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** In Support of K-12 Mask Mandate

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Dear County Leaders:

The Delta Variant along with the vaccine resistant has changed the "rules of the game" and as our County Leaders - I implore you to step up with urgency to protect our community.

- Delta is 2x as contagious as previous variants.
- Data suggest the Delta variant might cause more severe illness than previous strains in unvaccinated persons.
- Delta variant seems to produce the same high amount of virus in both unvaccinated and fully vaccinated people.
- **Given new evidence on the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant, CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/delta-variant.html>

Masks are effective if they are **universally applied**. This will not happen unless you institute a mandate. At my grandson's K-8 school, very few are masking up.

The Governor and the GOP Legislature have put politics and power over the health and well being of our K-12 students. It is now up to you, not the individual school boards to right the ship. Our schools have been through so much - step up as the leaders you are - implement the mandate and provide our schools with your full support including legal and enforcement.

Our kids need to be back in school, we can all agree on that. But at what cost? Saving one child from being placed on a vent is more than worth the annoyance, hassle, and aggravation caused by a minority of ill-informed, mean spirited, loud bullies. The threat of being sued is nothing compared to the threat of kids getting sick and dying. It is so tragic that many adults have been selfish and impervious to reason by refusing to get vaccinated and against masks which has created this awful consequence in our schools and for our kids.

So I ask - do you have the political will to protect our children? Without an immediate change in course, Arizona will experience another overwhelming surge in a matter of weeks. Schools will be back to remote in no time.

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Regards,  
Patricia Schell  
Grandmother of a K-12 student in the Amphi School District.

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**From:** Celina Dabdoub <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 4:41 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail

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To whom it may concern this is worried parent of three kids below the age of 12. WE NEED ONLINE education back asap. Our teachers are dying and urgent care is full. We are way above our school benchmarks( if that means anything) Thank you this is a desperate parent.

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**From:** Mary Adkisson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 5:10 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate

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August 14, 2021

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Thank you,

Mary Adkisson  


Sent from my iPad

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** barbara sapp <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 11:29 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail

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Mask Mandate

I have 5 grandchildren in school in Pima County. Please support a mask Mandate for Pima County. Two of the five grandchildren [REDACTED] so I fear that they would become serious if not critically ill if they contacted Covid.

Public Health should out weigh other business issues.

Barbara Sapp  
[REDACTED]

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Suzanne Panferov Reese <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 12:26 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Another Email to support Resolution for K-12 masks.docx

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Dear Pima County Supervisors,

I am writing again as you gather to meet again. I am an educator but first and foremost, I am a mother of 4. My youngest is not eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine yet she has to go to school knowing that the most basic and easiest way to save lives by masking is not required. When did we become the state that disregards the lives of our children?

Please act now and vote to save our children! Stand up for our schools, our county. Believe the science! Require masks in schools if not every where.

Love our children please!

Suzanne Panferov Reese  
4720 N Paseo Saric

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**"IN THE END, IT WILL BE  
IMPOSSIBLE TO KNOW IF WE  
OVERREACTED OR DID TOO MUCH,  
BUT IT WILL BE QUITE APPARENT IF WE  
UNDER REACTED OR DID TOO LITTLE."**

**HEAR THOSE WORDS MY FRIENDS.**

**DOUGLAS MASSENGILL, ED.D.**

*Education*



> On Aug 8, 2021, at 4:12 PM, Suzanne Panferov Reese <[REDACTED]> wrote:

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**From:** Rachael D <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 12:36 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Monday's vote

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As a long time resident in Pima County, and a mother of two school age children I implore you all to consider researching the detrimental effects masks have on our kids. Not only physically but mentally. The first day my son didn't have to wear a mask to school the first thing he said to me when I picked him up was, "mom I could breath today!"

He was so excited to see his teachers face, as well as the faces of fellow students. I have spoken to multiple teachers who are grateful the mandate was lifted because they could fully interact with kids during a time in their development where reading facial cues and learning social skills is so very important!

Please don't muzzle my children and their teachers based on junk science to protect kids who are the least vulnerable population imaginable!

As Matt Walsh pointed out recently to his local school board you are muzzling kids like rabid dogs without any justification rooted in evidence, data, science, common sense, or basic human decency. I will include a link to his remarks as I feel they sum up the feelings of so many parents, teachers, and students during this pandemic!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SIRXNRNTtoUY>

Please feel free to reach out to me if you need any clarity or further remarks. And please be aware that if you force masks many people will continue to refuse them because the governor signed into law that K-12 schools can not mandate mask wearing. At least someone is looking at the data and making sound decisions. I hope you will all follow suit.

Rachael Dickison  
Concerned parent

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**From:** Kayla Cook <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2021 5:25 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail; mayor.romero@tucsonaz.gov; nathaniel.sigal@tucsonaz.gov;  
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Katie.Bolger@tucsonaz.gov; ward3@tucsonaz.gov;  
Sarah.Launius@tucsonaz.gov; ward4@tucsonaz.gov;  
Teresa.Olson@tucsonaz.gov; ward5@tucsonaz.gov; Mark.Kerr@tucsonaz.gov;  
ward6@tucsonaz.gov; Ann.Charles@tucsonaz.gov; District1; DIST2; District3;  
District4; District5; Chuck Huckelberry  
**Subject:** Mask mandates

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Hello,

My name is Kayla and I have three children in elementary school. I am writing on behalf of them and the potential mask mandate. It is imperative that parents be given the right to choose masks for their children. We know their health history, their mental, emotional, and physical well-being best. Hundreds of independent studies show how detrimental masks are to children. It is unconstitutional to mandate a vaccine that is in experimental staging and under emergency order approval. Please do not ask us to break the law set by Governor Ducey. Please honor our freedoms as parents to make choices for our children without government obstruction or intrusion. Please let us choose!

Kayla Cook

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**From:** Kylene Gilbert <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2021 6:22 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Opposition to Proposed Mask Mandate for K-12 Schools

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in staunch opposition to the proposed addendum item that would attempt to force schools in Pima County to require masks.

There is zero evidence or data that supports the claim that children are vulnerable to Covid. According to the actual science and real data, children are far more at risk for serious illness from seasonal influenza. Yet we have never attempted to require children to wear masks at school during cold/flu season. There is no reason to require masks at school now.

You are patronizing and offensively condescending. You are treating the citizens of this county as though we are beneath you. We are not the simpletons that you seem to believe we are. We are capable of reading and interpreting data. We can talk with our own doctors and decide for ourselves what is best to protect our children, our family, our friends, and ourselves from this or any other virus. We can make these decisions without any interference from the people on the Pima County Board. We do not need your input in making health decisions for ourselves and for our children.

What psychological harm is being done to kids by telling them that the air around them is dangerous? What psychological harm is occurring by telling children that everyone can make them sick? What physical harm to their health is done by having children keep a moist piece of fabric over their mouths and noses all day?

This attempted new mask mandate is a political stunt being framed as an issue of "Public Health." If people want to wear a mask and want their child to wear a mask at school, they should be free to do so. But if people do not want to wear a mask (due to their own diligent study of real scientific data - not political pseudo-science) and want to protect their child from wearing a mask all day, they should be free to do this, as well. You cannot legislate away our freedom and our own choices for our families and our own bodies, even in the name of "Public Health." (Consequently, "Public Health" has been the excuse used for many nefarious and harmful actions over the course of history... but I digress).

You are not my doctors. You are not my parents. You are not my child's parents. We the people disagree with your overreach and politically motivated mandates and stunts.

I stand opposed to this and any future mask and/or vaccine mandates that the Pima County Board attempts to pass.

Sincerely,

Kylene Gilbert

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**From:** S. Fickes <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2021 6:25 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail; District1; DIST2; District3; District4; District5  
**Subject:** Board of Supervisors Meeting August 16, 2021 Agenda Comments

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I am Sharon Fickes, a legal resident and voter in Pima County, AZ contact me with any questions  
[REDACTED]  
my comments follow:

**August 16, 2021 Pima County Board of Supervisors Meeting/Addendum #1 Item #7**

Vote **against** the proposed resolution amending and updating use of Face Coverings in Pima County Public and Private K-12 schools.

Yes the Delta variant is more contagious unlike the Covid-19 original strain. You can compare the Delta variant effects to be similar to a cold or flu to understand that it is highly unlikely to be deadly. Refresh yourself on current mask effectiveness. Masks do not work. Even Dr. Fauci's original emails, he admitted masks are not effective. A mask does not contain any virus. Masks could be encouraged as a personal choice, but not your mandate. Pima County Health Department made recommendations regarding masks, not mandates or proposed resolutions. You also received numerous negative comments to the August 10, 2021 Board of Supervisors meeting agenda when you tried a similar resolution requiring masks in schools.

It is honorable that you propose to keep your community and children safe. You should do everything to support parental and family personal medical decisions. Stay out of extending interference by the Pima County Board of Supervisors by usurping parental decisions by making resolutions mandating masks. No mandatory masks.

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**From:** Jamie Chichester <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2021 7:33 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks in school

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Good morning,

I want to share my strong support for universal mask mandates in all Pima County K-12 academic institutions to protect high risk persons, staff, educators and especially vulnerable children not yet eligible to receive the COVID vaccine.

This is a critical vote to help prove that Pima County understands and fully supports the physical health, mental health, public health, social development, in person learning for academic achievement and sustainability of our beautiful community and state.

Please vote YES!

Sincerely,

Jamie Chichester  
Pima county resident and pharmacist

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**From:** Kathryn Mikronis <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2021 8:27 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate

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Please issue a county wide mask mandate. Please protect our community from the high spread of Covid 19 (Delta Variant). Please have the backbone to do the RIGHT thing.  
I know this will not be easy but we are at a turning point.  
Please issue a mask mandate inside any building in Pima County including U of A, PCC, all K-12 schools, churches, businesses, hospitals, etc.  
I appreciate your service to our community.

Kathryn Mikronis  
8184 N Torrey Pl  
Tucson, AZ 85743  
[REDACTED] cell  
Autism Awareness  
1 in 68 in US  
1 in 63 in AZ  
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**From:** Krissy Mora <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2021 9:16 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Dr Heinz

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For Dr. Heinz:

I am a parent of a 5 year old (kindergartener) & a 2 year old toddler. THANK YOU, for fighting the good fight for not only public health but also for our children. Masks work. Science is real. Let's mask up and save some lives!

KV  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Colleen Noel Duffy <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2021 9:17 PM  
**To:** District1; DIST2; District3; District5; District4; COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Agenda Item 10 Mask Mandates

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Hello Members of the Board,

I am emailing tonight as an exhausted mother pleading for help. My two amazing, wonderful, perfect (in my eyes) children attend a school here in Pima County in a district that refuses to implement a mask mandate, or even really discuss one despite the overwhelming evidence that one is absolutely necessary. You all have the data right in front of you, there is no way around it children will not be able to stay in schools if current numbers continue, which they will if nothing changes. Children will be back to remote learning and your workforce will have to stay home to be with their children and help try to educate them since the schools will not be safe to be open. We all have the same goal, keep children in schools safely so they can get an actual education this year and the workforce at work doing their jobs. You all are my last hope. I am trusting that you are going to vote to implement a mask mandate in all K-12 schools in Pima County to protect the health and safety of all our children. To be honest it seems like common sense to me at this point. You all voted to implement masks in Pima County buildings to protect workers and the public so of course you would want to extend those same protections to the most vulnerable in our community those in K-12 schools. You all chose to continue to have virtual meetings to protect yourselves and others so again of course you are going to choose to protect children. You all have implemented mitigation strategies limiting the number of individuals in elevators in Pima County buildings but are considering the idea of allowing schools to keep 20-30 potentially unmasked children in a confined classroom for 6 hours a day. I am begging you to do what is right, all politics aside, just vote to protect our children. Be the advocates they need and deserve, be the voices they don't have right now, be the heros to actually stand up for them.

Sincerely,  
A desperate mother

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**Colleen Duffy, M.ED BCBA**

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**From:** John Emery <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2021 5:06 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Vaccine Policy

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I urge you to NOT bring back mask requirements to anyone. Statistics have shown no difference between masked and unmasked communities regarding infection rates, hospitalization, and mortality rates.

John Emery  
Sahaurita, AZ

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**From:** Lisa Wootton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 7:10 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Require masking now!

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Date: 8/14/21

Dear County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned community member and constituent asking that you adopt a County Resolution requiring universal masking in K-12 schools within county boundaries.

**I urge the Pima County Supervisors to act quickly and to adopt a County Resolution implementing a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools within the county's boundaries.**

Arizona is currently experiencing another COVID-19 surge, with cases having tripled over the past month, coinciding with the arrival of the highly contagious SARS-CoV-2 delta variant in the state. States all over the country are seeing an increase in cases among the unvaccinated, and this includes a drastic increase in child hospitalizations, many of whom are not yet eligible for vaccination. The Academy of Pediatrics recently reported that cases among US children and teens jumped 84% in a week.

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The law passed by the state removing local control and banning schools from implementing such policies is likely unconstitutional,<sup>[2]</sup> doesn't take effect until Sept. 29 and poses a serious risk to life and health.

Pima County has a duty to protect the health of the community under Arizona law. Arizona Revised Statute Title 36 authorizes counties and local health jurisdictions to protect the health of the community during contagious diseases outbreaks. As elected officials it is your duty to take action.

**Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to the classroom by adopting a Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools.**

Thank you,  
Lisa Wootton

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7/16/2021 Arizona Medical Association's Statement on Upholding Public Health Policies in K-12 Schools

7/19/2021 American Academy of Pediatrics

7/26/2021 Arizona Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Position on School Reopening

7/27/2021 CDC

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**[2]** *The Network for Public Health*, "Assessing the Constitutionality of Arizona's Ban on School Mask Requirements Under Arizona's Single-Subject Rule" *JULY 28, 2021* see,

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**From:** Tim & Erin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 7:12 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Save our community!

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Thank you,  
Timothy Lindsey

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**From:** Erin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2021 5:24 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Public Comment for August 16, 2021 Meeting  
**Attachments:** Letter to Pima County Board.docx

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To Whom it May Concern:

Please see the attached letter that I wish to submit as a public comment in advance of the county board meeting on Monday. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Erin Toponce

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August 13, 2021

Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors:

County boards are widely recognized as the principal democratic body capable of representing its citizens in decisions of distinctly local importance. In most years, this decision-making is fairly benign, but on occasion situations arise that require boards to take uncomfortable but necessary steps. I am writing today to urge you take one of those uncomfortable but necessary steps by implementing a universal mask mandate, in all county schools, in order to protect the children and families of this district.

Throughout American public health history, masks and social distancing have been used to prevent the wider spread of everything from Tuberculosis to Ebola. A mask must be worn by both the carrier of the illness, as well as persons in the carrier's vicinity, in order for the protection afforded by a mask to be effective. This well-settled science is echoed in public school guidance issued by many leading health and child-focused professional organizations (e.g., American Academy of Pediatrics<sup>1</sup>, the CDC<sup>2</sup>, the Pima County Health Department<sup>3</sup>, and U.S. Department of Education<sup>4</sup>) this school year.

The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) was among the first respected medical organizations to study and report on the effects of remote-learning during the pandemic. It was also among the first to study and report on mitigation measures that were found to effectively mitigate the spread of the original SARS-CoV-2 virus in public schools. Last year, citing the AAP, many local schools reliably implemented the leading two mitigation strategies-- social distancing (via decompressed classrooms/hybrid learning) and universal masking—and by all accounts these methods enabled students to return to school quicker and remain in school during the 2020-2021 school year.

While we all had hoped that the downward trend in cases heralded by the availability of vaccines would continue, the advent of the highly contagious Delta variant has changed the playing field entirely. Instead of starting the school year with fewer cases, we are starting it with a local spread that, last year, would have required hybrid learning. Instead of starting the year free from fears of contracting COVID-19 by virtue of having been inoculated by a vaccine, we are starting with a variant that is an equal opportunist among the vaccinated and those who are not. Instead of starting with local control of school health mitigation measures, we are starting with political grandstanding and a usurpation of the local public health control power.

Despite all of this, our children still need us to do what is right and that is implement what worked last school year. Will you do it? Will you stand for our kids? Will you prevent the

<sup>1</sup> "Covid-19 Guidance for Safe Schools." American Academy of Pediatrics, [services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/](https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/).

<sup>2</sup> "Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools." Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html).

<sup>3</sup> "Pima County Healthy School and Childcare." Pima County Health Department, [webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?pageId=603879](https://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?pageId=603879).

<sup>4</sup> "COVID-19 Resources for Schools, Students, and Families." U.S. Department of Education, [www.ed.gov/coronavirus](https://www.ed.gov/coronavirus).

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coming swell of students with an IEP or 504<sup>5</sup> due to long-COVID? Will you prevent a child's needless guilt in bringing the virus home to their family and secondarily infecting an immunocompromised loved one? Will you be the Rosa Parks of the Arizona COVID-19 public school debacle and take that frightening but critical stand? Or will you watch the other Rosa Parks-like counties and school districts to see what happens to them before you decide to get on that bus?

As the school outbreak dashboard on the Pima County Health Department's website<sup>6</sup> continues to clock school infections, will you be able to say "It was hard, but I did everything I could possibly do to protect you" or "I wanted to protect you, but I had to follow the law." Our kids cannot wait for the current law to be voided as violating the Arizona constitution, which it does. They do not have the luxury of time for lawsuits to wind their way through the courts. They need us to act swiftly, decisively, and bravely. Please do it, now.

Sincerely,

Erin Toponce and Michael Gooden

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<sup>5</sup> "Long COVID under Section 504 and the IDEA: A Resource to Support Children, Students, Educators, Schools, Service Providers, and Families." United States Department of Education, <https://sites.ed.gov/idea/files/ocr-factsheet-504-20210726.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> "Pima County Healthy School and Childcare." Pima County Health Department, [webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?pageId=603879](http://webcms.pima.gov/cms/One.aspx?pageId=603879).

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**From:** Teddi Wengert <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 7:18 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** We Protest the Upcoming Mask Mandate Vote

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Pima County Board of Supervisors,

We are extremely upset that the issue of mask mandates has even come up again. If we actually follow the science, even the CDC's science, it shows that a child's chance of dying from COVID is 0.008% from numbers reported in the last 18 months. This is less than the number of children who died from the common flu during the 2018-2019 flu season; data derived from an 8-month period. Yet not once was the requiring of masks a thought. So why now, with a sickness that hardly affects our children, do we lack the human decency to allow them to breathe free and see their teachers facial expressions? Vaccinations are now available to those who choose to get it. Let families choose for themselves what is best for their children! Wearing masks is harmful to my children psychologically—they become paranoid and fearful...not the way I want them to approach the world. You JUST voted on this issue last week and we celebrated that our voices were heard. Celebrated that our children were free! We as parents, are fed up with this mess—and want to maintain confidence in our elected officials.

Furthermore, Governor Ducey has made it into law that mandates cannot be forced upon us. Why would we vote to defy his law? What kind of example are we setting to our children?

Please don't harm our children's chance at a return to normalcy in school this year...they have been hurt the most by ridiculous interruptions to their education the past year. If parents are scared of COVID, they can choose to wear masks or do remote learning. But let's not punish everyone else and force this ludicrous mandate.

Thank you,

Devin & Teddi Wengert

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**From:** Leisa Forman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 7:34 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Ask mandate for kids

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Leave our kids alone. We will not mask them. We will take our money with us. Educate yourself for the good of your community.

<https://rumble.com/vl2uxz-icu-nurse-youre-being-lied-to-about-covid..html>

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## **Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Amy Fitch Heacock <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 8:34 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** K-12 Mask Mandate

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Good Morning,

I am reiterating my support for a mask mandate for K-12 schools within Pima County. As the mother of 4 children who all have a [REDACTED] which puts them at higher risk for complication if they contract COVID-19, a mask mandate is essential to protect their health and keep them in schools.

The events of the past week have proven that many K-12 districts and even universities are willing to do what is in the best interest of public health by challenging Ducey's unconstitutional overreach of authority. Pima County must immediately join the efforts to stop the spread of the COVID-19 Delta Variant.

My children were out of class for the entire 2020-2021 school year. Thankfully, they were eligible for vaccination once the age restrictions moved to 12 and older, so we have at least that layer of mitigation in place against COVID. We continue to send our children to school in masks, but our district (Tanque Verde) has repeatedly chosen to allow public health to be a political issue. Right now, there is no mask requirement, no physical distancing, and NO CLEAR signage for students detailing the benefits of mask wearing or hand washing. Further, there is NO plan for distance learning when the inevitable outbreaks occur. I am terrified of the cost of further disruptions in education because of the lack of planning.

I have been in contact with the District on multiple occasions and they have repeatedly cited Ducey's "ban" as "tying their hands" when it comes to public health. Throughout this entire pandemic, someone has always passed the buck. Clear leadership is desperately needed right now and I DEMAND that you take the action needed to protect students and teachers and keep our schools open safely.

We are all exhausted by this. I don't want to wear a mask anymore than anyone else does, but I will do whatever it takes to get out of this pandemic.

Thank you,

Amy Fitch-Heacock

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## Bernadette Russell

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**From:** sarah tucker <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 8:42 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Vaccine Policy

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Please-

I am a teacher of 2nd graders. The stories I could share with you about students of all grade levels and their masks would make most people cringe. A few examples...

- \*Filthy, unwashed masks are commonplace
  - \* chewing the inside of the mask which makes a good portion of the mask wet. This in turn creates a Petri dish on their face.
  - \*they sneeze into mask that they continue to wear
  - \* they pick their nose through the mask
  - \*youngers rarely think to wipe their mouth after they eat.. then they put their mask back on
  - \* masks litter school grounds
  - \*students will drop masks on ground and place it back on their face
  
  - \* Depression has exploded in school, particularly in upper grades. However, it is apparent in lower grades at a higher level as well
  - \*Students are losing empathy and social skills because they can't see expressions or read peoples faces.
  
  - \*Students that are fighting personal domestic issues shutdown easily and hide behind masks which make discovery of these concerns difficult.
  
  - \* shy students become more introverted by hiding behind mask.
- This is just a few mainstream observations about life with masks. Now here are a few observations of optional masks at school this year....
- \* Overwhelming and vast majority of parents don't have their children in masks. This indicates overwhelming and vast majority don't want them.
  
  - \*the 2 masked scholars in my classroom have both been out already with sore throats. Others have not had an issue.
  
  - \*Number of masks littering the school grounds has increased significantly.

The detriment these masks on children have caused is much larger than someone on the outside could possibly imagine. Please hear what I am saying. As a Master, Veteran teacher, I have never seen such with students issues like we have had due to masks. It is deeply concerning and heartbreaking.

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Please think of the whole child when making your decision to reinstate mask mandates for schools. It is such an injustice to our children and our future.

Thank you,  
Sarah Tucker

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** erin yee <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 9:00 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate

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Aug 14, 2021

Dear Pima County Supervisors:

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The law passed by the state. banning schools from implementing such policies is likely unconstitutional, doesn't take effect until Sept. 29 and poses a serious risk to life and health.

Pima County has a duty to protect the health of the community under Arizona law. Arizona Revised Statute Title 36 authorizes counties and local health jurisdictions to protect the health of the community during contagious diseases outbreaks. It is your duty to take action.

Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to the classroom by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools.

Thank you,

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Erin Yee

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Jennifer Wagner <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 9:28 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail; District1; DIST2; District3; District4; District5  
**Subject:** Mask mandate and vaccine incentives

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Good morning Board of Supervisors -

I am writing to you to ask that you vote to institute a mask mandate in K-12 schools. As of 9am yesterday, the county had already recorded almost 500 cases of confirmed COVID-19 in the schools and most had only been in session less than 2 weeks. Considering exponential growth, we can expect much higher numbers in the weeks to come, especially since only one district has had the courage to issue a mask mandate. I do understand there is an unconstitutional law currently on the books, but I would expect our judicial system to rectify that soon and we could have our mandate already in place when that happens.

I am also encouraging you to vote on the incentive/disincentive program proposed for Pima County employees. While I don't know that a lot of employees will choose to get vaccinated if they haven't already been convinced by the overwhelming science, those who get sick going forward are going to cost the county a large sum and they should have to contribute to that due to their unwillingness to do the right thing for the sake of the health of our community and their coworkers.

Thank you,

Jen Wagner, concerned Pima County resident

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## Bernadette Russell

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**From:** Andrew Woodward <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 9:33 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Stop the vaccine and child mask mandates - follow the science !

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From Andrew W Woodward  
9270 E Holmes St  
Tucson AZ 85710  
[REDACTED]

Dear Board,

I would like to add my name to the long list of people who are opposed to the bad ideas of a vaccine mandate and the forcing of children to wear masks.

As been noted by many, the vaccine is in the experimental stage, and as time goes on more and more adverse effects are being noted. The virus has pretty much taken out all the people who had a low tolerance to it. The people getting it now have a very high survival rate, but that does not mean the recovery is always easy. The same can be said for the seasonal flu and measles.

Many studies have shown that the masks most people wear are of very little, if any, effect, mostly due to improper fitting. Of the studies that have been done for masking children, there is no clear evidence that it stops the virus, but masks on children do have many negative side effects, most notably in the area of social development.

Thank you for your attention to these concerns.

Andrew W Woodward

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Doug Kosloske <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 10:15 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail; District1; DIST2; District3; District4; District5  
**Subject:** Addendum Item 7 - Mask Mandate for Students K-8

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To the Board of Supervisors of Pima County

BOS, I am a registered voter in Pima County, AZ. I am totally against the Mask mandates for Students and County workers. The information that is thicker than fly's has many facts that are unproven or bogus. I would hope you would listen to Dr. Dan Stock, a immunologist/inflammation expert on the Covid vaccine and masks. The CDC and NIH are ignoring Science and is contrary to the rules of Science. Masks are ineffective as aerosol particles go through all masks so why subject our children and others to wear them just to look good. The phycological effects on kids etc are worse than the virus itself as the survival rate is over 99% for the majority of people that get Covid. This mandate is part of Hugh control issue and scare tactic to force people into a non scientific protocol that does more harm than good.

Thank You for your attention to this item

Doug Kosloske  
Green Valley, AZ  
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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Christy Masengarb <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 11:00 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Need K-12 Universal Mask Mandate

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8/14/2021

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Thank you,  
Christy Masengarb

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Jason Gelt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 11:03 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Need Universal K-12 Mask Mandate

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8/14/2021

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Thank you,  
Jason Gelt



**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** WILLIAM A WOOTTON <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 11:09 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Student, Faculty and Staff Masks

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Given the known consequences of contracting the latest Delta Variant of COVID, anyone of you voting against a mandatory requirement to wear masks within our schools, in order to protect first our children and subsequently their parents and community, is clearly doing it for political reasons, doesn't follow science and doesn't belong on the Pima County Board of Supervisors. The fact that anyone is against this mandate has no bearing on the need to protect our children. We all have seen the radical increase in children being hospitalized with this horrible virus and not liking the idea of wearing or losing a choice in this matter is ridiculous reasoning. Arguing you're confused by what you hear or ignorant of the science is no excuse. This is a world-wide problem requiring a mature solution, not based on politics. When we get through these terrible times, of course we can end wearing masks. However, if anyone of you votes NO on the requirement to wear masks at this time, is stating you're perfectly satisfied with children suffering and even dying due to COVID. And if that's your position, please QUIT the Board of Supervisors NOW!

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** frank pisut <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2021 5:12 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Vaccine Policy

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Mask mandates for k-12 are immoral and unconstitutional! Vote NO!

Sent from my iPhone

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 8:55 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Call to the public

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I am the mother of two students in District 16, one in elementary school and the other in middle school. I constantly worry that they will catch COVID at school, especially considering that my elementary school daughter is too young to be vaccinated. Please vote to require masks in all schools in Pima County. It is the best way you can help protect vulnerable young children. It is especially important now that the number of COVID cases in Arizona is rising.

Thank you.

Jennifer Bedier

AUG 16 2021 11:17:00 AM

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Emily Skelly <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 8:43 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate

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Dear Supervisors of Pima County,

My students are attending Tanque Verde Schools. Currently masks are encouraged, but not required. Some kids choose to wear a mask and some don't and it is a beautiful environment where everyone accepts everyone regardless of their personal choice. If a child chooses to wear a mask, they are respected and accepted. The same goes for a child who chooses not to. This is a symbolic snapshot of what should be happening in America. Personal choice is should be respected and accepted. Please do not take the choice away from my children. They need to know that not everyone feels the same way that they do and that it's okay. Please do not implement a mask mandate in Pima County.

Thank you,

Emily Skelly  
721 S Calle Escondido  
Tucson AZ 85748  
[REDACTED]

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Chaudhary, Sachin - [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 8:31 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masking Mandate in schools

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Hi there,

I am a Pulmonary and Critical Care physician at the University of Arizona Medical Center. I wanted to update you about the current situation that we are all facing in the ICU's in Tucson. Cases are rising due to the Delta variant, and we are seeing more younger people being affected by this and filling our ICU's. Almost 100% of these patients are not vaccinated and do not believe in masking mandates and social distancing. I must inform you, prior to putting them on the ventilator most patients regret not following the guidelines, masking, and majority of them want to be vaccinated prior to getting on the ventilator.

We are the only country in the entire world which has abundance of vaccines, and still has the highest rate of infections. It's plain stupidity to fight over simple mitigation measures like masking. Why are we even debating this? Have we not seen enough death and misery?

As a supervisor, it is your responsibility to take the higher ground and deal with all the current public health issues that put our kids as well as adult's health at serious risk. Masking and social distancing has proven to stop this deadly virus from spreading and inundating our healthcare system. I was vaccinated back in December 2020, and till date I continue to wear my mask. It's not because I like wearing masks, it is because I have seen the amount of misery and death over the last year. I have seen entire families being wiped out and people dying alone in the ICU's with no one to hold their hand.

We have a proven vaccine which is very effective in preventing this deadly disease. The only way to stop this virus from mutating is by good leadership from people like you who can enforce proper masking, vaccination, and social distancing.

You will set a wrong precedence by encouraging people to not wear masks and socially distance. Our kid's lives and health are at stake and history will judge you by not being on the side of science and commonsense.

As a father of a 9-year-old son, an intensivist who treats these patients, I humbly request you to please take the higher ground, show leadership by enforcing masking mandates everywhere, social distancing, and vaccination!

Thank you,

Sachin

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Sachin Chaudhary, MD  
Assistant Professor of Medicine  
Director, Interstitial Lung Disease Program  
Director, Scleroderma Lung Program  
Pulmonary & Critical Care Medicine  
Director, Respiratory Services & Bronchoscopy, BUMC South  
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Thank You.

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Navin Kedia <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 8:22 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks

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Dear Sir/Madam:

As a physician and a parent I request that we do our part and protect our kids with masks. We all know that masks work and protect from infection. Just like you would want me to protect your mom and dad when they show up at my hospital or on my surgery table. I request you protect my kids when they are at school. Masks work in schools just like they do in the operating room to prevent infections.

Dr. Navin Kedia

AG 102191117PCCKCF RD

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Bhupinder Natt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 8:17 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Please Mandate Masks

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Dear Supervisor

You have been trusted with the well being of our community. Please do the scientifically and morally right thing and mandate Masks in our schools. Protect our kids. Protect our community.

Natt

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1. The first step is to identify the problem. This involves understanding the current situation and what needs to be changed.

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Gideon Danilowitz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 7:43 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask Up

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As a concerned parent of a 7 and 10 year old at Sunrise Drive Elementary please require masks for our children.

Thank You,

Gideon

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** chris hau <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 7:36 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** motion to require masks in Pima County K-12

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

Please reconsider your earlier vote and have the courage and compassion to protect our youngest schoolchildren.

They are so eager to go to school at that age, and they need to. But it will be cut short if there are constant closures for outbreaks due to the new variant that seems to attack them more easily.

This can be avoided to a large degree through known mitigation measures including masking. And the kids don't mind wearing masks!

They are fine with it, if everyone is doing it. I have twin grandchildren who will be starting kindergarten this week and they have worn masks in preschool the past year no problem. And I can sleep at night a little better knowing their school requires them.

I can only wish the same for grandparents, and parents, and families of children here in Pima County. The only tiny bright spot in the pandemic so far has been that it did not seem to be too hard on children. That has changed and we all need to pay attention and do what we can.

You have the power to make a difference, please do. Until there is a vaccine for under-12 they are our most vulnerable now.

Hopefully,

Chris Hauptert  
4711 N. Paseo Sonoyta  
Tucson 85750

08-15-2021 17:36:00

**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Nancy Lynn <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 7:18 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Please vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools.

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August 15, 2021

Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned grandparent, community member, and constituent to thank you for adding Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective Mitigation Strategy to Keep our Children Safe from COVID-19, Effective Immediately, to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21. Thank you to the Pima County Supervisors who voted in favor of this critical Resolution.

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\* Public Health Guidance - recent statements all recommending universal masks in K-12 schools.

Most sincerely,  
Nancy and Steve Lynn

AUG 16 2021 11:47 PM COB\_KCF BD

## Bernadette Russell

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**From:** Guillermina Gracia <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 7:15 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Support for Mask Mandate in Pima County Schools

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Attn: Board of Supervisors:

■ Again I wish to express my strong support for a mask mandate in K-12 schools in Pima County. My five year old granddaughter just started kindergarten in Sahuarita where currently masks are optional. I have a nephew who started 4th grade at that school also after having had to do third grade online at home. COVID-19 is not eradicated yet and it is our responsibility as adults to protect our children from contracting this serious illness since they are not eligible for a vaccine as of yet.

if masks were mandatory then less kids would be getting sick from all illnesses like colds and thus less testing. Or something like that...

I strongly urge you to keep the best interests of our children and implement a mask mandate at all Pima County schools. If masks are mandatory, less children will be getting sick from all illnesses like colds and Thus there would be less COVID testing . My little kindergartener has been tested twice in a matter of two weeks these tests are more painful than wearing a mask!

Thank you for your consideration.

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Guillermina B Gracia

6011 S Camino de la Tierra

Tucson AZ

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 6:54 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate K-12 Schools

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It is with sincere fearfulness that I implore you to vote YES on enacting a mask mandate at all K- 12 schools in Pima County. As a grandmother to 11 precious children all in K-12 classes, it is beyond my comprehension to understand how any of you in good conscious could vote NO on such a serious issue. This is beyond politics it is a true health emergency. You are entrusted with doing what is best for our community : I ask you what is more important than doing all you can to protect innocent and vulnerable students in K-12 schools? Please follow the leadership of those you have chosen to do what is right to protect children during their exposure to a deadly virus. Thank you.

Sent from the all new AOL app for iOS

Aug 16 21 11:58 PM CCKF HP

## Bernadette Russell

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**From:** Bethany Wilson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 6:53 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks

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Hello,

I have heard that once again the county is considering mandating masks for K-12 schools and mandating vaccinations for all healthcare workers. Please do not mandate anything. Our healthcare decisions should be left entirely up to us. Additionally, mandating masks in schools is a violation of state law. There is no credible evidence to suggest that kids wearing masks is effective. Also, the negative impacts on their mental and emotional health, as well as speech and social development are significant. Please protect the right of the individual. Thank you.

Bethany DeKorte

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Kathleen Bowman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 6:40 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate in Pima County Schools

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Please, please pass a mandate for all public schools in Pima County.  
Help us protect our students and keep them in school!

Thank you,  
Kathleen

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Kathleen Bowman  
5th Grade Teacher  
Manzanita Elementary School  
Tucson, Arizona

**Knowing that we can be loved exactly as we are gives us all the best  
opportunity for growing into the healthiest of people.~ Fred Rogers**

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**Bernadette Russell**

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**From:** Dana Dent <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 6:36 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail

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As a resident of Pima county, I believe it is imperative that you all vote yes to enact a mandatory mask mandate for K thru 12 schools. To do anything less is you taking a stand against vulnerable children, their families and all school staff.  
Thank you

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## Katrina Martinez

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**From:** Stephanie Suits <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 7:54 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** In Favor of a Mask Mandate

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Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am in full support of a school mask mandate in Pima County. Please protect our children.

Thank you,  
Stephanie

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**Katrina Martinez**

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**From:** Beth Vonk <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 7:57 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate

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Dear Pima County Supervisors,

I am writing to you as a concerned parent asking you to vote in favor of the county resolution for a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools. COVID numbers are on the rise again and masks not only protect unvaccinated children, but protect vaccinated individuals from the delta variant. We need to stop community spread, and one effective means is to require masks in schools.

Thank you,  
Beth Vonk  
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**Katrina Martinez**

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**From:** District3  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 8:07 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Maria Klucarova; Jennifer Cabrera; COB\_mail  
**Subject:** RE: Supervisor Sharon Bronson feedback form (district3@pima.gov) 2021-08-13 07:15 PM Submission Notification

Good Morning Ms. Roberts,

Thank you for taking the time to contact our office, we always appreciate hearing from constituents. I will give your message to Supervisor Bronson.

Thank you,

*Anissa Ramirez*

Special Staff Assistant  
Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair  
District 3  
520-724-8051

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**From:** notification@pima.gov <notification@pima.gov>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2021 7:15 PM  
**To:** District3 <District.3@pima.gov>  
**Subject:** Supervisor Sharon Bronson feedback form (district3@pima.gov) 2021-08-13 07:15 PM Submission Notification

**Supervisor Sharon Bronson feedback form (district3@pima.gov) 2021-08-13 07:15 PM** was submitted by Guest on 8/13/2021 7:15:04 PM (GMT-07:00) US/Arizona

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**First Name** Kimber

**Last Name** Roberts

**Email** [REDACTED]

**Phone**

**Address**

**City**

**State** AZ

**Zipcode**

**District\_of\_Concern** Supervisor District 1 - Rex Scott, Supervisor District 2 - Matt Heinz, Supervisor District 3 - Sharon Bronson, Supervisor District 4 - Steve Christy, Supervisor District 5 - Adelita Grijalva

**Department\_of\_concern** Health Department

**Subject\_or\_Nature\_of\_Concern** Mask mandates, vaccination mandates

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**Comments**

Hello Supervisor Bronson I am a resident of Pima County and a registered voter. I am writing to share my concerns on mask mandates and vaccine mandates. As a nurse, I am very concerned with mandates coming from the local government when it encroaches on an individual's rights to manage their own health. I am opposed to mask mandates for children (K-12), and I'm opposed to vaccinations being mandated for healthcare workers and employees. I have three school-aged children, and I want to make the best decisions possible for their health. These decisions are made with the help of our pediatrician and should not be mandated by anyone. The county doesn't know how bad my child's [REDACTED] is. The county doesn't know how withdrawn my child becomes while wearing a mask. Parents should be in the driver's seat when it comes to their child's health and well-being. When it comes to vaccines, I believe we should have the right to choose what goes in our bodies. The vaccine has been available for those who wish to be vaccinated. Those who are choosing not to should not be coerced into getting it. I've never witnessed a doctor or nurse using coercion while working with a patient. We educate them, give them advise from a medical standpoint, and leave it up to the patient to make an informed decision on what they feel is best for their health. Please vote against mask mandates and vaccination mandates on Monday. Thank you for your time, Kimber Roberts

**Would\_like\_a\_response** No

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

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1. *Journal of the American Medical Association*, 1997; 277: 1001-1005.

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I implore you to reconsider your vote, to support those who are most vulnerable.  
Thank you for your consideration,  
Jennifer Sapp

Sent from my iPhone

**Katrina Martinez**

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**From:** District3  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 8:12 AM  
**To:** Teddi Wengert  
**Cc:** Maria Klucarova; Jennifer Cabrera; COB\_mail  
**Subject:** RE: We Protest Upcoming Vote for Mask Mandate

Good Morning Mr. & Mrs. Wengert,

Thank you for taking the time to contact our office, we always appreciate hearing from constituents. I will give your message to Supervisor Bronson.

Thank you,

*Anissa Ramirez*

Special Staff Assistant  
Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair  
District 3  
520-724-8051

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**From:** Teddi Wengert <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 7:21 AM  
**To:** District1 <District1@pima.gov>; DIST2 <DIST.2@pima.gov>; District3 <District.3@pima.gov>; District4 <District4@pima.gov>; District5 <District5@pima.gov>  
**Subject:** We Protest Upcoming Vote for Mask Mandate

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Pima County Board of Supervisors,

We are extremely upset that the issue of mask mandates has even come up again. If we actually follow the science, even the CDC's science, it shows that a child's chance of dying from COVID is 0.008% from numbers reported in the last 18 months. This is less than the number of children who died from the common flu during the 2018-2019 flu season; data derived from an 8-month period. Yet not once was the requiring of masks a thought. So why now, with a sickness that hardly affects our children, do we lack the human decency to allow them to breath free and see their teachers facial expressions? Vaccinations are now available to those who choose to get it. Let families choose for themselves what is best for their children! Wearing masks is harmful to my children psychologically—they become paranoid and fearful...not the way I want them to approach the world. You JUST voted on this issue last week and we celebrated that our voices were heard. Celebrated that our children were

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free! We as parents, are fed up with this mess—and want to maintain confidence in our elected officials.

Furthermore, Governor Ducey has made it into law that mandates cannot be forced upon us. Why would we vote to defy his law? What kind of example are we setting to our children?

Please don't harm our children's chance at a return to normalcy in school this year...they have been hurt the most by ridiculous interruptions to their education the past year. If parents are scared of COVID, they can choose to wear masks or do remote learning. But let's not punish everyone else and force this ludicrous mandate.

Thank you,

Devin & Teddi Wengert

## Katrina Martinez

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**From:** Anissa Ramirez  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 8:14 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Maria Klucarova; Jennifer Cabrera; COB\_mail  
**Subject:** RE: Supervisor Sharon Bronson feedback form (district3@pima.gov) 2021-08-14 08:50 AM Submission Notification

Good Morning Ms. Cardea,

Thank you for taking the time to contact our office, we always appreciate hearing from constituents. I will give your message to Supervisor Bronson.

Thank you,

*Anissa Ramirez*

Special Staff Assistant  
Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair  
District 3  
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**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 8:50 AM  
**To:** District3 <District.3@pima.gov>  
**Subject:** Supervisor Sharon Bronson feedback form (district3@pima.gov) 2021-08-14 08:50 AM Submission Notification

**Supervisor Sharon Bronson feedback form (district3@pima.gov) 2021-08-14 08:50 AM** was submitted by Guest on 8/14/2021 8:50:00 AM (GMT-07:00) US/Arizona

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| Subject_or_Nature_of_Concern | Keeping our children SAFE |
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As a concerned citizen and parent, I cannot understand the reluctance to reinstitute an area wide mask mandate within our K12 schools. COVID-19 cases are rising and now infecting the most vulnerable, which happens to include our 12 and under population who don't even have a choice in vaccination. Our children made 15+ months of sacrifices (in person learning, sports, dances, promotions, events, friends, etc.) to help others and now we won't do the same for them?! This is utter negligence. Unlike those early days of the pandemic, we now know much more about COVID-19 spread. We know that asymptomatic transmission plays a large role. "Source control" (i.e. mask-wearing) is critically important to curb this pandemic.

**Comments** Masks significantly prevent exhaled virus (importantly, from those who don't know they are infected) from infecting susceptible persons in their airspace. We also know that the Delta variant is now 93% of the current positive cases and is exponentially more contagious. I am requesting that you take a bold stance against Governor Ducey's executive order and reinstate the mask mandate for the staff, teachers, students, administrators and anyone on a K12 facility across Pima County, effective immediately. It is time to say no to the bullies and people pleasing and YES to our kids!! YES to our teachers!! YES to our support staff and administrators!! YES to public health and our community!! They deserve to be both IN school and as SAFE as possible!

**Would\_like\_a\_response** Yes

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

## Katrina Martinez

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**From:** Anissa Ramirez  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 8:22 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Cc:** Maria Klucarova; Jennifer Cabrera  
**Subject:** FW: Mondays meeting

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**From:** Lynn Schmidt <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 4:35 PM  
**To:** District1 <District1@pima.gov>; disttict2@pima.gov; District3 <District.3@pima.gov>; District4 <District4@pima.gov>; District5 <District5@pima.gov>  
**Subject:** Mondays meeting

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I see you have added masks and experimental vaccines for Pima County employees and Tucson school district back to the agenda for Monday. I don't understand why this is on the agenda again since it was already an item, discussed and voted on last week.

But I would certainly hope that you use the intelligence of following what your constituents want for their county as you did last week. Why are you wasting your time going over the same things again and again. You have so much to cover, this seems a waste.

I am hoping that the board will stand together on these issues again as you did last week.  
Thank you for all your time and work for our County .

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**Katrina Martinez**

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**From:** Anissa Ramirez  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 8:14 AM  
**To:** Jennifer Wagner  
**Cc:** Maria Klucarova; Jennifer Cabrera; COB\_mail  
**Subject:** RE: Mask mandate and vaccine incentives

Good Morning Ms. Wagner,

Thank you for taking the time to contact our office, we always appreciate hearing from constituents. I will give your message to Supervisor Bronson.

Thank you,

*Anissa Ramirez*

Special Staff Assistant  
Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair  
District 3  
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**From:** Jennifer Wagner <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 9:28 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail <COB\_mail@pima.gov>; District1 <District1@pima.gov>; DIST2 <DIST.2@pima.gov>; District3 <District.3@pima.gov>; District4 <District4@pima.gov>; District5 <District5@pima.gov>  
**Subject:** Mask mandate and vaccine incentives

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Good morning Board of Supervisors -

I am writing to you to ask that you vote to institute a mask mandate in K-12 schools. As of 9am yesterday, the county had already recorded almost 500 cases of confirmed COVID-19 in the schools and most had only been in session less than 2 weeks. Considering exponential growth, we can expect much higher numbers in the weeks to come, especially since only one district has had the courage to issue a mask mandate. I do understand there is an unconstitutional law currently on the books, but I would expect our judicial system to rectify that soon and we could have our mandate already in place when that happens.

I am also encouraging you to vote on the incentive/disincentive program proposed for Pima County employees. While I don't know that a lot of employees will choose to get vaccinated if they haven't already been convinced by the overwhelming science, those who get sick going forward are going to cost the county a large sum and they should have to contribute to that due to their unwillingness to do the right thing for the sake of the health of our community and their coworkers.

Thank you,

Jen Wagner, concerned Pima County resident

## Katrina Martinez

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**From:** Anissa Ramirez  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 8:27 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Cc:** Maria Klucarova; Jennifer Cabrera  
**Subject:** FW: Keep our children safe

Good Morning COB,

Our office received the email below.

*Anissa Ramirez*

Special Staff Assistant  
Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair  
District 3  
520-724-8051

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**From:** Nicholas Porter <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 7:10 PM  
**To:** District1 <District1@pima.gov>; DIST2 <DIST.2@pima.gov>; District3 <District.3@pima.gov>; District4 <District4@pima.gov>; District5 <District5@pima.gov>  
**Subject:** Keep our children safe

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August 14th, 2021

Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned kindergarten, preschool and infant child parent, community member and constituent to thank you for adding Resolution of the Pima County Board of Supervisors Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County, as an Effective Mitigation Strategy to Keep our Children Safe from COVID-19; Effective Immediately to the Pima County Addendum Agenda for 8/10/21. Thank you to the Pima County Supervisors who voted in favor of this critical Resolution.

**I urge Pima County Supervisors to bring the issue back to the Board of Supervisors on Monday, August 16 and to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools. A county mandate will help keep our children and community safe.**

According to Banner Health Chief Clinical Officer, Dr. Marjorie Bessel hospitals have seen a 95% increase in Covid-19 patients since July 1 and 300% increase in ventilators and there is substantial spread in the vast majority of Arizona counties. Arizona is also second in the nation for pediatric deaths related to COVID-19, according to data published recently by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The science around masking is settled. Masks work to prevent disease transmission. All recent public health agencies, both national and local, have issued statements recommending universal masks for K-12 students in schools.<sup>[1]</sup>

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Arizonans have a right to safe schools for Arizona kids. Governor Ducey is attempting to prevent school officials from implementing any public health mitigation strategies in line with leading public health agencies, including the CDC and Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to help protect students, all while COVID19 cases are again rising in our communities and more contagious variants are becoming more widespread.

The law passed by the state, banning schools from implementing such policies is likely unconstitutional,<sup>[2]</sup> doesn't take effect until Sept. 29 and poses a serious risk to life and health.

Pima County has a duty to protect the health of the community under Arizona law. Arizona Revised Statute Title 36 authorizes counties and local health jurisdictions to protect the health of the community during contagious diseases outbreaks. It is your duty to take action.

**Please choose to stand with our children and Arizona communities in supporting a safe return to the classroom by adopting the Resolution requiring masks in K-12 schools.**

Thank you,

Nicholas Porter, PA-C

Sent from my iPhone



**Katrina Martinez**

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**From:** District3  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 8:28 AM  
**To:** Jim Holmes  
**Cc:** Maria Klucarova; Jennifer Cabrera; COB\_mail  
**Subject:** RE: Masking in our schools

Good Morning Mr. Holmes,

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Thank you,

*Anissa Ramirez*

Special Staff Assistant  
Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair  
District 3  
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**From:** Jim Holmes <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Saturday, August 14, 2021 8:50 PM  
**To:** District1 <District1@pima.gov>; DIST2 <DIST.2@pima.gov>; District3 <District.3@pima.gov>; District4 <District4@pima.gov>; District5 <District5@pima.gov>  
**Cc:** Jane Larkindale <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Masking in our schools

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Date: August 14, 2021

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Thank you,

Jim Holmes



Hello, my name is Jim Westerman and I have been a chiropractor in the health care field for almost 40 years. I want to raise my objection to the mandatory mask/vaccine mandate that you are considering.

First, as a follower of Jesus Christ, **I object to any product that used aborted fetal tissue in the development process which the new vaccines have done.**

I understand and appreciate your desire to solve problems. You were elected to do so but I caution you to carefully consider this mandate before your vote.

My first question is **why would you mandate a vaccine for a virus that has a 99+% recovery rate if you were to even get the virus?** Flu vaccines are not mandated when they have an equally high rate of recovery. The new delta variant has shown that while it is more easily transmitted, it is less deadly. This is common for viruses as they mutate.

You may know that these vaccines were expedited through the FDA approval process in a program called Operation Warp Speed. **The average time for a vaccine to go through the entire approval process is 8-10 years and these were administered to the public in around a year.** Do you believe that these new vaccines can be safe and effective when they achieved emergency use authorization in 10-20% of the time of a normal vaccine. Either the normal time frame for vaccine approval is unnecessarily long or these new vaccines have been put out long before patient safety can be assured.

If you are going to mandate medical treatment, which you are doing if you mandate masks and vaccines, you must adhere to the Hippocratic oath, that is, **"First do no harm"**. Let me repeat that, **"First do no harm"**. It doesn't matter if you think doing this will lessen sickness or save lives, if there is a risk of harm in getting the vaccine, you should not approve it.

**What is the risk in getting these vaccines?** Anyone who says that there is no risk is not being honest. You may know of the governmental self-reporting site VAERS and there are thousands of adverse effects reported by people following getting these vaccines. These range from relatively minor things like soreness at the injection site, fatigue, headache on to more severe things like myocarditis (inflammation of the heart), blot clots, auto-immune problems, Gullain Barre syndrome and death. Are all these caused by the vaccine? It is impossible to know exactly but there are certainly a lot of symptoms supposedly healthy people get following their vaccination. **Please, before you vote, you owe it to yourself to go to the VAERS website and look at the adverse effects reported.** It will open your eyes.

In the health care world, there is a requirement called **informed consent**. This is used for surgical procedures, root canals and even chiropractic spinal adjustments whereby a patient is informed of the potential risks involved with the procedure that has been recommended. Some people sign it without reading. Others read it and decide that the benefits of the procedure outweigh the risks. Still others decide that the risk of adverse effects outweigh the potential benefits of the procedure and decline to undergo the procedure. There is no informed consent for people mandated to get a vaccine so they are unable to evaluate the risks vs benefit of getting the shot.

**If you mandate that all county employees and licensed health care workers get the vaccine without their informed consent and, God forbid, something catastrophic happens, you are responsible.** You may not suffer legally but, those people (and their families) suffering is on you!

**Katrina Martinez**

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**From:** Katherine Isabelle Kurtin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 8:35 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Protect our Children

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Board of Supervisors,

I hope this email finds you in time for your meeting today. I am writing as a concerned teacher, family advocate and pregnant person about to birth my first child. I was disappointed by the last meeting to see that Dr. Heinz was the only true advocate for our students of Pima County Schools. The Governors mask ban is harmful, careless and will cost us lives and livelihoods. It is also unfounded and legally obscure.

My hope is that you choose to put public health, our healthcare workers and the children and families of our community first today. Vaccination and masking have been proven to be the most effective mitigation strategies against COVID-19. I know that each and every one of you care deeply about the children and families of Tucson that you serve as well as your own families. No one should have to see their child or loved one suffer or die because of something that could have been prevented. I am calling on each of you today to stand up for children and mandate masks in our schools until at least the vaccine is available to all school-aged children.

The community is watching closely and will vote accordingly.

Thank you,

**Katie Kurtin**  
**Cultivator of Possibilities**  
Katie Kurtin Consulting & Coaching

She/ They  
Residing on ancestral lands of the Tohono O'odham Nation.

"...because they are children, and for no other reason, they have dignity and worth simply because they are."-  
Barbara Coloroso

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## Katrina Martinez

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**From:** Emily Weiss <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 8:45 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate

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Hello,

I am writing as a concerned parent of a third grader and I also have a newborn in my home. Please vote to have a mask mandate. We know that masks and vaccines are the only way we can safely move through this pandemic. If you care about children you will do the right thing. Put children first. Put out healthcare workers on the front lines first. Mandate masks. Thank you Emily weiss

Sent from my iPhone

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**Katrina Martinez**

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**From:** District3  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 8:48 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** COB\_mail; Maria Klucarova; Jennifer Cabrera  
**Subject:** RE: Supervisor Sharon Bronson feedback form (district3@pima.gov) 2021-08-15 01:31 PM Submission Notification

Good Morning Mr. Helgevold,

Thank you for taking the time to contact our office, we always appreciate hearing from constituents. I will give your message to Supervisor Bronson and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Thank you,

*Anissa Ramirez*

Special Staff Assistant  
Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair  
District 3  
520-724-8051

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**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 1:32 PM  
**To:** District3 <District.3@pima.gov>  
**Subject:** Supervisor Sharon Bronson feedback form (district3@pima.gov) 2021-08-15 01:31 PM Submission Notification

**Supervisor Sharon Bronson feedback form ([district3@pima.gov](mailto:district3@pima.gov)) 2021-08-15 01:31 PM** was submitted by Guest on 8/15/2021 1:31:59 PM (GMT-07:00) US/Arizona

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**First Name** David

**Last Name** Helgevold

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**City** Marana

**State** AZ

**Zipcode**

**District\_of\_Concern** Supervisor District 1 - Rex Scott, Supervisor District 2 - Matt Heinz, Supervisor District 3 - Sharon Bronson, Supervisor District 4 - Steve Christy, Supervisor District 5 - Adelita Grijalva

**Department\_of\_concern** Health Department

**Subject\_or\_Nature\_of\_Concern** Face Mask Requirement in Public places

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**Comments**

A fundamental quality of Public Health is its preventative nature. Counties are the core providers of health care services and public health programs in local communities. The Pima County Board of Supervisors is responsible for steering public policy and providing direction to the County Manager. I am asking the Pima County Board of Supervisors to remember their duty to ensure safe communities and protect public health by supporting the County Manager's request to support local school districts who choose to require face coverings. I implore you to fulfill your duty to protect Public Health! My support for you, my County Supervisor District 3, depends on this. Dave Helgevold Marana Together We Can #EndCovid #WeNotMe

**Would\_like\_a\_response** Yes

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona



## Katrina Martinez

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**From:** Anissa Ramirez  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 8:49 AM  
**To:** Earthlink  
**Cc:** Maria Klucarova; Jennifer Cabrera; COB\_mail  
**Subject:** RE: Face masks & mandatory vaccinations

Good Morning,

Thank you for taking the time to contact our office, we always appreciate hearing from constituents. I will give your message to Supervisor Bronson and the Planning and Zoning Commission.

Thank you,

Anissa Ramirez  
Special Staff Assistant  
Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair District 3  
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Cc: District1 <District1@pima.gov>; DIST2 <DIST.2@pima.gov>; District3 <District.3@pima.gov>; District4 <District4@pima.gov>; District5 <District5@pima.gov>  
Subject: Face masks & mandatory vaccinations

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First of all, I'd liked to express my disgust at the few of you who did not receive the results you wanted last week so reintroduced the same agenda for another vote as unfinished business. It wasn't unfinished, there was a vote and it was voted against. Each of you had an ample opportunity to voice your objection of HB2898 and if you have issues with it, you need to take it to court. Until then, you do not have the authority to mandate masks or vaccines.

I strongly oppose both the mask mandate and the vaccine mandates being proposed.

I've done my research and there are no conclusive studies that show cloth masks reduce COVID transmission or that maskless children that attend school have higher rates of infection. There is however conclusive data that shows a significant increase in pediatric mental health issues and suicide during the last COVID lockdown/mandates. Not mandating masks doesn't mean an individual and their family cannot wear masks or send their children to school in one. It just means that it's their decision to do what's best for them and their family, not yours!!

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In addition, it is a violation of an individual's right to make an informed decision by mandating an experimental vaccine that has only received FDA Emergency Use Authorization. There is no long term testing and using people as guinea pigs for medical research is deplorable. We do however know that the COVID vaccines have more reported adverse events on the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System than any other vaccine in its short time since release.

I encourage each of you to realize the impact these mandates have on an individual's right to choose and their medical freedom.

**Katrina Martinez**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Friday, August 13, 2021 2:44 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Public Comments - Aug 16 Meeting

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Pima County Board of Supervisors body,

We, the people of Pima County, demand you cease and desist ALL DISCUSSIONS relating to the mandated mask wearing, vaccine injections and any retribution against those who do not wish to do either one!

On August 10, you voted down the measures to mandate mandatory masks for K12. No further discussion will be tolerated on this subject! You are demanded to table ALL DISCUSSIONS on this matter immediately and permanently!

On August 10, you voted down the measure to mandate all Pima County employees to be vaccinated/injected starting October 1. No further discussion will be tolerated on this subject! You are demanded to table ALL DISCUSSIONS on this matter immediately and permanently!

Now you are looking to FORCEFULLY VACCINATE/INJECT our healthcare workers. You are to TABLE THIS MATTER PERMANENTLY!!!

If you decide to proceed on discussion and implementation of any of these matters, please be advised you are hereby warned of the consequences of your actions! You are violating Governor Ducey's Executive Orders regarding this matter in the state. There are to be NO MANDATORY VACCINES, NO VACCINE CARDS/PASSPORTS and you have ZERO rights to violate anyone's rights, civilly or medically! We also noticed you refuse to allow any religious exemptions in your proposed mandate, which is also illegal!

Your mandate violates the Arizona State Constitution, Constitution of the United States, Bill of Rights, HIPAA and other civil and discrimination laws. These carry serious federal and local penalties, which you will be tasked to suffer should you proceed with this discussion and vote!

This will no longer be tolerated by the people of this state and Pima County.

You are hereby mandated to cease and desist before your actions lead to legal penalties!

Regards,  
Jack Soneira

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**Katrina Martinez**

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**From:** Randi Levin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 8:55 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks cannot be framed as a personal choice during a pandemic

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Hi Again,

At the wrong time, any one of us can be an infectious weapon without even realizing it.

Just breathing or touching a light switch can be like firing a million microscopic bullets at everyone around us. As Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. said, "The right to swing my fist ends where the other man's nose begins." Saying no to vaccines is never a personal choice. It is a choice to put yourself *and* others at risk for infection, and a guarantee you will figuratively punch someone in the nose in your lifetime.

<https://health.usnews.com/health-care/for-better/articles/vaccines-were-never-a-personal-choice-a-doctor-says>

For those who believe that mask mandates violate individual rights, 200 years of case law fails to support that belief. So if you want legal support for this belief, then you will need to make that case in a court of law, otherwise it remains just your personal opinion.

Many continue to believe that any and every mask mandate is an abuse of power. They are not. What an individual does within their personal boundaries is a personal choice. Public space is always a negotiated balance between personal liberties and public health, because every single person has constitutional rights, not just the one-party dominant majority.

<https://kdminer.com/news/2021/may/15/column-delivering-fact-sheets-protected-political-/>

## **Covid-19 is a deadly weapon**

What is the effective difference between a man walking down the street with a machine gun spraying his neighbors with bullets and one with Covid-19 spraying them with a deadly virus?

<https://www.tampabay.com/opinion/2020/06/27/does-wearing-a-mask-violate-our-freedoms-heres-what-readers-say/>

Lastly, are all these anti-mask mandate protestors really being paid for by deep pockets who want to chip away at public education in favor of School Choice? I do not know, it's a question.

<https://www.msn.com/en-us/money/careersandeducation/the-year-of-school-choice/ar-AAKefHf>

Thank You,  
Randi Levin

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Special Staff Assistant

Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair

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**From:** Monique Stockett <[monique.stockett@hawaii.gov](mailto:monique.stockett@hawaii.gov)>

To: District1 <District1@pima.gov>; DIST2 <DIST.2@pima.gov>

Cc: District3 <District.3@pima.gov>; District4 <District4@pima.gov>

**Subject:** About your vote on 8/16/21 for the masks and the EXPERIMENTAL Vaccine for Pima County employees and

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I was so relieved that at the Tuesday, August 10, 2021 meeting there was a NO vote on the mask and vaccine mandates for Pima County employees and Tucson area school districts and now I find out that it's on the agenda again for the meeting on Monday, August 16, 2021.

It's truly despicable that this is on the agenda again. It's disheartening that WE THE PEOPLE can't trust the individuals representing us. What happened to decency and integrity.

I'm asking you to please vote NO on the mask and vaccine mandates for Pima County employees and Tucson area school districts!!! We are living in AMERICA and not a communist regime. Whatever happened to my body my choice?!

[illegible]

There is no such thing as freedom if we are not free to determine what is and is not injected into us.

Please do the right thing and vote NO on the mask and vaccine mandates.

Do you want to be held liable for what the EXPERIMENTAL Vaccine does to someone?

It is only approved for Experimental use. There is a period of 2 years till the trails come back.

You work for the people. And we will remember you come YOUR next election.

I hope you do the right thing.

M. Stockett

Tucson AZ

**Katrina Martinez**

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**From:** Anissa Ramirez  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 9:16 AM  
**To:** TINA VINDIOLA  
**Cc:** Maria Klucarova; Jennifer Cabrera; COB\_mail  
**Subject:** RE: URGENT - IN RESPONSE TO THE 9AM MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, AUG. 16, 2021

Good Morning Ms. Vindiola,

Thank you for taking the time to contact our office, we always appreciate hearing from constituents. I will give your message to Supervisor Bronson.

Thank you,

*Anissa Ramirez*

Special Staff Assistant  
Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair  
District 3  
520-724-8051

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**From:** TINA VINDIOLA <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 15, 2021 8:27 PM  
**To:** District1 <District1@pima.gov>; DIST2 <DIST.2@pima.gov>; District3 <District.3@pima.gov>; District4 <District4@pima.gov>; District5 <District5@pima.gov>  
**Subject:** URGENT - IN RESPONSE TO THE 9AM MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, AUG. 16, 2021  
**Importance:** High

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To Pima County Supervisors; Supervisor Rex Scott, Matt Heinz, Sharon Bronson, Steve Christy and Adelita Grijalva

I cannot believe that another scheduled meeting will take place tomorrow at 9am to vote AGAIN on the mandate for masks and shots, didn't you vote on this last week, this is extraordinary disconcerting. A year and a half ago, we were the freest nation ever created by humankind and now you all (except for Steve Christy) are blatantly disregarding the rule of law. As a reminder, you work for THE ARIZONA TAXPAYER. The fact that the Pima County Board of Supervisors will even be discussing "assisting" School Board Districts requiring K12 masking is beyond belief. So, it's okay for the County to take our tax dollars and use them to support lawbreakers? Who gives you the authority to place these mandates on every Arizona Pima county resident?

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I fully disagree with what you are trying to . Shame on you Matt Heinz, you are a Doctor. If you look and study the facts, there is ZERO scientific basis for getting the shots and wearing masks don't work. Shots are damaging to people's health, experimental gene therapies for which nobody knows long term effects. They are NOT FDA approved, they are approved for emergency use, they are NOT vaccines, they are gene therapies. Vaccines by definition contain a viral load. These shots contain mRNA sequencing which uses the cell's system to create a receptor protein. This technology has never passed any clinical trials before, see [www.clinicaltrials.gov](http://www.clinicaltrials.gov).

We (the people) should decide what is best for us, DON'T pressure and use fear mongering. Let WE THE PEOPLE make our own medical decisions, that is NONE of any of your business. If you feel the need to mandate something, why don't you try promoting healthy activities, healthy choices, public parks, moving your body, which are all much more effective to fighting illness over everything else. You should work on stopping the illegals from entering our State; this is a public health emergency.

Thank you, Steve Christy, for using common sense governing.

Please Pima County Board of Supervisors, I demand that you stay out of my medical decisions.

Sincerely,

**Tina Vindiola**



Legal Arizona Citizen and Taxpayer

## Katrina Martinez

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**From:** District3  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 9:20 AM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** Maria Klucarova; Jennifer Cabrera; COB\_mail  
**Subject:** RE: Supervisor Sharon Bronson feedback form (district3@pima.gov) 2021-08-15 09:14 PM Submission Notification

Good Morning Ms. A Benson,

Thank you for taking the time to contact our office, we always appreciate hearing from constituents. I will give your message to Supervisor Bronson.

Thank you,

*Anissa Ramirez*

Special Staff Assistant  
Pima County Supervisor Sharon Bronson, Chair  
District 3  
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**State** AZ

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**Department\_of\_concern** Health Department

**Subject\_or\_Nature\_of\_Concern** Mask Mandate

08/16/2021 11:05:00 AM

I am dismayed that the Board finds it necessary to AGAIN vote on mask mandates for schools. Are you going to vote on this weekly until the Dems get the vote they want? Ridiculous!! As a teacher I can tell you right now I WILL NOT COMPLY. I WILL NOT TELL STUDENTS THEY MUST MASK AS IT BREAKS THE LAW! You are putting teachers in a horrible position. Do you know how hard it is to manage 40 kids? They are not stupid. They know their rights. You are setting us up for failure if we choose to listen to your law breaking mandate. I have spoken to many colleagues,

**Comments** we will NOT DO IT! 98% of the faculty and staff at my large school are unmasked. Clearly we don't want to wear them. Where is the science that supports masking kids and robbing them of their identities? Europe did NOT mask their youngest pupils and it was fine. Kids are not at risk of severe covid . They are at risk of suffering from the traumas these draconian measures inflict upon them. Have you seen how filthy children's' masks are? I have seen them in the dirt on the playground, on the bathroom floors and sinks, on the ground. They are not sanitary!! Please break away from your false narrative that cloth masks work, and that kids need to mask.

**Would\_like\_a\_response** Yes

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Thank you, Pima County, Arizona

**Katrina Martinez**

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**From:** Randi Levin <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 16, 2021 9:45 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Fwd: Covid is Coming; Universal Indoor Masking in Schools Needed

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Hi,

I'm listening in now to the County Supervisors meeting. Unfortunately I did not realize I had to register to speak by 5pm on Friday.

PLEASE do not listen to these people citing WRONG information about masks hurting kids, and no kids dying from Covid. And criticizing your outfits?!? This is nonsense. Who are these people? Please do not fall for the paid-for actors doing Political Astroturfing!!!

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**From:** Randi Levin <[REDACTED]>  
**Date:** Sun, Aug 15, 2021 at 11:35 AM  
**Subject:** Fwd: Covid is Coming; Universal Indoor Masking in Schools Needed  
**To:** <COB\_mail@pima.gov>

One last thing.

Here is Bill Nye the Science Guy explaining Covid and Masks that I referenced.

Maybe post this on the County website? the CFSD website? Share it far and wide!

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpfmQKZ-B\\_0](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wpfmQKZ-B_0)

Thank You!  
Randi Levin

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**Date:** Sun, Aug 15, 2021 at 11:15 AM  
**Subject:** Covid is Coming; Universal Indoor Masking in Schools Needed  
**To:** <COB\_mail@pima.gov>

Good Morning,

08/16/2021 11:57:00 AM

My name is Randi Levin. I am an [REDACTED] mother of 2 students in the Catalina Foothills School District (4th grader at Sunrise, 8th grader at OGMS). I'm also part of the MaskUpCFSD group that met with Rex Scott on Friday.

I wanted to write to say that I fully echo and support the other parents who are contacting you about the need for masks in schools.

I understand what a tight spot you have been squeezed into. I have great empathy for what a no-win situation you've been put in. The roving bands of violent agitators are no joke! Who are these angry loud people who don't even have kids in CFSD schools (wow, some don't even HAVE kids!)? Are they being shipped in and paid to yell and intimidate rational concerned parents and administrators? All while Governor Ducey himself sends his kids to a private school that requires masks indoors?

Regardless, I do not know all the "on the ground" practical constraints you are working under and what is holding you back from implementing the local health guidance on masks in schools. I do not know the local political landscape.

But I think that you do. You understand the ins and outs of the local political landscape far better than me.

So what do we need to do to protect our kids and our hospital workers? What is the path forward? What words do we need to say and documents do we need to write to get this done?

Would it be helpful to meet with ALL the school boards in Tucson, and work collectively? Strength in numbers, right? Would it be helpful if the CFSD board met with the County Supervisors to work out a workable plan? What can we as parents do to help you?

Have you seen the latest from the Scottsdale Unified Superintendent? 632 students quarantined. How many of those will die? How many of those will have long Covid?

It's terrifying. And it's coming to CFSD.



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August 13, 2021

Dear Scottsdale Unified School District Parent Community Partners:

We have entered a new and challenging phase related to the spread of COVID. Consistent with our stated commitment, and in compliance with state law, the district made mask wearing optional. Those choosing to wear masks varies by campus. In some places, there were almost no masks on the first day of school and in others, as many as 70-80% chose to wear them. I recognize that the question of masks has been politicized and is polarizing for our community. However, what we are seeing in the larger community and, more specifically, in our school buildings threatens to disrupt our ability to continue providing in-person instruction unless we take more aggressive steps to mitigate the spread of the virus.

Since we resumed in-person instruction last week, there have been:

- 78 on-campus, confirmed cases of COVID
- 31 confirmed cases among students who did not come to school
- 150 symptomatic students sent home
- 632 students quarantined as close contacts, in compliance with orders of the Maricopa County Department of Public Health.

We know that providing in-person teaching and learning opportunities is critical for our students, and you have told us that is your preference. At the same time, our ability to do so is predicated on controlling the spread of COVID on our campuses. Last year, we saw very few cases of on-campus spread, due in large part to mitigation strategies that included wearing masks and a different strain of the COVID virus. In just the first 7 days of this new school year, outbreaks have already been identified at 5 schools and there is more evidence of on-campus transmission than we saw all of last year. This trend, if not disrupted, will invariably require not only quarantining even larger numbers of students, but potentially require us to also close classrooms or buildings for significant periods of time and return to virtual learning. Some of our neighboring districts have already had to do this.

I understand COVID fatigue. I personally do not like wearing a mask any more than you or your students do, but in order to slow the transmission of COVID on our campuses, I am again calling on our staff, students, and you, our families, to partner with us by voluntarily agreeing to mask up while indoors on our campuses. Public health officials are clear on what the two best mitigation strategies are to stem this new tide of COVID transmissions: 1) vaccination and 2) wearing a mask. COVID does not discriminate based on partisan politics, and it is circulating more rapidly now than ever among our school-aged youth. As a district committed to minimizing the chances of transmission to nearly 22,000 students learning in-person every day, we respectfully ask that you join us in that effort.

Sincerely,

Scott A. Menzel, PhD  
Superintendent

Have you seen what's happening in Texas?

In Dallas County, Texas, there are "zero ICU beds left for children," county judge Clay Jenkins said in a news conference Friday morning. "That means if your child's in a car wreck, if your child has a congenital heart defect or something and needs an ICU bed, or more likely if they have Covid and need an ICU bed, we don't have one. Your child will wait for another child to die," Jenkins said.

<https://www.cnn.com/2021/08/13/us/dallas-county-no-pediatric-icu-beds-left/index.html>

In the meantime, the anti-maskers seem to be pitifully misinformed on the efficacy of universal masking. Maybe as our local leaders, you might be able to launch an Education Blitz on the dangers of Covid and the efficacy of Universal Masking? Require these lessons be taught in schools. Hand out candles to everyone attending the board meetings and start with the Bill Nye experiment on how masks work!

TEACH the misinformed! So while the law catches up to the actual real life situation, we are also waging an influence campaign of our own.

Thank You,

Randi