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**From:** Pam Ensign <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 3:52 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate

[REDACTED]

Please vote to pass Resolution # 2021, mandating the use of face masks in all K-12 schools within Pima County. With the arrival of the Delta variant, Covid cases are rapidly rising. When all the schools are opened, without mask mandates, infection rates will soar. Our schools are not safe, especially for children too young to be vaccinated. This is a public health emergency-our children are at risk. It should not be about politics.

Thank you for your consideration, Pamela Ensign

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**From:** Alan T. [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 3:04 AM  
**To:** DIST2  
**Cc:** District1; District3; District4; District5; COB\_mail  
**Subject:** My objection towards your agenda trying to impose a mask mandate in K-12 schools!

Dear supervisor Heinz,

Let me express my strong objection towards your pretension of imposing a mask mandate in all K-12 public and private schools in Pima County. How dare you want to break a Governor's law?

I have not seen you working on having our kids get out of the struggles they are still going through, since last school year, when Mr. Hackelberry, Dr. Garcia and all the so-called "public servers" who worked with the Pima County Board of Supervisors (including you), decided that our schools should be a spot to show your power hunger.

Our children have suffered enough and continue to suffer every day, while you intend to deprive them of oxygen, you will destroy their spirits, filling them again with anxiety and uncertainty. They have the right to a quality education, so stay focused on that! There is absolutely no study ever performed to demonstrate the efficacy of wearing a mask in the containment of an airborne virus. Yet, you want to force our children to wear them again, seven hours a day, while overruling a State law!

I would like to see the scientific evidence you are using to intend such arbitrariness. In the meanwhile, know that I greatly regret having voted for you.

Sincerely,

Milvia Trampuche.

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 5:59 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Comments for Board Meeting

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Date: August 9, 2021

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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,

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Amanda Schneider  
*Family Empowerment Coach*  
Abundance On Purpose



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Tempe, AZ 85284  
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**From:** Marie Anne Purcell <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 5:15 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Call to the public

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Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android

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**From:** "Marie Anne Purcell" <[REDACTED]>  
**To:** "COB\_mail@pima.gov" <COB\_mail@pima.gov>  
**Sent:** Sun, Aug 8, 2021 at 8:33 PM  
**Subject:** Call to the public

Given the current situation with COVID-19, we must make sure that our children are safe when it schools. Science has shown that the use of masks reduces the risk of getting COVID-19.

As our elementary children are not eligible to be vaccinated at this time, we should, then, follow the science and enact a mask mandate to protect them (along with all other students) and avoid the potential risk of having to move to a distant learning model again.

Respectfully,

Marie Anne Purcell Natali

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**From:** Nancy C Faria <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 4:17 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Yes to Mask mandates especially in schools.

CAUTION: This message and sender come from outside Pima County. If you did not expect this message, proceed with caution. Verify the sender's identity before performing any action, such as clicking on a link or opening an attachment.

I am writing to urge you to say yes to mask mandates in schools for all school personnel, students and visitors. Let's slow the spread of this virus and save lives.

Thank you,  
Nancy C. Faria

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** Jeanette Rupel <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 6:08 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks at schools. Yes, please

Hello,

I am a mother of a 16 year old, a 14 year old, and a 11 year old. The oldest 2 are vaccinated for Covid. I live with my parents, who take care of their parents. They are all vaccinated for Covid. I share joint custody with my ex, who is vaccinated, but rarely wears a mask. I do not know the vaccine status of his wife and his two daughters. I am also a high school teacher. I am vaccinated for Covid. We all wear masks in public.

But if one of us comes down with Covid, we affect 4 households and 5 schools.

When going to a school function for my older two, few families wore masks and hardly any school officials. This is not safe. At my school, all the school employees wear masks, but many students choose not to. This is not safe. When the mask mandate for TUSD went into affect, students didn't complain. They masked up. They were safe.

Schools cannot social distance. They barely can appropriately filter the air. They cannot enforce vaccination. They cannot ask for vaccine status. The only option left to protect children, staff, families, and the community is a mask mandate.

I am asking you to go against the state government because their law was political, self-centered, and stupid. Lives are more important than what political team you play for.

Please put in a county mask mandate.

Thank you.

Jeanette Rupel

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**From:** Kevin Elliott <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 6:05 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** I Support Pima County's Resolution for K-12 masks - BOS Agenda 08/10/21

8/9/2021

I am writing to you as a concerned parent of 2 children under the age of 10.

Both my wife and I have been vaccinated, but our children are not eligible for the vaccine yet. Due to the ambiguity of the mask situation and Governor Ducey's attempt to override local control, my wife and I have decided as a direct result of this to home school our children this year instead of send them back to the elementary school that they had been attending. Schools began welcoming back students to campus late last month and are already experiencing outbreaks across the state. Many are being forced back to online learning because they are not able to use simple mitigation tools like universal masking. The science around masking is settled. Masks work to prevent disease transmission. It is incredible that we can't look back to the Spanish flu outbreak a century ago and not learn any lessons? Respiratory viruses spread largely via breathing, talking, coughing, and sneezing. All of which people (and children) do regularly. While masks are not 100% effective, they are an added buffer in reducing the risk of exposure, and of spread. Public health should NOT be a political issue, and it is so unfortunate that it has become so.

**I urge Pima County Supervisors to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools.**

Kevin Elliott  
Tucson, AZ

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**From:** Bev Sutton <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 7:22 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Re: Writing in support of a mask mandate

This article supplies more legal cover for your decision under the ADA.  
Please implement an enforceable mask mandate.

<https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama-health-forum/fullarticle/2782893>

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On Sun, Aug 8, 2021 at 9:45 PM Bev Sutton [REDACTED] wrote:

We have clear scientific evidence that masks work. We are facing the most transmissible variant to date, or cases are soaring, breakthrough

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infections are rising, worst of all children's cases are rising -- and yet we have fewer mitigations in place than in previous surges. This makes zero sense. I beg you to institute a mask mandate.

No need to read this part aloud but I beg you all to read it, an excellent primer by a noted epidemiologist that explains exactly why a mask mandate is vital.

<https://medium.com/@EpiEllie/what-does-the-delta-variant-mean-for-you-its-time-to-put-back-on-your-mask-d98df830376>

For anyone who prefers, here is the Twitter thread

<https://threadreaderapp.com/thread/1422595200615133189.html>

Beverley A Sutton  
4216 E Paseo Grande  
Tucson AZ 85711

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**From:** Amanda M <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 7:18 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks & Name Calling in 10th

[REDACTED]

Please ask to have amphi enforce masks. I am a district employee and was told bullying would not be tolerated regarding mask wearing, but sure enough, on the very first day of school my 10th grader told me he was called several names throughout the day, including "pu\*\*y". He has asthma and a 10 year old, unvaccinated brother. He is being responsible and brave in the face of ridicule.

It's such a simple thing, backed by science and real life data from Phoenix and Vail. Please vote for masks to be mandated.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Mullon

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone  
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**From:** Teresa Hinojosa <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 7:15 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mandate mask

[REDACTED]

Hello. Please mask mandatory at schools. My children are excited to go back to school, be in school to learn from the teachers and experience what youth really is. If wearing a mask means is a matter of social justice and equality of opportunity for all children.

Thank you,  
Tania Hinojosa

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**From:** Stacey rugotska <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 7:09 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Call to the public

[REDACTED]

I am writing in SUPPORT of a MASK MANDATE for k-12 schools. I have 2 school aged children, and one toddler. This directly affects my children. I absolutely have been sending my kids in masks to school, but would feel so much safer if all of the kids were wearing masks as well. Please vote to mandate masks in Pima County.

Stacey Rugotska

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From: Sam Garman <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 7:05 AM  
To: COB\_mail  
Subject: Mask mandate

11/10/2021 12:27:50 PM

Date: 8/9/21

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Thank you,  
Sam Garman

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Dear Board,

I have been following this pandemic for over a year as you all have as well. We know the science of masks works. Please mandate masks in school. Particularly for the sub-12 crowd who has no vaccine option at this point.

Kids have successfully worn masks for nearly an entire school year. They can do so again. There is no need to drop out of successful science just short of the finish line.

Please vote to keep our kids safe when parents and politics have instead created an ongoing health divide.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Whelan  
Parent of a 1st grader in CFSD16

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Bete Jones <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 6:51 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masking in school

[REDACTED]

Mask mandate in schools absolutely needs to be initiated and enforced.

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**From:** Alina Boelman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 6:37 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Please protect our children

[REDACTED]

Board of Supervisors,

My name is Alina Boelman and I am a pediatrician at Tanque Verde Pediatrics. Since the beginning of the start of the 2021-2022 school year for the Vail School District, our practice has been inundated with sick visits. A small but increasingly significant percentage of these are Covid positive. A large and significant percentage are visits related to other illnesses with responsible parents who are trying to rule out Covid to help contain spread. The children that we are seeing with Covid are sicker. The strain that these sick visits are putting on our office and on our patients' families cannot be understated. We know that masks decrease the risk of transmission of Covid as well as other viruses. We know that in-person school continues to be the gold standard for our children. We know that vaccines decrease illness severity and Covid hospitalizations. **Please support a mask mandate for children in schools. Please support a mandatory vaccination policy for all teachers and staff of county schools.** We cannot continue at this pace. For the first time we are seeing Pediatric Intensive Care Units with teen-age Covid patients. Our clinics are seeing 150 patients per day or more. These small interventions can make a large impact. They will create a pressure release for our clinics and hospitals. They will keep our kids in-person for the school year. And more importantly, they will save lives. Thank you for your time.

Alina Boelman, MD  
Tanque Verde Pediatrics

My contact information:

2630 N. Plumer Ave.

Tucson, AZ 85719  
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**From:** Susan McClain <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 6:33 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Cc:** Mary Kamerzell; VV Dana Mulay  
**Subject:** CFSD Masking - for 8/10/21 Board of Supervisors Meeting

[REDACTED]

Good Morning,

I am a mother of two children in the CFSD, both of my children have been home since the early days of the pandemic. In the fall, we continued to keep them home even when schools began to reopen. My husband saw first hand working as an anesthesiologist in the ICU, the devastation that COVID brings. We managed, through safety protocols to stay safe and to keep our children safe from it. Now, with Delta surging even among the vaccinated, and Lambda digging in, we are supposed to send our children back with zero safety protocols in place? The basic from the beginning, masks on EVERYONE, is no longer allowed?? Our kids need to be in school, for their developing minds as well as emotionally, but how can you expect us to do that when this virus is raging yet again? Our children cannot yet be vaccinated, how is it safe for them now to sit in a classroom when it was not before? I feel like my own efforts to keep this from my children were all for nothing. Today I send my children to the wolves with KN95's on their faces, hoping for the best because that is all I am allowed to do. No parent should feel like they are putting their children in harm's way. Our governor cares nothing about our children which in my mind is criminal. I expect more from the district that I have been trusting all along to keep my children safe. Please follow science and mandate that every child and adult on school grounds correctly wears a mask over their mouth and nose. It is the least we can do right now.

Respectfully,  
Susan McClain, mother of a 9 and a 3 1/2 yr old

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**From:** sc radomsky <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 6:26 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate



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Scott Radomsky, MD  
Tanque Verde Pediatrics  
Tucson, AZ

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**From:** Nicole Linn <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 6:23 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** K-12 Mask mandate for Pima County

[REDACTED]

I am writing to strongly urge you, beg you really, to approve a mask mandate for k-12 schools until the coronavirus rates return to a manageable level. Our family has done everything we could during this pandemic to keep ourselves safe and look out for the community including continuing with virtual learning for both of our children throughout the year last year, staying out of sports during the worst times, dealing with the mental health effects of fear and isolation our children experienced, masked, and vaccinated ourselves and out child who is old enough. Now my youngest child who is not eligible for vaccination is one of 3 children in a class of 32 who wears a mask and none of the teachers do. She is at risk every day after a long year of doing our best to mitigate her risk. We need the help of our Pima County supervisors to keep our kids safe since our state government seems focused on the opposite. Please help - please re-instate a mask mandate.

Sincerely,  
Nicole Linn  
Tucson, AZ 85704

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**From:** Laura's Personal <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 6:19 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Call to the public - masking in schools

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I am a Tucson ICU physician and mother to two boys ages 5 and 9 in the CFSD. I am also sister to a wonderful woman who teaches in the Marana school district. A place where nearly no teachers or children are wearing masks at a time when she and her medical issues most require them to do so. I am writing to implore that you pass a masking mandate for our schools in Pima County, knowing that what I ask will pit you against the governor and lock you in a legal battle. A battle which I believe is necessary, and winnable.

The law that was passed was unjust. We are to provide a safe and effective learning environment in our public schools. Masks are safe. They help prevent the spread of a deadly virus that is currently spreading unchecked. They don't negatively impact education. They allow for in school learning. They don't increase carbon dioxide levels. Kids tolerate them better than fully grown adults, it seems. Our kids under age 12 have not had a choice to be vaccinated as the vaccine is not yet available to those in that age groups.

As I wear my n95 mask, with surgical mask covering it, a face shield, and my other PPE, often for 16 hours or more while trying to care for our county's sickest COVID patients (and often the overflow patients from other counties), it would help me to have the piece of mind that my children had at least some protection in a place where they are supposed to be safe and well cared for. As I practice the science necessary to care for patients who have contracted this potentially deadly virus (often deadly once they pass through the doors of my ICU), my confidence in our public education system would be restored if I felt like our educators who purportedly teach children science could adhere to basic scientific principles. Science shows that masks can help prevent spread. Let's use them!

Should our schools be incapable of providing even a thin layer of physical protection to our children, I will have no choice but to remove my children from their schools. To cease donations of funds to the system.

Please help me and many others restore our faith in the system. Please help us keep our children (and our community) safe.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Sincerely,  
Laura Meinke, MD

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** Kelley Price Gloria <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 6:14 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks are needed more than ever in our schools!

20210809 14:14:14  
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Thank you,  
Kelley Gloria

**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** Melissa Sherman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 8:02 AM  
**To:** District1; DIST2; District3; District4; District5; COB\_mail; Julie Castaneda; Chuck Huckelberry; [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Together We Can: Pima County - Melissa Sherman



**Together We Can: Pima County**

Dear Pima County  
Board of  
Supervisors,

We are asking the Pima County Board of Supervisors to direct all Superintendents within Pima County to require masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status.

Unfortunately, the Delta variant is quickly spreading. As of July 1st, the cases in Pima County have continued to rise causing outbreaks and suggests high spread is likely to continue without mitigation policies.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), and Arizona Department of Health and Safety (AZDHS) all have updated their guidelines to include "universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status." (CDC Guidance)

In addition, we are asking the Board to direct all Superintendents to follow all aspects of their COVID-19 mitigation plan including, the use of masks, physical distancing, hand washing, cleaning, and maintaining healthy facilities. Students and staff showing any symptoms of COVID-19 need to remain at home to prevent spread.

These mitigation strategies will keep our community safe and will avoid school closures and demonstrate the Pima County Board of Supervisors

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commitment to the health and safety of the staff,  
students, and communities they serve.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Together We Can #EndCovid  
#WeNotMe

Melissa Sherman

Email

Zip Code

85546

I represent the  
following sector  
(please select all the  
apply)

Parent

Signature Concerned  
Community Member



Date Signed

08-08-2021

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**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 8:03 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Call to the public regarding masks

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To whom it may concern,

As a public school teacher and a mother of 4 school age children I feel that it is imperative that our school districts mandate masks at this time for the health and safety of the students and staff that are on campus. Many of our school age children are vulnerable to COVID due to the inability to get vaccinated due to their age.

Thank you,

Stacey Pierce

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**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** James Forbus <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 8:01 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Call to the public: REQUIRE MASKS FOR ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN



REQUIRE MASKS FOR ALL SCHOOL CHILDREN

Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors:

I respectfully request that the Supervisors of Pima County consider the health and safety of our school children and require the wearing of masks by them, teachers and school administrators until the current pandemic is under control.

Governor Ducey has consistently failed to protect the health, lives and safety of our school children for his personal, political gain.

I request the members of the Board of Supervisors vote for the protection of our children.

Sincerely,

James A. Forbus  
1530 W. Cypress St.  
Tucson, AZ 85704.  
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**Danielle Greene**

**From:** Leslie Farland <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 8:00 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Support for resolution for school mask mandate

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Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to 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.

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Thank you,  
Leslie Farland

**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** Michelle Halla <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 8:03 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Comments for 8/10 meeting

[REDACTED]

Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing in support of requiring masks at K-12 schools. I am a Tucson resident with two children, and my oldest is a kindergarten student in the Tucson Unified School District. Our family strongly supports the wearing of masks at schools. My oldest son, [REDACTED] has asthma, and is at higher risk for complications and severe symptoms if he contracts COVID. This last year, when wearing masks was enforced in his preschool class, we noticed fewer colds and reduced asthma episodes. Additionally, while his preschool had a few isolated cases of COVID (the parent of a student in his class, one of the teacher's aids), the combination of mask wearing, communication, and self-isolating and quarantine prevented these incidents from spreading throughout the class or school.

Please consider what is best for our children and our community and require all K-12 students to wear masks in school.

Thank you for your time.  
Michelle Halla, parent of TUSD kindergartener

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**From:** Kerri Hostetter <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 7:53 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** K-12 Mask Requirement

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Good Morning County Supervisors,

I am writing to you this morning to ask, beg really, for you to approve a mask requirement in our K-12 schools.

I value your time, and will try to be brief.

Over the past 18 months my family, like many others, have gone to great lengths to protect ourselves & our community. We are one of many that, in addition to simply having care and compassion for our community, also have family members at higher risk for contracting covid & covid complications or death. I have two children. They were ages 8 & 14 when this began, and are now 10 & 16. My 16 year old has underlying conditions, including scarring on his lungs, that put him at a much higher risk for complications or death. Although he is vaccinated, the Delta variant has once again put him in danger. We have gone to extraordinary lengths to protect him, including having to live separately from my husband, their father, for the majority of the pandemic because his job in law enforcement significantly increases his risk of contracting covid, and in turn infecting our family.

I could state all the facts about the current highly contagious delta variant, the best practices for mitigation, the vaccination rates in our community, the children not yet eligible for vaccination etc. However, I know you are all aware of those facts. Instead I'd like to plead for compassion. We are in Tanque Verde School district, and I have witnessed first hand the compassion that can be poured from our TVSD community. We've rallied behind families after house fires, during battles with cancer, after tragic losses, and so much more. I'm calling on our community to show that same compassion now. It breaks my heart to see and feel many in our community not care one iota whether my child lives or dies.

My children have had to remain out of the classroom since schools very 1st closed in March 2020. My oldest requires intensive ExEd services, and has fallen further and further behind, but I have been forced to choose between their education and his life. Without a universal mask requirement, they cannot safely return to the in-person learning they both desperately need. We are not asking our community for extraordinary measures, we are simply asking them to rally behind us with compassion like they have for so many others, so many times. Wearing a mask is a simple and effective way to help protect our community, especially the most vulnerable among us.

Thank you for your time & consideration,  
Kerri H.



**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** Emily Volpp <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 7:35 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Call to the public

[REDACTED]

I am in FAVOR of masks enforced in k-12 schools in Pima county.

-Emily Volpp  
Parent of a 2nd grader at a Amphi public school.

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**Danielle Greene**

**From:** Stephanie Suits <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 7:48 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate

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Date: August 9, 2021

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.

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Thank you,  
Dr. Stephanie Suits  
Optometrist

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**From:** Brent Watkins <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 7:47 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** COVID public health emergency, plea from a Pediatrician

[REDACTED]

My name is Brent Watkins and I am a pediatrician at Tanque Verde Pediatrics.

I would like to share my experience over the past month and express that I strongly support a mask and vaccine mandate.

Since the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year for the Vail School District, our practice has been inundated with sick visits. A small but increasingly significant percentage of these are COVID positive. A large and significant percentage are visits related to other illnesses with responsible parents who are trying to rule out COVID to help contain spread.

The burden that these sick visits are putting on our office and on our patients' families cannot be understated. We know that masks decrease the risk of transmission of COVID as well as other viruses. We know that in-person school continues to be the gold standard for our children. We know that vaccines decrease illness severity and COVID hospitalizations.

**Please support a mask mandate for children in schools. Please support a mandatory vaccination policy for all teachers and staff of county schools.**

We cannot continue at this pace. For the first time we are seeing Pediatric Intensive Care Units with teen-age COVID patients. Our clinics are seeing 150 patients per day or more. These small interventions can make a large impact. They will create a pressure release for our clinics and hospitals. They will keep our kids in-person for the school year. And more importantly, they will save lives. Thank you for your time.

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Brent Watkins, MD  
Tanque Verde Pediatrics  
7507 E. Tanque Verde Rd  
Tucson, AZ, 85748

520-722-2585  
(f) 520-722-1097  
[tanqueverdepeds.com](http://tanqueverdepeds.com)

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**From:** Ley Family <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 7:44 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks in school

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I'm writing to encourage pima County to recommend that all children and adults in all schools wear masks in our county.

I do realize there's a been a state law passed which prohibits mask mandates however the situation has changed since that law was passed and the risk of the Delta variant infecting our children is increasing. Some studies have shown that children Who are infected with the Delta variant infect their family members at a rate of greater than 50%. This means that they could be infecting another person who is more vulnerable to the disease and increasing the burden in our healthcare system. Even though many of us are vaccinated, most children are not as they are not yet eligible for the vaccine. In addition We know that people can infected with a Delta variant even though they're vaccinated, And more importantly they can still be contagious.

As a physician and a parent I feel very strongly that we should continue wearing masks at all times in public places. Please take a stand against this disease and help us diminish the rest of our children and family members could become ill.

Michele L Ley, MD  
Breast Surgical Oncology  
Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 7:23 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks Please

Good morning,

To whom it may concern. I am a mother of two at Davis bilingual Elementary School. I strongly believe in a mask mandate. To me it is a full-spectrum responsibility as a parent to protect all children and their families. In my opinion the mask is the most minimal response to a possible extreme negative outcome. We survived the 1st outbreak with many community wounds. We have been warned and have the ability to act accordingly to this new outbreak. On my cousin's death bed she struggled to say, "I'm so sorry I didn't know it was like this.. I didn't know it was this bad. Let those guys know im fighting this.". She passed away from Covid-19 January 6th, 2021.

At the very least we must wear masks.  
Thank you for your time this morning.

Warmly,  
Traci F. Hughes-Hamilton

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**From:** Jessica Ashby <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 7:29 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate in schools debate: please require masks

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Good morning,

I understand there will be a discussion about mandating masks in Pima County schools this week. I fully support and encourage you to mandate masks for Pima County. My reasons:

- not all teachers and staff have received the vaccine.
- the Delta variant is both more contagious and a bigger risk for (unvaccinated) children, and it can be spread by vaccinated people to those who did not or cannot get vaccinated.
- the Lambda variant is more resisted to vaccines, so if it starts spreading in Arizona more people will become sick, even vaccinated faculty, staff, and students, unless we have safety protocols, like masking, in place.

Finally, last year was difficult for schools for many reasons, but one reason was the inconsistency of delivery method. Requiring masks will better ensure that schools can remain open, that teachers can deliver in-person instruction consistently for the school year. Without a masking requirement, the chances of needing to close a school because of another Covid-19 surge becomes more likely.

Thank you for taking these into consideration in your debate.

Best regards, and wishes for your continued safety and health,

Jessica Ashby

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**From:** KAREN Floyd <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Monday, August 9, 2021 7:26 AM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** School Masking

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I am a mother of an 8 yr old in CFSD16. On July 21st I received a [REDACTED]. I am instructed to avoid unvaccinated people but I can not avoid my own daughter. I was vaccinated in January 2020 as I am a physician but my [REDACTED]. If my daughter catches COVID and brings it home it could kill me. Please help protect her from this situation as much as possible by mandating masks in Pima County Schools. I also worry about the rights of immunosuppressed and high risk kids to a safe in person education.

Sincerely,  
Karen Floyd, D. O.

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**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 2:54 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate

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I believe masks should be at the discretion of the parent for K-12 and not mandated in schools Thank you for your consideration. Amphi parent Amber Shaffer.

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**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** David Grant <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 3:03 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask options for K-12

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Dear Board members,

Fully inoculated students should have the option to wear masks. They should also have the option not to wear masks. The media has caused unnecessary panic among parents, K-12 students, teachers & staff. The data is not clear as to the real impact of the delta variant in contrast to its predecessor, and while 'cases' are up, case numbers mean little compared to mortality, which the K-12 student population is not experiencing any greater impact now than a year ago during the peak, when schools were closed.

Finally, since the Governor's ban on mask mandates doesn't become effective until the end of September. Therefore the debate is moot. The county can enforce mask mandates until that time, and by then much can change in the course of the Covid-19 impact on schools.

Sincerely, David Grant

David K Grant, PhD  
3761 East Mainsail Blvd  
Tucson, AZ 85739  
[REDACTED]

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**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** Jim & Diana Wermes <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 3:18 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Support for Pima County's Resolution BOS Agenda 08/10/21

Dear Pima County Supervisors:

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Thank you,  
Diana Wermes

**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** Elizabeth Jacobs [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 3:18 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Support for mask mandate resolution  
**Attachments:** Masking and disability.pdf

Dear Pima County Supervisors,

I am writing to support the resolution enacting a mask mandate in the county. As an epidemiologist, there is simply no question that this mandate is necessary to protect the health of the public.

This weekend, our family had to make the decision to keep our son home from Catalina Foothills School District, which has refused to enact a mask mandate. This is because I am [REDACTED] which puts me at extremely high risk for severe COVID19 even though I am vaccinated. As you can see from the attached journal article from JAMA, banning mask mandates appears to violate the civil rights of people like myself who simply want their kids to be able to attend school.

Therefore, I enthusiastically support this resolution, and it is time for SOMEONE to stand up to the unjust and unethical policy emplaced by the governor. ENOUGH! Please restore sanity at least to our corner of Arizona. I commend you all for having the courage to move this forward.

Sincerely,  
Elizabeth T. Jacobs, PhD  
Epidemiologist, Tucson, AZ

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**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** Karen Heffren <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 3:21 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Call to the public

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Please implement a mask mandate for all schools at least until the COVID 19 vaccine is approved for all ages. With schools back in session and completely full there is no social distancing possible, masks are the only mitigation strategy available. Currently in my sons' 6th and 8th grade classes only a few students (if any) are masking besides my kids. We should be doing all we can to mitigate the risk while allowing students to go to school in person.

Thank You  
Karen Heffren  
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Karen Heffren

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 3:28 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Call to the public

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Please help us keep our students and public safe. Mandate masks in all k-12 schools.

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**From:** sandra herron <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 3:29 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Covid in school-aged Children

[REDACTED]

My name is Sandy Herron and I am a pediatrician at Tanque Verde Pediatrics. Since the beginning of the start of the 2021-2022 school year for the Vail School District, our practice has been inundated with sick visits. A small but increasingly significant percentage of these are Covid positive. A large and significant percentage are visits related to other illnesses with responsible parents who are trying to rule out Covid to help contain spread. The children that we are seeing with Covid are sicker. The strain that these sick visits are putting on our office and on our patients' families cannot be understated. We know that masks decrease the risk of transmission of Covid as well as other viruses. We know that in-person school continues to be the gold standard for our children. We know that vaccines decrease illness severity and Covid hospitalizations. **Please support a mask mandate for children in schools. Please support a mandatory vaccination policy for all teachers and staff of county schools.** We cannot continue at this pace. For the first time we are seeing Pediatric Intensive Care Units with teen-age Covid patients. Our clinics are seeing 150 patients per day or more. These small interventions can make a large impact. They will create a pressure release for our clinics and hospitals. They will keep our kids in-person for the school year. And more importantly, they will save lives. Thank you for your time.

Sandy Herron  
[REDACTED]  
520-722-2585  
Tanque Verde Pediatrics  
Tucson, AZ

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**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** Victoria Gumm <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 3:30 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate

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I fully support a mask mandate for K-12 schools in Pima County. Our children are at risk as they cannot at this time be vaccinated.

I would go even further and institute a county wide mandate. The only way we can beat the Covid pandemic is to stop the spread. As long as it continues to infect the population, it will continue to mutate. Let's do whatever we can to prevent this from happening.

Thank you for considering taking this action,  
Victoria Gumm

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**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** David Chapman <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 3:38 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** School mask mandate

[REDACTED]

As the parent of a preschooler and 2nd grader in Pima County, I implore you to mandate masks in schools. The statistics do not lie. Our youngest demographic is driving cases during the current surge and we must take the simple precaution of mandating masks to help protect them and those they would spread the virus to.

I value freedom as much as the next person. But with freedom comes personal responsibility. When a subsection of the populace does not exercise personal responsibility at the detriment of others, then we must act. This is why we have drunk driving and similar laws and why we must now have a mask mandate.

Please, I beg of you as a very concerned parent, mandate masks in schools.

Thank you.

David Chapman  
Pima County Resident

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**From:** SUZANNE Robertson <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 3:43 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Call to the public

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As a parent, healthcare provider and service provider in schools pre-K to 12, I urge you to mandate face masks in our schools. Our community is at "substantial" transmission right now. It is simple! It is the safest way to deter the spread of COVID, and it is the right thing to do for our community! With AZ schools only open for 1-2 short weeks, we are already seeing classrooms go remote and students being sent home to quarantine. Currently, people can choose whether or not to wear masks, and it is not happening. So many students and teachers are being placed at risk- and in turn so are their family members and the Tucson community. Children 12 and under are not yet even eligible for the vaccine. How can we do this to them? This needs to happen! It is our moral responsibility! It is the only way to keep everyone safe and to keep our kids in school and in person. Please - make masks mandatory and listen to science! Listen to the CDC recommendations so we can move forward and not backwards!! Please protect Tucson!!

Suzanne Robertson

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**From:** Veronica Reyes-Escudero <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 3:45 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail; District1@pima.com  
**Subject:** A Plea to allow schools to impose COVID protocols

[REDACTED]

Dear Mr. Rex Scott,

I write to you as a parent of a 5th and 10th grade students at Ventana Vista Elementary and Catalina Foothills High School in the Catalina Foothills School District, and as a member of the community. This pandemic, regardless of the economic (and, unfortunately, political -bc that is the only explanation) drivers, is not over, and 11 year olds and under are not yet eligible for vaccination. Both my sons suffer from [REDACTED] and you can be sure I will continue to encourage them to wear masks as these are proven to be effective. They start school tomorrow. I'm sure that though your children are grown, you remember those first day of school jitters we all feel as we send our kids to school after enjoying them for the summer. This, however, is no regular school year is it? These aren't normal jitters. It isn't that simple this year for any of us, is it? I am highly concerned about this stage in the COVID pandemic, and especially the Delta variant that is exponentially more transmissible and to which kids are much more vulnerable. I strongly encourage you to immediately start "Mandating the Use of Face Coverings in All K-12 Schools Within the County" by Monday, August 9th, or as quickly as possible. Or at the very least, un-tie the hands of school districts and the University so that they may be able to employ proven mitigating protocols for the safe return to school. Please consider:

COVID-19 case rates and hospitalizations continue to increase markedly. Vaccination rates have slowed, and children under 12 will not have access to vaccine until "mid-winter." The Arizona Academy of Family Physicians, along with the CDC, the American Academy of Pediatrics, just joined their voice to the growing numbers that are publicly pleading for the wearing of face masks to prevent transmission: "All students greater than 2 years old, school staff, volunteers and visitors should wear face masks while indoors at school, unless medical or developmental conditions prohibit mask use. This is a proven strategy to keep students and teachers as safe as possible while away from their homes." It took many parents the length of this ongoing pandemic through so many hardships to feel that it was safe to return their children to school, that it was necessary, and with the mitigating protocols employed by schools as they opened up slowly, we felt reassurance. It was a slap in the face that the governor and legislators would prevent schools to continue employing this simple, free, and proven protocol. It is nothing short of shooting themselves in the foot, carelessly and without conscience, making this cruel decision. If it weren't so dangerous it would be laughable. It so contradicts the intention to keep the economy going. It is an undue burden on children, parents, educators, and the community as a whole.

Illness from this preventable disease will continue to upend students' academic and social worlds. School communities will be thrown into chaos with the inevitable coming and going, opening and closing, of learning opportunities and school activities. We are already seeing that in other school districts - Marana and Vail have had a significant number of infections. Parents who feel inconvenienced now by masks will be truly burdened, as will we all, when their children are not able to access a regular school year. Consider the stress levels of being in an unsafe learning environment. Why endanger everyone's hard work and perseverance to this point?

We know that face masks are an effective way to mitigate transmission of the SARS-CoV2 virus. Look at CFSD's record during the last school year, when everyone was required to wear a mask. The mitigation was a success with little to no transmission except for the athletics where it was more difficult for kids to wear their masks. (Or where mask wearing became too relaxed.)

As a contrary example, we are already seeing reports of significant virus transmission at various nearby schools that have opened without a mask mandate. Vail, for example, had 25 cases in nine days. As of 1 Aug 2021 (the latest date available) they have had 57 students and 12 staff members test positive. (The number might indeed be higher, as those who are ill may not get a test, or if they do, they don't report the results.)

Pima County has done hard things before - you have the power to lead and ensure a safe environment for everyone. It is unconscionable that politics drive our governor's and others' demands that school districts cannot require everyone on their campuses to use this simple, inexpensive and effective method of reducing virus transmission. It is time to be bold, and lean into the service you elected to commit to. Let your actions speak for you. Our University is doing everything possible to encourage mask wearing short of requiring because as a science driven institution, it knows masks work, you know masks work. It is time to put the fear of retribution aside and do what is right. Know that the majority of parents and children would support you in this very difficult stance. We have been proud of Pima County throughout this pandemic - make us proud again.

Respectfully,

Veronica Reyes-Escudero

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**From:** Caroline Mendes <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 6:15 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Please issue a school mask mandate!

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Dear Pima County Supervisors:

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I urge Pima County Supervisors to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools.

Arizona is currently experiencing another COVID-19 surge, and what happens in one County impacts what happens in the entire state. County lines are just that. Invisible lines. And we need to take all necessary actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 especially for our most vulnerable...kids!

Cases have 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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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, and doesn't take effect until Sept. 29. It also 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.

With sincere thanks,

Caroline Cateil



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**From:** Brittany Pace <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 6:12 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Call to the public

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very concerned about the limited use of masks in my children's schools. As a physician, it is clear that masks save lives and reduce spread of covid-19. Masks also work best if the person who has covid is wearing them. The "personal choice" narrative is false as the choice not to wear a mask can harm others, especially our children who are eligible to be vaccinated.

The communication from our school district discusses mitigation plans. However, many students and staff I see are unmasked. The students are not spaced out and classrooms are very crowded.

I would very much like my kids to stay in school all year, but with what I have seen so far, it's only a matter of time before we see classrooms having to shut down for outbreaks and quarantines.

The time to protect the staff and students is now.

I strongly approve of a mask mandate for all students and staff in our pre-schools and K-12 schools. Furthermore, I support adding covid-19 vaccination to the list of required vaccinations from schools once it is fully FDA approved.

Sincerely,  
Brittany Pace, MD

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**From:** Miriam McGill <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 6:08 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate in Schools

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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.

**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  
Tanque Verde Unified School District Parents

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 6:06 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Cc:** District3; DIST2  
**Subject:** Resolution 2021-49 Mandatory Masks in Schools

This really should be a no-brainer. We want our children to go back to school.

1. The Delta Variant of Covid 19 is highly contagious and can cause serious adverse health effects.
2. Pima County is currently experiencing "substantial spread" of the virus
3. The best defense against the virus is vaccination.
4. Children under 12 are not currently eligible for any of the vaccines
5. Masking and social-distancing are the second best defense.
6. Social distancing is difficult in school settings, especially given class sizes in Arizona.
7. That leaves masking as the #1 practicable defense against Covid in our schools.
8. Pima County normally would have the authority under it's public health powers to mandate masks in the schools.
9. The only legal impediment is legislation narrowly passed by the AZ Legislature without debate or public comment.
10. That legislation, it can be argued, is seriously flawed in that it it's addition to the budget bill violates the single issue requirement set by the AZ Constitution.
11. That legislation also runs afoul of the public health powers elsewhere and traditionally assigned to Arizona counties.
12. Last and most significant, the safety of our children in these dangerous times demands that we do what we can to protect them. This is the least that the BOS can do.

We urge you to approve BOS Resolution 2021-49, proposed by Dr. Matt Heinz without delay.

We are the grandparents of a 6-year-old who has already started First Grade in Marana and who needs your help to stay safe in school.

John W Anderson

Betty C Anderson, RN

**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:47 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Public Schools Pandemic Mitigation

Dear Pima County Supervisors:

As a retired public health professional, I am very upset and concerned that our legislators and Governor are ignoring public health guidance with respect to the legislation they passed restricting the imposition of a mask mandate in our public schools. The health and safety of our children should be paramount, despite the financial, legal or political implications of standing up for what is right. That's why I'm writing to you. As a concerned grandparent, community member and constituent] I want to 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.

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Thank you,

Judith Keagy

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**From:** Lisa Da Silva <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:43 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Cc:** District1  
**Subject:** Mask Mandates for K-12

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Dear Pima County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing as a very concerned mother of 2 school aged children in Pima County, and constituent in District 1. First I would like to thank you for adding the resolution to mandate face coverings in all K-12 schools in Pima County and implore you to pass this without delay. It is unconscionable that our state government has made it illegal for school districts to implement the very simple mitigation measures of mandatory masking to protect our precious children. For them to ignore the recommendations put forth to protect our children by the CDC, AAP, AZDHS and every other reputable health care organization and medical professionals everywhere is just outrageous. Our children are being put in grave danger to simply be able to get the education they deserve. Particularly our youngest children who are still not eligible for the vaccine, they literally have nothing protecting them at this point. Please, I beg of you to pass this resolution in order to provide our children some basic levels of protection and allow them to continue to receive the education and experiences we all know they need.

Sincerely,

Lisa Da Silva MPH

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:42 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask and vaccination mandates

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My name is Mimi Peterson. I am a pediatrician at Tanque Verde Pediatrics. Since the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year for the Vail School District, our practice has been inundated with sick visits. A small but increasingly significant percentage of these are Covid positive. A large and significant percentage are visits related to other illnesses with responsible parents who are trying to rule out Covid to help contain spread. The children that we are seeing with Covid are sicker. The strain that these sick visits are putting on our office and on our patients' families cannot be understated. We know that masks decrease the risk of transmission of Covid as well as other viruses. We know that in-person school continues to be the gold standard for our children. We know that vaccines decrease illness severity and Covid hospitalizations. **Please support a mask mandate for children in schools. Please support a mandatory vaccination policy for all teachers and staff of county schools.** We cannot continue at this pace. For the first time we are seeing Pediatric Intensive Care Units with teen-age Covid patients. Our clinics are seeing 150 patients per day or more. These small interventions can make a large impact. They will create a pressure release for our clinics and hospitals. They will keep our kids in-person for the school year. And more importantly, they will save lives. Thank you for your time.

Mimi Peterson, MD  
Tanque Verde Pediatrics  
7507 E Tanque Verde  
Tucson, AZ 85715

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**From:** Kathryn Mikronis <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:41 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate

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Thank you,

Kathryn Mikronis

Autism Awareness

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1 in 63 in AZ

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**From:** Amy Chabra <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:39 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Masks

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Please don't listen to parents...Listen to the majority of epidemiologists, what advice do they give?

Amy

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**From:** Christine Morey <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:36 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate Pima County

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I am a parent of children currently enrolled in TVUSD. Due to their compliance with Doug Ducey and not mandating masks; I have been forced to pull my elementary aged kids (3 of them) because they are high risk with their [REDACTED]. Now this is frustrating because it is known that kids are doing better being in school for mental health purposes, but you have essentially dismissed all the high risk kids from an equal opportunity for education by not protecting them in school.

How is it legal to not make education an equal opportunity for ALL children? We know that online learning was NOT sufficient.

I beg Pima County to not only stand up to Ducey, but force our schools to provide safe learning environments for ALL children.

Thank you in advance

Christine Morey

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**From:** Amy Chabra <[REDACTED]>  
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**Subject:** Mask

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With all due respect to people who voice their opinions, I urge you to take advice from experts - Epidemiologists.

Mask up. And show children we care about their health.

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**From:** Melissa Lewis <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:34 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** K-12 Mask Mandate

Hello,

As both a citizen of and a teacher in Pima county, I am writing today to urge you to vote for a K-12 mask mandate in schools. The governor has repeatedly shown a disdain for public schools and our children - he will not help us. Even should parents wish their children to be masked at school, the classroom teachers and schools themselves cannot enforce this most basic of safety measures without the support and backing of our public officials. We need to follow science, not politics, and the science clearly shows us that masking works to slow the spread of Covid-19 and the new variant.

Please, for the sake of all in Pima County, enact a mask mandate in schools.

Thank you for your time,  
Melissa Zenner

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**From:** Sean Michael Sobus <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:32 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandates.

To board of Supervisors,

Do NOT mandate masks inside schools. Mask Mandates are government overreach. The fact this is even being considered goes completely against everything the American flag stands for.

Even if this disease was as deadly as the black plague the govt should not shut down businesses, lock people in, require masks, etc. No disease gives the govt the authority to do what the government has been doing since Covid first hit.

You cannot regulate and cover every person with the law.

End remarks.

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**From:** Laura Snyder <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:29 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate Plea: Teacher Perspective

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[Signature]

Good afternoon,

As a middle school teacher at a local school district, I am writing to you as a plea to mandate masks in Pima County schools. At my district, the guidance is that masks are strongly encouraged and recommended, but ultimately the choice rests on parents and guardians. On the first day, Monday, 8/2, I observed approximately 50% of students wearing masks, which was better than I anticipated. By Friday, however, I observed approximately 20-25% of students wearing masks.

I teach 5 classes, and 4 of 5 of them are jam-packed. All seats are full, except for one class. So I ask, would you want your child in my classroom where maybe 25% of students are masked? I'd imagine not if you're taking this virus seriously. Rest-assured, I am fully vaccinated and wear a mask because I do not want to contract the Delta variant and transmit it to my students or anyone else. I also want to support those families who are taking this virus seriously, as it's been made abundantly clear that in the community where I teach, many are not, and this is extremely unsettling, uncomfortable, and demoralizing. I pour my heart and soul into teaching my students, instilling a love of learning, creating a warm and supportive classroom community and culture, and to be completely honest, I feel let down by this community. Many do not have our greatest treasure top of mind--our children. People have chosen a myriad of reasons to not follow the science, and this is gravely concerning.

The CDC's original guidance post-vaccines was that if you're vaccinated you don't have to wear a mask. If you're not, then wear one. That's it. Sadly, many of the non-vaccinated chose to imply they were vaccinated by not wearing a mask, and here we are. We take a step forward, just to take five steps back, all at the behest of those who chose to ride on the backs of those of us doing everything right--the community-minded, the well-informed, the socially responsible. We understand that our behavior directly impacts others. Hence, we do what we need to do to ensure we're doing our part. I am deeply concerned that, now, the children have become the pawns. They trust their parents/guardians and their community to protect them and make the right decisions that keep them safe and healthy. I can say with complete confidence that it is not safe in my classroom. I'm doing everything I can to maintain and promote cleanliness (disinfecting, distancing pods/groups, sanitizing, hand-washing, wearing my mask, etc.); however, this endeavor cannot rest solely on the backs of those of us who are taking this seriously. There simply isn't enough of us.

That said, I need you to be our voice and send the message to our students that they matter. We all learned that remote and hybrid learning are detrimental to most children. We need to remain in-person. We cannot pivot back, but I am worried that it's just a matter of time before we do. Mandating masks could prevent this outcome, though. Children have an amazing ability to adapt. If all are masking, all will mask. Unfortunately, if some are masking, the maskers will slowly dwindle, as I observed the first week back. There is a lot of peer pressure that influences the students to mask or not. It's been made abundantly clear that when given the opportunity to choose, the choices of many have been at the detriment of children. I submit to you: choose children. It's time to stand up to misinformation, anti-science, and egocentrism.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this very serious matter.

Sincerely,

A concerned and discouraged teacher

**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** Kathy Fetter <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:24 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Call to the public

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Please, protect our children and their families. Please, protect school staff and our families. Masks will help protect our communities.

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**From:** wes oswald <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:19 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Please Instate Mask Mandate in Schools

Dear Pima County Supervisors:

I am writing to you as a concerned teacher and Pima County Voter 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.

**I urge Pima County Supervisors to vote in favor of the County Resolution requiring a universal mask requirement in K-12 schools.**

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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.

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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, doesn't take effect until Sept. 29 and poses a serious risk to life and health.

**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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**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** Alison Meadow <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:14 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Support for K-12 school mask resolution

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Thank you,

Alison Meadow

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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>

**Danielle Greene**

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**From:** Rebecca Coplan <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Sunday, August 8, 2021 5:13 PM  
**To:** COB\_mail  
**Subject:** Mask mandate in schools

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Per the Arizona Constitution the Governor has overextended his authority and enacted legislation into schools and districts, circumventing the Department of Education. This no mask mandate in schools by the Governor is unconstitutional.

For reference: Article 11, Section 2

2. Conduct and supervision of school system

Section 2. The general conduct and supervision of the public school system shall be vested in a state board of education, a state superintendent of public instruction, county school superintendents, and such governing boards for the state institutions as may be provided by law

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