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**Pima County BOS - Resolution 2021-87**

Dear Board
Members,

I'm writing to ask that the Pima County Board of Supervisors adopt the county-wide mask mandate for indoor public spaces as outlined in Resolution 2021-87.

It is proven that masking indoors decreases COVID-19 transmission rates [1]. It is, at most, an inconvenience that the community can quickly implement to keep businesses and schools humming along. There is no chance of vaccinating our way out of this variant.

Teachers and parents in Pima County schools with mask-optional policies have experienced unprecedented stress and anxiety. We have spent the past twenty weeks dealing with exposure quarantines and classroom closures. A county-wide mask mandate would provide some bare minimum mitigation in some Pima County schools.

The correlation between school districts with mask-optional policies and school districts with employee and substitute shortages shows a solid cause-and-effect relationship. Superintendents of mask-optional school districts have previously disclosed that they do not want help from the county, and clearly, they need help retaining employees and to keep children safe.

The implication of not following public health

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policy of multi-layer mitigation strategies has placed the burden on already-taxed parents and teachers stressed to the max. Parents of children with medically fragile children cannot be guaranteed that schools can keep their children safe. Ultimately, parents have no option but to withdraw their children from public school and begin homeschooling.

With the first case of Omicron detected on November 27th in the UK, today, the UK reported 90,000 cases. Pima County is still experiencing high community transmission with Delta, and the Omicron variant was just identified in Pima County this week. The concern is that the transmission rate of Omicron can easily overwhelm the hospital system. With Omicron R naught value estimated to be 3-4 times higher than Delta, we must be proactive in dampening the spread.

Preliminary data shows that twice vaccinated and boosted offers the best protection against Omicron. However, monoclonal antibodies and the Regeneron antibody cocktail are ineffective against the Omicron variant, and the Sotrovimab monoclonal antibody is in short supply.

Pima County Supervisors have the opportunity to be proactive in slowing the spread of Omicron, preventing the healthcare system from being overwhelmed, and keeping our community safe.

References:

- [1] An upper bound on one-to-one exposure to infectious human respiratory particles - <https://www.pnas.org/content/118/49/e2110117118>
- [2] American Academy of Pediatrics Children and COVID-19: State-Level Data Report 9/16/21 - <https://tinyurl.com/AAP12-9-21StateLevel>

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Signature Concerned
Community Member



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| Name | Additional Comments |
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| Megan Swanson | |
| Grimm Sara | |
| Kristy Thorne | |
| McMillan Carol | We need action to keep everyone safe!!! NOW!!! |
| Cynthia Reynolds | I pay taxes towards the roads that others drive on, the schools that Tucson children attend, etc. It is immoral and frankly against my rights that I cannot go to the grocery store or pick up other necessary items without being put at risk by science deniers. They can do whatever they want in their personal lives, but in spaces that we all must share, they should not be allowed to threaten the health and well being of the rest of us. You are in a position of leadership, and we are tired of living under constant threat. You need to protect the spaces that we all must reasonably share. This is just not that hard. |
| Robert Colby | |
| Amy Conner | |
| Alexander Waddell | |
| Lettes Ann | |
| Patricia Canady | We need to follow these guidelines to protect one another!! Where people got the idea that is their right to contaminate their friends, neighbors and general public is beyond me. Thank you for your commonsense and educated mandates. |
| Deborah Turner | |
| Karen Falk | |
| Nicole Linn | |
| Molly Moore | Protect the children!! |
| Pam Duchaine | |
| Hanson Jill | Let's listen to the scientists and do the smart and caring thing. Put politics aside! |
| Nancy Gutierrez | |
| Glenn Davis | |
| Steve Diamond | |
| Amanda Paul | |
| Rachael Mitchell | |
| Britte Stumm | |
| Miranda Schubert | |
| Sofia Blue | |
| Elise Constantine | Concerned, registere, and active Pina county voter in favor of a mask mandate |
| Keith Schaeffer | |
| Melissa Batai | |
| Cynthia Gunton | |
| Wilkinson Ted | |
| Jennifer Ryan-Juaregui | |
| Lisa Brooks | This doesn't have to be forever- just to get us through this surge without undo overwhelm to our hospitals. Thank you. |
| Hannah Levin | |
| Jill Goetz | |
| Jill Brammer | |

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| Catherine Eyde | Mandate Masks Please- so many people are not wearing masks now- some guidelines for mask wearing will definitely help people wear them. Mask work. It should be everywhere regardless of vaccinations. We don't know who is vaccinated period and with variants and break through cases it just doesn't matter who is and isn't EVERYONE should MASK! |
| William Yohey | This mask mandate needs to be done NOW! |
| Mark Zepp | |
| Katie Maass | I work with health care direct providers. The doctors, nurses and staff are exhausted. Non-covid patients with chronic conditions are sicker due to disruption of normal management of their conditions. The health system can't handle another surge at this time. Let's adopt simple measures, like masking, to reduce the size of the outbreak. |
| Debra Spohn | |
| Sharon Adams | Please, for my safety and others too I humbly ask for you to approve a mask mandate for anywhere indoors AND outdoors! People are not being responsible and believe if they're vaccinated they are safe, this is not true, they can still get the virus and pass it on to someone else. They may not die from the virus, but someone who is not vaccinated could! For example, I wanted to go to the 4th Avenue Fair but after seeing so many people unmasked and close together I changed my mind and decided to be safe at home. Please, I once again ask for you to approve a mask mandate for anywhere indoors AND outdoors. |
| Swapna Krishnan | Thank you for considering this. |
| Jasper Ludwig | |
| Teresa Tidwell | With numbers skyrocketing please take action to help your constituents and the community. |
| Patrick Robinson | |
| Laura Kepner-Adney | |
| Margo Steines | |
| Mary Cuevas | I am fully vaccinated, boosted, and a cancer survivor. Please make masks mandatory. |
| Joy Soler | As a small business owner and parent of an immunocompromised kid I can't stress enough how helpful these mask mandates are. Please do the right thing for our community. |
| Lee Lafrese | A mask mandate is both simple and effective. Many people have stopped masking and this will reiterate the need to the community and enable businesses to more easily require them. I like that there is a defined end date so people understand that this is not forever. Please adopt this common sense measure! |
| Melinda Caroline | |
| Michael Moldovan | |
| Whitney DeGroot | |
| Sarah Smith | I am fully vaccinated and I got Covid. I am still feeling symptoms a month later. I was an "essential " worker and I no longer have the job due to their lack of taking this seriously. |
| Deborah Walls | |
| Lisa Follett | |

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| Kelley Ireland | |
| Clara Kerr | |
| Donna Brammer | |
| Michelle Haller | |
| Teagan Robb | I am positive with covid now after already receiving my booster, no lapse in vaccinations, mask wearing, and continuously washing my hands. I was exposed by an unvaxxed no mask wearing individual. Please do the right thing and help protect our county. |
| Alisa Hayward | |
| Kelley Kain | |
| Susan D Jones | <p>I am a snowbird Grandma from Ct, who has 2 grandsons in Tucson. They unfortunately missed out on their entire Sophomore year and 5th grade year of inschool learning. I missed out on visiting them for a year and a half! They're doing much better now, both fully vaccinated and 16 year old is boosted, and they transferred into city schools versus Marana's negligible mask policy.</p> <p>When I arrived here on November 6 this year. Kinetics infection rate was 1.75% !!</p> <p>Now here I am again in Arizona where I'm shocked to see so little masking in grocery stores etc. except for the employees !</p> <p>Mitigation works and protects our children, and their special relationship with grandparents. And easy protective measure. Come on Tucson get onboard!</p> <p>I sacrifice nearly 2 years of my life to see these grandkids again. I did it for them and for the general public as well !</p> <p>I did it w a combination of all the mitigation measures. Putting on mask was absolutely the easiest. Let's stop for a minute and pray for the hundreds of thousands of people who did not make it, who died without love ones by their side and all of their grieving surviving family members . I cannot make up for the precious Lost time with my two daughters and three grandsons out west in Tucson, and in San Diego. But I sure hope to make new memories for and with my loved ones that helps foster their growth long after I'm gone.</p> |
| Daniel McMahon | |
| Victoria Brown | |
| Katherine Kurtin | |
| Patricia Taylor | |
| Sherri DeGraeve | |
| Taryn Sanchez | |
| Genita Salvagio | |
| Victoria Minnett | |
| Mark Mitchell | |

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| | <p>I have chronic illness making me high risk. I'm tired of not being able to leave my house because people aren't required to wear a simple mask. My right to be a member of society is no less than anyone else's.</p> <p>We also MUST mitigate the proliferation of Long Covid or the ramifications will be unimaginable. Masks are such an easy tool, it's nonsensical that this is an issue.</p> |
| Shelley Lauer | |
| Dennis Dash | |
| Tara Determan | |
| Barbara Moldovan | <p>I'm a retired educator and one of my main jobs was to keep my students safe. I believe that masks help to accomplish that goal. They also help to keep all others safe. I believe the scientists.</p> |
| Amy Amoroso | I support this. |
| Jack Walls | |
| Polly Rivera | |
| Clio Robbins | |
| Lee Stanfield | |