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## mask mandate

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I was alerted tonight by a friend that there was a potential action pending that would reverse the mayors interminable "emergency" mask mandate for Bexley. I listened with great interest and disappointment at the deliberations. I certainly do not expect the elected officials of this particular city to make a stand in this regard and the comments delivered by council members only affirm that belief. I do thank Mr Sharp for having the courage to speak logically.

It is a challenge at times to know exactly who is talking during your meetings but I would like to address some of the comments I heard.

Vaccine passports are an abomination. A complete disgrace to government and public health. They are grossly discriminatory, racist, and most importantly entirely ineffective. I am sure some of you have noticed that vaccinated people are being widely infected (and by extension spreading) Covid everywhere in the world. Whichever member commented on their experience in NYC utilizing these abominations I think it should be noted that NYC currently is experiencing their highest Covid case counts OF THE ENTIRE PANDEMIC despite the most stringent vaccine/shutdown policies in the country. They will never be implemented in Ohio or Columbus so I hope no Bexley council members are pinning for it.

Whichever member expressed their obsequious fealty to the CDC - there is no arguing with that. The CDC has been an abject embarrassment and anyone who still looks to them for guidance is likely beyond reason.

Please be aware that putting a piece of cloth on your face (or that of your children) has at no point in the past two years reduced the risk of contracting an aerosolized respiratory virus nor has it reduced the likelihood that you would spread it if infected. I am certain that the members of your task force will still not explain to the council the difference between droplet isolation (for which surgical masks - NEVER CLOTH - are appropriate) and aerosol isolation (for which ONLY n95 masks are appropriate). It has been almost 2 years so I am over expecting reason from these unelected officials. It might be worth asking them at some point in a public forum.

It is not the job of the mayor or the council to provide cover for businesses who wish to enforce masking on their customers. Any business has the right to implement such a policy before, during, or after this pandemic. The current mandate in Bexley is plainly silly - it has no functional enforcement mechanism and is an embarrassment to any logical consideration of civics and governance. I have not worn a mask in public for over a year. I have rarely been asked in any establishment in Bexley (or anywhere else) to do so. If asked I simply refuse. The business has the option of refusing me service - which has never happened a single time. In reality there is no actual mandate in Bexley, as a mandate without enforcement is nothing at all. There will certainly be businesses who will desire to require muzzling of their customers indefinitely, it is not your job to help them.

Finally - lets try some logic. If these policies have any benefit whatsoever I am sure a council member (or maybe the 'covid task force') would be easily able to put together data demonstrating that the numerous places in the US that lack mask mandates are suffering from higher rates of illness in their communities than we are seeing in Bexley. My statement is clearly rhetorical as no data will ever be forthcoming, nor does any exist. Approximating 200,000,000 Americans live in places where life is normal. Florida is one - where our entire Bexley band will be visiting in a week or so. They will be shocked to see that no masks are required anywhere. Some of these places are just a few miles

from Bexley (there is no mask mandate in Gahanna. There are hundreds of schools throughout Ohio which lack them). Are the citizens of Gahanna sicker than Bexley? How about the students at Worthington Christian? Grove City? I think you know the answer. Enough with the charade. It's embarrassing.

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**Sent by Natalie Vawter, Assistant to Mayor Kessler**

Hello there,

Thanks for sharing your comments. Mayor Kessler is out of the office this week, but I'll be sure he sees your email upon his return.

Thank you,  
Natalie

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