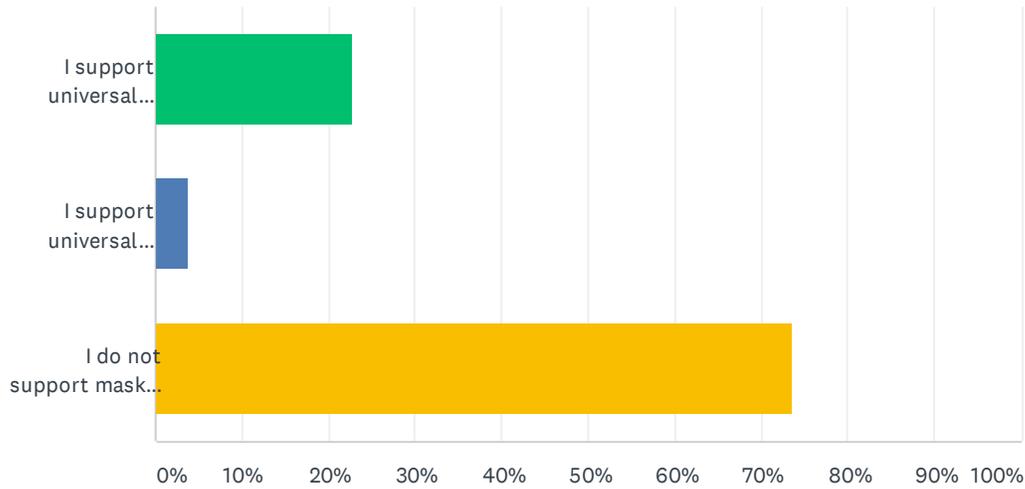


Adams County, n=1,226

Q4 How do you feel about masking in indoor school settings?

Answered: 1,198 Skipped: 28



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
I support universal masking in all indoor school settings	22.79%	273
I support universal masking in indoor school settings where there is a presence of anyone 11 or younger	3.67%	44
I do not support masking in schools under any circumstances	73.54%	881
TOTAL		1,198

Q3 Provide written comment here for the Board of Health to consider

Answered: 1,073 Skipped: 153

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	If students cannot protect themselves from coronavirus due to being unable to get vaccine, then they should be required to wear a mask for their protection. Staff who are vaccinated should have the option to wear a mask. It is difficult to teach in a mask. All unvaccinated folks should wear a mask in indoor spaces.	8/16/2021 12:06 PM
2	Adams and Arapahoe County are very diverse in population from the western borders to the eastern plains. Those of us out east do not see benefit from blanket statements to cover the large areas that are not at all relatable to the lifestyle and population out east. Relevancy of masking in Commerce City and Aurora compared to Bennett or Deer Trail is far too drastic. Please allow local school districts and parents to decide. While I am not against masking- I don't like the idea of such a broad stroke mandate I also feel your options for question # 4 are quite drastic and do not allow folks to have a reasonable response to the question without being opposed to masking. I firmly believe this is a local school district and parent question.	8/16/2021 12:05 PM
3	NO MASKING OUR KIDS	8/16/2021 12:05 PM
4	Everyone should wear a mask including teachers even though they are vaccinated they can still carry the delta variant and pass it to young children under 12 and they aren't vaccinated yet. Make it happen let's protect the young kids too!	8/16/2021 12:02 PM
5	Our children should not be masked in school, and teaches should be given a choice on if they want to wear a mask or not. Covid 19 is not a serious health risk to our children. Stop punishing them with masks. The masking is affecting their mental health and their ability to learn. The whole reason why we masked kids in the first place was to protect the adults in their homes. The adults all have an option now to be vaccinated. Please give our children a normal school year.	8/16/2021 12:01 PM
6	There is a balance between the public health law and individual rights. The balance is that public health law is not to infringe on individual rights, but is to provide guidance and suggestion to prevent the spread of harm to individuals. Your required mandates have not only proven to not slow the spread, but have provided an excuse to apply unproven science. Science is only proven through many peer reviews. This is too new to allege that it is proven science. The Colorado Constitution Article 10 is only to provide a course, not to override the latter to the point of causing a deficiency. Individual rights play a part in public safety and the relationship between the government and the people to establish rules and rights. These rights include allowing parents to choose what is right for their families. This does not allow government, nor TCHD to enforce anything. Masks should be worn by those that feel it is right for them and their families, but it should not be ENFORCED on any other family that feels they are capable of making choices right for their families. NO on MASK MANDATE!!!	8/16/2021 12:01 PM
7	N/A	8/16/2021 12:00 PM
8	I can appreciate tri county, and everyone wanting to keep kids safe! As a parent I want to keep my kid safe and other kids safe! But please really think about this before making masks required for kids again. It hasn't even been a full week of school yet, can we just give the kids the opportunity to go without masks and see what happens. Even with the kids wearing masks last year, they still got colds and we still had to do online learning when classes got quarantined. And let's be honest young kids aren't good at wearing mask, half the time they are down their face, kids are chewing on them, or they are playing with them on their face. Adults don't even do well wearing them! I think kids strive off of seeing facial expressions. When kids see their teacher smile at them, it makes them smile back, and feel good. I think in general when you see a smiling face it brightens your day up. Wearing a mask they don't get that much needed interaction. I think tri county can watch the Covid numbers in KIDS in ADAM'S COUNTY, and if there is a significant increase then make a decision to mask them. But don't just jump into it. Plus more people are going to be required to get vaccinated, so that should help. If parents still want their kid to wear a mask ok they can have their kid wear one. If parents don't want them to wear a mask then ok. We know our kids best, it should be a	8/16/2021 11:59 AM

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choice right now. I would say at least 90-95% of kids I saw were not wearing masks at school. That says a lot! I am just asking that you give them a chance without masks. Let them be normal kids, and have a normal school year, they need it! Thank you for your time

9	I would like to voice that I do not want to endure a mask mandate in schools. I currently teach at Strasburg Elementary, a rural district in Adams County. Our elementary did not have a single instance of students transmitting COVID-19 to each other within the school setting last year. We operated full time, in person. Masks make it incredibly difficult for all students to interact and communicate because speech is naturally muffled and facial expressions are covered. This is especially true for ELL and hard of hearing students. This also inhibits students that rely on facial expressions for social cues. As of yesterday, nationally there were 263 cases of COVID-19 per 100,000 that were attributed to children. That is .0026% of the population. (KDVR news)	8/16/2021 11:59 AM
10	It is unnecessary and lacks any sound scientific reason. It is psychologically damaging to our children who thrive and learn through social interaction, smiles/emotions, and face recognition. Please do not subject our children mask that instill fear and depersonalize the human face. It is wrong and will have long term effects for our children.	8/16/2021 11:58 AM
11	2 days after starting school my son got sick, waiting on covid results now. He will be loosing several days of school even if his test is negative because we have to wait for the results. Last year he went to school in-person with a mask and not once did either of my kids get sick. I understand that they could wear a mask if they wanted too but he is a 5th grader and because his friends didn't wear one he doesn't want to be the only one wearing one. I know if they would mandate mask for kids while indoor it would prevent a lot of the kids missing so much school because of minor colds. And of course the spread of covid if the kid does have it. I also have a 6 year old who has asthma and even a minor cold will get him pretty sick. I don't want to keep either of them from going to school in person but would like to keep them as safe as possible while in a building full of kids who's families may not be vaccinated.	8/16/2021 11:57 AM
12	It is a myth that masks prevent viruses from spreading. The overall evidence is clear; standard cloth and surgical masks next to no protection against the virus sized particles or small aerosols. In fact, the size of a virus particle is much too small to be stopped by a surgical mask, cloth, or bandanna. A single variant of SARS-CoV-2 is about 160 to 140 nm or .1 µm. The poor size in a surgical mask is 200 to 1000 times that size. consider the CDC website that states, "surgical masks do not catch all harmful particles in smoke." The size of smoke particles in a wildfire are .5 µm which is five times the size of SARS-CoV-2 virus!	8/16/2021 11:55 AM
13	Many people do not wear either type of face mask properly, Mask wearers often move the masks to the side to touch their faces throughout the day, breaking the barrier that the mask is supposed to create. This makes the protection ineffective. Extended facial hair, as well, can break the seal. We're expecting children of all ages to not play with, trade, take off, drop, reuse, move to pick their nose, touch their face, wash, wear multi-layer, wear property positioned masks and have them be effective? Mask are as effective as hoping a chain link fence will protect you from a swarm of bees.	8/16/2021 11:52 AM
14	We have had a larger increase in suicides amount kids than have died from COVID. The risk to kids is so low it's ridiculous that these so called 'science followers' will not even take it into consideration. This is why we are having blood in the streets riots in cities all over the world. The disenfranchised have been CANCELLED to the point they feel they have no other recourse. Blood in the street conflicts will be coming here too soon if this continues in such a one sided way. With the controllers cherry picking what data and which statistics they use to justify their positions. Positions that have more to do with politics than actual science or medicine. 1st rule is 'do no harm'. When you look at student suicide rates. The increases in domestic violence. The increase in violence in general. The powerful unelected Orwellian thought police have done far more damage than they have good. The death rates for kids is so low it's ridiculous we continue this political charade. The way kids ACTUALLY wear those mask and what kinds of mask are allow further shows common sense is lacking among the decision makers. I have lost all faith in them/you. They will continue to make political based decisions. Kids will continue to commit more suicide. Crime rates will continue to skyrocket. The Orwellian thought police are causing more problems right now than you are solving because they believe you benefit from it. Kids do not need to wear mask. The only,real.net effect of them doing so is to further disenfranchised and cancel others. These children suicides and the violence are more statistically significant then anything viral and too many In power are OK. The world has had enough and if you operated outside of your echo chamber just a little. You would get it. As long as cancelation and blame and the power it gives them is	8/16/2021 11:50 AM

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the goal. It will continue to get worse. I am more afraid of my kid getting bullied by the new age browncoats kids than I am of COVID. Far.morw likely she is hurt by that. Not denying COVID is an issue. Just that the Orwell Ian thought police eroding our freedoms are far worse.

15	Do not mask our children! Family choice!	8/16/2021 11:50 AM
16	I do not support masking kids 2 and older. I have two children 4 and 8. My older child had to wear a mask last year and it had negative impacts on her socially and emotionally. Having kids not be able to see each others faces, adults faces is so detrimental to their mental health. Now we are talking about my 4 year old who is trying to prepare for kindergarten. Having to focus on wearing masks and having them comply is going to be like wrestling frogs. Those small children have so much to learn, and those teachers/day care providers have enough on their plate to burden them with trying to keep masks on children who are 2-5 years old. If you do not have kids that age, maybe you should go spend time in a daycare before you approve this. Parents who work are going to struggle to keep their kids in daycare with masks, they will then struggle to stay open and doing this will have so many unintended consequences when there is a lack of evidence that masking children is beneficial. They touch their faces, mess with the masks, take them off.	8/16/2021 11:48 AM
17	I feel as though masking of our children is inherently detrimental to their mental health. The data is clear from last year of the number of suicides and suicide hotline cases in children and teens. If researched outside of the CDC, WHO, and media narrative; the case studies for masks to prevent viral load/ pathogen transfer are negligible. I explore TriCounty health to do what's best for not only the physical health, but the mental health of our kids. Our children are our most important asset and politics, media pseudoscience, and pundits should be exorcised from our decision making processes.	8/16/2021 11:47 AM
18	I care about our community and I believe all of our children have a right to a normal school year this year. I believe every parent is more than capable of making a sound decision on masks for their child/children based on their personal family health history. There is simply no need to force a mandate on 2-11 year old children when the data and science do not even warrant such a move. Parents are children's primary educators. Therefore, we know what is best for them. We should be the only ones to decide if our children should or should not wear a mask. Just like we have made every other medical decision for our children, we have done so on our own and/or with input and advice from our personal health care providers. The bulleted reasons Tri-County lists as possible reasons for mask mandates are not convincing enough to require them. 1. There are many people out there susceptible to illness and disease that are not COVID that we have never had to mask around. This has never been done, ever, during any flu season in my lifetime. 2. Children are not transmitting this. 3. Classrooms with proper protocols in place, last year, were able to function just fine in-person and with no interruptions. 4. Mental health stress from forcing children to wear masks is worse than a chance "bullying" scenario. If it were to happen, this would be a behavioiral issue that should be dealt with by staff and parents just like all conflicts are. Masking every child is not going to stop any conflicts from happening between children. This is by far the weakest point your department makes. In addition to this age group being the LEAST susceptible to getting or transmitting COVID, several studies are showing that masks do not work and never did. I have included some recent links in case you're interested: 47 studies confirm the ineffectiveness of masks: https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/47-studies-confirm-inefectiveness-of-masks-for-covid-and-32-more-confirm-their-negative-health-effects/ New Danish Study Finds Masks Don't Protect Wearers From COVID-19 https://fee.org/articles/new-danish-study-finds-masks-don-t-protect-wearers-from-covid-infection/ Medical Journal Warns About Masks' Potentially Devastating Consequences https://www.aier.org/article/medical-journal-warns-about-maskss-potentially-devastating-consequences/ Study Results: Facemasks are Ineffective to Block Transmission of COVID-19 and Actually Can Cause Health Deterioration and Premature Death https://www.thegatewaypundit.com/2021/04/stanford-study-results-facemasks-ineffective-block-transmission-covid-19-actually-can-cause-health-deterioration-premature-death/	8/16/2021 11:46 AM
19	1. CDC hard data (not their public comments) clearly cites children have a statistically 0% chance of dying from Covid. https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss/vsrr/covid_weekly/index.htm 2. Of those 354 who did, according John's Hopkins research, they have other conditions such as Leukemia https://www.wsj.com/articles/cdc-covid-19-coronavirus-vaccine-side-effects-hospitalization-kids-11626706868 (64% of all covid deaths have 6 or MORE co-morbidities. 96% have 2 or more. These are very very sick people sadly dying. A cold, flu or hospital borne infection will end it just as quickly as Covid. https://www.cdc.gov/pcd/issues/2021/21_0123.htm See Table 1) 3. Asymptomatic transmission of Covid is extremely rare. Study of 10 million people could not find	8/16/2021 11:46 AM

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asymptomatic transmission after serology testing <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-020-19802-w#change-history> 4. Masks don't work: 50 Studies <https://www.dailyveracity.com/2021/07/26/over-50-scientific-studies-conclude-masks-do-nothing-to-prevent-the-spread-of-illness-so-why-do-people-keep-claiming-they-work/> (follow the studies linked in the article)

20	Please put the health and safety of our children first, and implement a mask mandate for all children in all schools. This also helps to avoid disruptions to in person learning by slowing the spread of the virus among our kids. That leads to an improvement in mental health for kids and less disruption to parents work schedules. Please mandate now, and don't wait until our kids are on ventilators. They are children, not political pawns.	8/16/2021 11:45 AM
21	My daughter is four years old going to preschool for the first time I don't feel like she needs to wear a mask. These kids need to go back to normalcy not covering their mouth when half of them need to read lips to learn better!!! Me being adult does better when I can see peoples mouth as they're talking it's very scary for kids also!	8/16/2021 11:45 AM
22	I am the parent of my children. I am responsible for them, myself and our health. No you. If you care about health you focus more on promoting natural healthy prevention (nutrition, sleep, movement, brain health, healthy relationships, stress management...).	8/16/2021 11:45 AM
23	Please vote no on masks. I do not want my kids wearing masks for another school year.	8/16/2021 11:44 AM
24	As a teacher and parent, please do not force masks on our children! It should be family choice!	8/16/2021 11:44 AM
25	I have 2 sons with asthma and masking is really hard for them. They feel like they can't breathe and breathing the same dirty air all day makes their asthma worse. This is horrible for them. If you want to mandate masks, mandate that they push the school year back to a cooler season. Wearing a mask in 90+ weather is a nightmare. Let parents and schools decide what is best for the kids.	8/16/2021 11:39 AM
26	Kids under 12 are not able to be vaccinated. Strongly encouraging kids to mask at school is ineffective. My kids are wearing masks, but it is doing more to protect the people around them than themselves. A mask mandate is prudent now, as COVID cases are rising with this age group.	8/16/2021 11:38 AM
27	We have to KEEP OUR KIDS SAFE and right now they are 100% NOT SAFE ☹️ THREE days....it only took THREE DAYS of school for my kids to get sick! I'm NOT talking a simple runny nose and sneezing! I'm talking fevers of 102, horrible cough, nebulizer treatments, inhalers, nausea resulting in not eating, sore throat and nasal congestion.....FROM 3 DAYS IN SCHOOL WITHOUT MASKS ☹️☹️ Last year with masks, my kids were the healthiest they have EVER BEEN....NOT ONE single cold or illness of any sort.	8/16/2021 11:37 AM
28	I believe parents should have a choice in whether a child should wear a mask or not. I do not want my children to sit with a mask on their face all day. It is irritating and hot. Kids in general have trouble focusing then adding something on their face that is uncomfortable and not normal. As an adult it is hard to hear and understand people without seeing the facial expressions. If children are sick keep them home but masks are not doing anything. They will not be wearing a mask at home.	8/16/2021 11:34 AM
29	I believe masks and vaccinations should be an individual choice.	8/16/2021 11:33 AM
30	Dear Tri-County Health Department, As a mother of two children in Adams 12 school district and a physician practicing in our community, I support masking and any other mitigation measures that can reduce the spread of COVID-19. Speaking as a pediatrician on behalf of myself and my colleagues, we agree with the guidance from both the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), that in-person learning is superior for the academic and social development of children, yet the benefits of in-person learning are only as good as our ability to keep schools open. Universal masking must be required until most students, staff, and teachers are vaccinated, and local metrics determine when certain risk mitigation strategies are no longer needed. Optional masking will not provide enough protection. Additionally, we are concerned that the responsibility for interpreting and implementing the CDC's/CDPHE's masking guidance now rests with local school districts, who may feel pressured to prematurely abandon mitigation measures. Individual school districts also may lack the resources to enforce these measures, placing children, families, and communities at risk. As the Delta variant (which is much more contagious and can cause mild/contagious illness in vaccinated people) spreads and cases	8/16/2021 11:33 AM

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increase in all 50 states, masks remain integral to the layered approach to COVID-19 prevention. Additionally, there have been multiple outbreaks in summer camps where masks and vaccines were not required. It is imperative to require universal masking in schools as recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Until K-12 schools meet a high enough threshold of vaccination for both students and staff, we must continue the layered approach that has been shown to keep school transmission rates low. Otherwise, school outbreaks of COVID-19 are inevitable, leading to illness and subsequent disruptions to learning. Importantly, masks must be required for all children of ages where vaccination is not an option (kids younger than 12 years at this time). Our case rates are high (even with under-testing and under-reporting). Our vaccination rate is also no high based on all standard definitions of a vaccination rate that can afford some community immunity, and children under the age of 12 as well as immunocompromised individuals over the age of 12 have not yet had a chance to be fully vaccinated. Simple mitigation measures like mask wearing and distancing, especially when masks are off such as during lunch, should be in place until children are eligible for and can receive vaccinations. Once children are eligible and have had sufficient time to be vaccinated, if the data still shows that vaccines work well to protect from COVID-19 related hospitalizations and death, then parents should have a choice around masking. Until then, please keep our kids safe. School aged children may not be as likely to get seriously ill from Covid-19, but we still don't know the long-term impacts on their health, and long-haul COVID symptoms in kids are estimated between 10-30%. As a physician, I have young patients with disabling fatigue and pain after having mild COVID infections. The Delta variant is over 50% more transmissible (some say 200%) with a 1000% higher viral load. This makes it more dangerous than previous strains, and unvaccinated populations (like children) can effectively become a reservoir for the virus if proper precautions aren't taken. And even if they themselves are masked, children run a high risk of still being infected by their unvaccinated and unmasked peers. Also, there is still a percentage of children throughout the nation who have died from Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome (MIS-C) in relation to contracting the Covid-19 virus. We cannot take this risk. Remote schooling is no longer an option for many parents on account of their financial circumstances, and they should not be forced to send their children to a school that is not taking common sense measures to ensure safety. In addition, we know that attending school in person is ideal for learning academic and social skills and preserving mental health. When masking is not possible (i.e., lunchtime), schools should take steps to facilitate social distancing and good ventilation, including utilizing outdoor spaces. Fewer sick kids means more learning in the classroom. The presence of unvaccinated and unmasked students will lead to more infections and more students out of the classroom. Our universal goal of maximum in-person learning cannot be achieved without maximum efforts to minimize the number of infections. Many outpatient pediatric practices and hospital pediatric intensive care units are at capacity IN OUR STATE, and school has not started. Spread of respiratory diseases, which includes COVID-19, will increase the number of kids that need to be seen in clinic and hospitalized at a time when our healthcare system will not have the resources to provide the care needed. As a parent and as a pediatrician, I implore the public health stakeholders to require universal masking in K-12 schools. Please decide to safeguard our children, and thereby our community, from COVID-19 as our children return to in-person school this fall. Thank you for taking my thoughts and concerns into consideration. Sincerely, Kimber Simmons, MD MS

31	My child is nine years old and therefore not eligible for a vaccine. I do not feel safe knowing that not everyone in the school and near my child is not vaccinated and not wearing a mask. Those adults are being careless and jeopardizing the health of my nine year old. I want my school and my district to enforce mask requirements for those who cannot provide proof of vaccinations. Parent that are volunteers and engage in school activities must be follow the mask mandate, if their choice is not to follow, then the school should not allow them.	8/16/2021 11:32 AM
32	Do not mask the kids! They need to live a normal LIFE!	8/16/2021 11:30 AM
33	I believe any mask directive should be left to the district with the same guidance as before "recommended but not required" And I believe your three option poll under question four is biased and designed to get your desired answer "universal masking".	8/16/2021 11:30 AM
34	We will not support any mask mandates. Period.	8/16/2021 11:29 AM
35	Where there is risk, there has to be choice! There are 3 specific fundamental rights we all have: 1. All children have a fundamental right to education 2. Parents have the fundamental right to choose and govern their own children 3. If this Board chooses to implement a mask mandate, you much show 2 things: a. It must be shown to have a compelling interest b. There must be no less drastic alternative A mask mandate does not have either of these. We as	8/16/2021 11:29 AM

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parents know our children better than any Board, and how they each as an individual learn. For our child, we know that masks do not work with her. The less drastic alternative is to allow parents to choose what they want, and how their children attend schools.. Those parents who believe the mask will protect their children should have the right to choose if their children will wear a mask. As do the parents who do not believe the mask will protect their child, should have the right to choose if their children will wear a mask. I am opposed to a mask mandate. I am for parents to choose if they do not want to wear it, or if the parent wants them to wear it. Let the parent choose for their own child. Thank you

36	Please mandate masks for all students. Our children are too important, a mask is a small price to pay to keep them safe.	8/16/2021 11:26 AM
37	There is no way 2 year old children, some 25 months old, will leave a mask on all day. You don't have an option for not supporting masking under the age of 3	8/16/2021 11:25 AM
38	There are three logical reasons that children should not be required to wear masks based on the research noted below. First, mask efficacy is still quite low, especially for reducing inhalation of viruses. Second, children are particularly bad at touching their faces, especially while wearing a mask. Combine that with a false sense of security and people are less likely to wash their hands and more likely to touch their faces. Looking at the case numbers after the earliest mandates for mask-wearing we see that cases went up exponentially. Cases were high but not growing exponentially compared to when masks were discouraged by the CDC and Surgeon General. The average daily cases in early 2020 were around 200. After the state-wide mandate in July, the average cases doubled to 400. Then by Fall when mask-wearing was in full swing, the average rose to 4,000 daily cases. Of course, causality cannot be determined by this While there might be some evidence that masks help prevents some exhalation of viruses, the net gain is negative for the reasons noted above. The truly scientific response should be to acknowledge the data and make adjustments accordingly. The third reason children, in particular, should not be required to wear masks is due to the significantly lower rate of infection and transmission among children. https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/32845750/ https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7883189/ https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/usa/Colorado	8/16/2021 11:25 AM
39	It's just not right to have these wearing masks in school These kids are having a hard time w these masks in place.	8/16/2021 11:24 AM
40	I have three children In Strasburg school system they also are minority at the school. My three children are registered Native Americans and my oldest is also autistic and the mask wearing has been detrimental to him. For him struggling with social skills and talking with people now he hides behind a mask and as extremely set him back on learning communication with his peers at school. It's already been a huge setback with not having most of in person learning last year to now hiding behind his mask. I truly hope you consider the setback these kids of already had and are going to continue to have because if you put a mask mandate in order for schools.	8/16/2021 11:23 AM
41	MASK WEARING I feel SHOULD BE OPTIONAL! I was vaccinated so I would not have to! Kids need to be kids and policing weather or not they are wearing Their mask in school should not be something I have to worry about.	8/16/2021 11:22 AM
42	I do not want my child forced to wear a mask while at school.	8/16/2021 11:22 AM
43	It feel that it is NOT in the best interest of students or teachers to be wearing masks at school. Students use nonverbal skills to communicate and when masked we are taking away this form of communication. In addition, students and teachers breathing in their own CO2 is harmful and causes fatigue and headaches. Vaccinated individuals should not have to wear masks even indoors! It is time we moved on and stopped being afraid.	8/16/2021 11:19 AM
44	On behalf of the children, I plead to disavow a mask mandate. The children deserve better! Wearing of masks/facial coverings cause impediments to breathing, involve much more touching of the face (especially in young children), have adverse physiological and psychological effects, and wearing of both surgical and cloth masks have been determined ineffective to reduce human-to-human transmission and infectivity of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7680614/ https://childrenshealthdefense.org/the-science-of-masks/ I encourage you to research the science and see why I am against children wearing masks in school or in general day to day activities. Adults also. We need to protect our freedoms and understand the science and do the BEST for our children! Thank you for your time and consideration.	8/16/2021 11:19 AM

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45	I strongly urge TCHD to require universal indoor masking for students this coming year, as per the latest CDC and AAP guidance. Given the outbreak of the highly transmissible Delta variant, outdoor masking in schools would also be prudent as well. Until all school-aged children have the opportunity to be vaccinated against Covid-19, we need to continue to protect them. Even vaccinated individuals can get and spread Covid-19, and while they will be 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.	8/16/2021 11:17 AM
46	No masks for students, they have suffered enough.	8/16/2021 11:17 AM
47	I am in strong support of requiring masks in all indoor school settings, for all ages, regardless of vaccination status. When my child enrolled in school, he was required to provide proof of immunization against certain vaccine-preventable diseases. This required immunization schedule is approved by the American Academy of Pediatrics. The same American Academy of Pediatrics who has recommended that all children over the age of 2, including staff, wear masks in school. Mask requirements, in my opinion, are equivalent to these required immunizations. Until all children are able to be vaccinated, and the majority of those who are eligible to receive the vaccine do so, this is our best defense against this dangerous virus. While many may view masks as an unnecessary inconvenience, I fear they are overlooking the potential for life long health consequences for those who contract the virus. We need to remember that the virus attacks those most vulnerable. Children and staff alike have the potential to bring the virus home and spread it to others. This is bigger than just the potential disruptions in the classroom. This is about protecting everyone in our communities. Our children deserve a safe environment. Our educators and high risk community members deserve the same.	8/16/2021 11:16 AM
48	I do not appreciate the options below- obviously I agree with masking in certain contexts but asking children to mask when there is not sufficient data to recommend that pediatric transmission of COVID-19 warrants children wearing them in their educational setting. Our children have already missed crucial educational information up to this point but continuing to distract them with a mask mandate isn't the right answer.	8/16/2021 11:16 AM
49	As the wife of teacher who has severe asthma, and as a person with just one kidney, I believe universal mask wearing policies protect us all as the COVID-19 virus continues to change. It is the least we can do when many folks refuse to be vaccinated to protect themselves and their neighbors!	8/16/2021 11:14 AM
50	As a community partner in APS, I have worked with kids throughout the pandemic, and am extremely concerned about the impact that it has had on their wellbeing. I want these kids to be able to get back to a semblance of normalcy as soon as possible, and I believe that universal masking in all indoor school settings is a critical part of making that happen. Without universal masking, I fear that schools will have to close or go remote again; that kids will become isolated; and that there will be no end in sight to the pandemic. These kids have already gone through so much disruption and uncertainty during the past year and a half, and I don't think we should risk putting them through more. I would much rather wear a mask, and have everyone wear a mask, if it means that our kids will be safer.	8/16/2021 11:13 AM
51	Children under 12 cannot yet get vaccinated and are at danger of contracting this more dangerous and easily-spreadable Delta variant. Delta has also shown to have more breakthroughs meaning that if teachers/staff are vaccinated, they can still spread the vaccine to children. Please require masks to help keep our children safe.	8/16/2021 11:13 AM
52	The options provided for the survey are not designed in a way to collect objective opinions. Classifiers such as "under any circumstances" do not provide the opportunity to object to current masking mandates based on currently available data, etc... Current studies and data do not reflect the efficacy of masking in K-12 school settings. The recent studies referenced by the CDC lacked a control group and did not pass peer review. Based on currently available data and considering the other negative effects on children from masking, social, mental health, etc... I object to a mask mandate.	8/16/2021 11:13 AM
53	My husband and I are both in the healthcare. My husband is a triple board-certified physician. We both do not feel it is necessary for children to wear masks in school. Especially not the younger age groups where their understanding of cleanliness and mask usage may be counter intuitive and could make the spread of the virus worse. There is a mountain of evidence to support this is counter productive in school. We do believe masks, based on some evidence, can help the spread of a virus when used properly. This is not applicable to most school-age	8/16/2021 11:12 AM

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kids as their understanding of germs is limited, especially for the younger age groups. Please make a decision based of the data and not emotions. Thanks for your consideration.

54	<p>To Whom It May Concern: First of all, I do not appreciate how in this same survey there isn't an option for someone to support MASKS BEING OPTIONAL. The only options available are either you're for masks or against them completely. Obviously we have all chosen to write (potentially speak) at this meeting because we want them to be OPTIONAL. The fact that that this option isn't represented here at all is already divisive and sets the tone for how these comments will be received by those on the board who will be making this decision today. I am a mother of 4 boys who are in Adams 12 district. I am writing to voice my concerns about the mask mandate. As of now, I have yet to hear any facts or studies presented as to why our children need to be muzzled for another year. I do however have some facts that are important and can be found through the numbers given by the CDC themselves. COVID poses nearly no risk to our children at all. 4.2 million children have tested positive for COVID, yet a total of .008% of them have died and those that have died have had an underlying condition, such as cancer, leukemia, intubation, etc. In the 2018-2019 flu season, it is well documented by the CDC that roughly 480 children died from the flu, that's more than have died from COVID in a year and a half. During said season the children were never forced to wear a mask, nor was it suggested. All this is doing is perpetuating a fear for our children that is clearly unnecessary. It is child abuse. This is causing psychological damage to our children. This measure is not to keep our children safe, they are safe as the numbers have shown. It's not for the adults because they are capable of getting the vaccine. This is hindering their development. Last year my son and I bumped into his 4th grade teacher, during the second semester, at the grocery store and she didn't even recognize who he was. That isn't something that should ever happen between a student and the teacher who has spent the entire year with him. How is that productive to anyone? As far as your bullet points for this meeting, which are preposterous, this is my perspective on them. -Protection for those unable to vaccinate, more difficult social distancing -Potential impact on secondary spread -Enhanced in-person learning (fewer disruptions due to isolation, outbreaks) -Could reduce mental health stress due to bullying (of mask wearers) and time out of class due to isolation, school disruption school-aged deaths for all of COVID-19. Nationally there have been a total of 369 school-aged deaths from COVID, out of 4.2 million infections. There is a higher chance of dying in a car accident on the way to school than that of COVID, but we haven't stopped driving for fear of it. All I ask is that the masks be made optional. Parents who choose to mask their children have every right to do so, as they truly believe that is what's best for THEIR child. But parents like myself, who do not feel there is a risk (especially after going the entire summer without the masks, traveling, touching everything in sight, and miraculously surviving this boogeyman of COVID), should ALSO be given the option to go to school without them. If the masks work, as we have been told over and over, then this should be of no concern for anyone that chooses to wear one. Finally, I'd like to end with a quote from the current Chief Medical Officer from Children's Hospital, Dr. David Brumbaugh, who has declared the mental state of our children as an emergency due to the rising number of suicide attempts and suicides during the time of COVID (which actually poses a bigger threat than COVID), "Our kids have run out of resilience... Their tank is empty... I'm sorry, but this is what we are feeling as caregivers every day." https://coloradosun.com/2021/05/25/mental-health-emergency-children-teen-colorado/ Please allow our children to have the option, that is all we are asking. We are not fighting to deny the option for mask wearers, why is this consideration not being given to us? Thank you, for your time. Best Regards, Claudia Heinis</p>	8/16/2021 11:12 AM
55	<p>We have been back in school for a week with little incidents. You have no idea how much more involved and confident kids came back this year WITHOUT masks! Don't force these kids back into masks! The mental affects I saw First hand as a teacher r not worth it!!! Do you know how hard it is to see who is participating, formulating letter sounds and words promptly under the mask!!! Stop penalizing kids for adult problems! If a parents wants a mask then allow them to make that choice! Don't force them all into masks!!</p>	8/16/2021 11:12 AM
56	<p>Even though the CDC says that masks slow the spread of transmission, their data shows that it is only a 1 to 3 percent difference that masks have made (https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7010e3.htm). Masks are a constant reminder to kids that "something is wrong" and is an unnecessary stress. It has been proven that only the high rated masks really prevent the spread of disease and that is with the exception that it is not touched at all or replaced once it is. Also, transmission from kid to kid is very low and if kids do get COVID, they have minor symptoms and gain natural immunity which may turn out to be better than the immunity we get from being vaccinated. We are already seeing common colds and allergy symptoms being worse than normal because of masking and such- imagine</p>	8/16/2021 11:11 AM

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what the flu will be like for kids if we continue to avoid germs that allow our immune systems to have a better defense. Let's continue to sanitize and hand wash and leave masks optional.

57	With even the smallest gap between the wearer's skin and the mask, the effectiveness of a mask is essentially zero. Not a single mask being worn in schools is perfectly fitted, which makes the whole use of them pointless. This is the reason why there is no sound data to support the effective use of masks. The highest levels of community spread of Covid occurred after mask mandates were instituted, despite nearly 90% of all individuals complying with the mandate.	8/16/2021 11:10 AM
58	You are ruining our children's lives by making them wear masks! The cdc came out several months ago and said that masks do not provide protection. The mask that these kids are wearing have every single bacteria that they are breathing in that is affecting their immune system and it is not right what you are doing to our children's lives! We will stand against a mask mandates and vaccination mandates you will not have control over my children or my life stop forcing these children to wear masks and causing them to have social anxiety.	8/16/2021 11:08 AM
59	No mandatory mask mandates	8/16/2021 11:08 AM
60	Please give the children and parents an option rather they would like to wear masks or not. It is in the best interest of the children to not require it.	8/16/2021 11:07 AM
61	We strenuously object to any plan that would mandate the masking of young children for extended periods of time in a school setting. First and foremost, we believe any such mandate would be impossible to enforce for pre-school age children. Preschool age children, much less a 2 year old, do not have an ability to comprehend or comply with a requirement to cover their nose and mouth with a mask. Their natural instinct is to remove whatever obstruction is limiting their ability to breath freely. Second, we do not believe such measures are necessary given the adequate resiliency in the average young child's immune system to fight the virus or avoid infection altogether. There may be special cases where certain children have compromised immune systems, and in those cases it should be left to parents to decide how best to protect the child. Finally, we must have reasonable expectations of daycare and school staff. Enforcing a mask mandate on the youngest children is in no way a reasonable expectation and would certainly interfere with their ability to teach effectively. We ask the Board of Health to assess the situation on the ground locally and provide reasonable guidance to the public on how best to protect ourselves. We generally agree that CDC guidance can be useful in decision making, but in this case would be more harmful than helpful for the children of Adams County. Regards, Vincent Varughese	8/16/2021 11:05 AM
62	Tri County Health Department Board RE: Adams 12 Masking Children 11 and Under Cc: Governor Jared Polis and Chris Gdowski, Superintendent, Adams 12 Schools My name is Joyce Malecha. I have been a resident of Westminster since 1978. I am extremely concerned about the pending order to mask children under the age of 11. The criteria that I reviewed from your website does not reflect any scientific studies nor data that can justify masking children. Do you have any data to validate your decision? If so, you need to present it and put it on your website. I have reviewed several that suggest masks do not prevent the spread of airborne viruses including H1N1 Flu and Covide-19. If you have not seen these studies, I will be happy to forward you the information or where to find them. These studies indicate that masks will have long and short term detrimental effects including physiological and physical effects on children. If you have not reviewed any of these studies and cannot provide the public with studies that refute this information then you should not impose masking requirements on these children. Masking children under 12 should be the decision of individual parents, not an unelected body of bureaucrats that are making arbitrary decisions without any factual information. It would be helpful if you would provide the number of Covid-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in children under 12 monthly for the last 18 months. Let me provide one statistic that is very telling: Total Deaths in the US with or from Covid-19: 625,000 Total Deaths in the US of children under the age of 18 from Covid-19: 358 That means that as a percentage of total deaths children under the age of 18 represent 0.0005% of deaths associated with Covid-19. Obviously, children under 18 are not dramatically affected by Covid-19. Many more children died from H1N1 flu and we did not require masks for anyone for that airborne virus. In summary, based on the information I have provided and other studies that are readily available, I request that you let parents make individual decisions regarding the masking of their children. Your criteria from your website for making this masking decision does not make a compelling case. Joyce Malecha	8/16/2021 11:05 AM
63	Despite the increase in threat posed by the Delta variant, our school district has elected this year to discontinue the use of many of the layers of protection that had been implemented	8/16/2021 11:05 AM

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during the last school year. As per the Superintendent's office, masking has become recommended (but ultimately optional) for all students, cohorts are no longer in practice, and distancing/plexiglass barriers between students are not being used. The reasoning seems to be this: there was little to no student-to-student transmission last year. Is it not likely that this was because of the extensive measures in place at the time? As the parent of at-risk children with underlying health conditions, I feel that at the bare minimum, universal masking should be required of all students. Masking is meant to help protect others as well as oneself. I ask that my children's right to a safe education be respected, even by those families who do not feel masking is necessary to use them for their own children. We do not often question the "unconstitutionality" of requiring the wearing of typical clothing in public; so why then are we suddenly questioning the constitutionality of wearing protective accessories like masks, which lower the threat for children? The pandemic itself is not political; nor should be our public response to it.

64	Masks have not been proven to stop the transmission of COVID and it has been shown that they impede the learning of kids in the lower elementary grades.	8/16/2021 11:04 AM
65	I and many other parents at in our district are strongly against mandating mask wearing for kids in the schools. When making an important decision like this, I really hope that all sides are considered. Being a member of the healthcare community, I have firsthand experience as well as the experience of my peers to rely on for making the argument against mask wearing. With my bachelors of science in nursing as well as almost 11 years of personal experience in the field of acute healthcare settings, both my experience and the science tell me....a facial covering is not going to prevent the virus from being contracted. It MAY prevent LARGE droplets, but when dealing with a respiratory virus again....science tells us that this is not the most common way that respiratory viruses are spread. This would be the ONLY benefit that COULD be provided from mask wearing would be to POSSIBLY prevent some large droplets from spreading. After personal experience and peer experience from those who work directly with pediatric ICU patients and pediatric patients in general, I can say that Covid in general and even with the new variant they are reporting has not been the cause of hospitalizations and low staff. The hospitals being overrun with patients and low staff is mostly the cause of staff turnover in the medical community due to caregiver burnout and because of personal choice being take away. Please consider all of the negative implications to mask wearing. Our kids need to breathe. Being forced to wear a facial covering for 7-8 hours a day is HARD for their little bodies to do. I as an adult have a hard time wearing one and we expect these kids to wear them AND for it not to effect their learning or socialization? Kids are having a harder time reading, learning sounds, communicating, even showing facial expression. Their mental health is severely impacted. These are CRITICAL years for them to be learning all of these skills and emotions. Are you willing to risk their mental health, their learning, their development, their life skills by forcing them to wear a mask that won't prevent them from contracting the virus? I, as a parent and as a registered nurse in the healthcare community am thoroughly disappointed that a mask mandate is being considered. It should be a CHOICE. It should be the parents choice along with their child's choice after the education regarding benefits and risks are provided. I ask you, I BEG you. Will you please let it be a choice? Our children's lives and their mental health depend on it. We, as their parents, district staff and the Board of Health have a RESPONSIBILITY to do the best we can for these children as we are their decision makers. Dare I say that it would be negligent to not consider ALL implications as you make your decision moving forward. Let it be a choice, our choice. Thank you for your time.	8/16/2021 11:04 AM
66	Refer to CDC guidelines	8/16/2021 11:03 AM
67	We selected remote last year as I have a high risk kiddo so this is our first year back in person after 1.5 years. Our school did not offer virtual option (we would have had to withdrawal and enroll in district online school) so here we are.. no mask requirements for either staff or students, vaccinated or unvaccinated. No screening protocols. Community lunch and everything is basically as if COVID is nonexistent. I would like to forward some information sent over to us by Children's Hospital CF team First, some facts regarding the SARS-CoV-2 virus and COVID disease in the general community and in the CF population. Unfortunately, COVID cases are rising rapidly here in the US, including among children. For the first time since the winter surge in February, the US is averaging more than 100,000 new cases a day. The delta strain makes up over 90% of the cases in Colorado and in many parts of the US and is more contagious than previous strains of the virus. Hospitalizations and deaths are also increasing, but not as rapidly as the number of new cases, partly because 80 percent of Americans 65 years and older, the most vulnerable group, have been fully vaccinated. While children have been largely spared of severe COVID disease – one minor miracle of this pandemic – children can get sick enough to be hospitalized, some have died, and all under 12	8/16/2021 11:03 AM

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years of age remain at risk for infection until there is a safe and effective vaccine for younger children. As for COVID and the US CF population, the national CF Foundation Patient Registry is tracking these data. As of last week, over 1,500 people with CF have tested positive for the virus, including 459 children (less than 18 years of age). There have been 251 hospitalizations in people with CF, including 40 in children. A key unanswered question is whether people with CF are at higher risk of becoming infected and becoming sicker with the virus, once infected. As many of you are aware, CF is considered a 'high risk' condition by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Although people with CF have increased risk for viral respiratory tract infections in general, early data suggest that the CF population does not appear to have a higher risk for SARS-CoV-2 infection. A review of 6 studies involving people with CF who were infected with the SARS-CoV-2 virus between April and December 2020 suggested lower COVID-19 rates among people with CF which is both surprising and reassuring. While there may be biologic reasons that people with CF are faring better, other likely reasons include increased awareness of infection prevention and control, such as hand hygiene and wearing facial masks, and physical distancing practices. Which now brings us to the upcoming school year. As we said last year, there isn't a one-size-fits-all approach. We will support you in whatever decision you make, whether it is returning to school for in-person learning or doing remote/distance learning instead. We are supportive of your children going back to school for in-person learning with the following recommendations and expectations: Masking in schools – The CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics have recommended universal masking in schools independent of vaccination status and community transmission rates. Some local school districts are mandating masks, while others are not (yet). To be clear, your child should be wearing a mask or cloth face covering for most of the day they are at school. If your child is not able to wear a mask, then remote/distance learning may be a better option. Vaccination – The COVID-19 vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and your family. At this time, all people who are 12 years and older can receive the COVID-19 vaccine and we strongly urge vaccinating all eligible people in your household. Please stay up to date on routine vaccines including this fall's influenza (flu) vaccine. Hand hygiene – Frequent handwashing with soap and water or hand sanitizer, especially before eating. Monitoring symptoms and staying home if sick – To keep schools healthy, families and staff must report any sick symptoms, even mild symptoms like a runny nose or sore throat. If your child has an increased cough, change in mucus, or change in baseline symptoms, please err on the side of caution and do NOT send your child to school. Feel free to reach out to your CF care team with questions in this regard. It was suggested as long as my daughter get vaccinated AND wears a mask that she should be okay to return in person. She is singled out by wearing a mask and quite frankly, her wearing a mask is more protecting others than herself as most around her are not wearing one! I also feel like there should be staff delegated to sanitize kids as they enter classrooms etc. because even this is not being pushed. Why shouldn't my high risk child have an opportunity to be back in school setting without having to worry more about what others think about her while also worrying about if she'll get sick.

68	I would like the board to show and provide the study and peer reviewed data showing that masking of school age children prevents covid 19. I have researched the topic now for over a year and can not find any data to support the position that it will stop the spread. The CDC is not working with any proven scientific data but are using their own opinions and biases to issue orders that affect peoples freedoms and liberty. If masks are so effective why are children not required to wear them to prevent the flu that kills more children each year than covid 19 according to the CDC's own data. Kids without masks does not lead to bullying and I dare the Board to provide us with the proven data that shows that to be true. Health concerns for our children can not and should not be made on fear and incomplete information. We as a community can not stop kids from dying as that is wishful thinking and deprives our youth from growing and maturing into adults but as adults we can stigmatize and retard their development and create segregation in our schools.	8/16/2021 11:03 AM
69	Very strongly opposed to mandating masking children in schools. Parents can choose what is best for their child. I support voluntary masking only. Thank you	8/16/2021 11:02 AM
70	The mask mandate is intrusive and not at all helpful in the spread of the virus. . The fact that there is consideration for mandating mask for children under 12 who are not vaccinated is nothing more than a control tactic and bullying parents to have their kids vaccinated against a virus that does not affect children in a deadly way. Parents should make these choices for their kids. My children's pediatrician advised that the mask are not helping prevent the spread of Covid and can be harmful to children with breathing issues.	8/16/2021 11:01 AM
71	Masking our children is child abuse! Many studies have shown that masking children does more harm to them and doesn't prevent spread of Covid. Unmask our children! You are	8/16/2021 10:59 AM

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unelected bureaucrats! We will not allow you to continue harming our children throughout another school year!

72	No time in covid history has the risk of contracting covid threaten the upward mobility of the American economy. Now that we have a vaccine and effective treatment for covid how much less of a threat is it to the upward mobility of the American economy? Covid has never presented enough of a threat for ANY individual to ever be muzzled. Dr. Fauci stated in April of 2020 that "mask will only provide a false sense of security" and that is a true statement. It is as true today as it was then. Furthermore all the data has show us time and time again that the children and schools are not centers of spread for covid.	8/16/2021 10:59 AM
73	Forcing medical choices on someone is unconstitutional and illegal. Masks, vaccines, cold medications, brand of painkillers, etc should be left up to individuals not forced upon them.	8/16/2021 10:59 AM
74	Please do not force our children to wear masks again for the school year. Keep this as a choice that each individual family can't make for themselves. We need personal choice.	8/16/2021 10:56 AM
75	Grandparent of elementary age kids in Strasburg. I'm very concerned for there health and I support the mask mandate. I believe the mask is a small price to pay if it saves even one child from hospitalization, let alone death.	8/16/2021 10:55 AM
76	Masks should absolutely not be required in school. First, children touch a lot of stuff. Having to readjust masks means that they will constantly be spreading their hand germs to a mask and breathing in potentially harmful bacteria all day long. There have been independent swab studies that show the amount of bacteria on children's masks. No wonder it is making them sicker. Second, masks are pretty ineffective when it comes to children and how they are being worn. Third, it is preventing children from hearing properly (I know this as it is hard for me in college to understand my professors).	8/16/2021 10:55 AM
77	I am against masking our kids for another year. They need to be able to breathe and see their friends and teachers faces. This last year has been hard on my kids. They are both good students and athletes. However, all of the covid restrictions have them depressed and anxious. Parents as a whole are mostly responsible and we should be trusted to make the right decisions for our children regarding masks. No mask mandates please.	8/16/2021 10:54 AM
78	Please find the below copy of the response letter I sent the Adams 12 school district this past friday. It is just one of many letters which go unresponded to. You know what, good ideas do not require force. Why not just do every other school, masks, then no masks. People would not have to travel much further and the bureaucrats could stop disrupting everyones lives as they try to micro manage everyone through central planning, pretending everyone will eventually comply with a singular standard, which is an irrational expectation. Science needs to be tested, scrutinized, analyzed and challenged. That's the entire point. If that is not permissible and basic lines of reasoning are censored or taboo, than it's not science, but rather secular dogma. My copied letter below: copied portion Begin. Well isn't this a betrayal of trust, and further unnecessary disruption of our child's lives and career paths. We make our own health decisions and it is not the responsibility of the state to force our decisions on private health matters. Our girls are going to be heartbroken, they were so looking forward to going back to school. This decision clearly does more harm than good. No in person friends for another year? Why not, that's good for kids right? We had long careful conversations explaining the incompetence of government and health officials, the fearful nature of adults whom lost their courage and do not know how to take care of their own health, whom blindly believe everything they are told without question. We made it clear to our children, nobody will be allowed to pressure them to wear masks. We hereby demand access to the online learning modules, and will be needing to pick up chromebooks for our children immediately. We will under no circumstances allow this school district or any other, to engage in what we believe is child abuse, forcing children to wear masks all day. At this point, disrupting all the parents lives and their working career paths as well, again, for the third time, these actions can be considered abuse and betrayal of trust of all residents whom rely on the Adams 12 school systems. The fearful should stay at home, not the healthy. We request a change of leadership, this continued embrace of hypochondria is shameful. The superintendent should be fired. The lack of ethic and competent planning, for the super to push this on a friday at closing time, three days before the start of school, clearly incompetent decision making practices. Persons whom do not prioritize liberty first should not be in positions of leadership. Please do everything in your power to effect a reversal of this sudden and unexpected policy change immediately. Please do not comply with these mandates. The moment the ridiculous mask order is rescinded, if it ever is in this time of politicized 'science' (tm), we will likewise demand access back to in person education immediately. We should have known not to allow any trust	8/16/2021 10:52 AM

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when this district tried to force the masks on the teachers. That was a clear sign this administration does not support individual freedoms. Neither the students nor the teachers should ever be forced to wear masks ever again. Jeremy and Dana Hall Parents of Riley Hall (5th) and Ashley Hall, (3rd) Riverdale elementary 303-349-8829 danacolorado@comcast.net This letter is confidential, only for the purpose of informing Adams 12 persons of our immediate non negotiable request to opt back into the online learning modules, and opt out of the re adopted child abuse forced mask program. And vice versa, however often this district may keep changing the rules and policies if someone sneezes or another piece of propoganda plays on the television. / copied portion End. And a final note. Please do not call or contact us. We have had quite enough from the petty tyrants in government already. Leave us alone and stop trying to force us to dress a certain way, take a certain medication, follow irrational ineffective health protocols, or believe whatever you happen to believe today. The government agencies have all overstepped their authority and should rescind all their recent mandates. We opt out on principal. Because good ideas do not require force.

79	There is no evidence that proves that masks have worked. It's been 18 months since this all started and have no proof our children are being harmed by this virus. These children need to be able to breath the fresh air this world provides. This "mandate" came at 4:30pm on Friday the 13th. Where no parents were asked how they felt about this and weren't given a choice on what was BEST for THEIR CHILDREN. These are our kids, not yours. We are the parents and the decisions for our children come from us not you. Placing a face cover on them for hours on end will only cause them to become sick. You are here to provide education. How do forcing masks on children give education? This is not okay in any way. These children have been able to run and play all summer long without a mask on and now you want to try to force a mask when there isn't even a mandate for them.	8/16/2021 10:52 AM
80	The kids do not need to suffer anymore from having to wear masks	8/16/2021 10:52 AM
81	I have a sophomore who is vaccinated and would love for him to wear a mask to protect himself, our family and others in our community and think a mandate for highschool students would make is much easier for kids like my son to wear his mask and not be "the only one" (or what feels like the only one) wearing a mask.	8/16/2021 10:51 AM
82	I do not feel that mandating masks is appropriate. I feel that the choice should be left up to families. While I understand the concern, I also believe it has blown out of context with not only some families but the media as well. We are doing more harm to children than we are doing good. The last that I knew we did live in country where we were allowed to make choices that were best for ourselves and family, but now the government and health departments are playing those roles but not looking at any repercussions of their decisions.	8/16/2021 10:51 AM
83	Having a Mask Mandate for Students is Unconstitutional. It takes away our Personal Liberties. There is no information on Long Term Health Effects on Children breathing in a mask for 8 hours a day, 5 days a week for over 150 days per year. When I wear a mask my fit-bit shows a consistent increase of my heart rate for my body to get sufficient oxygen to my cells. If this is happening to me, it is happening to my kids. Not to mention, other health affects that are happening, like bacterial pneumonia, negative affects on the immune system, and possible negative health affects that we are unaware of, not to mention the phycological affects on these children. I will home school my children if I have to but I need to work to help support my family and I will not be able to work, if I homeschool my children. If parents are afraid of their children spreading or contracting the Coronavirus, then they should be the ones to have the right to mask their children or keep them home, but parents like myself that believe the masks cause more harm then good shouldn't be forced to put their children in masks to make others fear less.	8/16/2021 10:48 AM
84	Masks are an individuals right to choose for themselves and their own children, it is our responsibility to decide for our children as parents, how to raise our children. The government does not have the right or the ability to interfere with our choices as parents, as to how we raise our children. If a particular parent feels the need and makes the choice for their child to wear a mask that is their choice, on the same note, if a parent should choose that a mask is not required for their child, that is an individuals choice, NOT YOURS. The masks are not effective, there has not been even one scientific study, showing that masks other than the n95 masks have any effect on the reduction of transmission of this or any virus, only coincidental evidence. While, on the other hand, there have been numerous scientific studies showing that masks are completely and utterly ineffective at stopping or slowing the transmission of any virus. Estimates for immunity amongst the general population against the coronavirus are about 75% The spreading of fear is only increasing the mental and emotional stress levels in	8/16/2021 10:48 AM

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our children. The CDC, WHO, and numerous other scientific groups around the world have recognized that children are the least likely group to spread or catch strains of the coronavirus. The same organizations have also recognized that children should not wear masks while performing physical activity. Yet you have ordered the least susceptible, and least likely to transmit group to wear masks during physical activity. I am asking you to please consider the devastating emotional effects that ordering masks in schools will have on the children, and to use reason and logic instead of fear to guide your decisions. Let parents make their own choices for their children.

85	In common areas like hallways, or in larger groups masking should be suggested if not enforced. I am not sure from a developmental standpoint how easy it would be for under 5. However, masking should be considered to protect those who cannot be vaccinated.	8/16/2021 10:48 AM
86	Another concerned parent here asking for the Tri-County Health department to do what's safest and best for reducing the spread of covid and require masks in schools. Kids have proven that they can wear them and with all of the districts in the area requiring them, Adams 12 needs your guidance to provide the same safety. Additionally, we need to have better protocols for tracing and quarantining so that parents can make informed decisions regarding their child. Please consider yet another parent who doesn't want to see their child or close family member get sick with covid because of the decisions of others.	8/16/2021 10:47 AM
87	To whom this may concern, I want to start off my saying thank you for listening to the families this will negatively affect if the mandate is passed. There is not sounds science that proves any type of fabric or cloth masks protect anybody. The risks of children's inability to regulate their breathing though a mask is more dangerous than the virus itself. Children in general aren't able to keep from touching the mask or placing/removing properly to keep from spreading any potential virus that they have on hands or face already. It's actually spread that way easier than without a barrier. Also we have to think about how it affects them mentally. School in itself can be stressful and draining and forcing them to wear something over their faces for almost 8 hours a day will only add to the stress. School is mentally exhausting, masks are mentally exhausting, instilling fear in to these sweet kids is exhausting. Please don't take freedom away from of children. Thanks for taking time to listen. I pray for you all individually making these decisions. I hope that you stand for what is right. Concerned Mama, Shannon Miller	8/16/2021 10:46 AM
88	I am the mother of two kids in elementary school. Given the widespread covid cases right now I support masking for all students who are unable to be vaccinated and masking when the percent positive is over a certain number determined by experts. There is no way to protect our kids when we have no option for a vaccine.	8/16/2021 10:45 AM
89	If you want to wear a mask because it makes you feel more comfortable go for it do not force my child to wear a mask	8/16/2021 10:43 AM
90	On behalf of the children, I plead to disavow a mask mandate. The children deserve better! Wearing of masks/facial coverings cause impediments to breathing, involve much more touching of the face (especially in young children), have adverse physiological and psychological effects, and wearing of both surgical and cloth masks have been determined ineffective to reduce human-to-human transmission and infectivity of SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7680614/ https://childrenshealthdefense.org/the-science-of-masks/ I encourage you to research the science and see why I am against children wearing masks in school or in general day to day activities. Adults also. We need to protect our freedoms and understand the science and do the BEST for our children! Thank you for your time and consideration.	8/16/2021 10:41 AM
91	Masking in school should be a choice for families and children going forward for all schools in the state of Colorado. In reviewing the data provided by covid19.colorado.gov as of today, August 16, 2021, the number of cases of Covid19 reported in Colorado by age group and hospitalization status, ages 0-19 make up 34 total for the ENTIRE state with a population of 5.7 million people (census.gov estimate as of 2019). Of the 34 reported cases none are hospitalized. At this point all individuals over the age of 12 have the option to get the vaccination if they so choose. Coloradoans have been making that choice for themselves. As of today, 3.2 million Coloradoans have been fully vaccinated according to covid19.colorado.gov. That is over 56% of our population. In addition, the other 3.5 million people of Colorado that have received at least one dose (covid19.colorado.gov). Our children deserve the opportunity to return to normal life, be able to see smiling faces and have normal social interactions. Covid is apart of our lives going forward and we as adults and a part of a free society should be able to make these decisions going forward. If there are families that would like to continue masking that should be their choice just as it should be a choice for	8/16/2021 10:40 AM

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other families to not wear a mask. We are at the point where personal responsibility and personal choice should be the mandate going forward. The numbers do not warrant continued mandates as I have shown above from the official numbers provided by the State of Colorado government.

92	Public health is a concern for everyone. It is essential to protect one another through basic and simple masking.	8/16/2021 10:38 AM
93	First of all, thank you for your time. We know that this is hard time to “please everyone”. I would like to touch on a concern moving in to the 2021-2022 school year. As parents and leaders in our schools/school district, we need to establish and follow through with an environment to make our future of this country a resilient group of individuals. That being said, this starts with us and Everyone involved in the 27J School District. There is no reason that 27J can't be the change for a better tomorrow. We always tell our children that they should not follow what others do. Well, it's time we follow our own words and be the example. - Masks and Vaccines SHOULD be an individual and family's optional decision moving in to this school year. This goes for both faculty and students in my families opinion. As a parent with a child that has, not one but TWO, auto-immune diseases already to deal with, my child struggled daily breathing while wearing a mask. Having multiple bloody noses throughout the day. Our family does not ask anyone else to make changes to accommodate our child. WE make the decisions and adapt for them. The school district has made remote learning available for those who are concerned with their well-being and I applaud that. Again, this leaves every individual and family to have the option to decide based on what they feel is right for them. - We as leaders have to remember that these years in our children's development are crucial on how they read a person's body language and emotions. With masks covering faces, how are they supposed to learn this? That's just food for thought. Thank you again for your time and consideration.	8/16/2021 10:38 AM
94	One of the arguments I've seen from asking the kids is so that there are fewer quarantines and or remote periods but let's be honest last year with 100% masking in schools we still had multiple quarantines and remote learning periods throughout the entire year. I say let the kids go mask free and focus on their learning and not all of the covid rules	8/16/2021 10:38 AM
95	I support masking all unvaccinated students 11 and under and unvaccinated adults.	8/16/2021 10:36 AM
96	Dear Tri-County Health, Thank you for reading my feedback. My name is John Hamlin, and I have two young girls in Brighton SJ27 schools. I write today to implore you to implement a mask mandate. I send my girls to school with masks on every day for fear that they will get sick. My children mean the world to me and I have to do everything I can as a parent to keep them safe. To that end, I beg you to listen to the Doctors and Scientists – listen to reason. We have the CDC, WHO and several other medical organizations who have clearly said that masking is essential to beating COVID. We have seen major jumps in COVID in the southern parts of the US because people refuse to be responsible and just wear a mask. According to the CDC website today, 8/16/2021, their advice is crystal clear: “Given new evidence on the B.1.617.2 (Delta) variant, CDC has updated the guidance for fully vaccinated people. CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. Children should return to full-time in-person learning in the fall with layered prevention strategies in place.” Let's do the right thing – keep our kids, teachers, community as safe as we can by doing everything we can to keep people safe and beat this disease. We can't afford to do nothing and risk putting our kids and teachers in hospitals because they can't get a shot. If parents don't want their kids to mask up, make them do remote. We did remote last year out of caution. Why should we sacrifice more when they are the ones being unsafe and bringing the disease to everyone?	8/16/2021 10:35 AM
97	I believe it is a serious detriment to our children's lives to make them mask. We have already seen the mental health emergency expressed by the Children's Hospital of Colorado due to the effects the pandemic had had on our children. I can link several studies as needed, but there is well documented evidence that masking causes social anxiety in adults and children, that social and communication development may have been decreased by 20% in all school aged children, especially the youngest and that cloth masking at best can be 50% effective against reducing spread. Realistic estimates are closer to 20-25% effectiveness on masking and that is if they are watched daily and not soiled at all throughout the day. As a mental health professional, I have had to speak with schools in the last year about depression and anxiety and signs of suicide for children in middle and grade school to educate them on what to watch out for in themselves and their friends. I have personally had to provide services for 3 children in the last year that required hospitalization for suicidality. The oldest was 13, the youngest	8/16/2021 10:33 AM

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was 10. All of them said they could not handle not seeing their friends and feeling isolated, and having to wear a mask and feel claustrophobic all day if they were able to be at school. The youngest child reported to the school counselor on their last day of school that if they had to do school again in a mask and not be able to do recess with all of their friends that they didn't want to be alive anymore. They wanted things to go back to normal and didn't want to have to feel afraid. The delta variant is less dangerous to our children than the growing numbers of adolescent children dying by suicide. Make no mistake. If we keep our children in fear and make them mask up and continue to feel cut off from the people around them, the number of children hospitalized wanting to die or dying by their own hands will greatly outweigh the possibility of them being hospitalized and/or dying of COVID.

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99	<p>Masks are a placebo and do nothing. You are putting our children at risk by lowering their ability to concentrate during school bc they can’t breath properly. It is a distraction.</p>	8/16/2021 10:33 AM
100	<p>Please reconsider having the children wear masks. The science hasn't fully vetted the damage done by wearing for prolonged times. and the Science has be wishy washy on the benefits to prohibit viruses. Thank you.</p>	8/16/2021 10:33 AM
101	<p>I think that masks should be an option for any adult that feels like they want to wear one but to require our children to wear them day in and out is inhumane and unnecessary! These masks are not sanitary and are often not handled in a way that would dictate them being effective. In the medical field masks are typically worn for a single patient exposure and then disposed of. We are asking people (children included) to wear these cloth masks that are often touched with unclean hands repeatedly and then most times re-worn daily without washing. I think that simple precautions such as hand washing and common sense (coughing or sneezing into your elbow) would be just as effective, if not more so, in preventing the spread of illness.</p>	8/16/2021 10:32 AM
102	<p>Masks for kids should not be required.</p>	8/16/2021 10:29 AM
103	<p>Covid Protections in K-12 Schools Good afternoon Tri-County Health Department members, I am reaching out today to open a dialogue about Adams 12 School District's upsetting lack of a mask mandate, as well as other safety precautions. I am an Adams County Resident, as well as a concerned parent of an Adams 12 student. At this point it is common knowledge that the Delta variant is on the rise and affecting kids at a higher rate than ever before. It is also common knowledge that masking indoors is a low-stakes and effective preventative measure. With these evidence-based facts in mind, it is unconscionable that Adams 12 is not requiring students to be masked this fall. This decision flies in the face of guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and the American Association of Pediatrics, both of whom have unequivocally recommended that K-12 students be masked for the upcoming school year. Not all Adams County residents are able to get the COVID 19 vaccine, among them are many Adams 12 students. These kids cannot afford another year of zoom school and isolation. They deserve to be in the classroom with their peers. It is the job of our elected officials to ensure reasonable accommodations be made for all children to safely attend school. All available scientific evidence proves that it is not safe enough for a single student alone to choose to wear a mask, all other students must be masked as well. I am sure you are watching data closely, but wanted to point out that in Adams County, the 7-day case average is 52% higher right now than what it was this day in 2020, when Adams 12 had chosen to go remote for the full district.</p>	8/16/2021 10:28 AM

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BVSD just announced a decision to follow health experts' guidance and mandate masks for all K-12 students and their 7-day case average is less than half that of Adams County. Knowing that we are actually in a worse situation overall than at the start of the last school year, and that the Delta variant is impacting children more (both in severity and transmission rates) - the data and science show we must require masks for all students in the elementary school. It is imperative that we do everything we can to limit the spread of this virus among our total population, but most especially among children. There are a limited number of knowledgeable pediatric staff and hospitals to give support to children infected with Covid 19. With thousands of children re-entering schools without adequate protections, the case counts are going to skyrocket and within weeks our local pediatric hospitals will be over capacity and unable to handle the flood of sick children seeking care. For more information about this particular consideration please see the linked twitter thread from pediatric doctor Denise Dewald regarding the lack of pediatric hospital beds and qualified staff nationwide. To quote several of the takeaways from Dr. Dewald's thread: "Let's start with the numbers: In the last year that we have published data on (2018), there were 27,500 staffed pediatric beds and 5,400 pediatric ICU (PICU) beds in the USA. Pediatric beds cannot be staffed by adult-trained providers, because children are not little adults. Their normal vital signs are different. They have different fluid and medication requirements (depending on weight or height). They get different diseases and complications. Without mitigation, they (the COVSIM modeling project in North Carolina) predict that 80% of elementary students will be infected within 2 months, with most cases within a span of 30 days. If current mitigation strategies are ineffective, and 50% of these susceptible schoolchildren catch COVID in the 30 days starting two weeks after school opens (not an unreasonable prediction based on the COVSIM model), what would happen? That means an average of 570,000 children would be infected per day. If 1% of infected children are hospitalized, pediatric hospitals would need to care for 5,700 new COVID admissions daily. This is why we need to have absolute mask mandates, EVERYWHERE. This is why we need mandatory vaccinations for everyone eligible who sets foot into a school." https://mobile.twitter.com/denise_dewald/status/1426318447760355330 <https://covsim.hosted-wordpress.oit.ncsu.edu/school-level-modeling-results/> We must go back to the common-sense protocols most schools implemented for in-person learning last year, including universal masking, increased ventilation, social distancing, keeping kids in small cohorts for lunch and recess, testing & tracing and notifying parents of suspected or confirmed cases of Covid 19 in schools. We are all tired of living the way we've been living for the last 18 months and we'd like to "go back to normal." Unfortunately, the virus has mutated and the Delta variant is much too dangerous to just shrug off and pretend we've beaten this disease back. We have not. We can better protect our children and community by looking to science-based approaches to mitigate the spread of the virus. I implore you to ignore the noise coming from anti-mask and anti-vaccination advocates. They are only making matters worse and allowing this virus to continue to spread throughout our country with their inane requests and obstinance to basic common-sense strategies to limit communal transmission. Please stand up for our youngest citizens and help keep them protected until they are eligible to receive the Covid vaccine. Respectfully submitted, Lisa Maccaux STEM Lab parent

104	The new variants are starting to affect kids and a very simple way to slow the spread is by wearing a mask. This should not be political and needs to be based in science. If it is not universal, the kids will be harassed for wearing or not wearing masks. Let's let kids get back to learning in person until we can get a vaccine for them. If we can save one kid from getting sick or even death, let's do it. There are no arguments against masks that would save lives and if it is that big of a deal, they can stay home and in remote learning. Don't penalize common sense and parents who want to be safe.	8/16/2021 10:27 AM
105	Stop masking our kids. Enough is enough.	8/16/2021 10:26 AM
106	Requiring masks for 11 and under is not enough. Vaccinated teens and adults can still be carriers of the coronavirus and can infect unvaccinated children. Also, the current vaccination rate among 12-18 year olds is only around 40%. More than half of that age group are still as vulnerable as the under 12 group. Until vaccinations are approved for under 12, and the vaccination rate is much higher, masks should be universally required in all school settings.	8/16/2021 10:25 AM
107	My kids can not learn effectively and wear a mask. Please don't mandate this.	8/16/2021 10:24 AM
108	I believe that taking steps to mitigate health risk in other ways should be explored. Forcing kids to wear masks full time should not be done. They deserve air. Having desks spread out enough to remove while seated should be acceptable if allowed for restaurants, our kids deserve the same freedom while learning. Keep kids in Specified group, limit passing periods, something other than masking please. My daughter will be disrupted more by the masks and	8/16/2021 10:24 AM

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trying to enforce this on young children will only disrupt them them more by being scolded everytime they touch or remove a mask being fidgety as kids are by nature. A kids not wearing a mask should not be in trouble and scolded, short of forcing it on their faces and gluing it, there will be more issues trying to get kids to wear them all day.

109	Masks are an individuals right to choose for themselves and their own children, it is our responsibility to decide for our children as parents, how to raise our children. The government does not have the right or the ability to interfere with our choices as parents, as to how we raise our children. If a particular parent feels the need and makes the choice for their child to wear a mask that is their choice, on the same note, if a parent should choose that a mask is not required for their child, that is an individuals choice, NOT YOURS. The masks are not effective, there has not been even one scientific study, showing that masks other than the n95 masks have any effect on the reduction of transmission of this or any virus, only coincidental evidence. While, on the other hand, there have been numerous scientific studies showing that masks are completely and utterly ineffective at stopping or slowing the transmission of any virus. Estimates for immunity amongst the general population against the coronavirus are about 75%. We need to stop referring to this as a pandemic, and stop spreading fear. The spreading of fear is only increasing the mental and emotional stress levels in our children. The CDC, WHO, and numerous other scientific groups around the world have recognized that children are the least likely group to spread or catch strains of the coronavirus. The same organizations have also recognized that children should not wear masks while performing physical activity. Yet you have ordered the least susceptible, and least likely to transmit group to wear masks during physical activity. I am asking you to please consider the devastating emotional effects that ordering masks in schools will have on the children, and to use reason and logic instead of fear to guide your decisions. Let parents make their own choices for their children.	8/16/2021 10:23 AM
110	No on masks!!!!!!!	8/16/2021 10:22 AM
111	I believe that it is not in our best interest to force our children to wear masks. Adults can wear them to protect themselves but to force little children is outrageous. Our freedom is being tested to the max.	8/16/2021 10:22 AM
112	I support the FREEDOM to CHOOSE. It is a choice that should be made in the household and if the masking works then those that support it can have there children wear one. Mine will not be no matter what tri-county decides.	8/16/2021 10:19 AM
113	Medical, public health, and scientific organizations are unanimous in their strong recomemndation of masks in schools, especially for schools with children under 12 who have not had the opportunity to seek the crtical vaccine. Organizations like CDC, AAP, US Department of Education, and nearly every public health and related scientific health expert strongly support mask mandates in school. COVID is much more contagious than last year and infection and hospitalization rates reveal that children are making up a larger portion of cases. Mandating masks is among the best ways to avoid COVID and ensure schools can remain in person this year.	8/16/2021 10:18 AM
114	My kids will not tolerate masks. This will force us to pull them from school.	8/16/2021 10:18 AM
115	As a teacher and a scientist I find it to be of the upmost importance to follow expert recommendations when making any decision. The lead scientists and doctors in this country continue to advocate for masks. Our statistics show the need for masks and vaccinations. We need to work together as a community to protect those in need. Masks should be mandatory in schools and all indoor public settings. Anti-maskers and anti-Vaxxers will not adhere to recommendations. They will lie about their vaccine status in order to protect their so called freedom not to cover their mouth and noses even if it means the death of someone else's child. Once again, masks should be mandatory for the safety of all my students, myself, and all the people.	8/16/2021 10:17 AM
116	As a parent of 3 school aged children, one of which is vaccinated, I 100 percent support all measures to mitigate the spread and effects of Covid 19. My twins are 9 and cannot be vaccinated yet and also have moderate/severe asthma. I want to do all we can to protect those who are unable to be vaccinated. I am also a current MPH student at CU Anschutz and fully understand the risk posed by this virus.	8/16/2021 10:17 AM
117	It should be parent/student choice to wear masks in school. Informed Consent; You inform, we consent. Students have had the past school year destroyed due to mandates such as online,	8/16/2021 10:17 AM

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lockdowns and masks. Tri-county health should be just as concerned about our students mental health as they are their physical health. No Masks and keep our kids in school!

118	I am against masks in schools	8/16/2021 10:16 AM
119	My body my choice. You are traumatizing children. We now have to implement social emotional learning curriculum into the school to deal with depression, anxiety, and ocd tendencies your nonsense rules have created.	8/16/2021 10:15 AM
120	A mask mandate on children last school year proved to be: - Ineffective in slowing spread of Covid-19 - Harmful to our children's overall health and learning (as younger ones are learning to read but cannot see the mouth of their teacher thus severely inhibiting their ability to visually ascertain proper annunciation). - Raises CO2 intake - Resulted in symptoms of hypoxia (including, but not limited to: Coughing, headache, shortness of breath, and mental confusion) - Masks further increase the risk of inhalation of other bacterium, which inevitably collects on either side of the mask, as a vast majority of children simply cannot be expected to utilize masks properly; constantly adjusting, pulling off, laying on filthy surfaces, and placing back on their face which increases the amount of times children touch their face which increases risk of infection (i.e. after lunch or recess). - Dr. Fauci himself stated, "There's no reason to be walking around with a mask on. When you're in the middle of an outbreak, wearing a mask might make people FEEL a little bit better, and it might even block a droplet, but it's not providing the type of protection that people think that it is." There is absolutely ZERO science which supports the false claim that masks (especially re-used cloth masks) are effective in lowering the transmission of SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19). Furthermore, Children have proven to be far less at risk of serious infection (let alone death) from Covid than any other age group. Summary of Mask Study From ACP Journals; Annals of Internal Medicine, involving 14 different doctors: "Neither surgical nor cotton masks effectively filtered SARS-CoV-2 during coughs by infected patients. Prior evidence that surgical masks effectively filtered influenza virus (1) informed recommendations that patients with confirmed or suspected COVID-19 should wear face masks to prevent transmission (2). However, the size and concentrations of SARS-CoV-2 in aerosols generated during coughing are unknown. Oberg and Brousseau (3) demonstrated that surgical masks did not exhibit adequate filter performance against aerosols measuring 0.9, 2.0, and 3.1 µm in diameter. Lee and colleagues (4) showed that particles 0.04 to 0.2 µm can penetrate surgical masks. The size of the SARS-CoV particle from the 2002–2004 outbreak was estimated as 0.08 to 0.14 µm (5); assuming that SARS-CoV-2 has a similar size, surgical masks are unlikely to effectively filter this virus." As a parent of two boys under the age of 11, I implore the decision makers NOT to implement a mask mandate of any kind for school aged children. Instead, let this be the decision of the parents. Schools already have a zero tolerance policy when it comes to bullying, so the point about kids who wear masks being bullied is of no effect. If anything, the schools/TriCounty/Health officials should only be encouraging parents to keep sick/symptomatic children home from school until symptoms clear up.	8/16/2021 10:15 AM
121	I believe we need universal masking in any indoor setting where there are kids 11 and under because: 1. They have not had a chance to be vaccinated 2. Masking worked as a good/effective mitigation strategy last school Year, younger kids didn't mind wearing them and there were far less incidents of flu and colds. 3. Our covid numbers were not as bad last year at this time but we had far more mitigation strategies in place. It doesn't make sense that this year we have less strategies in place with higher covid incidences with a population that hasn't had the chance to decrease their chance of getting covid by getting the covid vaccine. 4. I believe it's important to keeps kids in school uninterrupted for their educational success. Keeping sickness to a minimum to keep quarantines to a minimum will help with that therefore keeping kids from falling behind academically. 5. Mental health is much better when kids are able to be in a School setting with their peers. I think we should do everything that we possibly can to keep kids in school Safely. 6. Teachers and school staff had to switch from in person to online and back and forth, disrupting their learning plans, and causing additional stress and overall Making their jobs even more challenging. I'm sure they would appreciate being able to stay in their classrooms with their students throughout the year. 7. Parents who have finally been able to return to a somewhat normal work schedule will again lose that when their kids are quarantined multiple times throughout the year.	8/16/2021 10:14 AM
122	Please...no masks!	8/16/2021 10:13 AM
123	It's extremely stressful to know our children will be exposed to the new COVID variant along with so many other seasonal illnesses because the symptoms are so similar. The mask give us parents some peace of mind to know our children will be somewhat protected since they are	8/16/2021 10:13 AM

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unable to receive the vaccine yet. Please take into consideration the CDCs recommendation for children under the age of 12 and indoor masking. Please keep the children's health and safety as the number one priority. Thank you.

124	Please see this as an opportunity to get ahead of what could be another dark winter. Our children's lives are too important to not take all necessary precautions.	8/16/2021 10:12 AM
125	Please consider our children's natural immune systems they were built with designed to combat viruses and illnesses that help strengthen their system. It is not in their best interest to keep suffocating them behind masks and not allowing their bodies the opportunity to naturally protect themselves. Please allow individual families to make the decision whether to send their kids with a mask to school or not. I implore you not to make it a mandate. If families are concerned then they should respectfully keep them at home and choose homeschooling. We can't let the fear of some govern the decisions for everyone.	8/16/2021 10:09 AM
126	As a grandparent of 3yr, 7yr, and a 9yr. Old attending Strasburg Elementary school, we are very concerned about the mask mandate. There is no data showing this age group contracting Covid in a pandemic setting. Implementing this mandate will cause bullying not suppress it. The psychological damage will be greater than the virus. Our 9yr.old has already said she will refuse to wear a mask. Your political agenda for control is getting out of hand. Control the southern border, which we are seeing the illegal immigrants infiltrating our communities now. 80% infected with the virus and nothing being done!! What's next: a tattoo number on our arm's for who's been vaccinated or not. "HEIL HITLER"	8/16/2021 10:08 AM
127	I dont believe it should be required for students to wear masks. They are distraction, hold moisture to they face and hold bacteria. It should be the parents choice if the kids wear or don't wear a mask.	8/16/2021 10:07 AM
128	Masking children in school is child abuse and unethical	8/16/2021 10:07 AM
129	Dear Tri- County Health, I want to start off by saying we do believe that Covid is a real thing. I know that there are many people out there that assume because we DO NOT want masks that we are "Conspiracy Theorists." Our entire household got Covid-19 in April of 2020. This includes my now 7 yr old Immuno-compromised daughter, she has Type 1 diabetes as well as Celiac disease. This supposedly puts her into the HIGH risk area that everyone should be masking for. However, she was hardly ill. She suffered a low-grade fever for 12hrs. Even immunocompromised she was truly NOT affected by Covid. She has a higher risk of death from a common cold..... I never ask or force anyone to mask or get vaccinated before coming within 6ft of my child. I am in charge of protecting my kids. If I want my kids to mask up that should be our own personal choice. I should be the one making the decisions on how to protect MY children. If we continue to not allow parents to make decisions, we will pull our children from these schools. We are all Americans here and we love that in the day to day we have freedoms to choose. Taking these freedoms away will only do more harm than good. WE SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE! Martinez Family	8/16/2021 10:07 AM
130	I am opposed to the mask. My son Ethan Freeman is 13 years old and last year with him having to wear a mask he began having breathing issues and fainting in class room. Medically he is beyond healthy. The oxygen restriction, coupled with natural work study stress, is too much for our children. Thank you for your time.	8/16/2021 10:06 AM
131	Masking our children should be a individual/parent's decision. It should not be an elected boards choice to make for us. My daughter played at parks, campsites all around the country and with surrounding neighbors. Not once this summer or past year has her or our family contracted any virus going maskless. We have had the most interaction with people than most families. If people have the fear or sending their child(ren) to school then, they should probably keep their kids home which seems like the safest place for them.	8/16/2021 10:05 AM
132	Masks and social distancing will help reduce the spread of the virus. Infections in children are going up because of the highly contagious strain of COVID we are now facing. Delta is the fourth mutation that warranted its own designation with the greek letters. It will not be the last. Unvaccinated children are at risk and we need to protect them. A lot of people point to the success that schools had overall last year and the lack of major outbreaks. But this is not a fair comparison and ignores that realities have changed. Last year, schools required masks and were very diligent about distancing and transmission. Those requirements are not in place this year. We want to send our child in-person, but until she can get vaccinated we feel we cannot send her unless masks are required. This is not a forever request. The vaccine will be available at some point, hopefully this fall. All we ask is to make decisions that reflect the	8/16/2021 10:05 AM

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reality of today. We need to avoid making permanent decisions based on temporary circumstances. Children will die from this virus, hopefully not many, but we need to do what we can to protect those who are unable to protect themselves.

133	Please do not impose mask mandate on these children. 1) you are getting ahead of yourselves, as the data is not showing that children are getting sick and dying from covid at an increased rate. 2. The mental health of our children needs to be considered... they have been locked up and covered up for too long and are losing their sense of individuality and becoming reclusive. This is NOT the way these kids should be treated.. UCH has declared a mental health CRISIS for CHILDREN... do not make it worse by forcing masks. The parents should be given the final decision if their children should be wearing masks in school. 3. We personally live in a small community. There is no reason you should be setting mask mandates across the board when every district has its differences. 4. Adding the reason of being afraid of children being bullied for wearing masks is ludacris!! If you're going to impose a mandate that is going to further the damage of the mental health of our kids at least use a good reason, not an assumed reason that they "might" get bullied. I 100% oppose forcing kids to wear masks at school. Thank you for your consideration.	8/16/2021 10:02 AM
134	I implore you to require masks since private schools are under so much political/parental pressure to not require masks, they won't do so unless absolutely required regardless of vaccination percentages or positive tests in their student bodies.	8/16/2021 9:51 AM
135	I do not believe that we should be requiring masks and it should instead be optional. Masking negatively affects our children's ability to learn and compromises their immune systems. We are creating a bigger problem.	8/16/2021 9:50 AM
136	I feel parents should decide if they want their children to wear masks.	8/16/2021 9:50 AM
137	It seems careless to not require masks for children that aren't vaccinated. The American Medical Association, pediatrician, CDC all currently stay children not vaccinated should be wearing masks due to the Delta variant. Last school year kids wore masks and it was successful, and now when more kids are getting sick we remove the mandate. Why would we put our children's health at risk?	8/16/2021 9:49 AM
138	Definitely need to protect our children who have no option yet to be vaccinated. And those people with compromised immune systems.	8/16/2021 9:48 AM
139	If students who are 11 have masks on they are still vulnerable to the 7th and 8th graders who do not have masks on. The masks protect those can't be vaccinated so since 11 year olds can't be vaccinated they need to be protected by having others wear masks	8/16/2021 9:46 AM
140	How can the Tri health department recommend wearing a mask until vaccinations increase and cases go down but not have masks at schools? Kids are dying in Florida because of their carelessness. This is a no brainer, please keep our children safe.	8/16/2021 9:44 AM
141	Please let us make our own choices for masking our children. The data doesn't support masking our children. Please listen to the data concerning masking damaging children's mental health and their IQ's dropping due to the social interactions lacking from mask wearing! If we are forced to mask our children it is likely many more of us will pull our children from the districts. The districts are ready struggling after the mass withdraw rates last year. If parents continue to not have a choice, and therefore pull their children you all will be responsible for a poverty segregation that hasn't been seen before. Please let us have a choice. We aren't asking to ban masks. Just to have a personal choice.	8/16/2021 9:41 AM
142	Our children need to learn fully, especially for elementary seeing teachers facial expressions is huge in social and emotional development. The backlash of taking the social/emotional cues from children is going to have long term effects no one is ready for. Teen and pre teen depression and suicide attempts are already on the rise. The only positive part of the day many children have is school. To limit their ability to relax, to feel a part of their class group, their grade has been so limited the long term effects are unknown but concerning looking at the short term effects. The hidden cultures of school that help children learn how to take cues from the public are being stolen from our children. Also, as there are children that will have medical exemptions now will be singled out, creating situations for bullying. More and more young children and teens are being diagnosed with anxiety. Why add to their stresses when that takes away the ability to fully focus on the lessons being taught. On top of the loss of learning that our children will lose as the teachers will spend more time reminding children to put on a mask. When was the last time any of you "law" makers was truly in touch with children in	8/16/2021 9:41 AM

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classrooms, because it seems you truly do not know what our children need to learn to their best abilities. I have studied child behavior and worked in many classrooms as an educational and behavioral consultant and carry not only a Master in Special Education, but Applied Behavior Analysis as well. These measures are not helping our children. Signed a mom, and specialist in child behavior.

143	Thank you for considering the public opinion regarding mask mandate. I strongly feel that requiring masks should be left to the individual and family. While I appreciate the considerations that are put forth in the current letter, forcing children to wear a mask while at school is more disruptive to learning for most students and teachers. The added cleaning protocols and air purifiers that were put into place during the last school year to prevent the spread of Covid are still in place. Therefore, mandating masks it's truly not necessary at this point. Again thank you for your consideration.	8/16/2021 9:39 AM
144	Westminster Public Schools supports a mask mandate for all public school students, staff and teachers while indoors. On July 30, 2021 the school district notified the community that masks will be required for everyone in an indoor setting. Our communication included the following important statement: "The health and safety of the community is our highest priority and we believe these important steps will help us achieve that goal. These guidelines will help us maintain uninterrupted in-person learning opportunities for our students, which we know is critically important. We are hopeful that COVID-19 restrictions can be relaxed as more people become vaccinated and infection rates begin moving in the right direction. The sooner we get COVID-19 under control the sooner we can return to normal."	8/16/2021 9:38 AM
145	I refuse to make my child wear a mask. Strasburg Schools have proven they are able to control any sort of "outbreak". In the 2020-2021 school year the school district was able to keep closures and outbreaks to a minimum without 10 and younger wearing masks. I will advocate for my child and the communities children. Also, think about the teachers. They will have to spend more of their valuable time having to remind young children to wear the mask and it will be even more of a distraction then anything. If mask mandates for younger children are required it will be a serious thought to withdrawal my child from the district. Please let these children get back to normalcy.	8/16/2021 9:37 AM
146	During a public address last week, Governor Polis said to expect many disruptions & quarantines when school starts. He has made it clear that the Delta variant is going to sweep through the community and our kids like wildfire, especially without masking and other mitigation measures, which many school districts are currently refusing to do unless they're "forced" by a public health order. Even should TCHD impose mask mandates for schools housing kids 11 and under, this is not sufficient. Masking should be mandated at ALL grade levels. Just because children/teens aged 12 and up CAN get vaccinated does not mean that they WILL. Unless you are going to require proof of vaccination from all kids aged 12 and up, how can you possibly know what the percentages will be in order to justify no mask mandate?? The TCHD Executive Director himself mentioned that so many pediatricians are concerned right now. The CDC and the AAP are strongly urging mask mandates at all grade levels, and current projection models show the strong likelihood that tens of thousands of hospitalizations could occur in Colorado by November. Many scientific studies have shown that Delta is more contagious and more virulent and this double virulence is the same for kids. Reports across the country show an increased rate of positive testing in children, as well as increased hospitalizations in children. On top of that, numerous reports are emerging warning about the dangers of rising RSV infection rates concurrent with COVID infection rates, creating a disastrous situation for our kids. Please prove that our children and their lives matter to you. This shouldn't be about public opinion. This shouldn't be about politics. This should be about keeping our children from ending up sick or dead.	8/16/2021 9:36 AM
147	To the Tri-County Health Department Board of Directors, Since the pandemic began society and public officials singular focus on risk from COVID without any consideration of other factors is a failing that is not too late to address. I am writing here today to ask you to have the courage to NOT impose a mask mandate on our kids in school. Are you telling us our kids have to wear masks until they're all vaccinated to keep them from spreading the virus? The CDC just admitted (Reference 1) that those who have been vaccinated: 1. Still get infected. 2. Have the same amount of virus as those who are unvaccinated, and 3. Can likely to transmit the virus as easily as those who are unvaccinated. But the biggest takeaway from this news is not just that we should stop treating vaccinated people different from unvaccinated people. It's that we can finally admit that the virus isn't going away, and that restrictions like masks are pointless. Amesh Adalja, an infectious disease expert at John Hopkins, stated: "And to what end are we wearing masks for? COVID is not a disease that can be eradicated or limited, and	8/16/2021 9:33 AM

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we will always have cases. The goal was to make it a manageable respiratory illness, and it is so in many places where enough high-risk individuals have been vaccinated." (Reference 2) We're told our kids have to wear masks because they are at risk from COVID, but the data shows their risk is less than from other respiratory viruses like influenza: 1. The CDC estimates 332 children have died from COVID-19 in 18 months. (Reference 3) 2. The CDC also estimates 434 children died from influenza during the 12 month 2019-20 flu season (Reference 4) and 600 children died from influenza during the 2017-18 season (Reference 5) – more deaths despite a widely administered vaccine and lower case rates. (Reference 6) 3. The New York Times found children are about 10 times more likely to die in a car accident than from COVID. (Reference 7) 4. The Financial Times found children at less risk from COVID-19 (0.0002%) than vaccinated adults.(Reference 8) So please explain why we would force our children to wear masks to avoid a virus no worse than influenza? We're told they must wear masks to slow the spread of COVID-19, but numerous studies show that schools without mask requirements for children had case rates just as low (Reference 9, 10, & 11) or even lower (Reference 12) than schools which did have mask requirements. Have you read these studies? We shouldn't force our kids to wear masks in school any more than we should stop putting them in cars. Are you sure that the negative impacts of breathing through a dirty, sweat soaked mask don't outweigh the benefits you can't even prove exist? Most masks worn come from boxes that say they wont prevent infection. There are only two reasons for you to force kids to wear masks when you can't even prove the supposed benefits of mask wearing outweigh the risks; 1. You are so afraid of a virus that you are forcing children to bear the burden of your fear, or 2. You want to protect yourself politically. I hope you will have the courage to make a decision that puts the overall well-being of our kids above your own. Sincerely, Mark Kluth 10613 Lewiston St. Commerce City, CO 80022 Reference 1: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/health/2021/07/29/cdc-mask-guidance/> Reference 2: <https://www.usnews.com/news/health-news/articles/2021-07-27/cdc-to-advise-return-to-masks-indoors-for-some-vaccinated-americans> Reference 3: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/burden.html> Reference 4: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/burden/2019-2020.html> Reference 5: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/spotlights/2019-2020/2019-20-pediatric-flu-deaths.htm?web=1&wdLOR=cFF98CDC7-76A9-482E-995F-4BF669C8B244> Reference 6: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/about/burden/2019-2020.html> Reference 7: <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/06/18/briefing/kids-covid-and-delta.html> Reference 8: <https://www.ft.com/content/0f11b219-0f1b-420e-8188-6651d1e749ff> Reference 9: <https://www.eurosurveillance.org/content/10.2807/1560-7917.ES.2020.26.1.2002011> Reference 10: <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMc2026670?query=TOC&fbclid=IwAR3fY8mbKoRontMltPNhZ7QK1h0SXxJ6Hq7AOe4wn2TTIK6OPHApy7ISA> Reference 11: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/70/wr/mm7021e1.htm> Reference 12: <https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2021.05.19.21257467v1.full> Reference 13: <https://about.burbio.com/school-mask-policies-by-state/>

148	Please mandate masks for daycare and schools immediately. Our children's health and safety should not be left up to personal preference. Science should dictate the rules.	8/16/2021 9:32 AM
149	Please keep the option open for parents to make decisions for their own child. Every kid is unique and I believe that each parent knows what is best for their child. Mandating a child to wear a mask is tracing them that they don't have a choice and takes away their freedom of expression for the whole family involved.	8/16/2021 9:31 AM
150	Question #4 has incomplete options for answers. I support parental choice for masking and do not support MANDATED masking for all or all in a certain age group. I support anyone who wants their kids to wear a mask and anyone who does not want that for their child(ren). It is not good for children to wear masks for long periods of time. You know the negative effects of mask wearing yet you are making decisions that only parents should be making for their children. Please take a sensible approach that does not infringe on parents' decision making, please leave it up to the parents to choose what is best for their child and their unique circumstances. I believe when you put the responsibility on the parents/guardians they will make the best decision for all. What you are saying is you know what's best for my child when you have no idea who my child is. You are saying I can't make good decisions for my family and my community, only you can do that. Forcing people to do what they do not think is best for their children only sends the message that you are not hearing parents, you are not willing to let parents choose and you want to control instead of inform and let adult parents make their own decisions for their children.	8/16/2021 9:26 AM
151	I do NOT support mandating mask wearing on our young children! This should be a parent's choice because the parents know their children best with what they can handle. Masks are	8/16/2021 9:25 AM

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NOT beneficial to all! Some children have phobias and struggle greatly with masks covering their faces. My 9 year old becomes claustrophobic and extremely anxious while wearing a mask. Being forced to wear a mask while at school would be more distracting and damaging to her education than anything. Strasburg Elementary followed all regulations and guidelines last year and greatly minimized any distant learning time withOUT children wearing masks. My children only had to distant learn for 1 week last year out of the ENTIRE school year! Strasburg Elementary has excellent communication with health departments and parents and has outstanding, successful procedures put in place that limit distractions in our children's education. Each child is a unique individual with their own preferences and struggles. Asking a preschooler who is learning speech development and critical social skills to wear a mask the entire time they are interacting with other children and working with teachers is outrageous! Masks make speech muffled and distorted. Masks do not allow the children to recognize emotional cues on the other children's faces to work through how actions of one child effect another. STOP taking our FREEDOMS as parents away by passing a mandate that will have immense negative consequences on our young children! Allow the parents to make the BEST decision for OUR unique individual children! Stop trying to shove all children into your box of what is right! What is right for one child is NOT what is right for all! DO NOT MANDATE MASKS!

152	The use of masks in children should be optional. Study after study has shown that children are at a lower risk from COVID-19 infection, transmission, and serious complications. There are also no reputable studies on the long term use of restricting oxygen intake and rebreathing waste products in growing bodies. There are REAL studies showing how ineffective masking is in reducing transmission of any disease. Studies conducted prior to the current pandemic. This link contains links to over 50 peer reviewed studies regarding the use of masks. https://themodelhealthshow.com/maskfacts/ The current climate of putting politics and perception over actual data is disturbing. I wish masks worked. I truly do. It would give me a much better feel of control over a very out of control situation. However, not only do they not work, we don't know if they are doing serious long-term harm to our children biologically. I believe it is doing serious long-term harm to their social and emotional health. How can children develop normal, healthy relationships with people if they can't even see their faces? How can they learn about visual cues and how to read other's emotions (empathy) if they can't see another face? In such a divided world certainly everyone should be able to agree that more empathy would be a good thing to develop in our children. I simply don't see that happening if we continue to teach them to live in fear and isolation from other people.	8/16/2021 9:24 AM
153	As a teacher I believe it is extremely important that students have consistent, in person learning this year, and the best way to ensure that happens is to enforce mask wearing.	8/16/2021 9:24 AM
154	I have two sons, aged 6 and 3. We were so careful and followed all health guidelines and we still caught COVID this spring. Although my family all had a "mild" case, it was still a devastating event for our family. Now we are facing Delta, that is easier spread and causing many breakthrough cases. It is important that we all do our part to keep our community healthy and safe. I see it as equivalent to drunk driving-yes, you are putting yourself at risk when you choose to drink and drive, you are also putting the rest of the community at risk. We are all interconnected and wearing a mask isn't that big of an ask for the safety of all.	8/16/2021 9:21 AM
155	Mask mandates are ridiculous and unnecessary at this point in time. We have a vaccine and children are not at risk of getting seriously ill. Masks are harmful to children and we will be homeschooling if this is passed.	8/16/2021 9:21 AM
156	I support the science behind the need. I prefer for kids sake that they not have to wear mask in their pods. If their pods are joined for lunch, music or gym then perhaps kids who have parents that are not vaccinated should mask or require masking for all kids. Move such programs outside on nice days without masks is another option. My granddaughter is in elementary school and we appreciate the teachers who did get vaccinated to better protect our children.	8/16/2021 9:19 AM
157	A mask mandate is idiotic and unnecessary. Masks are unhealthy for children to wear. They create myopia, acne and are a distraction from learning. If you even have children, you would know how disgusting a mask is a the end of the day. They are soaking wet from spit and are a breeding ground for germs. They also lead to increased carbon dioxide in the blood. There is risk of altered facial development, along with anxiety and psychological distress. Children rely on seeing facial expressions to learn, but we are fine blocking this necessary part of reason and development. All of these issues are well documented. But all this is apparently a necessary risk because children are at risk for severe infection. Although the CDC reported for	8/16/2021 9:17 AM

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the week of July 31, the rate of infection for children 5 to 17 was .5 per 100,000 which is around 250 patients. Although not all these children were even hospitalized with COVID. They just tested positive when they were brought in. 172 children died from COVID in 2020. That is kids 0-18 which is .0008% of children. We had 199 deaths from the flu in 2020. More children literally died of the flu yet we have never masked during flu season which has a greater risk of killing children. Cloth masks do nothing to even stop the spread of the disease. There is not one study to prove it. This is a disease, that adults who actually have a risk of getting sick from, can be vaccinated against. And the vaccines actually prevent severe illness. So what is your rational for masking now. Fear? Our greatest threat now is unelected health boards making mandates out of fear instead of taking the actual health of the public into consideration. That was your actual job last time I checked. Let parents actually parent and decide what risks they are comfortable with for THEIR children. It is their job, not yours. I will home school my children before I ever put a mask on their face again.

158	Last year students 12 up had to mask and 11 down did not. This year you may recommend 12 up does not and 11 down does. There is no science to support this decision. It is strictly based on opinion that it will protect kids that do not have vaccines available. When in fact the common flu and cold have now disappeared as they have been labeled "covid" Stop playing God with our kids and our freedoms. Our kids face long term psychological damage from mask mandates and school shut downs.	8/16/2021 9:15 AM
159	I believe it is every ones responsibility to protect our children who are not immunized.	8/16/2021 9:15 AM
160	Prior to the August 13th announcement, we were pleased to hear masks for children were no required. But after the 8/13/2021, we're not pleased and aggravated that Tri-County changed simply because a neighboring county (Broomfield) changed. This act of domino affect and coward where city leaders are changing their viewpoints just days before first day of school is audacious! This change in decree is preposterous as it shows that a very small of citizens can simply change the viewpoint of a large governing district based on emotional bias. Tri-County should go back to the optional mask choice that puts the decision in parents hands to determine what's necessary for their families. Muzzling children with no hard basis of scientific results of masking reduces spread is unconstitutional.	8/16/2021 9:13 AM
161	Masks need to be mandated for EVERYONE indoors. They have been shown to be effective in preventing the spread of COVID. We need to protect our teachers and students.	8/16/2021 9:11 AM
162	Please don't bow down to the pressure of the media! You need to listen to your citizens as a whole, not just the ones that are reiterating talking points from their favorite brain washing media outlet. Masking for children is clearly damaging and should only be in place if there is extreme danger to the children. Nothing supports that argument. Even with the massive brain washing campaign going on from the media, this masking of children issue is still a 50/50 split of opinions at best. I would bet that if you were honest with your numbers that a majority would NOT support a mandate. With that kind of close debate the decision should be left to the authority CLOSEST to the affected citizens. This decision should be made on a school by school basis and at a minimum a school district by school district basis. If you choose to make this on a 3 county level you are overstepping your unelected authority which is in question on a decision like this anyway. Choose to make a mandate and you will sleep in the bed you made. You are risking throwing gasoline on an already blazing fire.	8/16/2021 9:08 AM
163	Both of my kids struggle more after, wearing a mask all day. One is asthmatic an makes it way worse. Also are kids are at school and inside more than half the day 7:30 to 4 with a mask that's a lot.	8/16/2021 9:07 AM
164	I do not want my kids to have to wear masks in school.	8/16/2021 9:06 AM
165	PLEASE don't mask our kids!! They need to breathe!	8/16/2021 9:04 AM
166	It was so nice last year (with mask mandate) to have a year free from all sicknesses. Masks would be wonderful again this year as we are still learning about Covid-19, our protection with having vaccinations, and how it is transmitted. I'd rather be safe than sorry! I have an immunocompromised child who is 9. Too young to get vaccinated but at risk for serve complications. "IF" fully vaccinated individuals can carry and transmit COVID-19 then masks would hep those who can't be vaccinated like all 3 of my kids, but especially my 9 yr old.	8/16/2021 9:00 AM
167	To whom it may concern, The science behind the mask proves there is no need to be used to preventing the spread of Covid or and common cold & flu. These masks are doing more harm	8/16/2021 8:59 AM

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to our children because they are breathing more CO2 and bacteria in and not letting the human body work as it should.

168	I am a science teacher at Legacy High School. For the safety of students and staff I believe that all people should wear a mask indoors. There are many unknowns with the Delta Variant, and I think it is best to err on the side of health and safety.	8/16/2021 8:56 AM
169	How many should have, would have, could have moments do we have to have during this pandemic? Why is doing everything we can to keep kids safe even a discussion? "anyone that is not vaccinated to wear masks when in public places" THIS IS EVERY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN THE US. EVERY. ONE. Laws are made because *some* adults can not be trusted to make the right decisions. seatbelts, drinking & driving, illegal to drink before, illegal to own a gun before 18, etc. Sadly wearing a mask, that has PROVEN to stop/slow down the transmission, is another one of those adults *some* adults cannot be trusted to make the right decisions moments. If the choice only involved that individual this would be a different discussion. But it involves the others and therefore a mask mandate is necessary. Why don't you put all of the kids that do not want to wear a mask in one school together,. Set the timer and warn the hospitals. Why is this even a discussion????	8/16/2021 8:56 AM
170	n/a	8/16/2021 8:54 AM
171	Wearing masks should be up to the student and parent. The science backs this opinion and to mandate a mask or vaccine is to steal an individuals right to do what they believe is right for themselves. My body my choice. If others have concerns for their own well being, they should do all they can to stay safe ie wear masks, get vaccinated, stay home.	8/16/2021 8:54 AM
172	I will not be masking my kids again. My daughter spent the last year in counseling and dealing with depression, anxiety, and suicidal thoughts. I will not be putting her mental health at risk for a virus that is unlikely to seriously affect her. Her mental health is at far higher risk. I'm so tired of the powers that be making these one size fits all policies and not trusting grown adults to weigh their own risks and make good decisions for themselves and their children. If a universal mask policy is implemented I will be looking into other schooling options for my kids.	8/16/2021 8:53 AM
173	I do not believe it is in the best interest of our youth to require masks at school. This age group is not impacted by the virus and there are going to be long lasting mental health, social and emotional repercussions by forcing them to do so. This decision should be up to each individual parent and what they see fit for their children, not a forced action by the school district.	8/16/2021 8:52 AM
174	No masks for kids	8/16/2021 8:52 AM
175	Members of the Board, As a parent of two children on the autism spectrum, with severe sensory processing challenges, I adamantly oppose the proposed mask mandate. Since birth, my children have had severe sensitivities to anything touching their face; triggering their fight, flight, freeze response, resulting in severe meltdowns and overstimulation. All children deserve access to a fair and appropriate public education. I believe that mandating masks will be detrimental to my children's mental health and well being; especially their ability to learn and grow in the learning environment. After all, how can one learn when they are overstimulated? Children should never be forced into isolation, denied services, and cast to the side because of their sensory processing challenges; however, by mandating masks my children and many others will be facing this harsh reality. The board listed bullying of mask wearers as a primary concern. I have never witnessed bullying of mask wearers. I have witnessed blatant bullying of those who do not wear masks. Regardless, I believe that bullying of any kind, especially in school, should be of concern, masks or not. Individuals should stay home when they are sick, pandemic or not. Our children, especially those that thrive on consistency and predictability, have regressed and suffered immensely this past year due to COVID, and deserve to return to a sense of normalcy. Please do not force our school districts to mandate masks. Please allow parents and children to decide what is in their own best interests. Thank you for your careful consideration to this very serious matter. KayLa Apple	8/16/2021 8:50 AM
176	Masks don't work. They are doing more harm fore are children. Let are kids breath. And let parents make the decision.	8/16/2021 8:48 AM
177	My high schooler is vaccinated and they feel like Superman and can't get the virus. We do not know enough about the virus and if it has kryptonite or if others carry kryptonite and are unmasked. High school classrooms are not spaced out and the passing between classes will be congested leaving the only option to move towards masking up. We need to protect our	8/16/2021 8:47 AM

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youth and masks help to protect from flu and other viruses that has symptoms similar to COVID and may cause unnecessary headaches for administrators. More importantly, we should implement random testing at schools for students and teachers. Help understand if any cases go unnoticed.

178	They can't get vaccinated-the kids should wear masks! Religious exemption is ridiculous! The delta variant is here, we need to mask up to get through this	8/16/2021 8:46 AM
179	I do not believe masks should be mandated by non-elected officials. School districts should make their own decisions. Masks have just as much of a chance of causing other issues - asthma, etc. For question #4, you should add another option - "I support parent's choice to mask or not their kids. #4 is very poorly worded with not enough options.	8/16/2021 8:34 AM
180	My child is beginning his first year of school. He has had speech delays in his short life and has difficulty hearing and understanding others as it is. When a mask is added to the equation, it makes communication incredibly difficult which will make learning difficult setting him on a path of falling behind early. I beg you to please reconsider this mandate and allow our children to enjoy their childhood and school experience the way each of you were able to. The psychological affects this will have on our future generations is terrifying and we need to protect them. I saw one of your reasons is to avoid bullying of those that choose to wear masks? How about we teach our children to not be bullies? Please do not fail our children in this.	8/16/2021 8:30 AM
181	In regards to a mask mandate- my family feels that Adam's County is not looking at the bigger picture. Adam's county covers a very large area and smaller communities on the eastern plains which follows under Adam's county jurisdiction is not affected to the extent of larger communities with the health issues. It should be left to the discretion of each school district. They know what is best for their community. Masks are distracting and uncomfortable for young students. Starting this year off without masks has shown that the children are thriving academically and happy overall. Please do not mandate masks for these children and consider what's best for their well-being.	8/16/2021 8:29 AM
182	My son, who is a senior has made it clear he would rather quit school than wear a mask. My daughter who is normal a straight A student, failed three classes last semester because of the distraction of all of the Covid changes and masks. All of these mandates are killing the will of our young. Open the online option again for those that don't feel safe and let those that do move on with their lives!	8/16/2021 8:29 AM
183	I am against mandating children wear masks inside or outside. They are the least likely age group to become seriously ill from the season flu year after year. Generations of children have maneuvered through colds and flus over decades without wearing masks. If individuals - including children - want to wear masks, then they should. This should not be a mandate.	8/16/2021 8:28 AM
184	No masks for our children. These are critical years of learning to read and write and masking them is a hindrance to learning. No masks for teachers either!	8/16/2021 8:28 AM
185	Please do not put our students in masks. As an educator I will say that from last years experience, masks are ineffective and a distraction. It is hard to hear instruction for many. I have a partial hearing loss and without the ability to see students lips, it is very hard to communicate. Our kids have struggled enough--let school be normal.	8/16/2021 8:24 AM
186	Masks do not help keep these younger children safe, they are constructive and cause anxiety. Children need to breathe and be able to see the faces of their peers.	8/16/2021 8:23 AM
187	Masking should be a choice. No one should be forced to wear a mask or have to provide vaccination documents. Along with that, ostracized comments about people wearing a mask should stop. Efforts should be made to repel those types of conversations and stop any bullying that can occur from an individual's choice to mask or vaccinate.	8/16/2021 8:22 AM
188	Board of Health Members, I'm an extremely concerned parent of an 8 year old boy that attends an Adams 27j school and I was shocked to learn that masks would not be required for all children returning to school, especially for kids under the age of 12. It is a fact that the Delta variant is causing a surge in pediatric covid-19 cases. It is a fact that as a result in this surge, more kids are needing to be hospitalized. It is a fact that continued spread of this virus can result more variants. It is a fact that variants be more deadly. It is a fact that my son and other kids can die from this virus. So why don't we have a mask mandate? Why are we continuing to put our kids and population at risk? Why are we not doing whatever it takes to make this virus go away? My son, like most kids, are extremely adaptable. He has worn masks for over a year	8/16/2021 8:22 AM

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now. He knows how important it is to keep himself and others safe. He is willing to keep doing because he knows it's what needs to be done. He also knows the danger he is in being around so many kids without masks. He knows he could bring home this virus and spread it to a family member. He, like us, is worried. I want to be able to drop my son off at school without the guilt I feel knowing that more could be done to protect him. I don't want to have him attend another year of remote learning. I want him to be in a safe learning environment. I don't want him to fear going to school. Please do the right thing and mandate masks again. Please keep our kids safe. Thank you, Jason Miles

189	Statically kids who are vaccinated have a better chance of getting hit by a car, struck by lightning, etc. than getting covid. Unless N95 masks are used, science shows they do not work.	8/16/2021 8:21 AM
190	I do not support mandated mask wearing for our school children. My son has autism and this severely impacts his learning capabilities as well as mental health. This along with other health concerns need to be left up to the individual parent, not the school board.	8/16/2021 8:20 AM
191	Parents should be allowed to decide what is best for their own children. The distraction of required masks for teachers is unacceptable. A mask should be a choice made by each family and the responsibility of the individual. If a mask makes you feel safe please wear one. This decision should be let to the parents.	8/16/2021 8:20 AM
192	I understand the COVID 19 is a real illness. However, the younger population is not a high risk category for death. Yes, people of all ages can contract the illness. Masks do not stop the airborne particles from entering into the body through mucosal membranes. Mask wearing has numerous physical and mental health consequences. Headaches, dizziness, sluggishness, inability to concentrate on education, breathing in expelled CO2, and most important increased suicide attempts are just a few of the side effects of mask wearing. If parents feel their child needs a mask, then that should be their choice. If the parents don't want their child in a mask, then that should be their choice.	8/16/2021 8:18 AM
193	I would like to start by saying I understand the opposition to my stance in the way that I understand we are all trying to do the very best for our kids. I'm personally wholeheartedly against masking kids. The decision to mask our children is not founded in facts and logic but in fear. We need to weigh the risks vs rewards and there is no evidence that kids wearing masks at schools prevents this virus. It is damaging, miserable and not normal for children to have to be masked up all day. We need our community leaders to stand up for our kids or at least let the parents decide for their families. We are far into this pandemic, and the data clearly indicates that fatality in children is minuscule. A piece of fabric smothering a child's face is counterproductive. If we continue masking up kids today, when will it end? What are the specific parameters in which the kids will be free from covering their faces? Last week, parents had the choice and responsibility to choose what was best for their own child and situation, what changed this week? Was the reversal of the mandate data driven? My son has asthma and speech struggles. Attempting communication through a mask is difficult and will inevitably discourage him from participating in class and communicating with peers.	8/16/2021 8:16 AM
194	Masks should be a personal choice. Let the kids be kids!	8/16/2021 8:15 AM
195	As a parent with four children in district schools I would like there to be no more requirements connected to masking. We have not had local spikes of the original or delta variant. The problem throughout the county and country is the different types of information and disinformation being shared. Today it's one thing different then yesterday and tomorrow it will likely be something different. The mental health, social skills, physical health and emotional health of so many young people (as well as adults) has dramatically be negatively affected. As long as there are not massive spikes and outbreaks in the schools the children and staffs need to be able to attend without masks if they do desire. Also the options below are not all encompassing. I do not support masking regardless of vaccination status unless it is chosen by the individual and/or there is an actual outbreak.	8/16/2021 8:15 AM
196	The decision to wear/not wear masks should be up to each parent. It's ridiculous to try and control a parent's decision on what's best for their child	8/16/2021 8:14 AM
197	Stop the madness! I do not see a need based on my research for children younger than 20 to be wearing a mask.	8/16/2021 8:14 AM
198	Masks have become so politicized that there no longer seems to be any rational discussion or consideration of any of the actual data or facts surrounding the issue. Of all the data and	8/16/2021 8:06 AM

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publications I've read, I have found no evidence to suggest that masks provide any positive results or protection from SARS-Cov-2. There is no data showing that children are at great risk from Covid 19, it is very much the opposite. As a matter of fact, any publication I find in support of forced masking, provides no scientific basis for the support, only fear mongering and ad hominem attacks on those of us questioning the lack of science. We are called "anti-maskers", "selfish", "right-wing conspiracy theorists", or "domestic terrorists". The fact that we have gone down this divisive path scares me more than you know. I am asking you to set aside this current line of divisive rhetoric and do what's right by our children. If you are going to recommend what I believe to be anti-science and anti-common sense mask mandates, show me the data that supports it. I am not anti-mask, I am pro-choice. I know what's best for my children, not you or the school districts. Masks do not work. There have been extensive randomized controlled trial (RCT) studies, and meta-analysis reviews of the RCT studies, which all show that masks and respirators do not work to prevent respiratory influenza-like illnesses, or respiratory illnesses believed to be transmitted by droplets and aerosol particles (Rancourt). Masking children is about power and control, not science. When it comes to the forced masking of our children, have any of you unelected bureaucrats ever asked the question, "At what cost?" I will tell you the cost: increased levels of anxiety, suicidal ideation, depression, and learning disorders. How about the other long term side effects of masking which includes shortness of breath, light headedness, headaches, acne, chronic respiratory illnesses, and weakened immune systems (Scorpiowoman). Forced masking harms children, it does not help them. Every teacher who wants the vaccine has been vaccinated and children have almost no risk of catching or transmitting the disease. So why are masks even being considered? According to an article from the American Institute of Economic Research, "Children do not readily acquire SARS-CoV-2 (very low risk), spread it to other children or teachers, or endanger parents or others at home. This is the settled science. In the rare cases where a child contracts Covid virus it is very unusual for the child to get severely ill or die. Masking can do positive harm to children" (Alexander). In Florida, a group of parents sent their children's masks to a lab to be tested and the masks were shown to be covered with dangerous, pathogenic, disease causing organisms including pneumonia and meningitis (Morefield). This should be very concerning to everyone. Why aren't you concerned about these results? Where are your studies on the microbiological harms of masks? Furthermore, why aren't you seeking out these answers before forcing these experimental measures on children who are at almost no risk from this disease? The NIH shared a Danish study on the effectiveness of masks. This study concluded that the recommendation to wear surgical masks to supplement other public health measures did not reduce the SARS-CoV-2 infection rate among wearers (Bundgaard). According to the CDC's own reporting, mental health issues and suicidal ideations have increased (AIER). They reported that between April and October 2020, the portion of emergency visits related to mental health for children (5-11) increased by 24% and 31% for 12-17 year olds compared to 2019 (CDC). This is completely unacceptable to me as a parent and as a rational adult. It doesn't take a rocket scientist to rationally conclude that the measures our country took to "slow the spread" did more harm to our children than good. Continuing these harmful measures is irrational, reckless, and based on nothing more than fear mongering and anxiety related to a pandemic that is being politicized for reasons that have nothing to do with our children's health and safety. According to the World Health Organization, children under the age of 5 should not wear masks, and children aged 6-11 should only wear them under certain situations which are specific to the area they live in. (World Health Organization). What's interesting and concerning to me, is that nowhere on their website does the WHO cite any data or studies to support their recommendations. I challenge you to find them. There is a great article in the Federalist that outlines Covid 19 cases in various areas with comparisons to mask usage. Areas with heavy mask usage did not have lower covid rates or slow the spread any more than areas where masks were not being used. The ultimate conclusion; mask mandates do not stop the spread of Covid (Yinnon). There was a study out of JAMA pediatrics that looked at carbon dioxide levels after just a few minutes of children wearing masks. The results showed high levels of carbon dioxide and a risk of hypercapnia which can have permanent impacts on human growth and development. (Walach) Have you bothered to look into this? Where are your studies? As a parent, I have every right to be concerned about this and it bothers me that you are not. There is another publication out of Australia showing that face masks become nonconsequential and do not function after 20 minutes due to saturation. "Those masks are only effective so long as they are dry," said Professor Yvonne Cossart of the Department of Infectious Diseases at the University of Sydney. "As soon as they become saturated with the moisture in your breath, they stop doing their job and pass on the droplets" (AIER). I will happily provide you with copies of every study and publication I have found. It is your duty to do what is best for our children. I implore you to do your due diligence and research before recommending more harmful mask mandates.

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199	<p>I am writing as many parents are to state my opinion for masking in schools. My opinion is kids should be masking because it is the safest thing to do and is most likely to keep kids in, in-person school. The Tri-County Health Department should, however, not be using parent opinion to make their decision regarding masks in schools. They should listen to the CDC, APA and pediatricians and physicians across the country who say children should be masking in schools, vaccinated or not. Tri-County Health should be reading the news stories of hospitals across the country filling up their pediatric ICU's with children and having children die from COVID 19. Tri-County health should be taking precautions to keep kids safe in school during a worldwide pandemic using the best tools known at this time which includes testing, masking and social distance. Tri-County should not only enforce masking in schools for children but should require the schools to inform parents and the communities of COVID 19 cases in their schools. The current policy by Adams 12 that states "Students and staff will not be required to quarantine unless the school is experiencing an outbreak. An outbreak is defined as five cases or more tied to the original positive case. We will no longer notify school communities about positive and/or symptomatic cases." Should be examined by Tri-County Health and they should recommend a safer alternative to keep kids and families safe. The burden of masking should not be on kids to make the decision whether or not to mask but on adults who have their best interests at stake. My children's pediatrician told me she recommends the district enforce masking and that she's seen many children with COVID 19 since the Delta variant became more prominent. Masking in schools has become a political debate but school districts and health should only be taking science into consideration, not the opinions of people who believe a pandemic is not real and that the vaccine is making people catch COVID 19. Please listen to the CDC, APA and pediatricians across the country and make masking mandatory in the Tri county area.</p>	8/16/2021 8:06 AM
200	<p>My children are ages 5 and 7. They are not yet old enough to be vaccinated, and although I have encouraged them to wear masks in school (they go to a charter that started on 8/2) I realize that the value of masking is limited when only some children are wearing them. We have felt a true lack of power when it comes to keeping our children safe since masks aren't required even though COVID remains an active concern and none of their classmates have received the vaccination. School should be a safe place, and asking children to mask (perhaps with some accommodations for those whose true medical or behavioral health concerns make masking impossible) seems like a small but meaningful step in protecting all of our kids. Pre-Delta I would have said I support masking where there is a presence of anyone 11 or younger, but I'm sure this won't be the last variant that can impact vaccinated individuals. Until vaccinations are 1) available to everyone who wants them of all ages and 2) administered at a</p>	8/16/2021 8:01 AM

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rate that will truly prevent spread & rapid development of variants I hope you will put safety over all else.

201	This is child abuse, children die more of the flu than they do covid and no one was suggesting masks at that time, this is all about control and you guys want to control these children and manipulate them into fearing a virus that doesn't affect them because you can't get your way with the adults so you got to make sure that you keep the kids safe by putting a muzzle on their face all day. It's child abuse	8/16/2021 8:01 AM
202	I believe that the SARS-COVID- 2 virus is a real concern at the present time, I do believe also we need to reach herd immunity for the number of new virus infections to reduce. Through out human evolution, we've had viruses to deal with and create immunity to. This virus is not different from any other. The masks doesn't stop a person from being infected by any virus. A virus molecule is much smaller than a molecule of air, so if we can breathe air through a mask then we are also breathing in viruses at the same time. The fatality rate for people 18 and younger is almost 0%. Masking our children only invites other conditions such as Hypercapnia. This condition has symptoms of anxiety, higher acid levels in the bloodstream daytime sluggishness, headaches and more. Please take time to hear all of the facts of why it's better for our children and us as a population to remain mask less.	8/16/2021 8:00 AM
203	I do NOT support mandating children 11 years and younger to wear masks in school. My children are 9, 7, and 4 years old. First of all, asking a 4 year old to wear a mask for 3 hours straight while in preschool is ludicrous! They end up touch their face more messing with the mask, than they do without a mask on. My 9 and 7 year olds do not handle wearing masks well either. My 9 year old daughter, especially. She gets claustrophobic having a mask covering her face. This would be so much more of a distraction in school than not wearing masks. The kids would constantly be touching and tugging at the masks; therefore, the teachers would need to interrupt class continuously to ask the kids who struggle with masks to put them back on or leave them alone. Last year at Strasburg Elementary School, my 9 and 7 year olds who were in 1st and 2nd grade, only had to distant learn for 1 week out of the ENTIRE school year! Strasburg Elementary had amazing communication with health departments and parents all year long with following all guidelines and regulations and were able to immensely limit the time any students had to distant learn. The children at Strasburg Elementary thrived last year WITHOUT children being forced to wear masks. My kids were behind in their education from 2020 fourth quarter and the in person learning with no distractions from my children being forced to cover their faces allowed them to build back their education and even surpass where they needed to be. I believe the parents should have the CHOICE whether their child wears a mask or not! Children at these ages are in their prime for social, emotional, and behavioral development and we have no idea the physiological impact we are having on our children telling them they have no choice but to cover their faces all day. Children are told to view another child's face to determine how their actions are impacting the feelings of others. How are they to determine if they hurt another child's feels, or are making them uncomfortable, or even making them happy and enjoy playing with them when they cannot SEE facial reactions of their peers? Young children are learning proper speech and pronunciation, how do you proceed in teaching them with a mask on? Words are mumbled and skewed, effecting speech processing and development. STOP taking our FREEDOM of choice away! My young children thrived remarkably in school last year and this mandate would RUIN this school year for them and effect them deeply in a negative way. Not everyone, and especially not every CHILD, fits into your ideal box of masks are fine and won't bother them. Leave the CHOICE for mask wearing for OUR children in the decision of the PARENTS!	8/16/2021 8:00 AM
204	Please mandate masks for all students! Keep our children, staff, and families safe. Please.	8/16/2021 7:57 AM
205	If you choose to mask our children, my kids and I are willing to do it. However, if and when you do this, please make note that the vaccine did not do what was promised. It was not the silver bullet we were waiting on to supposedly cure or end this pandemic. If masks work, then they work for vaccinated individuals and unvaccinated individuals. Do not tell us we also need to give our kids a vaccine in order to take off masks. I can just see us in the same situation next year with kids vaccinated and this virus still doing what viruses do. We will be having the same argument next year when people are still getting COVID. Please just be honest that the vaccine didn't work and we will happily mask up!	8/16/2021 7:57 AM
206	Please...no masks!	8/16/2021 7:54 AM
207	Don't make me masks my kids. I didn't elect you, you have no business making this decision	8/16/2021 7:52 AM
208	No masks	8/16/2021 7:48 AM

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209	My opinion is that Covid is real. Just like all the other life threatening illnesses that the world has dealt with. It is also my opinion that this pandemic is being used to condition and control our population. To make us believe that our rights come from Gov. And not God. YOU have ZERO right to mandate that I or my children take a vaccine that is not approved by the FDA. That was rushed and could have long term serious consequence. YOU have NO right to mandate that we or our children wear masks that are proven to be ineffective and unhealthy both physically and mentally. How many people wearing N95 or better? About 1% would be my guess. Why can people remove there masks after sitting down in restruants?! At a minimum shouldnt it be thr same in school? Where masks kn thr halls and everywhere else, then remove them when sitting? This too is complete Stupidity and has no regard for science or common sense, but at least it is consistent! It is my oppion that this is WRONG on so many levels. This Not right. It is not about science, or public safety. They have flip flopped on nearly every detail since the start. Please stsnd with logic reason and Science. If not, we will be seriously considering removing our Chilrden from your schools.	8/16/2021 7:46 AM
210	Please don't force my kids to wear masks. My heart is breaking thinking about the psychological damage.	8/16/2021 7:45 AM
211	Children can't perform well under these conditions. Masking restricts oxygen intake, blocks visual learning etc Masking should be a choice	8/16/2021 7:44 AM
212	Please let the parents choose what is right for their kids. Masking is proven to be unhealthy for children and when forced on kids who have a 99.99% of survival it turns into child abuse.	8/16/2021 7:43 AM
213	DO NOT mask our children!! There is no evidence that masks stop the spread of covid. Masks are unsanitary and cause more harm to our children.	8/16/2021 7:43 AM
214	Masking anyone is a waste of time. Masks do not prevent the spread of germs/viruses	8/16/2021 7:40 AM
215	Please don't make these small kids wear masks anymore	8/16/2021 7:39 AM
216	The risk is well understood at this point. As parents we complete a risk v benefit analysis of masking our kids v no mask. There is no reliable data that says masking kids is effective. I fear the other effects of masking our kids that go beyond a disease that is 00.00001% chance of mortality. Please allow parents to continue making the decision and please DO NOT attempt to use "bullying" as a means to force others to comply. That is shameless. Assuming bullying will take place is an unnecessary emotional argument and quite frankly repugnant.	8/16/2021 7:37 AM
217	I am begging you. PLEASE do not mandate masks in schools tonight. I spent every day last year consoling my crying daughter on the way home. She would cry that she felt like she couldn't breathe. She cried that she got yelled at all the time to keep her mask on if it fell down. She even drank her water bottle through her mask because she was too afraid to take it off and get in trouble. I don't think she can psychologically handle another year of masks and I'm afraid of what it will do to her. We have no choice but to send her to the school she is attending. I understand that you're being inundated by parents that want to force other kids to wear masks. My question is: why? They can send their children in N95s. They always have that choice. PLEASE, PLEASE. Give me my own choices as a parent. I can not believe that I'm having to ask this in the United States of America. But again, I am begging you. PLEASE give me that choice.	8/16/2021 7:37 AM
218	I am not in favor of masking kids due to health risks of the lack of oxygen they receive. There are studies done on kids having brain damage, speech issues and many other issues. The other reason is they aren't dying from this masking isn't going to make the odds better, and masks protect 15% that isn't worth the money and headache they are.	8/16/2021 7:37 AM
219	Despite the news we are being bombarded with the facts are children are not in a high risk category from this virus. If the teachers are worried, get vaccinated.	8/16/2021 7:34 AM
220	Universal masking must take place to insure the protection of those who can not yet be fully protected by the vaccine. As a health department tasked to ensure the safety of all residents of Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas counties it is your responsibility to make the safe, inclusive decision.	8/16/2021 7:21 AM
221	I do not want my elementary student wearing a mask.	8/16/2021 7:19 AM
222	I validate the Corona Virus and it's variants are legitimate. Yet mask studies with children reveal both psychological trauma and impaired breathing. I honor a parent's right to mak their child. I also believe it should be tge citizen's right to reject the use of them. CHOICE! Tge	8/16/2021 7:19 AM

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Constitution gives us the right to choose to mask or not mask our children! Please honor that right! BTW - this is not one of the options you've provided in point #4!

223	I want everyone to feel safe in attending school. However, fear of "bullying" or other social instances coined as emotional health is not tri county health's responsibility and is overstepping. I think parents and children should be allowed to choose. This country is still free. Stick with highly recommend but allow us this choice.	8/16/2021 7:16 AM
224	Please do whatever can be done to help protect those under the age of 12. That includes whatever needs to be done to minimize quarantines, minimize remote learning, minimize inconsistencies.	8/16/2021 7:16 AM
225	Since we know that the vaccine is working, wearing a mask should be a personal choice. And children are still at very low risk for serious disease so they should not have to wear masks if adults are vaccinated.	8/16/2021 7:12 AM
226	Masks provide little protection and are frequently not worn properly (especially by children) and as such I vote to continue ahead without them and allow our children to get back to a normal school year.	8/16/2021 7:11 AM
227	Masking has shown an obvious decline in mental health and general immunity to everyday things. How many times have we heard that masks are not as effective as we think, since the pandemic started. Strongly disagree with any mask mandate on my child.	8/16/2021 7:09 AM
228	We do not feel having our kids in our schools who are at this moment NOT required to wear masks is the best decisions. These kids have gone through enough with the pandemic and their mental health, and we have a kindergarten who lets face it...may or may not even sit in his seat. just let the teachers teach our kids who finally want to be in school and let the teachers focus on curriculum NOT masks! CDC and the White House and everywhere else KEEPS changing the everyday about masks, vaccines blah blah blah. Let the kids be kids and learn Please!!	8/16/2021 7:08 AM
229	Private schools have been very successful in having kids not wear masks. Other countries that have had kids not wearing masks have been very successful. The science that kids are not spreading the COVID-19 and their chances of dying it is 99.9. Kids do not know how to wear masks and by just touching them they will compromise the masks. Those viruses go right through those cotton masks. It would be better off by taking their temperature and making sure that they're not sick. June 15th the CDC said that those that are symptomatic are the ones that can spread the Covid but those that are non-symptomatic do not spread it. Wearing mask all day makes kids sick due to breathing in The germs that are produced on their masks. This is not about science this is about a political gender. This is Tyranny at its worst. Parent should get to decide. And of course we don't want to talk about herd immunity of these kids that a lot of them have already came in contact and have Herd immunity against the virus.	8/16/2021 7:06 AM
230	Let us parents make the choice for our kids!! I am fully vaccinated, however we should decide if we want our kids to wear a mask. I do not want my children wearing masks. The survival and effective rate of covid to children isn't high risk, also all the teacher are full vaccinated. If you keep forcing masks you guys are going to force parents to home school their kids and teachers will be out of jobs. Enough is enough.	8/16/2021 7:04 AM
231	Here is the dilemma. When you wear a mask and are TOUCHING the mask all day to fix it, the mask becomes more dangerous. You're touching your mouth and face constantly with your dirty hands!!!! Teen suicide is on the rise!!!! If you ACTUALLY cared about their safety they'd be doing something. How many school shootings have their been?!? Now? You suddenly care ?	8/16/2021 7:01 AM
232	We have very low numbers where we are because we are rural. You shouldn't include us with the schools in town. Also, quarantining does nothing but let kids out of school. They still go to school and hang out with friends. They need to be in school	8/16/2021 7:01 AM
233	Please start considering the mental health of our children! My son will struggle with double the anxiety he should because he will be forced to wear a mask a school where nearly all of his peers are vaccinated but all must mask anyway.	8/16/2021 7:01 AM
234	A huge part of attending school in elementary aged kids is the social development of emotions and interaction between one another. Masking not only impairs and slows the development of speech (my son was and continues in Speech therapy) but that of feeling they have freedom of someone acknowledging many of their expressions through the day, and empathy or	8/16/2021 6:56 AM

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understanding of one another. When masking our little kids, we are hindering and slowing such a crucial part of feeling seen, acknowledged and the freedom of being present even if eye contact is not made. Adults can surpass and understand this from our ability to grasp other ways of connecting and communicating our needs, but I am concerned that kids not always can find words to express themselves. even as babies human Interaction is crucial in watching, seeing and identifying facial queues for perception of the world, situation and interpersonal relationship. I am concerned we may be hindering the development of trust for this young generation if we continue to do so.

235	This is unnecessary and not good for the health of our children. They come first.	8/16/2021 6:52 AM
236	The choice to wear a mask should be our own. Our children do not need to be subjected to adults feelings on being the most woke and looking good for others.	8/16/2021 6:39 AM
237	Please, please, please protect our children by requiring masks in schools. We need to be listening to health experts and following those recommendations to protect our children until they can protect themselves. School started last week. We (BECS) went 1 day (Wednesday) and I've already had a call from a fellow parent that is awaiting a Covid test for their child today. When we dropped our children off last Wednesday there were maybe 1/4-1/3 of the students wearing masks and I didn't see a single teacher with a mask. We know that vaccinated individuals can still pass Covid to the unvaccinated, so why is this ok? The school is pretending like we're back to normal, but we are still in a pandemic people! We kept our child home last year for online learning, but the only online option now is through the district and we lose our spot at our neighborhood school. We have sacrificed for a very long time to keep ourselves and our community safe. Masks need to be a part of the layered approach to keeping our children safe! Allow those who refuse to do their part to keep the community safe to go online if they so choose. ALL children deserve the opportunity to attend school in person in a safe environment. Right now, in the middle of a pandemic, my high risk child deserves to go to school in person. Those who choose to ignore health professionals should have to make the choice to go online. How long until they are all quarantined and missing out on learning in person due to more outbreaks because we know the delta variant is much more infectious? I know there is a strong push from those against masks, but please, please stand with our children and protect them. You're our only hope. :(8/16/2021 6:35 AM
238	Now is not the time to make decisions casually. The wellness and life of our children should always be priority and if something as small as wearing a mask contributes to the health of our youngest, it is irresponsible to turn a blind eye. This pandemic is far from over, and with cases increasing daily (many with children who are too young to be vaccinated), it is the responsibility of adults to keep these small children safe. My 5 year old kindergartener deserves to stay in the classroom this school year and while he wears his mask daily, the majority of his classmates do not. Please help him and other kids like him who value the classroom experience and don't see wearing a mask as an infringement of a right but rather a necessary action to keep our schools safe and open this school year. It is unfair to make those who are too young to get vaccinated choose between health and safety and engaging in a learning experience they deserve. I urge you to please mandate masks inside school buildings and out our children first.	8/16/2021 6:28 AM
239	YES to masking in schools. It's common sense. 11 and younger do not have a choice to get a vaccine or not, so it's incumbent on the responsible adults to protect them. That's is you, me (as a parent), and all school personnel. Do what's right here. The science is on this side of the argument. Thank you. I am checking the box for the 11 and younger option as I feel very strongly about that option. But, I absolutely do NOT oppose universal masking in all indoor school settings.	8/16/2021 6:22 AM
240	We as parents need to have a CHOICE as to whether or not our kids wear a mask to school. It is our Right as citizens of the United States of America. Masks have not been scientifically proven effective in stopping the spread of Covid-19, but limiting a child's oxygen has been proven to negatively affect a child. All we need is a CHOICE! Let those parents who want to send their kids in masks do so, but please don't force me to make that decision for my kids. Thank you! Also, question #4 is horrible. I SUPPORT a PARENT'S CHOICE!	8/16/2021 6:22 AM
241	It's hard for my kids to breath first off. Secondly, I want my kids to express themselves and see their friends. It's very hard to hear people, ie trachers talk in a mask.	8/16/2021 5:29 AM
242	No to masks please, let our kids breath. Parents keep kid home if sick!	8/16/2021 2:54 AM
243	Masking our children has very little favorable scientific support. In fact, the opposite is true. A	8/16/2021 1:51 AM

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study in JAMA Pediatrics showed elevated CO2 levels in kids wearing masks, well above what is considered acceptable or healthy. Additionally, masks are highly likely to harbor bacteria, fungi, and parasites, as was seen by a group of parents in FL who sent their kids' masks to a lab for testing after wearing them all day in school. On average, 11 different pathogenic bacteria (including antibiotic resistant bacteria and pneumonia causing bacteria) were found per mask. Why risk making our children sicker with masks when COVID does not affect them as badly as the average adult? More kids die from the flu than from covid- did you make kids wear masks for the flu? No. Let parents make the decision on whether or not their kids will wear masks this year.

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Subject: Give us back our Freedom of Choice! NO MASKS! To whom this may concern, Thank you for letting me submit this public comment. The numbers your graphs display on the tri county website currently for hospitalizations and deaths do not warrant another mask mandate in schools. Everyone has this obsession over cases, yet cases do not correspond to corresponding jumps in death or hospitalizations which is what we should truly be concerned about. Your data over the past 18 months demonstrates that as well. Do you know that there are 15-17 children in the entire state hospitalized "with" Covid. (extrapolating from the state graph that shows that a little over 3% of the current 520 cases of Covid in the hospital) are children under 19. Have you seen that the hospitalization rate per 100,000 for kids under 18 in tri-County has hovered between 0.2-0.4/100,000 throughout this entire pandemic. I believe our governor said there were 7 children under 11 with Covid in the entire state (we don't know anything about comorbidities or other reasons they may even be in the hospital). Did you know that more kids died from the flu in 2018-2019 in the US than have from the past 18 months from Covid? 480 kids died because of flu. Where were your mask mandates then? To bow down to a group of people who are living in a constant state of fear and panic is beyond me. Going to school is not "safe" hence the need for masks. Seriously? Driving in a car to school is not safe. Having our kids wearing and breathing through a disgusting mask that gets infested with bacteria from a child's mouth and their filthy hands all day is "not safe". Suppressing how a child actually develops an immune system is not safe either. Maybe that's why RSV cases are skyrocketing currently, because kids no longer have been allowed to be exposed to the germs and bacteria that build their immune systems to fight it. Show me a study that shows anything but an N95 mask can stop the aerosolized droplets of Covid,(and this has to be replaced more than once a day) please, I'll wait. I have no problem if other people want their kids to wear a mask, but forcing other people to have their kids wearing masks based on zero data that it would actually make a difference in number of cases (not symptoms, mind you, cases) is completely wrong. Kids are safe, safer from Covid than cancer, suicide, drowning, and so many other things that you can easily look up on the CDCs website. They want to see/subconsciously need to see smiles and other expressions of their friends and teachers. That is inherent and basic human needs in any social setting and interaction. That's how we learn how to interact appropriately with others. To not be able to see other people's smiles and expressions, is to rob us of our basic and inherent needs and very de-humanizing. Our kids want to be able to breathe freely too. Kids are not high risk for Covid. If mask mandate is truly about safety, we will be in mask mandates situation forever because flu and RSV and many other viruses are much more dangerous to our kids. When will this end? Have you ever thought the psychological damage on our children by forcing them to cover their faces? I can think of couple long term damages: - They will think breathing air is toxic - They will think everyone around them is sick Once they think it's normal to think that way, what would happen IF we tell them they can take off their masks? How about kids not being able to learn to read and speak properly because they can't see the teachers enunciating the words? Please allow families to make choices about their child's healthcare. If people want to wear masks, please wear masks. If people don't want to wear masks, they can take the informed risk at this point. Sincerely, An increasingly Concerned Citizen

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It's clear from recent updates and messaging from our governor, health boards, and school districts, that the current strategy to manage the new school year in the face of a new wave of a highly virulent COVID is to hope, observe, and react. Placing hope in fellow community members to follow recommendations when it comes to public health policy is misplaced, at best, and while we should all value individual rights, public health simply can't function without an actual policy. It's precisely why speed limits, smoking restrictions, and various other policies and laws exist to protect the public from individual behavior that puts everyone at greater risk of harm. A pandemic, characterized by the ability to easily transmit a potentially deadly respiratory virus falls in that category of public risk. In this case, reactionary policies are not effective measures at reducing community transmission and keeping children in school, especially with a virus as transmissible as the delta strain of COVID. All across the country, counties, districts, and schools that have failed to implement strong proactive

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measures are having to scramble to implement new masking policies and transition to online learning strategies days into the new school year. These should be considered stark lessons that we can learn from to avoid the same fate. Strong recommendations have been made by every government institution and now the American Academy of Pediatrics of Colorado. With the freedom to draft policy, TCHD should require universal making in schools to ensure in-person learning will be as successful as possible, especially with no online learning options available to many families.

246	Please consider the health and safety of our children over the politics behind wearing a mask. Follow the advice of MEDICAL professionals.	8/15/2021 11:37 PM
247	I wish there were 4 options for the question below as I do believe it should be a parent's choice whether their child wears a mask or not. I am not against anyone wearing a mask if they so choose or if they choose for their child but I don't think it should be forced upon these kids to have to wear one in order to receive an education. My kids as well as many other kids I know don't see anyone as different if they choose to wear a mask. So I believe it should continue to remain a choice just as it was when the school year started.	8/15/2021 11:37 PM
248	It is C.R.A.Z.Y to me that you are hosting a forum to make a public health decision. Opinions don't matter in a situation like this. We should listen to the medical experts, like the 800 American Academy Of Pediatrics doctors that are telling Colorado that school is not safe for our children without masks. You need to follow Broomfield Public Health and do the right thing and mandate masks for all kids in school from K-12 grade. There are kids that can't get the vaccine and shouldn't have to be around other kids who just chose not to get the vaccine and not wear a mask. Every kid should be allowed a public education where they feel safe. We need to not only require masks but bring back all the safety procedures and policy's from last year to keep kids in school and safe. Look at many schools in the south right now, they are all going back online after just a few days of going back to schools without safety policies and procedures. This variant is different from last year and we don't know yet how it will effect our children. Our pediatric hospitals are already at full capacity due to regular daily childhood diseases but now have kids with RSV and influenza season is coming. How will they handle and influx of COVID patients once school starts? Are you ready to have a bunch of children die or have long haulers syndrome from the rest of their lives, when a simple mask and policies can prevent all this? I would much rather have my child learn online but that is not offered to him this year. Please do the right thing and mandate masks for all grade levels and put clear policy and procedures for quarantine. Schools are too scared to make the right cover with out the health department backing them up.	8/15/2021 11:28 PM
249	Please create a mask mandate for all to help keep our kids stay healthy & safe. My daughter is in a class of 41 students. Only an average of 7-8 students per day are wearing masks & as they have on their own discussed less then 25% of them have been vaccinated. The delta variant is no joke & spreading like wild fires even to those vaccinated & its also affecting kids. Please protect our kids of all ages.	8/15/2021 11:25 PM
250	Forced masking of kids is child abuse and disgusting.	8/15/2021 11:24 PM
251	No mask mandates. CDC has said that masks are only 1% effective. So I say No	8/15/2021 11:11 PM
252	Mask should be optional, anyone who is concerned should wear them but the data does not indicate that the virus, including variants show significant health risks to kids. Therefore mask mandates on children are detrimental to the mental and physical health of the children. Kids will not be properly wearing masks. Masks will be dirty. There is no comparative study suggesting that masks make a noticeable difference in stopping the spread of Covid-19. Also the phrasing of question 4 is not well thought out. Probably should look into that	8/15/2021 11:09 PM
253	I support the health district making recommendations for wearing masks, but only in an advisory position, as they are not elected. While I support the use of masks to slow down disease, I don't approve mandates, but recommendations and allow people to make their own choices.	8/15/2021 11:03 PM
254	As one who works at a parish attached to a school in the Tri-County area, I ask you to consider the health of those who work in your jurisdiction. While Catholic schools do not rest in your purview, their principals look to you and will enact the same policies you do. With the rise of Delta, we must take preventative steps to safeguard the health of children and the medically complex. Since not all parents take steps to protect their kids or themselves from the virus, only universal masking can protect all children and adults in the school system.	8/15/2021 11:02 PM

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255	It's child abuse and completely unnecessary. I will pull my kids out of school and the district if masks are required.	8/15/2021 11:01 PM
256	Masking children is a hindrance to their education and has negative effects on their psychological development It affects the way they learn on many levels like: hearing and annunciating words properly, learning to read social cues and facial recognition. It also creates a detriment to their mental well-being because they are not able to do the above mentioned and that feeds into depression and loss of self-worth. I believe it should remain personal choice for families to decide and that non-authoritarian government agencies should not be dictating what and how people move forward with their lives.	8/15/2021 11:00 PM
257	Masks are not helping. In an environment like a classroom students and teachers need to be able to communicate, it's so difficult with masks on. If those who are most at risk have chosen not to be vaccinated by now, then they need to except the risk of sending their child to school. This has gone on long enough and those of us who have tried to be patient and accommodating, doing our part- are over it.	8/15/2021 10:53 PM
258	Covid is not a risk for children and masking does more harm than good (emotionally and psychologically) for kids.	8/15/2021 10:49 PM
259	Kids cannot be punished for not being able vaccinate. They have not had the option. My kids were thrilled to go back to school until Friday when the mask rules were enforced. Now they have no desire to go back to school. The masks are a distraction to their education. They have not worn one since may and their health had been great. They aren't a high risk for covid. There are many greater risks at their schools. They just want and need normalcy. They need to see friends faces. Please don't punish them for the many adults that have chosen not to be vaccinated.	8/15/2021 10:49 PM
260	I believe that we are doing more harm then good with putting the mask back on the kids. Education has gone down hill when kids can't interact with their teachers and see how they are reading or see when their friends are happy or sad and feeling that human emotion. The mental abuse that we are having the kids endure is far worst. The kids have been so excited to somewhat return to normal that they are washing their hand more frequently to avoid transmitted germs which helps long term to them staying safer. When u put a mask on a child it only makes the germs stay closer but they touch them all day and transmit them more. They have way more problems with anxiety and depression. Let's have them work through the pandemic and get immunity to the common colds again and flu etc so that we have a stronger chance of fighting this down the road.	8/15/2021 10:43 PM
261	It's the responsibility of those in positions of authority to see to the health and well being of the communities they serve. This includes protecting the vulnerable unvaccinated from a highly contagious pathogen. As we all know the SARS-COV-2 and all it's variants can cause severe life long debilities and if infection is severe enough death. Our children are at risk and if we can take measures to protect them by requiring them to wear masks while at school then that is what we should do. For their lives and their future. Do the hard thing, do the right thing, mandate masks in our schools.	8/15/2021 10:42 PM
262	All students and staff should wear mask , even if they have been vaccinated. This way they learn from their teacher and staff!	8/15/2021 10:42 PM
263	This should not be an "all or nothing" decision. People should be allowed to choose whether to wear masks or not based off their own personal choice. Not because of a mandate. I know what's best for my child.	8/15/2021 10:37 PM
264	Mandating masks for children is child abuse. You are taking away my rights as a parent to decide what is best for my children. Mandating masks for child when they are less likely to be affected by covid is wrong, where were masks during flu season where more children are likely to be infected? Making kids wear a mask covered with dirt, germs and sweat is more harmful to their physical and mental health than covid. I have a child on an IEP for speech and he is receiving a disservice when he can't see his teachers mouth nor she see his. Teaching children to be afraid of the air and people around them will have monumental and catastrophic consequences for who knows how long. My preschoolers have never know school without masks., they were unable to identify teachers and friends when they saw them maskless for the first time. Your jobs is to teach my child academics and help them grow intectially, my jobs is to teach them the values, beliefs and what is right and wrong. We refuse to teach our 4 children to be afraid and live in fear. My children will not be used to make adults "feel" better about this virus nor will they be used as a puppet in what is a political fight. Adults have the	8/15/2021 10:34 PM

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right to vaccinate should they chose. Either believe in your vaccination or don't but do not make my children suffer the consequences. The CDC has changed its views numerous times over this pandemic, their guidance is no longer valuable. Should 27j decide to mandate masks, my family will decide to find a school district/institution that's values a parents choice and the overall well being of its students not make decisions to appease government officials.

265	It should be the parent's decision to mask their child	8/15/2021 10:34 PM
266	I'm a concerned parent who supports mask requirements for kids older than 5. I'm concerned about the health and safety of our kids and their families.	8/15/2021 10:29 PM
267	I am a nurse and concerned parent, I fully support a mask requirement on 5+ kids in our schools. The delta variant has been shown to effect kids more, and for the safety of our kids and our community we should implement proven strategies for reducing spread, which include masking. Please keep our kids safe!	8/15/2021 10:29 PM
268	Dear Board, We've entrusted you with the health of our children. I am writing this not only as a parent but as a mental health professional. As a therapist I've counseled many teens and children since the lockdowns. I have seen an increase depression and anxiety not only in my clients but in my children. My middle schooler was in tears tonight when we told her that 11 yr olds have to wear masks. Countless nights I've seen her cry asking us, "when will life go back to normal, when can I just be a kid?" Keep in mind that she is a cancer survivor and has already been through mask wearing and lots of stress, but even her chemo didn't bring these type of tears. I'm begging w passion and fury to please remove any mask mandate so that our kids can have some type of normalcy in this already chaotic world. As a parent I've already had o fight for my daughters life when she was diagnosed w leukemia, but I'm sitting here now telling you that we are not afraid of Covid. We are not in fear of our daughters life or any of our children's life in regards to Covid. Please remove the mandates. You're HURTING our children and in turn this will subsequently trickle down for generations to come. The brain is developing and you're causing an influx of high beta in their small developing brains which will have negative lifetime effects.	8/15/2021 10:22 PM
269	I truly believe that it is necessary to wear masks. Yes we all hate them and they are uncomfortable. But this is an issue of public safety. There are children who have illnesses that need extra protection, or have family members who need it. It also makes it easier for those who need to use them because unfortunately kids are mean and will exclude whoever is different. And some of them will need to do it.	8/15/2021 10:22 PM
270	I'm a middle school special educator and mom to an extremely high risk 6 year old. Masks are essential for everyone in school buildings so I can lessen the chance of bringing this home to my son. My husband and I have stayed home for 18 months along with my 4 and 6 year old. My husband and kids are staying home again until the kids can be vaccinated. If there isn't universal masking, my school is a dangerous environment for me to work in and I will have to resign. We need masks until there are vaccines available for all ages.	8/15/2021 10:19 PM
271	Please protect the kids whom are not eligible for vaccine. 27j did a great job last year with mask mandates and the layers of protection, kept school opened for most of the year.	8/15/2021 10:18 PM
272	I believe each school district should decide for themselves whether to enforce masks at school or not. Adams County is a large county with some smaller communities on the eastern plains that does not have the exposure that larger communities do. I feel that each districts superintendent and school board should decide what is best for them. After last year's school experience I feel the mask mandate was detrimental to the majority of students. This year, the first two weeks it appears the students are thriving and happy. Which means better academic grades in core classes. I pray that Adams County give this matter some serious thought and put the issue into each school districts hands.	8/15/2021 10:18 PM
273	I believe there is sufficient proof that masks are ineffective in preventing the spread of a virus. I also believe that there are serious physical and psychological health risks involved in long term mask wearing, especially in children.	8/15/2021 10:17 PM
274	Executive Director Dr. Douglas and Tri-County Board of Health, I write this letter to express my support for a public health order requiring universal masking at schools where students age 11 and under are present. As a parent of two Adams 12 Five Star School students who are under the age of 12, your proposed public health order is of extreme importance to my family and the community. Your proposed order is of extreme importance due to the limited mitigation measures available for those under the age of 12. In regard to COVID-19 mitigation measures,	8/15/2021 10:16 PM

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the most effective measures are social distancing, vaccination, and masking. In the school setting, social distancing indoors is an ineffective measure alone given that the virus is spread through suspended airborne particles. The emergence of the Delta variant further limits the effectiveness of social distancing as a stand alone measure. As noted by Governor Polis during his August 12th public address, schools must layer their mitigation efforts. Outside of social distancing, what mitigation measures are left? The answer to that question is vaccination and masking. However, vaccinations are not authorized for children under 12, which leaves universal masking as the remaining measure. Masking is arguably the most effective and important measure for those under 12. Your public health order is critical to the safety and wellness of young students, as it mandates that schools take action to protect their students and staff from this deadly virus. Without an order, we have unfortunately witnessed that schools will not take the proper action and will make masks optional. Such a decision by schools robs students of their last and most effective mitigation measure. Keep in mind that the masks kids wear are predominantly designed to prevent virus particles from being dispersed by an infected individual. The masks worn by students are not N95 grade masks that offer a high filtration rate and they do not offer N95 equivalent protection. Therefore, universal masking is paramount, as it provides the highest level of protection for all students and school staff. In our current world, the wearing of a mask is a safety measure, and safety measures should not be optional in school settings. A public health order provides young children with the greatest level of protection, which also reduces the rate of forward transmission, unnecessary illness and death, and a negative impact on our community health resources. I strongly support a public health order that mandates universal masking where individuals 11 and younger are present. I would also support a public health order for universal masking at grades K-12 that would be in alignment with CDC recommendations. While those age 12 and above have had an opportunity to be vaccinated, this group still has a relatively low vaccination rate. Universal masking at all school settings enhances protection from this deadly virus and can help prevent unnecessary disruptions in the learning environment due to quarantines and increased case counts. In addition, I recommend that you consider mandating quarantines following high-risk exposures. Currently, Adams 12 Five Star Schools does not plan to require quarantines unless there is an outbreak. The Delta variant is estimated to be up to 60% more contagious than the original strain. In addition, it is estimated that a person infected with the Delta strain could infect up to five others, where those infected with previous strains were estimated to infect two others. Without quarantines, those exposed to the highly contagious variant are more likely to rapidly spread the virus to others leading to significant outbreaks. I understand that the aforementioned health order may not be received positively by all members of society. However, please know that the vast majority of society is in support of such mandates. You chose to work in healthcare to serve and protect others, and the science is clear that masks work and saves lives. By enacting a universal mask order where individuals 11 and younger are present or a universal mask order for all K-12 settings, you can be at peace that you have taken the necessary actions to protect young children who cannot be protected via vaccination. Thank you for your time, and I appreciate what you have done to ensure the safety of our community.

275	Masks are the true virus! The school board would be doing more harm to a child's mental and physical health than any virus could! Let a parent choose what is right for their child. By imposing a mask mandate, the school district would forcing something that most parents are against. If mask work, let the pro-maskers mask up their children for school.	8/15/2021 10:09 PM
276	I am not for the mask mandates in younger children my child has speech development issues so wearing masks she is unable to see what and how the mouth pronounces words. There are no health benefits from this in fact more people have gotten sick from breathing in the bacteria that forms. Children this young should not be wearing a mask for 8 hours a day 5 days a week! My child will not be bullied into wearing a mask.	8/15/2021 10:02 PM
277	I am an 11 yr old going into middle school. As an 11 yr old my stress level and anxiety level is over the top. With mask I can't hear my teachers and in 5th grade we only had like 2 mins of a mask break. To me, wearing a mask is pointless. Mask do not help and we will not get educated with them on. My thoughts while I was in school were mostly: " when will mask break come?" "I can't hear my teacher very well with her mask" I am only an 11 yr old and no child should know how to debate for their opinion on whether masks help or not. I am sure a lot of kids agree, but a lot disagree to which makes me sad. Adams 12 should know that kids are under stress and with the masks it doesn't help. I hope I stated mine and other's opinions well but please just hear me out. masks are useless... Mask just put you under stress... You can't recognize faces... please understand and know I am speaking not only for me but hundreds of other kids.	8/15/2021 10:02 PM

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278	I do not support mask in schools! My son went from a high honor roll student to a B grade student last year! He complained every day that it is hard to learn when you have a mask on your face. You government Officials are ruining our kids in so many different ways . You are making our kids socially awkward and ruining their ability to learn properly!!!! Let the kids be kids and learn how you and I did!!!!	8/15/2021 10:01 PM
279	As children are the least infected, they do not need masks. They need to breathe. Masks do more harm than good.	8/15/2021 9:52 PM
280	I have a 3rd grader and a kindergartener who started last week. They wore masks despite only having them "recommended" in their district. They wore them all day and didn't complain once. They know it is the best way to stay safe and ensure that they get to continue to go to school. My kids spent last year at home because our family has members who are at-risk. While vaccinations for some of us left us feeling safer I was very disappointed to hear that our children, who are of course unable to be vaccinated, wouldn't have even the simplest protection in the form of masks. We feel this is unacceptable. Kids should always be kept safe when possible and requiring masks is one small step toward keeping them safe.	8/15/2021 9:51 PM
281	Please, require mask for all our kiddos!	8/15/2021 9:48 PM
282	I support masking for ages 2-11 and unvaccinated 12+, or masking for all ages in a school setting. I also support adults being masked for an extra level of protection.	8/15/2021 9:44 PM
283	It's a parents right to decide if their children should wear a mask, not anyone else's. Children are not in the high risk group for covid. People that wear masks and are vaccinated are getting covid. Masks aren't doing anything. Making my children wear masks at school prevents nothing but a normal childhood.	8/15/2021 9:43 PM
284	Keep our kids in school and if that means they need to mask up indoors until they can be vaccinated, my family is all for it.	8/15/2021 9:42 PM
285	Masking kids while up and about would be okay. However, when seated, they should be allowed to remove their masks. In addition, PE should not require masks. These kids need to be able to breathe during PE. Same with outside. I would honestly rather them not wear masks at all. My children have struggled with masks and some teachers use it to confront students. They're a distraction and for those shy children, it allows them to hide behind a layer.	8/15/2021 9:42 PM
286	I personally have a daughter with high anxiety and sensory issues along with asthma. She is more scared of wearing the mask as it makes her feel trapped and she can't breathe and she is constantly worried about how the mask feels than she is paying attention to her learning. I fear for their mental health if they have to go through school again with a mask on.	8/15/2021 9:41 PM
287	I think that Tri-County Health should follow CDC guidelines unless the organization can provide the public with compelling scientific data that defends a position not aligned with CDC recommendations. As of August 15, the community transmission in Adams County is rated as high (the highest rating) by the CDC. Requiring all students to wear masks is a small price to protect the remaining unvaccinated members of our community. I want to feel more confident that my children, who are not yet 10, will stay healthy until a vaccine for kids until 12 is made available. Please do what is best for our kids and community and require masks in schools!	8/15/2021 9:39 PM
288	Masks should be left up to the parents.	8/15/2021 9:39 PM
289	Speech development is being delayed with masks on. Facial expressions and ability to recognize frustration during a learning process. Masks should be a choice for each individual family. After a year of masking up my twins who were already behind in speech now slur as if they are always wearing a mask.	8/15/2021 9:39 PM
290	Masks and lockdowns have not worked to stop COVID.	8/15/2021 9:39 PM
291	Masks in school provide more mental and physical damage than the slight protection they provide. Children will touch and fiddle with masks making them possibly more dangerous than no mask at all	8/15/2021 9:37 PM
292	As a parent of a child attending school this year for the first time (First Grade, last year was home schooled.) I am 110% against masking our children. To start a Supreme Court ruling out of Ontario Canada(But well just ignore that like we do with every other finding that says Covid was not all it was cracked up to be.), ruled there is no proof of the existence of the so called COVID-19 Virus. Secondly, we have put our children through enough over the past year. The political ploy and scare tactic used has brought suicide rates to a new all time high for children	8/15/2021 9:37 PM

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and young adults. Our kids do not need to live their lives in fear of a virus that has a 99.7% survival rating to those in good health, even higher survival rating for kids. They're not nearly effected by the "virus". Third, our children need the face to face, NO mask with their teachers. A key part to learning involves more than just showing up to class and listening to muffled jibberish coming from one persons covered face to the next. I can tell you for a fact I know my daughter, as she was home schooled through kindergarten last year. She relied an enormous amount on watching the enunciation of words. How can we expect our kids to excel and grow into successfully functioning adults if they all aren't given the fair shake at schooling regardless of their learning needs. Furthermore, why is it that when we look at a virologist in a lab they are equipped with a full blown self contained breathing apparatus, but we are running around convinced a piece of cloth that's dirty, dusty, sweat soaked and contains mold is going to be the save all from this "virus." I am more concerned of my daughter contracting some respiratory illness from wearing a mask, breathing in her own Co2 9 hours a day than contracting Covid. This mask up ordeal is beyond sickening to me, and is no more than a ploy to have our kids afraid the air they breath, when they should be working on growing up, learning to be the next greatest scientist, mathematician, etc. Another thing I seen on the concerns for enforcing a mask in school is that other kids were being bullied for wearing a mask. I for one can tell you, this comes down to parenting. My daughter would not go to school and bully someone about their choice to wear a mask that's between that particular child and their parents. It's not my business nor my daughters why they choose to have their kids masked, and if this was the case my daughter would be reprimanded immediately, by me. But you guys continue to push the bullying aspect of it, but want to bully my daughter into wearing a mask. This should be free of choice between the children and their parents. If for any reason this vote goes through and tri-county decides to mask our children. I highly encourage every parent that can, withdraw their children from the school district they attend and do homeschooling until the school district starts losing funding and understands we the people are the voice of how our children are raised and taught!

293	Making a minor wear a mask should be up to the parents...not the school or government.	8/15/2021 9:36 PM
294	Please consider mandating masks. I really do not see the harm in it. In all honesty, I feel there is more harm in NO masks. We want to schools to stay open and for our kiddos to thrive, I believe this will be the best way. Between the Delta variant and RSV being what they are so far, I think masks would help minimize the spread of these viruses and quarantining. Thank you!	8/15/2021 9:35 PM
295	I am a first grade teacher in Mapleton Public a schools and we are endangering my students by not having a mask mandate. It is our job to keep kids safe, and masks are proven ways to do that. We also want to keep kids in person for learning, and masks are imperative for that. My students have no issues wearing masks. They are also happy to do it to protect others. I am not sure why we are basing decisions on adults who have politicized a basic health protocol. We should be basing decisions off science. Please do the right thing and call a mask mandate. My school district will not do so themselves unless it is mandated by the county. Thank you!	8/15/2021 9:33 PM
296	I am both an elementary school educator and a mother of an elementary aged student in Adams County. Families should be able to weigh their child's risk of COVID with other unintended consequences to make the best choice for themselves and their family when making decisions regarding masking and vaccines. Thomas Jefferson said, "There is no justification for taking away individuals' freedom in the guise of public safety." I no longer trust the CDC and the NIH. They continually have a lack of scientific data to back up their reasoning behind wearing masks, or not wearing masks. They have become political institutions, not supported by facts and data. We know that viruses are spread by aerosol particles. Aerosol particles are not stopped by masks. Especially since children in schools are wearing cloth masks, homemade masks, and not medical grade masks. Masking gives all of us a false sense of security. Children should be taught to wash their hands, cough and sneeze in their elbow, and to avoid touching their faces. According to the Constitution of the United States, this is a free country and citizens should have rights over their own bodies. If we don't draw the line as to what happens on the outside of our bodies, such as mask wearing, then we will struggle to draw the line of what is going into our bodies, like forced vaccinations. I dislike the choices below. I do not support universal masking at any age group. I support families and teachers having a choice whether or not they want to wear a mask. We all need to take responsibility for our own bodies, by making choices that we deem appropriate for our own health and safety. The government should be there to protect our freedoms to make our own medical decisions. The following is data from America's Frontline Doctors website to support why wearing masks should not be a one side fits all decision. Children A Physician's Take on	8/15/2021 9:32 PM

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New Mask Mandates: <https://thehighwire.com/videos/a-physicians-take-on-new-mask-mandates/> Former CDC Director Speaks Out On Masks <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JfC3yxpCfA8> Horowitz: New study shows mask-wearing children at risk for 'unacceptable' CO2 levels, cautions against the practice <https://www.theblaze.com/op-ed/horowitz-new-study-shows-mask-wearing-children-at-risk-for-unacceptable-co2-levels-cautions-against-the-practice> Masking Children: Tragic, Unscientific, and Damaging <https://www.aier.org/article/masking-children-tragic-unscientific-and-damaging/> Are you happy or sad? How wearing face masks can impact children's ability to read emotions <https://www.brookings.edu/blog/education-plus-development/2020/04/21/are-you-happy-or-sad-how-wearing-face-masks-can-impact-childrens-ability-to-read-emotions/> Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Children and masks <https://www.who.int/news-room/q-a-detail/q-a-children-and-masks-related-to-covid-19> A Group of Parents Sent Their Kids' Face Masks to A Lab for Analysis. Here's What They Found <https://townhall.com/tipsheet/scottmorefield/2021/06/15/a-group-of-parents-sent-their-kids-face-masks-to-a-lab-for-analysis-heres-what-they-found-n2591047> Dan Stock's Presentation to the Mt. Vernon School Board in Indiana Over the Futility of Mask Mandates and Covid-19 Protocols <https://hancockcountypatriots.blogspot.com/2021/08/dr-dan-stocks-presentation-to-mt-vernon.html> How wearing a mask at school can impact a child's development <https://www.ctvnews.ca/health/coronavirus/how-wearing-a-mask-at-school-can-impact-a-child-s-development-1.5105832> Efficacy Face masks to prevent transmission of influenza virus: a systematic review | Epidemiology & Infection | Cambridge Core <https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/epidemiology-and-infection/article/face-masks-to-prevent-transmission-of-influenza-virus-a-systematic-%20review/64D368496EBDE0AFCC6639C CC9D8BC05> Are Face Masks Effective – What Studies Show <https://www.rodefshalom613.org/2020/10/are-face-masks-effective-what-studies-show/> The Science is Conclusive: Masks and Respirators do NOT Prevent Transmission of Viruses — Science & Technology — Sott.net <https://www.sott.net/article/434796-The-Science-is-Conclusive-Masks-and-Respirators-do-NOT-Prevent-Transmission-of-Viruses> 4. Masks Don't Work: A Review of Science Relevant to COVID-19 Social Policy | River Cities' Reader <https://www.rcreader.com/commentary/masks-dont-work-covid-a-review-of-science-relevant-to-covide-19-social-policy> 5. Why Face Masks Don't Work: A Revealing Review – Oral Health Group <https://web.archive.org/web/20200605090916/https://www.oralhealthgroup.com/features/face-masks-dont-work-revealing-review/> 6. Advice on the use of face masks in the context of Covid 19 https://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/handle/10665/332293/WHO-2019-nCov-IPC_Masks-2020.4-eng.pdf?sequence=1&isAllowed=y 7. Investigation of the Filtration Properties of Medical Masks <https://sci-hub.se/10.1533/9780857090348.93> 8. COMMENTARY: Masks-for-all for COVID-19 not based on sound data | CIDRAP <https://www.cidrap.umn.edu/news-perspective/2020/04/commentary-masks-all-covid-19-not-based-sound-data> 9. Rational Ground – Clear Reasoning on National Policy for COVID-19 » Mask charts <https://rationalground.com/mask-charts/>

297	If the TCHD issues a mandate to wear masks it takes the pressure off of the schools and parents, the choice will be made. Clearly, people must be told what to do because many don't want to do the right thing and be vaccinated. It will force adults and children 12 and older who have chosen not to vaccinate to comply with mask wearing. This is a simple preventative measure that all can do to help limit the spread. Schools must have a zero tolerance policy for those who don't comply until the TCHD lifts the mandate.	8/15/2021 9:30 PM
298	It's important for kids under the age of 12, who currently can't be vaccinated, to wear masks indoors in order to reduce the spread of COVID-19 (especially the delta variant)	8/15/2021 9:28 PM
299	We have 2 grandkids who are in 27J schools. Another one will be in kindergarten next year. I feel that masks cause more mental hardship and physical fatigue to our kids than is necessary for them at this age. Please don't make them wear them.	8/15/2021 9:26 PM
300	Wearing masks has proven to help prevent the spread of Covid. Regardless if vaccinated, everyone can still spread Covid. Vaccinations are used to help lessen the severity of the virus on a person. Living with an immune compromised husband and being a nurse, I see how doing a simple thing like wearing a mask can help prevent those who can't fight this virus a chance for life. Wearing a mask is helping those around you. Let's all be kind and loving to our neighbors and show them we care about them by getting vaccines and wearing a mask. Also working in a hospital, we don't want to see the strain that unmasked, unvaccinated people can put on our health care system. It was a huge strain last outbreak and this time, I think it could be worse. Prevention is the key!	8/15/2021 9:26 PM
301	I strongly believe that a child should not have to wear a mask they aren't going to keep them	8/15/2021 9:25 PM

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on properly they won't wear them they will get there mask dirty, it is not a good idea for 11 and younger children wearing a mask I can't figure out why you guys can't get it through your heads that a three-year-old child is not going to keep a mask on their face and their little petri dishes do you know they're going to touch something gross then touch their mask and then they're going to get sick it is a bad idea to have the kids wear a mask think about their social aspect they love seeing their teachers smile makes them feel comfortable! If teacher and kids are wearing a mask they won't be able to see their teacher smile it is a bad idea! Please think about the kids in the situation do not make any rational decisions based on what the CDC says we are a smaller school and we have always handled the COVID-19 properly leave our kids alone let them be kids no mask mandate please!

302	I am a teacher at Brighton High School. We have over 1900 students in a school designed for far less. I feel strongly that we should be wearing masks in our old, crowded building. Masking will prevent outbreaks and quarantines. Masking will help protect vulnerable students and staff.	8/15/2021 9:24 PM
303	This is crazy. It should be a personal choice. If someone is wanting to wear a mask, they should be allowed. They should also have the right to do online school if they're afraid of in person.	8/15/2021 9:20 PM
304	Help us protect those that cannot be vaccinated. Get in front of the germs as best as we can in order to have kids remain in school and stay healthy. It's not forever, but some illnesses and very certainly death are. It's really not a lot to ask -to have everyone wears masks.	8/15/2021 9:18 PM
305	How unhealthy wearing a mask is unless in a medical profession doing a procedure.	8/15/2021 9:17 PM
306	No masks mandated. I support everyone's right to medical choice and masking is a medical choice since it is being used as medical device. My children hated them and it impacted their learning last year.	8/15/2021 9:02 PM
307	Children should not be masked. Makes it difficult to concentrate, learn and enjoy their day.	8/15/2021 8:58 PM
308	Let parents and students choose if they want to wear a mask for school, sports, events, etc...	8/15/2021 8:57 PM
309	The original intent of masking was to protect others and not the mask wearer themselves, but regardless, masks do not prevent spread of disease such as Covid-19 as the particles are so small that they would pass through the material of a mask regardless. Like any other disease or illness, parents should choose how they wish to protect their child from contracting this or anything like it.	8/15/2021 8:55 PM
310	We need to protect our children just like we protected the elderly especially since they are unable to get vaccinated at this time.	8/15/2021 8:55 PM
311	My body, my choice. My child's body, my child's choice, under my guidance. Stop telling us what to do with our bodies. Masking and vaccines are a personal health decision, it is none of your business. Get out of my personal health care decisions. If people want to get vaccines and masks, they are free to do so. I WILL NOT.	8/15/2021 8:50 PM
312	These kids have been through a lot. They need to be with their peers and see their smiles. Those who want the vaccine got it, the rest have taken it upon themselves to accept the risks. Children are not high risk.	8/15/2021 8:48 PM
313	I believe masks should be optional without a mandate. We need to take into account what these masks are doing to our children's mental health. My 16 year old daughter had a very difficult time with wearing a masks all day at school last year. Daily she came home crying because of the mask mandate. Drug overdose and suicides are on the rise, and especially with children under 18. I believe the mask mandates and social distancing is playing a big part on the negative effects on our children's mental health. I personally know of a kid who died of a drug overdose, and one of suicide. I do not know of any children who died of COVID, because approximately only 400 kids in the US have died of COVID. Please look at facts of this disease, it does not target children. I understand children are becoming more sick with COVID, but still the numbers are not rising to a concern level. Plus they're not dying like the adults with comorbidities. My daughter has a GPA above a 4.0 with all the honors and AP classes she's taken. Now during her Senior year, she is telling me that she might drop out of high school if they bring back mask mandates because of the affect on her mental health. I don't know what to do. I believe education is very valuable, but at the same time my daughter's mental health is more valuable. I don't want my daughter to drop out of high school because of a mask mandate. I believe masks should be optional for everyone. Especially the high school kids, because they have the vaccine available to them. Thank you for your time. Jim	8/15/2021 8:48 PM

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314	Masking in schools will help protect children from a virus that is currently causing high amounts of kids to be hospitalized and be out on ventilators. Listen to scientist not the voice of people who have not studied and believe things their friends say. This is a dangerous virus and a higher spike in kids is the last thing we need. Protect the kids.	8/15/2021 8:47 PM
315	FIRST THERE should be another option with question #4. Should be "I support masking in indoor settings for all those who could get vaccination but have not" as it is many places. So 12 and older unvaccinated individuals should wear masks. Those who have been or those who are not able to (11 and under) should be optional. Our district (27j) requires adults in the schools show proof of vaccination or wear a mask. Same should be done for all those eligible for vaccine. We require vaccine forms of students for other illnesses already. SECONDLY, I don't agree that bullying of mask wearers is an issue at least not in elementary schools. The main mental health concern should be how a new mask mandate will negatively affect children, especially as we have already begun school without one. 3. THIRDLY, as noted we have just begun the school year. Our county is not running out of beds or experiencing outbreaks. Seems premature to universally mandate masks under these circumstances. 4. LASTLY, if adults and teenagers are masked or vaccinated that should provide sufficient protection for school setting. They are main transmitters of virus and most likely to get have severe/prolonged cases if diagnosed.	8/15/2021 8:47 PM
316	Masks should be optional for all.	8/15/2021 8:44 PM
317	I do not support forced masking, vaccinating, or teaching of CRT or anything similar. I do not support teachers asking for "their" pronouns. Please get back to teaching reading, writing, Literature, English, Math, Science etc. and leave the political agendas out of the curriculum. Thank you.	8/15/2021 8:42 PM
318	Masks have been optional all summer in public settings. Now that school is starting, we should not be required to have our children wear masks inside. Period.	8/15/2021 8:41 PM
319	I do not support masks. My daughter is in kindergarten she's so little, already having to go all day long, every day, and then to put a mask on her, she won't learn.	8/15/2021 8:39 PM
320	Hi, I'm writing today to ask you to please please please not require masks in schools. Our school district has already been forced to require them for pre-K through 6th grade because of Broomfield public health. I absolutely do not want to make my 7th and 10th graders who are fully vaccinated wear masks. They got their shots as soon as they were available. They suffered through the side effects to go back to normal. Don't take that away from them because people don't want to get the vaccine for stupid reasons. My kids are extremely unlikely to give anyone else covid since they've been vaccinated and are unlikely to get it because of Pfizer. All of the other 7th-12th graders and staff have had plenty of time to be vaccinated. If they actively chose not to be vaccinated they are actively choosing to get covid. I say let them, stop using my kids to protect them! I also have a 4th grade son with ADHD who has been forced into a mask yet again for this school year. He doesn't wear a mask anywhere else so I'm not sure exactly why he should wear it for school. He will also get vaccinated at the first opportunity. Lest you think all people opposed to masking children are opposed to vaccines. I understand the science behind vaccines and I also know that the science behind masking with cheap old navy cotton masks is flimsy at best. Especially as they get wet through the day. But, you guys are the scientists, you know exactly how flimsy the science behind wearing cotton over your face is. It makes people who don't understand feel better, great let them wear masks and put them on their kids, but don't force it on everyone. And for the record my 10th grader had covid in January. She didn't give it to a single other person including the other 4 people who live with her (as verified by lots and lots of testing and no precautions were taken in our home to keep it from spreading, none). I know a lot of kids who have gotten covid and not given it to anyone else, including the people that they lived with. We know kids don't transmit it as well for some reason. We know kids generally don't have bad outcomes. Adults could have chosen to be protected by Moderna, Pfizer, or J&J for months and months now. Too bad so sad that they didn't. They WANT to get sick, quite literally they are begging for it. The hospital capacity is just fine thanks to the rest of us who have chosen vaccination, let the rest of them get natural immunity, it's what they are begging for.	8/15/2021 8:30 PM
321	Kids need to breathe freely. Please consider individual freedoms and rights. No masks	8/15/2021 8:29 PM
322	To whom it may concern, First of all, I want to acknowledge the immense pressures that you all have been under the past couple years. Unfortunately, I do not think there is a right decision that can be made and an impossible task to please everyone. This year, I will be sending my daughter to school for the first time. We have homeschooled up until this point, but she said	8/15/2021 8:27 PM

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she wants to go, so here we go! My question for the board would be what is being done specifically to tend to the overall health, mentally and physically, if masks need to be worn for those ages 10 and under? What change in the system is being made to support the decision for the little ones to mask? Are there longer lunch breaks, mask breaks, suggestions for clear masks where the children can at least see each other's faces versus cloth covers? What plans are in place to unify the children especially when there will soon be a clear divide between the vaccinated and non vaccinated? Is there option to lighten the homework load being that the stress of the in school process will be taxing enough for their nervous systems? As leaders in the community, I hope that the overall well being of these kids is being taken into consideration despite the push of the public narrative. I hope that this current situation motivates our school systems to shift, opening opportunities for how to make it better. Implementing safety protocols without adjusting systems seems counterproductive to the intent of what school is for, which is the care, nurturing, safety, and educating the whole child. As my first time in the system, I'm not really sure who, if anyone, will actually read this comment, but to help in offering solutions, I would happily volunteer time to teach meditation, breath-work or dance to the kids. As we all do our best, I think now is the time to offer as much love, fun, and moments to feel peace (and settle the anxiety) as much as we can. Thank you for your time, Julie Nguyen (Please excuse any typos)

323	Please do not make our kids wear mask!	8/15/2021 8:26 PM
324	Masking children which have been proven to be neither st risk with COVID nor carriers of it to any significant degree is simply child abuse. Look at the real numbers on the cdc website. You are guilty of torturing children physically, emotionally and psychologically if you reinstate mask mandates in schools. The psychological damage that has already been done is enormous and needs to stop! Look at the rate of suicides last year and start using common sense NO to mask mandates!	8/15/2021 8:25 PM
325	This is child abuse given the data we ALL are working off.	8/15/2021 8:21 PM
326	The CDC and the AAP are both indicating that masks should be required for all children and all persons indoors. As such, this should be the case for all schools.	8/15/2021 8:21 PM
327	As someone with a child that is immunocompromised I fully support masking for all who are not vaccinated.	8/15/2021 8:19 PM
328	Will the City be providing data to backup the decision made to mandate masks for 2-11 year olds in schools? I'd like to see data on case rates for 2-11 year olds with peer approved data on transmission from 2-11 year olds. I'd also like to see any risk assessments done on early learning for 2-11 year olds when faces are covered and facial cues are not seen (does this impede learning of non-verbal communication?) Has there been any risk assessment on actual real usage of reusable cloth masks commonly used by children in schools and the rates of bacteria forming on them and other general uncleanliness of common cloth masks?	8/15/2021 8:19 PM
329	It should be the parents choice not any one else's.	8/15/2021 8:12 PM
330	Leave this decision to the parents.	8/15/2021 7:58 PM
331	Enough is enough. Our kids have suffered for 2 years now. The masks did little to nothing to stop the spread last year in my kids school. Other measures taken including monitoring temperatures and parents actually taking not sending sick kids seriously was the best defense. Masks are a distraction, not the opposite as you are trying to suggest. Teachers don't need to spend their time telling the kids to put their mask back on or stop fidgeting with them. My kids attended a language immersion charter school. It is hard to teach and learn a language without being able to see each others mouths. Let each parent choose. Many parents who are scared that their kids will contract the virus have chosen homeschooling or online learning. It's time to stop micromanaging and let us make our own choices.	8/15/2021 7:54 PM
332	We went to extreme measures to protect the elderly from COV19. We owe the same concern and passion to our children, our FUTURE.	8/15/2021 7:44 PM
333	1. I believe your survey questions are biased and do not take into account a balance between masking and not masking. All or nothing only covers extremes. Can't partial masking (use sometimes but not ALWAYS) be an option??? 2. I do not think mandatory masking should be implemented. I'm not convinced masks help that much, especially since I've observed kids trading their masks with each other. The school would be better served by more closely monitor the families who send their kids to school who are sick. THAT is more of a problem.	8/15/2021 7:43 PM

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I'm not big on masking, but I am big on using common sense and keeping my child home when he has a cough or a fever.

334	Young children are not vaccinated and the number of children becoming infected with covid is on the rise. We must protect our young children by requiring everyone including children to be masked in schools. Staff should be required to be vaccinated. the loss of one student is too much of a price to pay.	8/15/2021 7:37 PM
335	Keeping our kids healthy is important and with the delta variant effecting children and they cannot get vaccines masks are important.	8/15/2021 7:37 PM
336	Hello, I strongly oppose making children. Please do not mandate. Thank you	8/15/2021 7:36 PM
337	<p>August 15, 2021 To the Board of Health of Tri-County Health Department, We write to you out of concern for the latest "guidance" (read: NOT law) for the upcoming school year regarding juvenile mask usage. We would like to particularly draw your attention to the fourth statement, to wit, "Could reduce mental health stress due to bullying (of mask wearers) and time out of class due to isolation, school disruption." The operative word here being "Could", meaning you have no idea whether or not such an assertion is actually correct. We daresay the rigors of the scientific method has not been applied to this or any other of your organization's highly specious statements. You have made it clear that you are more concerned about the possible mental health issues from bullying rather than actual scientific evidence. Let us ask this, what about the children who wear glasses and/or braces. Are you going to force all students to start wearing glasses and braces? Where does it end? Does everyone have to have the same color eyes and hair? Does everyone have to be the same in order to reduce the mental health stress for a select few? This would be a very ignorant stance to take. Let kids be different/unique and let them learn from their differences in order to prepare them for real life! Let's talk for a minute about the mental health stress of a child wearing a covering over their mouth and nose for eight hours a day. Restrict their oxygen intake, increase the carbon dioxide intake and possibly cause bacterial pneumonia. Nothing could go wrong there, correct? According to an article dated March 10, 2021 in the American Institute for Economic Research, entitled "Masking Children: Tragic, Unscientific, and Damaging" states that "there are insufficient data to quantify all of the adverse effects that might reduce the acceptability, adherence and effectiveness of face masks." Also in this article, is one of Europe's leading neurologist and neurophysiologists, Dr. Margarite Griesz-Brisson, MD, PhD, adding that "the rebreathing of our exhaled air will, without a doubt, create oxygen deficiency and a flooding of carbon dioxide. We know that the human brain is very sensitive to oxygen deprivation." The article also includes that, "oxygen deprivation can cause metabolic changes and the metabolic changes that happen in the neuronal cells are vitally important for cognitive functioning and brain plasticity..." In 2008, Dr. Anthony Fauci and his colleagues wrote a paper explaining that influenza was not the predominant cause of death during the 1918 flu pandemic. In fact, the stated cause of the rise in deaths during this time was due to bacterial pneumonia among mask wearers. We understand that there are risks of our child contracting CoVID-19 (and, according to the AIER paper, less than a .05 percent chance of serious illness and/or death) not only in a school setting, but during sporting activities, visiting friends and family, at the grocery store, etc., but scientific evidence does not support the assertion that a mask will prevent this. Based on the research that we have done, we have come to the conclusion that the mask does more harm than good. For the record, we DO NOT consent to our child wearing a mask and negative retaliation toward our child for NOT wearing a mask will not be tolerated. This decision is not yours to make and should be left to the discretion of parents/guardians. With that being said, we as parents/guardians are also responsible for teaching our children not to judge others based on their preference to wear a mask or not. In addition, schools should continue to teach that bullying will not be tolerated. In conclusion, we ask you this, are you willing to take sole LEGAL responsibility for a generation of children that could potentially be under developed and/or made severely ill for a choice that you made for them and for us? Or do you think it would be wise for you to leave that personal choice up to the parents/guardians on what is right for their student(s)? Thank you your time and serious consideration. Sincerely, James and Tracy Stevenson</p>	8/15/2021 7:14 PM
338	My daughter has migraines and the mask made it much worse last year. She was in the nurses office almost every single day with a headache. The masks are making our kids sick.	8/15/2021 6:54 PM
339	I fully support a universal mask mandate for all indoor school settings. It is the responsible thing to do in order to protect our children and school staff. The pandemic is not over, and masks are proven to work. Please help me protect my children, who are not yet old enough to be vaccinated. The schools are not, and will not, unless legally compelled to do so.	8/15/2021 6:52 PM

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340	Putting a mask on our kids is abuse, there is no data proving it prevents anything. There is proof that breathing your own CO2 is harmful. Please remove any mask mandates!	8/15/2021 6:46 PM
341	Making children wear Masks needs to be left up to Parents. Optional is fine. However there are so many studies and information out there in the ineffectiveness of Mask, how they can in fact be harmful due to bacteria build up, dirty hands constantly touching and adjusting the mask. I do not want my children wearing Masks. Masking children will comprise their immune systems and cause further health problems down the road. The "Trusted" Health advisor Tony Fauci is recorded on video saying "Masks are ineffective". I'd be happy to provide that video.	8/15/2021 6:39 PM
342	Statistics show that children are not nearly as likely to contract the virus. Also research shows that in a study from the Cleveland Clinic, over 52,000 people tested, those who had the virus did not contract the virus again and it also showed that the vaccination did not give any extra benefit to those who already had the virus. Lastly, the study stated that those who had the virus are immune for at least 10 months, not 3 months. My point is, is that with the combination of those who are already vaccinated and those who had the virus already do not need masks, this includes teachers because like mentioned before, research states that children are less likely to contract the virus. All of this results in my point that masks are not needed and should only be up to the child's parents only for them to wear a mask and not made mandatory.	8/15/2021 6:37 PM
343	Please make it known I am a very concerned parent of 3 for the health and well being of my and other children attending school this year if a mask mandate is in place. I along with almost every other parent out there worry about our children staying healthy, especially during the school year. I worry if a mask mandate is in place then my children will suffer from illnesses caused by any and all bacteria, Viruses and other debris that the masks can hold. Granted my children changed their masks daily last school year , but we still found ourselves dealing with multiple illnesses, respiratory and sinus infections as well as multiple skin infections from the chin and along the cheek. Working in Healthcare- I know very well masks are effective but when the children are young enough to not property use proper mask etiquette. It defeats the complete purpose. I believe masks should be optional and optional to parents who have the same or other similar concerns. Thank you	8/15/2021 6:34 PM
344	Each child has their own individual physical, mental, social, and emotional needs. I believe it is the parent's decision whether or not a child needs to wear a mask. If a child needs to wear it for a medical purpose, I fully support parents making that decision for that child. And I will wholeheartedly train my daughter to be kind to anyone who needs to wear a mask, treat them no different than you would anyone else. But I do not believe that I should be forced to put a mask on my daughter, at the mere age of eight years old. When I told her about the new policy, and how the district reversed their decision, she was so sad and frustrated and asked me "Mama is it OK if I pull it down for a second if I can't breathe?" She is 8. She knows what it feels like to wear one. She knows it's not easy to do for long periods of time. These kids are smart. She has always very dutifully and respectfully worn a mask when requested in stores, or at events. But she always says hot hot she feels or how it's hard to breathe. How is this helpful? After homeschooling last year, we chose to send her back into her elementary school, because it is a great school! And because they announced it would be mask optional. We very patiently waited for the district's decision and then we made a decision based on the information we were given. And then it is reversed a handful of days before school begins? If a child has a medical condition and the concern is high for Covid, those parents have the option to do the district's remote learning, homeschool, or send their individual child in a mask. But instead, the burden of protecting all children are being put on the shoulders of other young students- who may have other emotional and mental needs that are then going unmet. I do not agree with this approach. I would love for you to consider going back to letting parents be in charge of what their own child needs. I am completely OK with her wearing it on the bus, I will encourage her to wash her hands often, we will keep her home when she is sick. We will even be extra cautious with even the sniffles. But I should be able to let my child be mask free when we are also requiring them to meet school standards for learning. Please reconsider making our children have to strap on a mask while trying to learn, pay attention, and make it through a long day.	8/15/2021 6:05 PM
345	Oppose mask mandates	8/15/2021 6:04 PM
346	My biggest concern about mask wearing is the fact that my grandson has a speech problem last year all the teachers that he worked with wore masks last year. part of speech therapy for anyone even the death you need to see someone's lips to see how they pronounce in each word and the movements that it takes to make it or seeing the sounds that are coming out	8/15/2021 6:02 PM

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when s teacher or another student is masked and a child that has a speech disability and they can't see your face when that's what they need is a recognition sounds, you're not teaching these poor children anything, and that's besides the fact that the masks do not work scientifically to keep the common cold away. Do not mask children that do not need it do not keep them again this year from now being able to learn by seeing someones facial expressions that are needed , after all thats your job is to teach not to mask!

347	Masks do not work, do your research from the real scientists, not the liars all over the main stream media. No one should be masked especially children!	8/15/2021 5:46 PM
348	<p>Details below are provided by Dr Jim Meehan. Please read all of this and even look at the CDC link below where it states masks are not effective. For the full 105 page report, go to meehanmd.com. There is zero reason kids should be wearing masks. Some highlights below. Decades of the highest-level scientific evidence (meta-analyses of multiple randomized controlled trials) overwhelmingly conclude that medical masks are ineffective at preventing the transmission of respiratory viruses, including SARS-CoV-2. » Those arguing for masks are relying on low- level evidence (observational retrospective trials and mechanistic theories), none of which are powered to counter the evidence, arguments, and risks of mask mandates. » The majority of the population is at very low to almost no risk of severe or lethal disease from CoVID-19. Children are at an extraordinarily low risk of dying from CoVID-19. Based on CDC published data, 99.99815% of children that contract CoVID-19 survive. Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 among children in schools and daycares is very rare. » Masks worn properly are well documented to cause harm to their wearers. Masks worn improperly, re-used, or contaminated are dangerous. » Any reasonable risk to benefit analysis of medical masks concludes that the risks overwhelmingly outweigh the benefits. » Children are at imminent risk of harm from mask mandates. The CoVID-19 pandemic is about viral transmission. Surgical and cloth masks have repeatedly been shown to offer no benefit in the mitigation of transmission and infection caused by viruses like influenza and SARS- CoV-2, which is exactly why they have never been recommended for use during the seasonal flu outbreak, epidemics, or previous pandemics. In fact, the most recent systematic analysis once again confirms that masks are ineffective in preventing the transmission of viruses like CoVID-19: https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/5/19-0994_article. I agree 100% with the information/ statements presented above. The parents should have the right to choose what they feel is best for their kids. This choice should not be made by anyone else. Some parents may elect for their child to wear a mask and some may elect not to have their child wear a mask. The choice should be the parents.</p>	8/15/2021 5:42 PM
349	Please, respect the right of parents to make the best choices for their children. Masks optinal is the only constitutional way to go.	8/15/2021 5:42 PM
350	Immune-compromised and at-risk individuals agreed to come back to work in-person for the benefit of students because it is what is best for them. We agreed to this back when we had mask mandates and protocols in place last spring. Unfortunately, when we arrived to work this school year in August there were and are still no covid measures in place to keep us safe. My friend with MS and on a medication like mine has already contracted covid pneumonia as a result of the lack of layers of protection. After talking to district officials, I'm not allowed to require masks in my classroom for my own safety even though I am on a cancer medication to treat my multiple sclerosis and at high risk. I cannot imagine having to leave my teaching position, but if protocols to keep me safe aren't put in place that may be my only option. I am pleading for you to please make masks mandatory in all school settings regardless of vaccination status.	8/15/2021 5:36 PM
351	My child is not old enough for the vax and I am higher risk due to medication. We are a vaxxed household aside from our child. If masks for one, then masks for all is the only far way. Its a shame that even kids over 11 who are vaxxed, who vaxxed to avoid the mask should have to mask up simply because the unvaxed are spreading the variant like wild fire.. its not fair. But Covid doesn't care for things like fairness. Adults should- but covid could care less. -*this is a private comment and i do not agree for it to be used publicly. I worry for the safety of my family against anti-masker's violent and condemning tendencies.	8/15/2021 5:28 PM
352	Stop with the constant overreach and dictatorship. You must allow parents to decide what is best for their health, and the health of their children. Where there is risk, there must be options. If parents feel comfortable putting a mask on their children then go for it. If a parent doesn't feel comfortable putting a mask on their children then don't force them. The issue is this is not a one size fits all situation. Efficacy of masks aside, humans need to be able to see facial expression. Some people need to be able to read lips or see how the mouth works in order to	8/15/2021 5:26 PM

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understand what is being said. Not to mention the importance of being able to clearly understand someone when they are speaking, without sounding like Charlie Brown's teacher. Bottom line, we are each individually responsible for our health, and as a parent, the health of our own children. Personal responsibility. No one else. DO NOT MANDATE MASKS AT ALL!!! Not for children. Not for adults. Not inside school, or public buildings. Not outside. Let people make that choice for themselves!

353	I believe that the Board of Health should consider the ripple effects not enforcing masks would have on our community. As a mental health provider who serves children under the age of 12 and children with developmental disabilities, I believe that it is imperative that we have a county-wide mask mandate for schools. Each time classrooms have to isolate due to a possible exposure, I also have to cancel my therapy sessions with those children. We know that last school year had a detrimental impact of student's mental health. Please remember that further disruptions from routine will continue to impact the mental health of children, particularly those with autism and other neuro-divergent disabilities. In addition, studies have shown that children with developmental disabilities, particularly Downs Syndrome, are at increased risk of serious complications. A mask mandate in schools helps to create a universally accessible learning environment for all children. Children with disabilities and chronic health issues deserve a safe space to learn. In fact not doing so, in my opinion, could be a violation of ADA/IDEA. We need to adapt the environment for these children and not place individual burden on the families who are impacted by disabilities. This is a human rights issue! All children deserve a safe, free public education. Without a mask mandate, there will not be an even playing field this fall. Please consider disability and universal design when making your decision. Thank you for your consideration.	8/15/2021 5:25 PM
354	I support the masking because it's peoples lives at risk. This is more than just opinion based it's knowledge based.	8/15/2021 5:22 PM
355	Out of 74 million students in America only about 200 have died of Covid. Do you really want to "punish" the remaining students? We're told to "follow the science", and yet you've made it out to be a flesh eating bacteria that is causing children to fall dead in the streets at an alarming rate! Please stop this madness, allow our kids and grandkids to grow up in a world where calmer heads can be relied on to be trusted.	8/15/2021 5:03 PM
356	Please consider masking all students until the number of cases involving the Delta variant wane. I have worked in a middle school for many years and know that the unvaccinated pre teens will not keep their masks on and the disease will spread. Additionally, staff took the vaccine in February and many are older and do not know if they will need a booster to stay safe.	8/15/2021 4:54 PM
357	Please leave this as a "recommendation." Our kids have gone through the wringer and want some normalcy. We've already begun school, and children have the choice. Please leave it that way.	8/15/2021 4:54 PM
358	I fully support masking in schools, all schools, this year.	8/15/2021 4:52 PM
359	1. The children are NOT the vulnerable ones. 2. No one gets the proper amount of oxygen wearing a mask, ESPECIALLY during sports or physical activity. 3. Masks do not allow the little ones to connect with their teachers. 4. Masks do not allow those with disabilities to connect well with their teacher or peers. Masks make it difficult to hear what someone is saying, therefore hindering learning. Masks make it difficult for those with asthma to breathe. Masks don't work- FAUCI SAID SO HIMSELF! Masks should be COMPLETELY optional. If someone is scared, and wants to wear one, great. Lastly, vaccinated people can STILL spread covid. Accept the fact that covid is a part of the Earth now, we have heard immunity from people already getting it. Move on in life. Go back to living normally. Quit ruining everyone's lives with your ridiculous mandates that don't ACTUALLY work! Watch the world get better after you all STOP spreading FEAR! YES, covid is real, and it sucks. So is the FLU, BIRD FLU, SWINE FLU, CHICKEN POX, STREP THROAT, HAND FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE, ROSEOLA, WHOOPING COUGH AND MORE! ACCEPT IT AND MOVE ON! PROMOTE GOOD HAND WASHING, STAYING HOME WHEN SICK, NOT SHARING FOOD OR DRINK, KEEPING HANDS OFF YOUR FACE. Masking makes kids touch their faces CONSTANTLY! WHAT A GREAT WAY TO SPREAD DISEASE!	8/15/2021 4:50 PM
360	Masking is a personal right; each individual or family should be able to choose what is best for them.	8/15/2021 4:49 PM
361	I am a school psychologist at Vantage Point High School in Adams 12 Five Star Schools and	8/15/2021 4:43 PM

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am also an Adams County resident in Westminster Public Schools. Although our superintendent and Board of Education in Adams 12 made masks mandatory for age 11 and under, I do NOT believe this goes far enough. We need universal masking in all indoor settings or we will have numerous outbreaks and quarantines. Staff in schools know it is critical for students to attend in person to meet their academic and social emotional needs but we do not want to risk their lives. Mitigation measures have been significantly decreased within the school building to start the school year so masks will be the only barrier to illness. We also have many students who live with older and possibly unvaccinated adults in their families as well as we have a very diverse population. It is going to be critical to mandate masking to keep the spread from emanating from the schools. With voluntary masking, some students may come in with masks on but will quickly stop wearing them when they see others without them. Please, I implore you to mandate masks in all school settings for students and staff.

362	Masks are unproven and scientifically disproven prevention methods for the coronavirus. This mandate is a forced dissection of freedom.	8/15/2021 4:38 PM
363	I feel that it is unecessary and unreasonable to ask such young children to wear a mask during school when research shows that they are not in risk of not recovering even if they do contract it. It is also important for them to see their teachers faces and emotions it is indeed what separates people from animals.	8/15/2021 4:32 PM
364	I absolute am Against the government mandating masks In schools. I know my kids and what is best for them. Masks should be a choice-Stop governing my parenting. Absolutely no mandate.	8/15/2021 4:23 PM
365	Thank you for taking the time to review my comments. At this point in time of COVID-19, and other variants that have been discovered, not only the Delta-variant, I would like to share my thoughts and opinion regarding masks at school. Agency, free-will and perseverance are key principles of our government, daily-living and country as a whole. I believe the best solution moving forward is to allow families to choose what they feel comfortable with. No more mandates. Allow our children to see that we are not controlled by our government. We are provided honest, unbiased information so we each can make the best decision for ourselves and our families. As a mental health professional I have seen the effects of young people feeling isolated with mandated remote-learning and mandated mask-wearing. The vaccine will continue to be distributed and we, US citizens, will continue to move forward. Please give us, the people, the parents, and the students the opportunity and blessing to make our own decisions. Thank you.	8/15/2021 4:20 PM
366	Please don't force the children to mask at the most make it optional. It is unhealthy and a huge distraction. The kids have already fallen behind educationally and physically. Requiring masks on the children should be considered child abuse.	8/15/2021 4:14 PM
367	Given the infectivity of the Delta variant, universal masking is necessary if we are to have any hope of conducting in-person learning safely. The science shows that universal masking greatly reduces the risk of transmission of the virus.	8/15/2021 4:03 PM
368	As the delta variant continues to grow we have many children unable to access the vaccine because of their age. Children are becoming hospitalized at faster rates then ever before. Please mask up	8/15/2021 4:02 PM
369	Masks for children need to be a choice. Adults have a choice to not get the vaccine. I'm a parent advocated for my children. They don't need to be wearing masks. The adults who made the choice not to get vaccinated need to be mandated to wear a mask not our kids!	8/15/2021 3:58 PM
370	Please mandate Masks for all kids and adults in the schools. We can't tell who has been and who has not been and we need to protect all children or mandate all students and faculty 16 and older have to be fully vaccinated or require weekly testing. Colorado hospitals are requiring it and so should schools. The new delta variant is affecting children and adults. We need to protect are children and those that refuse to get vaccinated.	8/15/2021 3:51 PM
371	After all summer I've no masking and no serious serious health consequences, you want our kids to go into a school building and mask up. This is neither proven by science nor medical . You need to worry about studies and grades not about our students kids health	8/15/2021 3:48 PM
372	Let the children be free. This is America. There is very little risk of death in children. They need to see faces.	8/15/2021 3:45 PM
373	These mask mandates are ridicules we need to stop the madness these masks are killing the	8/15/2021 3:41 PM

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	immune systems	
374	We as adults are creating an environment of hysteria and fear that is delaying our children's academic, social and "life" development. Teaching our children to live in fear of the realities of life, especially when there is so little risk to them—you know the stats—will not only damage them in the long run but our country as well. How long will we remain "the land of the free and the home of the brave" when we model cowardice?	8/15/2021 3:37 PM
375	I do not believe children should be mandated to wear a mask to school. It sends a message to students to be scared and to believe the air and others around them are sick and toxic. Students to need be able to see their teachers mouths and facial expressions.	8/15/2021 3:35 PM
376	Mask choice not universal masks	8/15/2021 3:30 PM
377	As a parent of children under the age of 12,I request that we do everything we can to keep our children healthy. Please support a universal mask mandate in schools. Thank you for your time.	8/15/2021 3:30 PM
378	My background is pediatric ICU/ER RN and pharma quality/safety and research RN, currently SAHM. CDC's website has a study by Brooks JT, et al that basically says: cloth mask alone blocked just 51% when worn properly and fitted tightly! It goes on to say there's an importance of good fit to maximize overall mask performance. So to even get that 51% it must be worn properly. It also says that these findings might not be generalized to children because of their smaller size. So basically, we know that children's masks don't fit them properly (I've yet to see a kid with a properly fitting mask). We therefore know this number would drastically be reduced. To what? 25%? Nobody knows because they're not studying children. Because their faces come in all shapes and sizes. They don't wear masks properly. They continuously mess with the mask. Rendering them really not that effective. So what are we forcing our children to wear a mask for? If there are parents that want the faulty sense of security for their child? They can have at it. I want no part of forcing these mandates that are useless for children. On top of all of this Jena Hausmann, CEO of Children's Hospital Colorado, declared a "State of Emergency" in youth mental health just recently "a first in the 117-year history of the hospital system." Goes to show that our children are suffering more from mental health related to restrictions, decrease in true interaction, facial expression, etc. Please consider making this optional. As someone who ran away from communism, this is government over-reaching with limited to no science backing up when it comes to children. We cannot compare adult results to children.	8/15/2021 3:25 PM
379	Please give everyone their choice to mask or not mask. My kid CANNOT learn in public schools if you mandate a mask. Nobody is asking people Not to wear one, please give those of us who can't a choice not too.	8/15/2021 3:22 PM
380	I believe wearing a mask should be a personal choice and not forced upon our children.	8/15/2021 3:22 PM
381	Wearing a mask should be a choice that should be considered by the families that are sending their children. There are so many options if people do not feel comfortable going out in public, but the masses should not be mandated. This is a personal choice, and still should be considered that way.	8/15/2021 3:17 PM
382	Children need to be exposed to germs, they'll become immunosuppressed by wearing masks all the time. Only N95 respirators protect against covid, there is no point for the children to be wearing masks. Masks don't work.	8/15/2021 3:07 PM
383	Hello, I am an elementary teacher at Pennock elementary. I was in person all of last year. The new Deta variant is much more transmissible than what we had last year. It hits kids with much higher frequency than what was around last year. However, the current recommendations are way more lax than last year. This makes absolutely no sense. I understand kids in schools is necessary for mental health, but wearing a mask is not difficult at all and will literally save lives. Wearing a mask caused absolutely no issues in my class last year and I don't see why NOT wearing a mask has any benefit! We are teachers. We should be showing that we acknowledge science as the truth! It's ridiculous that a health department would even consider not demanding masks when we know they will save lives and there is literally no cons for a school wide mask mandate. I have been wearing my mask ever since we started school last week in order to protect the kids. By refusing a mask mandate, the health department is saying that adults' ridiculous opinions are more important than even the smallest possibility of saving a child's life. PLEASE require masks in schools! Our district school board in 27J will not otherwise do so. Help save my students, please!	8/15/2021 2:58 PM

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384	No corporation would put 30 unvaccinated, unmasked people in a confined space. We should not be putting teachers in a position where they have to put themselves at risk to help our kids. If people oppose masking, we should suggest that they can homeschool or use the remote option.	8/15/2021 2:53 PM
385	Colorado is no longer under State of Emergency orders and has achieved >70% vaccination rate, per Gov. Polis. As a result there should be NO COVID mandates in our state. Individuals and families should be empowered to make their own health and medical decisions, including masking. Arguments on the TCHD website for masking are "potential" and "could" based, do not muzzle our children based on hypotheticals. Children are not high risk and current statewide hospitalizations, as explained by Gov. Polis last week further validate this fact. Let the children breath freely. Let the children learn reading and speech more proficiently by seeing their teachers face and their teachers seeing the children. Let the children be free of germ filled masks. Let the children be free. Question 4 below is intentionally polarizing, there needs to be a choice that reads "I support individuals/families to make their own decisions for mask wearing in a school setting."	8/15/2021 2:50 PM
386	Allowing optional masking is the only option that makes sense and protects our constitutional rights. It is an individuals right to choose. If someone chooses to wear a mask they should be free to do so. If they choose not to they should be free to do so. Public schools are a public space and need to be treated this way. If you are at high risk and then maybe the remote learning option is the better choice for you and your family but forcing children who are healthy and have no underlying health issues or are not immunocompromised to wear a mask for 6+ hours a day is extreme and cruel. We will not continue to sit back and continue to have our rights trampled with this continued government power-trip. We start fighting back now!	8/15/2021 2:48 PM
387	I appreciate the new guidelines of not quarantine cohorts until there are five positive students	8/15/2021 2:43 PM
388	They do nothing to mitigate the risk! Virus v Bacteria, you're not following science, like you claim, instead you want to institute control, and doing a massive amount of damage to kids social development, and immunities	8/15/2021 2:43 PM
389	I believe that the harm posed by masking young children outweighs any benefit and that the statistically proven minute risk to small children does not justify the immeasurable harm. My grandchild may homeschool if this becomes mandatory or we will considering moving to another district or state. We feel this strongly about this issue and are extremely disappointed about the possible loss of opportunity and established life that we have here.	8/15/2021 2:41 PM
390	This is the 3 third impacted year for Students. These children deserve an education that is not impacted by COVID restrictions.	8/15/2021 2:40 PM
391	Masks are harmful to everyone and especially children and young adults. The science/data does NOT support usefulness of masks BUT plenty of data on the harmfulness to learn, socialize, mental and physical health for our children/teens. It is abuse of power to mandate masks and COVID vaxx for that matter. Do your job and protect and teach children-it is tyrannical and unnecessary to have children wear masks-optional only! Teach and don't interfere with their health-that's the parents job not yours. Thank you	8/15/2021 2:39 PM
392	Forcing children to wear mask has not proven that it will prevent the passing of or infection of corona or the delta variant. The only positive that can be scientifically proven is that children can be treated like pets and trained to do the governments bidding. Stop the nonsense and prove you're truly a stuard of humanity freedom and are doing what our founding fathers sacrificed their lives for in the belief that we can all live free and for us to carry on the tradition. We only have freedom once do not waste it on political gain.	8/15/2021 2:39 PM
393	You have already, vastly, overstepped your bounds in regard to masks. MASKS ARE NOT EFFECTIVE AGAINST A VIRUS PERIOD!!!! Stop with the control, fear mongering and power grab. Our children deserve better!	8/15/2021 2:37 PM
394	Our kids and staff should not have another mask mandate. Last year was very difficult on everyone. So many of us, including staff, have gotten vaccines. What is the purpose of another mask mandate if everyone that wanted the vaccine has had the ability to get it and the vaccine is supposed to protect those people.	8/15/2021 2:18 PM
395	In May 2020, the CDC published their assessment of non pharmaceutical methods in fighting the virus. They revealed that masks are not effective in blocking viral particles due to their size. Covid-19 has a diameter of 60-140 NANOMeters. Mask thread diameter ranges from 55-440 MICROMeters which is MORE THAN 1000 TIMES LARGER than the virus. They are	8/15/2021 2:16 PM

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useless in blocking any of the Covid virus particles. There have also been studies from the CDC showing disinfecting your environment, washing your hands, and wearing masks made NO DIFFERENCE to the community spread of the influenza virus. The WHO originally reported that there is NO EVIDENCE on mask usefulness and therefore they are NOT needed. They also stated the cloth masks (including the pretty handmade masks) are NOT RECOMMENDED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCE. Dr. Fauci himself reported on TV over a year ago that masks ARE NOT USEFUL NOR NECESSARY. And as far as the science being an excuse for changing his mind, nothing has changed in the size of the thread diameter nor the size of the variants of COVID. There is no science to follow that changes the efficacy of the masks. The masks that are worn by surgeons are NOT used to prevent the spread of virus particles. They are used to block any saliva/drool from getting into the patient's open wound and to prevent any spatter from the patient to get into the surgeon's mouth. Also, the surgeons are FITTED for their masks to ensure a complete and closed fit around the nose and mouth; it's not one size fits all. There are no studies showing the effectiveness of masks as being useful in blocking the spread of COVID-19. And, when a child wears a mask, there is no seal whatsoever around their nose and mouth. They fiddle with it, it drops below the nose, etc. just furthering the proof that they are INEFFECTIVE. There are, however, several studies that prove the harmfulness of wearing a mask for an extended period of time and the jury is still out on any long term affects on our children. Why take any chances with our children? This should NOT be a mandate and if some parents want their child to wear a mask, that's their choice.

396	As we have been told many times since the beginning of COVID 19, our younger children are very strong when it comes to infections. I am very concerned about our children breathing in the exact air (carbon dioxide) that the human body naturally gets rid of after each and every breathe. We have all have a lot. The children have up just as much if not more. I need this mask mandate to go away and stay away.	8/15/2021 2:14 PM
397	I urge that TCHD NOT mandate masks for school aged children in schools. Your own dashboard show 4 deaths of school-aged children in total for COVID-19, and nationally only 369 deaths for the same. Children are NOT a significant risk of major illness or death. The health advice being given by other health officials are not based on facts, but undue fear of being blamed. That is cowardice. State testing data shows that school children's educations were seriously harmed during the first round of quarantines and masking. Children are put at a serious learning disadvantage when they and their teachers are masked, especially our most at-risk learners, those who have learning disabilities and those who do not speak English in the home. Those disadvantaged students will struggle without masks, and will be set back years if they are required to wear them further. Some may call this racist, because it harms minorities at a greater rate than white children. I urge TCHD to not succumb to cowardice. Follow your own data. Look at what the scientific and medical evidence is truly showing, which is that our kids will be safe from the high risks of covid, and that masks reduce their educational and emotional development.	8/15/2021 2:13 PM
398	I feel very strongly that mask wearing should be optional; family choice. There are numerous studies that support NOT positive reasons to wear masks. I support those reasons and feel a mandate goes against my beliefs for the health of my family. I respect personal choice and respectfully request that the Board of Health allow the same. Thank you.	8/15/2021 2:09 PM
399	Please no!!!!!!! We are starting to get things back to normal and these kids are so excited for this year. Please don't do this to us. We live in small towns with smaller populations at school so please. You will get so much lash back on this. And so many of us have gotten vaccines to make sure we can keep our kids safe. Please don't put them through this again.	8/15/2021 1:55 PM
400	In a world that is already so divided, why teach our kids to be divided by who does and who doesn't wear a mask? Kids 100% take their cues from adults and whether it be a seat belt, removing shoes at the airport, or a mask, let's be united on a safety prevention. If the flu was practically non existent last flu season, they clearly provide a health protection. I homeschooled my children last year because it's what was right for my family till a vaccine was available, and if their school this year hadn't changed to mandatory, they'd be homeschooling until they got their vaccination. They want to go to school with peers and have no issues wearing a mask if that I the way.	8/15/2021 1:53 PM
401	Please take into consideration the mental health of kids who are not receiving proper socialization, who are forced to live in a world of fear, and who are not being given the opportunity to learn in an educational environment that they deserve. Considering the statistics of kids who are being severely affected by covid I would hope you would reconsider and all parents to make a decision about the health of their children instead of dictating for them.	8/15/2021 1:49 PM

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402	Mandatory masking for children has zero scientific backing or basis. A total of 349 children under the age of 18 have died in over 4 MILLION cases, nationwide. The percentage there is astronomically small. More school aged children will have drowned this summer than died of COVID. If this body adopts mandatory masking it will be seen as purely a political move to appease teachers unions and Democrat politicians, and nothing else. If this was truly about science, you would see the science just isn't there.	8/15/2021 1:43 PM
403	My personal opinion is that the decision for mandating masks should be left to each school district. The superintendent, school board and administrators have a close tie to the students, parents and community to make an informed decision. I think that giving them the freedom to mandate based on age of students (or each school) is ok until the vaccination is available to younger students. On the flip side I do know that the school districts want guidance to support their decisions so I also feel that TCHD can provide guidelines for outbreaks, etc. to give them some backing about their decisions. I live in a more rural area so my opinion is based on living in a more tight knit community. My hope is that TCHD takes the different types of school districts into account when deciding how to move forward.	8/15/2021 1:40 PM
404	I do not think the school district nor the Board of Health should dictate or mandate anything about mask wearing. It should be and always be a personal choice whether or not you choose to wear a mask anywhere. Masks on children have been shown to carry multiple harmful bacteria whether they are washed daily or not that these children are then forced to inhale for 8 hours. It's in humane and unnecessary.	8/15/2021 1:34 PM
405	To The Board of Health, I ask you to keep the current policy of recommending masks but allowing the parents and the child to ultimately make the decision to wear a mask for children 11 and under. I encourage everyone who feels like wearing a mask to wear one. If and parent and child both decide that wearing a mask is not best for them they should have that choice. I am answering question 4 below by saying that I do not support masking in schools under any circumstance. However this is not exactly how I feel. As I stated above I think if you want to wear a mask then you should wear one and if you do not then you should have that choice. Thank you for your consideration.,	8/15/2021 1:33 PM
406	I strongly disagree with masks for many reasons. Let's start with the fact that my kids do not want to go to school if masks are required. They feel like they can't breathe, can't hear people properly and that it's just gross (their words) having their spit/saliva in front of their faces all day. The rate of infection is mild if any, so why are we making them suffer? They need to be building their immune systems not the opposite.	8/15/2021 1:22 PM
407	A cloth mask does not protect you from anything.	8/15/2021 1:17 PM
408	Yes, I would prefer it if children are not in a environment where they can not be kept a distance due to the Delta variant, covid has impacted my children highly with having to be home all the time and I would rather them mask up them have to go through another year of staying home and not learning what they would in the class room.	8/15/2021 1:15 PM
409	I support the freedom of choice. Masks should be optional. Our children should not be forced to wear them. I can't tell you how many colds/stomach bugs my children came home with last year (with mask mandate). I truly believe it is the increase in cleanliness (washing hands, sanitizing classrooms more regularly, etc.) that will combat the spread of virus (and led to smaller influenza numbers). The masks our children are wearing are not of the medical grade to prevent the spread. Stop forcing them to wear them just to ease the minds of others.	8/15/2021 1:12 PM
410	I do not support universal masking in any setting for all age groups regardless of Vaccination status. I disagree with the board of health's reasons to mask children, children are not at a high risk for this Virus and masks are not a healthy Option for children. The masks get dirty as kids touch them during the day putting more germs around their faces it hard for them to breath and speak as well. Elementary school is an extremely important time For a child development And masking the children will impede their development. This is board does NOT have the power to tell me to put a mask over my child's mouth, if the board does Try to force type of mask Mandate I will encourage the schools to Resist your decision, if the school does not I will remove my child from the school and many other parents feel the same way you don't get to keep changing the rules During this so-called pandemic. People are vaccinated that need to protect them, it is not my child's job to protect an adult or any other child from the Virus. This board must consider that is mask Mandate Is Unconstitutional And that you will be met with resistance on this matter we will not stop pushing back on you until you stop pushing back on us, No mask mandate ever not for children not for adults not for anybody, thank you for your time.	8/15/2021 1:09 PM

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411	Kids should not have to wear a mask all day this is compromising their immune system. If teachers are vaccinated their is no cause for concern. If they feel more protected than it should be an option not forced.	8/15/2021 1:07 PM
412	The statistics are NOT there to support forcing our kids to wear masks! If anything, they are detrimental to their health. A recent report published by the American Medical Association journal revealed "forcing children to wear face masks leads to adverse health effects. JAMA Pediatrics, a top-rated monthly journal published by the AMA, found wearing face masks increases the amount of carbon dioxide in inhaled air to unhealthy levels." Why would we do this to our kids when the COVID death rate in children is nearly nonexistent? Masks should be a CHOICE, not a mandate. Plain and simple.	8/15/2021 1:05 PM
413	Masking kids inflicts unnecessary challenges in their learning. They can't follow pronunciations and masking them seems excessive	8/15/2021 12:57 PM
414	Masks should be required for anyone on school property. During the 2020-21 school year, we protected our children by implementing necessary safety requirements which included wearing masks at school. I strongly feel that our schools successfully kept COVID cases low by requiring masks along with reducing the number of students in attendance by implementing hybrid schedules. While none of us want this to become the new norm, we do want our children and teachers healthy and safe. For this reason we must support mask requirements until COVID and it's variants have been successfully extinguished.	8/15/2021 12:54 PM
415	What about children that cannot mask because of other respiratory issues or mental health? My son, who suffers from asthma and on going allergies, was miserable last school year and had to get on more meds to control all that. I don't want to over medicate him again, make his stomach be upset all the time, and make him feel sick and miserable all the time because he has to wear a mask all day that 1. Was proven it does not work, 2. There are no studies or proof that it is effective on preventing spread of the virus, 3. Dr. Fauci himself said that masks don't work, 4. Making them breath in germs, bacteria, etc. from the moist mask for 8 hrs a day is proven unhealthy and borderline abusive to kids. From the CDC website: #of children that died of Covid 2020/2021 - 340 #of children that died of Flu 2020/2021 - no data 2019/2020 - 434 2018/2019 - 477 2017/2018 - 643 No mask mandates were in effect then, even though it spreads the same. Unmask the children, let parents make their own decisions that are best for their family and their own children. You don't know what each family is dealing with and how the masking the kids is affecting them physically and mentally now and in a long run. And are you willing to take personal responsibility for that? Let parents decide what's best for their children!!!!	8/15/2021 12:53 PM
416	Please require indoor masking for children under the age 12	8/15/2021 12:47 PM
417	My great grandson attends kindergarten at Landmark Academy in School 27J. His mother, my granddaughter, died last year. He wears a mask everywhere except at home. He is very worried about Covid, as are my daughter and her family, who are raising him. Until there is a vaccine, masks should be worn in 27J schools. We can't know who is vaccinated among the families, staff and faculty at Landmark. Our great grandson loves attending school. He has only had adults to play with in his five years of life. If masks are not required at Landmark, my daughter will be forced to withdraw him from school and do online school for him. Mentally, that will be devastating to him. We can't bear to lose the only part of our granddaughter we have left. I implore you to do as Denver County, Jefferson County, and Adams County schools are doing and mandate masks in Brighton 27J schools.	8/15/2021 12:47 PM
418	If a family wants their child masked, they should have the decision	8/15/2021 12:37 PM
419	I do not support masking children.	8/15/2021 12:27 PM
420	There is no safe way to make a toddler wear a mask. My 2 year old grandson barely tolerates me wearing a mask and there is no way he could keep one on. We have done the mask thing and are still dealingwith covid.. and I am vaccinated.. however, people are still getting it. There is no easy solution. But having babies and young children wear a mask is not a good choice.	8/15/2021 12:27 PM
421	No masks	8/15/2021 12:11 PM
422	Please look at the rising case numbers and hospitalizations in other states and require masks for all students, before things get out of hand in CO. Requiring masks in unvaccinated students (under 12) would slow the rate of transmission of COVID and all other illnesses. We have amazing sunny weather in CO most days - start NOW to plan outdoor learning	8/15/2021 12:11 PM

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classrooms/spots, where kids can learn maskless outdoors with better airflow. If people do not want their children to wear masks, refer them to the district's or state's online learning programs. We simply cannot allow what is happening in, for example, the Dallas area (all pediatric ICU beds full of COVID cases in children, no room for kids with other medical emergencies) to happen here. A strong recommendation for masks is not enough. I want my kids to wear masks, but not if they will be the only ones - leads to academic and social disadvantages as well as opportunity for bullying. Thank you for considering a mask mandate! This is a tough position to be in!

423	We believe in absolute medical freedom of choice. Those who believe themselves as risk may use whatever means necessary to protect themselves; wearing masks, staying home with online learning, or taking the vaccine. If we truly follow the science- then mask-wearing is NOT an option to protecting and providing the security our children deserve. Children have died in .008% of cases from CoVid19. In 2019, more children died from the flu than the number of cases of children deaths from CoVid19 over a YEAR AND A HALF! I do not remember a single person suggesting social distancing or masks in 2019 because of the flu. Our children need a safe haven where they can FOCUS ON LEARNING, not wondering why the air is dangerous? Why is there such divided political turmoil invading school? Why everyone is living in fear? What about children learning to speak, trying to learn/pronounce new words from teachers who they cannot SEE enunciate them through a mask? The fear and isolation that masks create have caused more damage emotionally to our children than any virus could ever cause them physically. Just across the street our neighbors had to attend the funeral of their 14 year old nephew who took his life. In his suicide note, he cited that the virus, masks and social distancing shut him down to the point he questioned why he should live?! No child should be driven to that point. The exaggeration of MANDATING masks should NOT COST ANOTHER CHILD'S LIFE. PERIOD. Those who are at most risk for CoVid19 have the resources and options now to protect themselves in so many ways. They can mask, vaccinate, work from home, learn from home and social distance. Therefore there is no longer sufficient risk posed to the greater population (especially children) to justify cause for MANDATING masks or infringing on our God given, constitutional freedom of CHOICE.	8/15/2021 12:08 PM
424	Having our children and the teachers wear masks takes much away from the learning/school experience. 1. Facial expressions are veiled, detracting from the human interaction. 2. Facial movement is veiled, limiting letter/sound learning. 3. Based on the assumption that masks work, we are limiting the natural buildup of our children's immune systems, which is strengthened by being exposed to different strains of sickness and subsequently building up antibodies to each. 4. The peer-to-peer interaction of various facial expressions is veiled, limiting so much of the experience which is vital to development. If the teachers, who are in a higher risk age group are already vaccinated, there is absolutely no need for the children, who are extremely low risk, or their teachers to wear masks.	8/15/2021 12:07 PM
425	Do not require a mask for students. It is not only a social impact, it is not healthy to breathe in and out your own air.	8/15/2021 12:01 PM
426	Kids being forced to cover their faces with masks is wrong. It produces more fear, anxiety, and social awkwardness (especially for kids) than it actually protects them from anything. Science proves that. Common sense proves that. The masks do nothing but cause even more problems. They do not help.	8/15/2021 12:00 PM
427	I think it should be up to the families to make the choice.	8/15/2021 11:44 AM
428	Having children that struggle with mental health means that it is imperative that they have the most normal school experience. One of our sons has autism and The masks make him so anxious at school. He cannot read other people's facial expressions and has made no friends and the one year he has been in high school. Our kids feel safe without masks. They have already had the virus but none of that is taken into consideration. Leaving the decision to the individual is the most important freedom we can have. Families can decide for themselves if they want their children to wear masks or not. We as a family have left it up to our children. There are places where our children decide to wear masks, but school should place the priority on learning and mental wellness. Anyone can wear a mask if they choose to. But it should not be forced. Thank you for your consideration	8/15/2021 11:34 AM
429	I am writing today to request as a parent that my children get a "choice" in wearing masks at school. I am a parent of an upcoming fifth grader and third grader that attend Eagleview Elementary for this school year. We moved into this district 3 years ago due to the phenomenal reputation that Adams 12 holds. When Adams 12 announced the parents were going to be given the choice regarding masks I was so proud! I am shocked and horrified that	8/15/2021 11:33 AM

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Adams 12 reversed their stance on Friday (3 days before school starts) due to a small group that does not agree! My son's mental health has suffered in so many ways over the past year and a half due to the mask wearing, un-necessary quarantines and the isolated socialization. He now sees a therapist and experiences depression and anxiety. No one is concerned about this! He is not alone! Forcing masks upon us is not the right answer! We cannot be worrying about bullying when we have kids now going to counseling over the mandated and lack of normalcy as well as eventually killing themselves! That's a bigger worry than a kid maybe getting bullied over wearing a mask, don't you agree? Please understand I will stay strong, fight for our children and fight for our rights to choose what is best for our family. It is important that my kids get an education from the school, but that I make their decisions regarding their health!

430	I do not support mandatory masking in schools.	8/15/2021 11:32 AM
431	We need a mask mandate for all ages regardless of vaccination status. Follow the CDC and AAP.	8/15/2021 11:26 AM
432	We are vaccinated parents who do NOT support masking our children, as we are looking to the best interest of our children's mental, educational, and overall physical health.	8/15/2021 11:24 AM
433	Until our children can be vaccinated, I believe we should protect them in any way we can. Schools should also practice social distancing , which they are NOT doing at this time	8/15/2021 11:18 AM
434	Show me the data. Because according to the CDC less than 0.1% of children die of covid. There is absolutely no reason for our kids to be masked. And regardless of what you decide, mine will still have a choice.	8/15/2021 11:16 AM
435	It's time to let everyone live their lives. This mask stuff is played out and we cannot keep going like this. It should be an individual decision like it is every flu season. We have flu vaccines and the flu still lives on. It's time to accept that covid is essentially going to be in season like the flu. The flu also mutates year to year, unfortunately people succumb to it is well but we aren't being forced to wear a mask and have a vaccine forced on us for that.	8/15/2021 11:15 AM
436	We should not be forcing children to wear masks if they do not choose to. Children that want to wear masks can. Kids are so excited to be back in the classroom, please do not force them to mask up. I fear many of them will stay home because they are uncomfortable, and seeing the masks on everyone scares them.	8/15/2021 10:58 AM
437	It doesn't matter if 10 people vote no masks and the rest demand everyone wears masks. ITS STILL NOT RIGHT. It's inhumane, there's data to show homemade masks aren't effective. NIH has a 42 billion dollar budget and not once have they bothered to study the harm masks can cause. Remember.. those hiding and saving children during the holocaust were "breaking the law" and risking their lives. Sometimes the right thing isn't easy, and society makes you the bad guy. Do the right thing and end mask mandates!!	8/15/2021 10:57 AM
438	I support mask mandates because they are one small step we should take to ensure they safety of all our children.	8/15/2021 10:57 AM
439	Good afternoon, My 7 year old daughter goes to Prairie Hills. I am also a healthcare worker, Adams 12 graduate, and a mother of a medically at risk 2 year old. I am writing to express my concern about the lack of a mask mandate this year for our students. Boulder county has issued one and it's appalling that we do not, given our high transmission and lower vaccination rates. I was so impressed with the combined health department and district's COVID response last year. Our children watched and learned, and they were safe. So I honestly wasn't concerned about this year. I thought you would have our children's best interests at heart and would be following public health guidelines to keep them safe. Then I learned that you would not be requiring masks for the upcoming school year, and that you have incredibly lax quarantine rules. How exactly did we get here? The only explanation I can come to is that this is political, because it's certainly not based in the evidence, or on the recommendations of literally every other health authority in the country (the CDC, AAP. CDPHE). I know the anti-vaxx and anti-mask voices are loud. I know they are angry. But it is your job to keep our kids safe, and the evidence is clear. My child is too young to be vaccinated, so masks are the only way we can keep her safe. They work, and they're non-invasive. There are literally no downsides. Especially with the Delta variant, which is much more contagious than the original covid strain (which you not only mandated masks for, you closed school down entirely for, by the way). Our rates are rising and are much higher than this time last year. And the delta variant is impacting kids much more severely. Your decision makes no sense and it puts our	8/15/2021 10:47 AM

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whole community at risk. I implore you to do the right thing. Wearing masks is an easy and non-invasive tool to prevent transmission of a deadly disease. Our kids need you to follow public health guidelines and place a universal mask mandate. Thank you, Suzie Brundage Thornton Prairie Hills mom

440	With the rise of the Delta variant and other rising variants it would be wise to implement a mask mandate for schools, especially since kids under the age of 12 can't be vaccinated.	8/15/2021 10:35 AM
441	Please reconsider requiring masks in schools. Parents should be given the option of requiring their own child to wear a mask. The masks only provide a distraction for students who, while, COVID-19 does not threaten. The district has provided an online-only option for anyone who may be compromised by not wearing masks, or is concerned about those they come into contact with.	8/15/2021 10:31 AM
442	Please give parents the option to choose whether our kids should wear masks or not. It should be our decision not the decision of a board who doesn't even know our children.	8/15/2021 10:29 AM
443	<p>Thank you for allowing us to share a statement, and I truly hope that what we have to say is taken into consideration when making a very large decision such as this one. First and foremost, my suggestion to you is that you leave a decision such as this one in the hands of the school boards and superintendents who know their student populations, communities, and schools best. Strasburg followed all orders issued last school year and will continue to do so- student safety is a top priority. Education is equally so, and if our students are able to be kept safe without mass masking requirements, we respectfully ask that you allow our boards to make that decision. We did not require masks for students last year, and we had elementary students in-person all year long. Smaller communities such as ours, on the Eastern Plains, are vastly different from the other densely populated areas in the same county, and we hope that you listen when we ask you to let us decide what is best for our children in our specific area when considering the balance between safety and education. I would like to address your rationales on why you are considering this and provide some arguments to the contrary. It has been said that we will have "enhanced learning" with in-person education. This may be true for districts or schools that were only online last year. However, at Strasburg Elementary, we were in-person all last year, with no mask requirements for students. Thus, this would actually be a worse learning environment for our students as they were never asked to adjust to this to begin with. Our board, superintendent, principals, and teachers all agreed with this last year- that asking students to wear masks would only detract from their education and make our jobs even more difficult in an already difficult environment. Elementary students, especially pre-K to second grade, are working on developing phonics and phonological awareness. They need to be able to both hear and produce letter sounds accurately, as well as segment and break words apart and put them back together. Even in the CDE created literacy class, there is an entire module on how sounds are formed with the mouth and how to best guide and teach students to make those sounds. This would be made impossible for teachers to monitor if students are wearing masks. These are research based foundational skills that students must have to advance their reading skills. It is evidence based that without these, they will not be able to make adequate reading progress. In our specific school and district, students would not experience "enhanced in-person" learning, which would be devastating to the grade levels teaching these early reading skills. The ages of the students that would be affected by this are the exact ages where it is going to most negatively impact. Research has shown that for every year a student falls behind, it takes 2 to 3 school years to catch up to their peers. This would be setting entire groups of children back in their education. Another rationale is that it "could reduce mental health stress" and help with any bullying about wearing masks. Once again, in our specific school, we did not require students 10 and younger (that was the state mandate) to wear them. Parents were of course allowed the freedom to choose if they wanted their student to wear one, and many did choose to do that. Students older than 10 were also asked to wear them, so that in our school there was always a mix of masked and unmasked students. I never saw or heard of any incidences of bullying or issues arise due to mask wearing. We found that overall our students were completely accepting and didn't even pay attention if a classmate wore one and they didn't. No students even noticed if a student wore one on one day and not the next. My main point is that in Strasburg and in our school environment, acceptance and respect are values we hold most high and our students can be absolutely trusted- they proved this through an entire school year, to not bully or make any issues of others wearing masks. I can't speak for other schools or districts- but this goes back to the point that every single district, community, and school are different, so decisions should be left to that level and be made specifically, not wide-spread. The last point I'd like to make is that you please take very careful consideration and use all of the data needed when making such an impactful decision. Students need to be in school- there is clear evidence showing</p>	8/15/2021 10:27 AM

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this, across the board. We've seen that with many of the home schooled and remote students we've had come back to school. We are able and will follow all guidelines to continue to keep our students safe- as we did very successfully last year. This decision to mask our developing children does not balance their safety and education. The devastating negative impact on their education should be considered and it should not be made in a "one-size-fits-all" manner. Every district in these counties has its own unique makeup and this decision should be left to the individual boards and superintendents. Strasburg proved last year that we will keep our students safe, while providing solid instruction to keep their education on track and not having them fall further behind. Thank you for your careful consideration of these factors.

444	Please issue a mask mandate for those unable to vaccinated. Also, we have kidney disease within our family so masking is top priority to protect our kids and those of us sick.	8/15/2021 10:26 AM
445	The effectiveness of masks is still being questioned. Allow parents, students and teachers the choice to wear or not wear a mask regardless of vaccine status.	8/15/2021 10:25 AM
446	It should be personal choice to wear masks. These kids need to interact and get back to normalcy. They were excited to see friends, see faces, smile at each other and interact. Please don't take that away again.	8/15/2021 10:21 AM
447	Are children don't need all this COVID here struggling with all of this	8/15/2021 10:13 AM
448	I don't believe the masks are healthy for our children to wear all day long. On top of it being very distracting for the children. I believe it should be the parents choice if our kids wear a mask. And our children deserve to go to school as normal and get a good education without being forced to wear a mask.	8/15/2021 10:04 AM
449	Please let families make their own decisions regarding their own children.	8/15/2021 10:04 AM
450	Forcing our children to wear masks in preschool, daycare or school is a far over reach of your unelected power. Stop forcing this on our families! This is child abuse plain and simple. Every parent has the right to choose what's best for their children, not unelected agencies!!!!	8/15/2021 10:02 AM
451	Masks are not worn properly and therefore do not work.	8/15/2021 10:02 AM
452	The masks do not serve a purpose. They are just a way for control. Trying to force a mask on these children is a waste of time. The teachers will be spending more time in trying to have the kids keep the masks on their face instead of actually teaching. The kids should have a chance at a normal learning experience with their peers and friends	8/15/2021 9:51 AM
453	I think that parents should have the right to choose whether their child wears a mask or not to school.	8/15/2021 9:49 AM
454	As a middle school teacher and a parent of two elementary students, I strongly support a universal mask mandate in school settings. We need to do everything we can to keep our kids safe and healthy.	8/15/2021 9:37 AM
455	Where is the data to prove that kids are at risk? Stop flip flopping to kiss political ass. Enough is enough!	8/15/2021 9:28 AM
456	The masks don't keep the spread from happening. Why can't we let our kids just be kids? There is a bigger risk stepping out of the front door than becoming terribly ill from COVID. Drop the mask mandate, people are ready to move on.	8/15/2021 9:17 AM
457	Masking our children is ridiculous, we have gone all summer with no masks, had no issues. Masks delay and hinder education. children cannot see facial expressions, it is harder to understand and hear a teacher while wearing a mask. Please Repeal this mask mandate!! its doing more harm then good.	8/15/2021 9:16 AM
458	Of course children should wear masks. Why is this even a question? We're still in the middle of a deadly pandemic and children can't be vaccinated, meanwhile new variants are wreaking havoc. Of course our children should protect themselves, and learn that masking is an ongoing precaution to protect others. Community care is one of the most important ethics to hang onto right now, yet that this is even a discussion is rooted in selfishness. And the selfishness is that of the adults who are using masks as some kind of demented political platform (um... privilege at work?! Ew!) By the way, I work with children and teachers. The children are perfectly happy to wear masks, and understand all the nuance. Teachers are terrified and struggling, and masking is an easy way to help provide at least one less thing they have to worry about and handle. It's the adults outside of schools who are debating this based on fear	8/15/2021 9:12 AM

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mongering, conspiracy theories, and just plain bullshit. It's ridiculous that this is even being tolerated at any level. Listen to the people in the schools, do what's public health officials recommend. Keep our children safe. Yes, mandate masks, of course.

459	For the safety of students and staff, I support mandatory masking policy for those vaccinated or not. While it is a strong recommendation to mask indoors, 27J is passing it along to schools and families as such. From my experience, I would say very few (5-10%) are taking that recommendation seriously and wearing masks. Instead parent choice is becoming a stronger driver than school safety. You are the health experts, you are the ones who know and understand the health studies and where we are as a county. If you do not make masking a mandate in schools, we won't- to the detriment of school and student safety. There comes a time when for the good of the community experts need to lead the way- this is what I'm asking for. Be the leaders for health and safety, and while unpopular with some, create a mask mandate in schools to protect the many.	8/15/2021 9:06 AM
460	I support mandatory vaccinations, the same as we have always had to send our children to school. I believe in science. Those that are too young to get the vaccine should wear masks to protect themselves and others. As long as there are children who can't get vaccinated and adults who refuse to vaccinate themselves and their teenagers, I think we should have masks indoors.	8/15/2021 9:02 AM
461	We have been strong supporters of vaccines, masks and socially distancing. Our child in preschool will NOT wear masks. However he NEEDS the speech and occupational therapy he only gets in school. Our high school aged child has an anxiety disorder. He is not able to wear a mask all day. We strongly feel masks should NOT be required for anyone in PreK - 5. We strongly support masks for anyone not vaccinated in grade 6-12. Those vaccinated should not be required to wear masksz	8/15/2021 9:01 AM
462	No masks	8/15/2021 8:59 AM
463	Please do not make our kids wear masks!	8/15/2021 8:55 AM
464	Please don't mandate masks on kids again or even look at each school differently. These small communities aren't seeing the spread like other areas. These kids have already been through enough. Let the parents decide what is best for their kids.	8/15/2021 8:43 AM
465	Please give these kids a chance! Masks have been proven to slow the spread of COVID-19, so let's use what we have to save these kids. I homeschooled last year due to Covid, and my daughter is so happy to be back in person, but I am worried about her. Please ease parents minds and require masks. It is a thin piece of fabric, and if a thin piece of fabric is all we need to protect our children, then let's do it! Kids deserve a safe place at school, we have procedures in place to protect them from anything and everything... so let's protect them from dying from Covid!!	8/15/2021 8:43 AM
466	While I understand there are unknowns, I hope we continue to operate as a recommendation, not a mandate until we see cases happening. In 27J, we already started this week. The majority of students I've seen and my child's elementary, and at the high school I work at, most people prefer not to wear a mask. I worry that the minority will be most vocal. In addition, I would be more concerned about masking at the high school level, than the elementary. Elementaries can more easily cohort groups of students. It is nearly impossible to run a high school and cohort in any meaningful way. I know everything is constant flux. I thought in May, the Board decided to make restriction changes based on the number of hospital admissions. I feel like the masking issue is not being considered in any relation to that metric. I think there is too much political influence over these decisions. I am not a fanatic, just very hopeful my young children can continue to go to school without a mask until it proves to be unsafe. Which at this point right now, we are all making guesses/assumptions what will happen. Also, the question #4 is very biased on how it is written. Either I support what you want to do, or I don't support masks at all under any circumstances? That's pretty extreme. So perhaps this feedback process is a hoax. Now I feel you've already decided what you are going to do. I am not answering that one.	8/15/2021 8:39 AM
467	I think it is a parent choice. Not government. Let us make our own choice.	8/15/2021 8:38 AM
468	Please institute masks for all. It is the right thing to do. Backed by science and fact, not opinion. Our children are too precious to not err on the side of conservancy.	8/15/2021 8:34 AM
469	I strongly believe that having our children be masked is not in their best interests. On top of it being a distraction during class playing with a mask. There are in my opinion some hypocritical	8/15/2021 8:31 AM

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decisions being made that do not make sense in the overall. Such as the kids get to take off the masks in the classroom they've been in all day to eat their lunch then and be exposed to everyone in the classroom then get to have close contact with additional kids on the playground. Additionally I would like to understand the statistics being this change of policy with masks from within two weeks of stating no masks were required.

470	My children struggled with mask wearing including constant headaches and shortness of Breath. It prevented them from having a good academic experience. They could not focus in the classroom.	8/15/2021 8:18 AM
471	Peer pressure in high school is real. The first day we came back to school there were more masks than I thought there would be and slowly, but surely, there have been less and less. I have 30+ students in a classroom and it's myself and maybe 4 students wearing masks. Some are vaccinated, but most are not. For me, this year was supposed to be better because we all wore masks in person last year, I assumed it would be the same this year, but that we would be able to all be in the same remote. Now the threat of remote seems imminent and no one is acting on this when we all know what we need to do. Please enforce a mask mandate so that I can continue to see my students in person and don't have to worry about policing one more thing in this new world of education.	8/15/2021 8:13 AM
472	My 6 year old had to endure kindergarten last year remote and then in person with a mask. Her mental health was so sad to see. For that purpose masks should not be worn by these little kids.	8/15/2021 8:12 AM
473	I feel that mandating masks for kids will do more harm to their health than not wearing them.	8/15/2021 8:07 AM
474	I support the right to choose. Mask optional. Why is this option not available below (#4)? Students/teachers/parents have the right to choose what is best for themselves/their children. I do feel mental health should be #1 priority for our students.	8/15/2021 7:37 AM
475	My son had a really difficult time connecting and learning last year because he couldn't see faces. He would come home grumpy and angry. This is the exact opposite of how he came home from school previously. He's already been much happier at school. He also had some memory issues that have just started to resolve themselves. Kids need social cues from faces, they need to connect in order to learn.	8/15/2021 7:36 AM
476	Please do not mask our children again. The emotional trauma far outweighs any risk that this age group has to acquire or infect others. To begin School WITHOUT the masks was very exciting for the children, as facial expressions are part of the reuniting and enthusiastic experience for all people! It is a mental health issue!! And now, With natural immunity and the high percentage of vaccines administered, we have reached (or surely close to) herd immunity and must turn the corner to a better , pre pandemic way of life again. PLEASE allow the children to be UNmasked.	8/15/2021 7:34 AM
477	Masking our children at school is doing them an injustice and teaching them scarcity. Their learning environment should be a place where they feel comfortable, just like being at home. They are finally starting to feel like things are going to back "normal" which will improve their mental and emotional health after a rough year and a half. Switching to masks will only set them back and make their mental health decline. If some parents want to send their child to school in masks, that's their choice, but it should not be mandatory.	8/15/2021 7:34 AM
478	Our children have paid a very high price already, by following guidelines that do not work. CDC guidelines state wet masks should be replaced immediately, and if a mask is accidentally touched, hand hygiene should be performed immediately. After spending a weekend at a conference for nurses, I realized they absolutely didn't follow this, how are our kids supposed to do that? Masks may work in clinical labs, but they just don't in real life. Please unmask out kids.	8/15/2021 7:30 AM
479	Please don't mask the kids, let them live and enjoy a normal school year.	8/15/2021 7:29 AM
480	I do not believe that a mask mandate in Elementary age children is an appropriate course of action. Cloth masks do not stop the spread of disease and are a distraction in younger children especially. It is time to get back to focusing on education and getting the children caught up to where they need to be. The last 18 months have been borderline detrimental to the younger children and we have all been working overtime getting them back on track to meeting the already age inappropriate educational demands in which they are required to meet.	8/15/2021 7:27 AM
481	Masks do not protect our kids	8/15/2021 7:17 AM

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482	I do not believe the kids are able to learn as much as they should since they are distracting. I also believe that they cause more harm to your body than they should. I do not want our kids generation to suffer the rest of their lives not learning what they should.	8/15/2021 6:53 AM
483	Where I feel my comment will be disregarded, I'm making one anyway. If you look at the true science behind masks and covid-19, you will see that the covid particles are much smaller than what a mask will stop. We all got covid last year from our son, who brought it home from school, while wearing a mask. This just proves my point. Not only that, we need to protect our kids mental state too. Look at our suicide rates. Our kids need to see faces. Not only of their peers, but their teachers. Vaccines should not even be in consideration here. The vaccine is not protecting people from getting covid. They say it only helps the symptoms to not be worse. Why does a vaccine matter, if this is true? Stop letting the cdc rule everyone life. Including what information is put out. The truth needs to be heard.	8/15/2021 6:38 AM
484	If we look at the past when we were masked, the cases rose to great heights. What kind of damage is wearing a mask 7 plus hours a day causing? I feel each student/family has the right to choose what is best for their family and both should be respected. Let's teach people to build healthy, strong immune systems not wear masks the rest of our lives.	8/15/2021 6:33 AM
485	The decision to mask or unmask your child should be 100% a personal/family decision. Mask mandates are unconstitutional and more importantly unnecessary. There is an abundance of research that proves masks are not only ineffective against COVID transmission they are also a health hazard. Cohorts have proven successful and should be utilized instead.	8/15/2021 6:23 AM
486	I understand that everyone just wants COVID to be a thing of the past. I do, too - but there is no going back to what "normal" was before COVID. We have to continue to adapt and we have to continue to follow CDC guidance. To the folks who are opposed, why are your preferences and inconvenience worth more than my kids' lives?	8/15/2021 6:02 AM
487	Our children and grandchildren in this district have had their lives altered drastically since the beginning of Covid and their educational experienced has been irreversibly damaged! To continue with this unproven controversial mask wearing will continue to harm these young ones in ways we see currently and will see more fully the damage done as time rolls on. Please put a stop to this! It is emotionally and psychologically harmful to full grown adults, how much more to our victimized kids. A virus which currently has very little affect on the young is craziness!	8/15/2021 6:00 AM
488	Masking requirements for children should be the decision of parents and guardians. Requiring masks of children is not only unsafe, but unethical and detrimental to their learning and mental well-being. Please stop this. We are begging you.	8/15/2021 4:48 AM
489	No masks. They should not be required; they should be allowed. Let us make the decisions for our own children.	8/15/2021 3:14 AM
490	Young children touch surfaces and touch their faces, hair, months, belongings. Masks restrict so much and makes for learning and thriving extremely difficult. I saw this first hand with my kindergartner last school year. He complained of unable to breathe right....	8/15/2021 12:39 AM
491	Young Children do not have an available vaccine. The vaccine from Pfizer is allotted for ages 12 and up only. Other vaccine brands only offer safe vaccine for ages 18+. Mask mandates should be appropriately followed for children below age 12 due to lack of safe vaccine for that age group. I recently read national news that there were only 6 ICU beds in North Texas in the respiratory units for pediatrics, and none available for adults in Eastern Texas, aka Austin. I don't want to see that happen here in Colorado. Sincerely, Shelly Maddox Special needs mom, former covid unit nurse assistant, legal studies honors student.	8/15/2021 12:39 AM
492	I am in favor of mask wearing for all students. I have five children, two of them are old enough to be vaccinated. They still believe in wearing masks and I need them to for my children who are unvaccinated.	8/15/2021 12:34 AM
493	When the government, FDA, CDC, OR ANYONE provides a Viable Isolation of the Covid Virus THEN a discussion of public health can come into session.. until then you are committing FRAUD mandating masks on OUR CHILDREN! YOU will be faced with a Public Health challenge and we will go STRAIGHT to the courts to make you show a valid Isolation of the Covid Virus!! BIG PHARMA VACCINES ARE WHAT IS SPREADING ! Stand up and KNOCK THIS CRAP OFF!	8/15/2021 12:11 AM
494	I believe that masking your child is up to each parent. Children's brains are growing and in	8/15/2021 12:02 AM

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order to grow effectively little brains need oxygen. Additionally, children have not been impacted by COVID. Masking them all is unnecessary. Let parents chose what is best for their child.

495	My child cannot breathe in these masks. Science and stats say that children are not as likely to contract or spread this virus. They grow their immune system by breathing regularly and being around all natural germs. Let it be the parents choice. You cannot tell me how to parent my child.	8/14/2021 11:59 PM
496	Masking children is dangerous not only physically but mentally. It is dehumanizing and the bacteria they will be inhaling daily is abhorrent!	8/14/2021 11:34 PM
497	I am not in support of a mask mandate. My entire family had covid in October 2020. The only place we can trace it back to is my masked child at school. The teacher tested positive and our family had it the week after. Masks are not the best solution to address this problem. Masks are not worn properly by most kids and are not monitored efficiently by teachers throughout the day. They can't... they need to teach. The current cases (7 day average) in Adams county the last few weeks have been less than when the mask mandate was dropped in May. If people feel that masks are going to protect their children... sadly they are wrong. Give parents the choice in the Adams County school district to make their own choice for their own kids.	8/14/2021 11:30 PM
498	Children are not a high risk population for covid. Masks inhibit the natural maturation of the immune system, not to mention literally cycling carbon dioxide meant to be expelled as new oxygen is meant to be brought in to feed red blood cells. I'm sure all of you "know the science", however there is a psychological and mental impact that we may not see for years but cannot be denied. Who is actually at risk? Adults? They can get vaccinated. Who's comfort is this for? Certainly not the children. They are being made to believe the air around them is toxic and they should be afraid to socialize with their peers and trusted adults. I see masks on children as nothing more than insecure and brainwashed adults' security blankets. I refuse to let my children live a life of fear under some false pretense that the government cares about their well-being. That's MY job.	8/14/2021 11:13 PM
499	Please follow AAP and CDC guidelines and require masking for everyone in school settings regardless of age and vaccination status.	8/14/2021 11:13 PM
500	Research does not show any benefit to masking children. It only makes adults think they are keeping kids safe. Research does show harm to kids by wearing dirty masks, not seeing facial expressions and making kids fearful. Natural immunity is the best for kids. Children are not at risk from Covid.	8/14/2021 11:00 PM
501	Mask mandates are creating more damage to the health of our kids than it is protecting them from covid. You are creating mental warfare and creating future problems.	8/14/2021 10:57 PM
502	I do not agree with a mask mandate of any kind. I work as a papa professional in elementary and we will spend our day making kids keep a mask on instead of using it for the instruction time that is needed to grow our kids. We will lose kids for in-school instruction (parents will choose another learning option) and most students will play catch up for the rest of their academic years. As parent, I don't make my kids wear a mask (I have a 3rd and 7th grader). I firmly believe if anyone is going to get sick they will and a mask will not make any difference. I also feel that the larger school districts are forcing your hand in making this "universal" for Tri County and what larger district want DOES NOT work in a smaller district. Stop trying to enforce something that is a personal choice!	8/14/2021 10:57 PM
503	Parent should have choice on what is best for their kids regarding masks.	8/14/2021 10:40 PM
504	It should be an option if we choose to wear masks or not and if our children should have to wear masks or not. I also feel that adams county in Bennett should not be lumped in with the more populated portion of Adams county. The decision to wear masks or not wear masks should be left up to the individuals to choose what is best for them or their children. These kids need to go back to a "normal" school year, they need to be in school without having a mask on their faces if they choose. The last year and a half has been so incredibly hard on these kids! Let them be kids in a small town!!	8/14/2021 10:33 PM
505	Because children under 12 are not eligible for vaccination, it is imperative that schools adopt every available measure to keep kids safe. PLEASE MANDATE MASKS IN SCHOOLS!	8/14/2021 10:31 PM
506	The children have been through enough. Every staff member in the district and adult in the	8/14/2021 10:25 PM

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community has had a chance to get vaccinated. There are ways to do elearning for those who still feel uncomfortable or immune compromised at home. That is a choice they can make.

507	We do not need masks in Bennett schools. The elementary had no issues last year when no one had vaccine. Please do not mask kids.	8/14/2021 10:24 PM
508	I think masking children under 12 should be left up to their parents to decide. Covid did not spread through elementary schools last year. Masks make it much harder on both teachers and students.	8/14/2021 10:23 PM
509	Making the kids wear masks is more disruptive to their learning. Last year the teachers spent so much value time worrying about masks that the kids truly suffered. There are several options for people who don't feel comfortable sending their children to school. I want the voice of the parents who don't feel comfortable restricting their children's breathing for 8 hours and don't want to inject an untested "vaccine" into their child be heard!!!	8/14/2021 10:18 PM
510	Let the parents and children make their own choices!!	8/14/2021 10:18 PM
511	Our kids have had a rough enough year and a half and just want normal. There is no way teachers will be able to enforce masks and be able to teacher our kids without constant interruptions/distractions with masks	8/14/2021 10:11 PM
512	Enough is enough! Masks do not work and the mental abuse this is inflicting on our children has got to stop! The research by real, educated and experienced doctors prove that masks do not stop the virus!	8/14/2021 10:10 PM
513	Do not mask our kids! This is detrimental to their mental and physical health. Stay out of our business!	8/14/2021 10:06 PM
514	To have our kids yet again mask up after being told we wouldn't have to deal with this again is wrong. You have stripped away these kids personalities and individuality. The mask only do more harm. Every single volunteer at our school has said they will walk away if masked are mandated yet again. We can not operate with out them. We have teacher who say they will quit if the masks are brought back. We can't afford to loose more teachers! If these masks did sooooo much to stop the spread then each and every mask should be treated as a bio hazard since they stopped so much of the virus that they are now contaminated. So either but our bio hazard bin for the used masks or do the right thing and stop this mask madness.	8/14/2021 10:00 PM
515	Our kids should not be masked! This should be out choice as parents. How is this country land of the free if we're being forced to do something we don't want to do. Our rights are being taken away!!!	8/14/2021 9:55 PM
516	There is no data to support masks do anything to stop the spread or flatten the curve. The curve for children is flat and has always been flat. There are far more credible risks to our children in this world than Covid. There are plenty of studies showing mask wearing for children do more harm than good. We will 100% home school our children if you mandate masks! Enough already!	8/14/2021 9:43 PM
517	I have 5 children, my oldest is 10 years old, and none of them qualify to be vaccinated against COVID-19. I kept my school-aged kids home last year and we made it through an entire year of remote learning. This year, the school offered no real option to continue remote learning so I opted to return the kids to in-person learning. I was dumbfounded when I learned that schools were not requiring masks for unvaccinated students. Please mandate masks for kids 11 years old and younger so we can limit the spread of COVID-19 and protect our kids against this deadly virus! Thank you for your consideration.	8/14/2021 9:36 PM
518	I believe our rights are being taken away from us. This is land of the free. Freedom of choice. No one should have the right to be told they must do something that is against their choice. This is still a free country. Let's not become a communist /socialistic country.	8/14/2021 9:28 PM
519	Not for the mandate	8/14/2021 9:26 PM
520	I do not think young children should be wearing masks at school.	8/14/2021 9:21 PM
521	No one should be mandated to wear masks unless by choice.	8/14/2021 9:21 PM
522	Dear Tri-county health, Schools should be protecting our children who are not old enough to be vaccinated. As well, those with high risk health situations. My sister in law has a rare form of leukemia and we mask because we can still catch COVID-19 and transmit to others. Please	8/14/2021 9:20 PM

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ignore the activax and mask crowd. This has gone on far to long we need to stop COVID-19. Thank you.

523	This is insane that you are forcing younger kids to wear masks, while older kids are optional. Not to mention the data and the science show that the virus is not deadly to the younger generations. This is a political ploy and all political matters should be removed from our kids schools. I don't care what criminal party one is affiliated with, politics have no business being in our public schools. Leave the masks off and let the kids be human. They need to see each other's faces more now than ever as so many have their noses buried in electronic devices. The data and science shows that kids are not dying from covid. Stop with the political stunts and let the kids be kids.	8/14/2021 9:20 PM
524	do not make children wear mask	8/14/2021 9:16 PM
525	Key Point 1. It is unlawful to require the use of masks. You must respect the right of a religious and a medical exemption. Key Point 2. The right to a medical or religious exemption is a federal law and no state law or company policy can override a federal law or The Constitution. Civilians of all ages have a medical and religious RIGHT for this exemption. Failure to make necessary changes to this narrative is a federal offense and you will be held individually liable of committing fraud. (Jail time can be imposed upon this offense). Key Point 3. Adversely, if you impose mask mandates and do not inform parents and/or students of their right to medical and/or religious exemption, you are opening yourself up to a civil lawsuit. *What this means, is that, you, as a citizen of the United States, will be held personally liable in a civil lawsuit.* Key Point 4. This communication is now public record. District 12 has officially been put on notice of the changes necessary to avoid a lawsuit. *Mask mandates are unlawful, and each individual has a right of medical and/or religious exemption by law and must honor it.* *Individuals can no longer hide behind corporations, as we are holding individuals accountable.* Key Point 5. I ask that these changes be made within a timely manner, within 5 business days. *The school websites should reflect this information, *any door with a mask covering sign should also accompany with a religious and medical exemption sign next to it. *The school can place this information at Staff and PTO meetings, throughout the halls and on social media. Key Point 6. I am calling to inform District 12 out of love and concern. I do not want to form a lawsuit against District 12, and more importantly I do not want to see fraudulent charges be placed upon them. *Fraud is very serious and by not telling the public that they have a right to these exemptions is fraud and this will not be tolerated. * I am asking District 12 to advise the community when changes will be made, so we do not have a lawsuit drawn up and served. Lastly, I would liked Inform you of a few reference cases. I reference Christopher Key (Vaccine Police) and the Jefferson County Schools case, which was held in Birmingham, Alabama. This case included individuals that serve on the Board of Education, the Superintendent, President, Vice President. I also reference Christopher Key and the Southeastern Conference Office case. *These cases were successful cases against fraud, masks, and vaccine mandates. In other words, Christopher Key WON these cases.*	8/14/2021 9:15 PM
526	As a parent of a middle schooler, entering 7th grade, I was able to see what damage the mask have caused on the social development of a tween in middle school. I watched my son go from being outgoing and engaged to being self conscious and como tell covered. That age where social interaction is such a huge piece of development for that age group, it has been deviating to see what constantly covering their face and staying so far away from each other can do to an individual child. I would like for you to consider giving each parent the right to decide what would be the best choice for their child.	8/14/2021 9:13 PM
527	Parents are more then capable of making major decisions regarding ones child. Masks should be optional!!!	8/14/2021 9:13 PM
528	Masks, equity (CRT), 1619 project, and common core all need to go. They shouldn't be required or taught at all.	8/14/2021 9:12 PM
529	Let kids breathe and be free The mental told and depression this has already had masking makes mental and emotional matters worse! I personally have known 3 kids that attempted sucide the last year. This year they started Highschool and are thriving again seeing faces enjoying sports and living again!! Let parents be parents and choose for our children!!! This last year we haven't had enough say! Masking is NOT the answer this is ruing kids and beating down their esteem! This is a virus and we have an amazing immune system to fight this! Our kids need to be unmasked!!!! My child had a few episodes passing out due to masks. It's not ok. Let kids breathe!	8/14/2021 9:04 PM
530	I know it won't be consistent, especially with the older kids but I support masks indoors in	8/14/2021 9:03 PM

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schools. No complaints last year. My child (9) does not have a problem wearing masks. I am a research nurse who works on COVID vaccines. Kids are gross. It helps contain their grossness. If vaccines were available, I would support mask mandates for the unvaccinated. It just makes sense.

531	We are sick and TIRED of this!!! My children are healthy and will NOT wear useless masks under any circumstances!! The fact that you people are even considering it shows how political you've become as well as how much of a joke your so called, "board of commissioners" now is. You people are utterly useless. Expect some competition from me in the next election.	8/14/2021 9:01 PM
532	Do not mask our children!!! It is unfair to MAKE them!!	8/14/2021 8:56 PM
533	I am strongly AGAINST masking in our schools for our children. This virus is not even as dangerous to them as the flu. It is completely uncalled for to have them masked during their school day.	8/14/2021 8:52 PM
534	For one if you have been in a school setting with this age group you would know they could care less if another child had a mask or not. 2nd my kids have things such as asthma and wearing a mask for that long makes it worse and will cause them to not be able to go to school if it is mandatory. I believe if a parent or student or faculty member wishes to wear a mask they should be allowed but the others that can't or don't wish to should have the same rights and liberties to make that decision.	8/14/2021 8:52 PM
535	We will not be enrolling our children in public school because of your lack of parental choice. Masks in children are proven to cause more harm than good.	8/14/2021 8:48 PM
536	I strongly feel like mask mandates are unconstitutional and in direct violation of our human rights. Masks do not prevent a virus from spreading. In no way is this virus "life threatening" it has a 99.98% survival rating. We should have the right to chose and for those, and for those who are in fear they can chose to have thier children wear masks. This is emotionally messing with many childrens mental health. What happens when these kids get out of school daily?!!!! They have sleep overs together, they play at rhe park together, go to church, etc. They will interact not matter what tri county and the CDC reccomends. This mandate is a joke and like stated before is unconstitutional. My body my choice?!!! If the vaccinations work so well why do we need masks?	8/14/2021 8:47 PM
537	Kids shouldn't be required to wear mask, hand hygiene should become a more regular habit within schools.	8/14/2021 8:43 PM
538	I believe it should absolutely be a families choice if they mask or vaccinate for that matter. Kids touch their faces a MILLION times more when wearing a mask. Good hand washing and facilities being cleaned daily would do more good. Masks are not being worn properly, the type of mask is not used, and the handling of masks is done improperly. That being said it is a formality that makes the fearful think that they are safer when in fact they are not.	8/14/2021 8:42 PM
539	Please protect our children and our families - require masks in our schools. Everybody is exhausted and fed up with COVID, but we can't just act like it doesn't exist. We need to keep pushing, keep fighting back - wear masks, live our lives responsibly so we protect ourselves, our families, and our neighborhoods. COVID rates are skyrocketing, ICU beds are filled, Delta is incredibly contagious - let's be proactive and keep fighting COVID.	8/14/2021 8:42 PM
540	It's my preference that masks are not mandated at this point. Most importantly, Please keep our kids in school!	8/14/2021 8:39 PM
541	The use of masks for all children needs to be disbanded. Proper breathing without restrictions is beneficial for children. Building a good immune system through normal living is important.	8/14/2021 8:39 PM
542	I support the safety of our educators and children and therefore am in favor of a mask mandate across the board for everyone. Long term it's the only way schools will stay open.	8/14/2021 8:37 PM
543	Yes	8/14/2021 8:36 PM
544	You are going to ask me as a toddler teacher to keep a mask on a 2 year old when we can barely get them to keep their shoes on and sometimes their pants?! Ridiculous. Also you're going to ask me as a fairly new mother to an almost 2 year old to send my sweet baby to school where he will be forced to wear a mask? Absolutely not. Please provide a 100% confirmed study that shows masks will prevent someone from spreading covid. Also please show me that you have isolated the covid-sars virus. This entire notion is absolute nonsense.	8/14/2021 8:35 PM

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545	I feel that people should have a choice whether to wear a mask or not.	8/14/2021 8:31 PM
546	As a parent I should have the right to choose whether or not my kids should wear a mask. It is not up to the government to decide what my kids should wear. The best learning environment is for kids to be able to communicate by reading lips and learning language properly. They are unable to do so when faces are covered.	8/14/2021 8:29 PM
547	I say NO, do NOT mandate masks for our children.	8/14/2021 8:21 PM
548	It's is absolutely horrendous that you expect children to wear masks all day long, let them be children and allow them to socially develop as they should!!!!	8/14/2021 8:20 PM
549	I believe masks are not sanitary because of being worn all day. They create bad oral health for children. I also believe children need fresh air to breathe in order to learn properly.	8/14/2021 8:19 PM
550	Most parents I know don't want their children to wear masks. It's not healthy. Please don't mandate masks or the COVID vaccine!!	8/14/2021 8:12 PM
551	Please have all students and staff, regardless of vaccine status, wear masks.	8/14/2021 8:01 PM
552	Masking is not necessary!!!!	8/14/2021 7:51 PM
553	Asking only children under 12 to mask i feels like an arbitrary decision. You cannot guarantee that other students i. Older grades with my 6 year olds are vaccinated. Unless you require all students to prove vaccination they all should be masking or all should have the right to choose. I have lost great respect for TCH based on this rule that has not been thought out.	8/14/2021 7:47 PM
554	Kids under 12 haven't had to be masked as of yet. Why start now? They went to school last year without masks and had no issues. My kids have severe allergies and asthma and should not have to be masked so they can't breathe.	8/14/2021 7:44 PM
555	The flu is much more dangerous for children than Covid. You need to give parents the choice on whether their kids need to wear a mask.	8/14/2021 7:43 PM
556	Due to the lack of evidence of COVID having significant effect on our children (it is well known to any medical professional that RSV and Influenza are much more dangerous to our children) I do not support masking our kids in school. We will continue to remove our young children from the public school district as long as the ridiculous measures are taken. Children learn speech, social and emotional intelligence from interacting with other people and by reading facial expression. With a mask, all identity is completely lost. Even for our middle schooler, she struggles to understand what is being taught on a daily basis. She would come home from school with sores on her ears because the school would not allow masks tied behind her head or neck gaiters. If schools were so concerned they would know that cloth masks don't really help all that much- so why do it at all. It just leads to our kids touching their faces constantly and being in consistent physical discomfort. Our children's mental health and educational welfare is suffering due to the insanity of the continued mask mandates. Covid is here to stay-our kids are the least at risk for long standing issues with the virus. Time to stop masking and hurting our children.	8/14/2021 7:40 PM
557	I like to kids wear a mask because last year I notice the my kids not get sick at all no even flu or nothing it's for protection thank you	8/14/2021 7:32 PM
558	Parents know their kids best and know the damage having to wear masks and quarantine away from friends and family has done. Let families make the decision for their kids.	8/14/2021 7:32 PM
559	Please consider a mask mandate for at least elementary kids who can NOT be vaccinated. Having 30 4th graders in a room is worrisome to me. Kids can be asymmetric carriers. I feel masks help contain the spread for our kids who can't be vaccinated as of yet. Thank you for putting the health of our kids first.	8/14/2021 7:30 PM
560	Please keep the mask mandatory for all students and staff as it appears to be the best way to keep students in person. I know they are uncomfortable and hard for some to wear but we need students in classrooms safe and to limit quarantines so as to minimize disruption in learning. As a teacher and parent I want my students and children safe but also in the buildings. I trust you as the experts you are and trust you to make the best decisions for the lives of all in our community. Thank you.	8/14/2021 7:22 PM
561	I think masks are critical to keep our children safe.	8/14/2021 7:19 PM
562	I am a young teen and I got this vaccine because I wanted to do whatever it took for a normal	8/14/2021 7:17 PM

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life and even though I'm vaccinated and took a non FDA approved vaccine I still have to wear a mask,it's just not right that at this point in time we don't have our right to bodily autonomy when majority of people have been doing everything possible for life to become normal.

563	Please have kids wear masks like Adams 12. Protect the kids who cannot be protected with a vaccine who are under 11. Who's parents are making the choices for them. Who may have young siblings at home.	8/14/2021 7:14 PM
564	I don't think the kids should wear masks	8/14/2021 7:09 PM
565	As a health care frontline worker and a parent of a middle school child, I have very strong feelings about the necessity of masking in schools. More and more children are contracting covid and we have even seen full pediatric ICUs with covid cases. We know that the Delta variant can spread even among vaccinated individuals and that it can cause severe illness. Aside from preventing illness, masking may help our kids stay in school more consistently. We know that last year was hard on most all students and many students struggled with remote learning. We don't need to set our students back two years with having to quarantine, switch to remote, or some sort of hybrid situation. Wearing masks are a small yet easy sacrifice to make to keep our kids healthy and in school.	8/14/2021 7:08 PM
566	My daughter is 5 and starting Kindergarten, she has been attending pre-k throughout CoVID with NO mask and never once was there an issue with COVID at her school. She was so excited to start a new school but is now upset she's going to have to wear a mask because in her words "she can't breathe". It's sad that she won't be able to enjoy her first year and that small children are being forced to wear masks, people should have the option if they want their child to wear a mask or not - we shouldn't be forced!	8/14/2021 7:07 PM
567	Requiring masks for those who are too young to vaccinate is a small step in the right direction, but there's a pandemic going on. Universal masking is a smart, cost-effective, and enforceable strategy that should be a no-brainer. There's no reason to bow to the angry, Trumpian parents who are willing to gamble with lives. Maybe makes will turn out to be unnecessary or ineffective—even though we know that's not the case—but requiring them is just about the only mitigation strategy we have at this time. If nothing else, reducing the number of quarantines would be worth it. Kids aren't harmed by masks, and God knows the kids who hear otherwise are the ones who desperately need consistency in their education so they don't grow up to be dangerously ignorant too. Please, please require masks to make the community a little safer.	8/14/2021 7:06 PM
568	I am pro mask choice. Parents and kids should be allowed the choice to wear them or not to wear them.	8/14/2021 7:01 PM
569	I teach at a school in Adams county, and we need a mask mandate to protect students, families and teachers. Delta is more contagious and is proving more harmful to young people. Those of us who chose to be vaccinated can still get it and pass it to others. Without a universal mask mandate we are all at risk for getting and passing Covid.	8/14/2021 6:55 PM
570	The reality is it's a viruses spread. I will not be wearing mask regardless of your decision. My children will not wear masks for school. Let us make our decisions when it comes to our health and the health of our children. Teacher and students can make their choice as citizens in a fee county should be able too.	8/14/2021 6:53 PM
571	The decision of whether to mask should be left up to the parents. In the situation of middle school, requiring 6th graders to mask when it is optional for the 7th and 8th graders seems unnecessary. Let masking be optional for 6th graders if it is for other middle grades.	8/14/2021 6:51 PM
572	Public health measures should be determined by public health experts, not voting by the public. Colorado legislature gave this power to boards of health and health officers to avoid this.	8/14/2021 6:49 PM
573	I do not agree with this line of logic at all. You can sugar coat it all you want but legally you cannot force children to be masked. Furthmore , you put parents who are not comfortable with having their children muzzled in a position of 'it's my way or the highway' dictatorship . You are doing this less than a week before they are about to start school, forcing parents who are uncomfortable to find alternative options when they were originally excited to get back. How on earth can you possibly ask parents to positively look forward to this upcoming year when their freedoms are being stripped away from them. Children look like muzzled dogs when they wear those stupid masks. I am a professional health care provider trained in PPE and we all know masks alone can't protect children from the spread of ALL illnesses. They are confined , they	8/14/2021 6:46 PM

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can't show their smiles, they can't breathe at recess and last I checked there was never a requirement for masks during flu season when statistics show that the flu has killed millions of people . Statistics also show that the flu killed millions of people. This is wrong on all levels and per our constitutional rights, each parent , child and staff member should get to make the decision to wear a mask for themselves or not. If you are vaccinated than you should feel confident that that alone is going to work for you but you cannot make everyone assimilate and call it okay or justify it based off your recent findings which are constantly fluctuating . I was so excited for my children to attend this new school only to have gotten this letter less than a week prior to starting. How dare this be forced upon hard working parents who can't afford to homeschooling any longer. Haven't we experienced enough. Your worried about the overall concerns of the population when the population is decreasing failing and our economy is crippling.

574	Let parents decide if their children will wear mask! We have seen that with masks we still can get sick??	8/14/2021 6:42 PM
575	Please do not enforce the masking of our young children. This has been proven to be completely infective and detrimental for their physical and mental health! This mandate would be totally useless and even dangerous.	8/14/2021 6:29 PM
576	In reference to the City of Broomfield mask mandate for children ages 2-11; can you share the data that this age group is more likely to transmit the virus? Last school year it was mandated children over 10 had to wear masks because they were more susceptible to catching and transmitting the virus. Why now is a child between 2 and 11 years old required to wear masks just because they are not eligible for the vaccine? Your policy also states the following; Masks are recommended, but not required, for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals in indoor public settings. So this states that any individual who is not vaccinated is not required or mandated to wear the mask. Children are individuals and are not vaccinated like some adults yet are mandated to wear masks. These directives contradict each other. Our children have been through enough pain in the past year and had high hopes of having a more normal year, yet on a Friday night before school starts, this conveniently comes out to the parents. I believe this is the wrong decision and needs to be re-evaluated for our children's sake.	8/14/2021 6:22 PM
577	They are my children and I should have the choice if they wear a mask or if they don't wear a mask as I feel I should have the choice to vaccinate or not vaccinate them.	8/14/2021 6:15 PM
578	Schools should 100 percent make masking mandatory. Until more is known about the delta, parents will complain no matter what but schools will shut down again if this is not controlled, and workers at the school should walk off the job if they don't feel safe.	8/14/2021 6:13 PM
579	There have been a total of 349 Covid deaths between the ages of 0-17 in the US since 2019. Most of these kids have had significant complicating factors that would likely prevent them from even attending an in person school. While I would never want any child to die, these number do not justify a mask mandate. There are several other preventable deaths with astronomically higher rates that we minimally attempt to prevent. Masking young kids who's brains are just developing, for 8 hours per day, 5 days per week, inhibits their ability to grow socially and emotionally. 93% of communication is nonverbal made up of tone, gestures and facial expressions. 55% of communication is just facial expressions. Research tells us that children learn empathy (a key skill for social/emotional health) by understanding and seeing facial expressions. A person who fails to learn empathy can develop psychopathy. I am 100% against forced masking. Please let parents make their own decisions for their kids.	8/14/2021 6:12 PM
580	I think that seeing facial movements and pairing faces to voices is an important part of social and educational interaction as masks hide much of your face leaving an expectation that is hard to correct after masks are removed, the sooner they come off the sooner proper development of brain recognition can start	8/14/2021 6:07 PM
581	Children being forced to wear masks, at this point in the pandemic, is wrong on multiple levels. Children younger than 12 have a higher resistance to contracting all variants of Covid, they are far less likely to be hospitalized if they do contract the virus, and death among this age group is near zero. Forcing 6th graders makes absolutely no sense, as they will be in the same schools as 7th and 8th graders, and their masking is optional. Teachers are all vaccinated at this point. Remove the mask mandate for younger children immediately!	8/14/2021 6:00 PM
582	We can not expect our children to bear the burden of masks anymore. Life is hard enough trying to figure out who you are and subjecting them to this nonsense is ridiculous. The fact there is a survey of parents feelings on masking is asinine. Board members flaunted on social	8/14/2021 5:58 PM

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media about exotic vacations, and large events and now they want to be looked at as one of the good guys is ridiculous. If we continue to do this to our children we will have a generation of people that will struggle with confidence, we will have children that will struggle more with mental illness than ever seen before. Stop listening to the hurt feelings parents and make choices that are good for the children. If masks worked so well why are we still here?! Remember 2 weeks to flatten the curve? Air quality is poor and you want them to sit in in air conditioned busses, and stagnant air schools. You want masks walking in? Fine, you want masks to go to the restroom because you look safe, you want masks to walk to your classroom, do not make them wear masks while in physical education, do not make them wear masks while they sit and do school work. Let masks be worn by the people that choose to wear them.

583	I pulled my three kids out of adams 12 schools last year and then homeschooled them. They are currently enrolled, but I have no problem pulling all three and doing so again for their mental well-being.	8/14/2021 5:58 PM
584	I strongly disagree with making elementary school kids wear a mask! I was really hoping for a positive experience for my kindergartner going into school for the first time. I believe she is going to have a hard time keeping it on all day while at school. I also have a child who deals with severe anxiety. You are picking and choosing what health concerns you want to address. Are we going mask up whenever there is a new virus/variant? I believe this should be a choice where we, the parents, can make the best decision for our children, not you! And let's look at the data from last year. Everyone was mandated to wear masks and there were still covid cases so the effectiveness is not there.	8/14/2021 5:57 PM
585	I disagree with it being necessary at this point to do this. Have we even seen whether cases have increased in school settings or not? I suggest waiting allowing parents to make the decision for their kids. Allow for social distancing keeping kids out of school when sick etc... if we see a significant increase then look at the data don't be hasty in making a decision. I also feel like masks are necessary in certain circumstances this isn't one.	8/14/2021 5:56 PM
586	I was so proud of our district for no mandating masks. Now they've changed the mandate. All day mask wearing for young children is isolating. Children thrive on body language and facial expression. Not to mention breathing in your own air all day. Kids sneeze and cough and touch their face, ultimately sitting in their own muck all day. Not to mention the detriment to their immune system if not exposed to outside germs. I adamantly disagree with the decision to masked young children for the school year.	8/14/2021 5:50 PM
587	There are many reasons why I do not support masking school kids all day. The effects of the psychological damage done to children in the last year and a half is really yet to be seen. I believe masking to be abusive, ineffective and unnecessary. I'm sure you've heard a million reasons already not to mask which you've ignored. So, really all I am asking as a concerned parent and the only FAIR AND EQUITABLE thing to do is give ALL students and families the opportunity to CHOOSE what is best for them and their overall health individually. NOTHING is ever ONE SIZE FITS ALL. This includes mandating masks. You have an incredible opportunity here to do the right thing. Allow for CHOICE in your district. Thank you for your time.	8/14/2021 5:49 PM
588	Our children have been through enough...these masks have been a huge distraction to learning and if anything cause the kids to touch faces more often causing germs to spread. I have 2 children at foundations I strongly believe in NO mask mandates thank you so much!!	8/14/2021 5:48 PM
589	Most masks people wear do not fit properly and they allow .5 or higher microns through it. The virus is .2 microns. The holes in a mask are twice the size of the virus. Anxiety is at an all time high in children and this will add to it. Let's not let the fear that the media reports control our lives! Let's wash our hands and disinfect the classroom. Your survey questions do not include any reasonable responses as far as masking by wording it "under no circumstances" which makes me look like a rebel. Let's look at all sides. There is science that masks do not protect against the virus. Let's get back to a normal school year.	8/14/2021 5:42 PM
590	I am so disappointed that there has been so little consideration for our rights as Americans to make our own choices and our rights as parents to raise our children as we see fit. Everything you are "mandating" is not only scientifically unfounded, but unconstitutional. Our children are more at risk of dying on the drive to school than they are Covid. You haven't even been respectful enough to compromise. What about having all families that choose not to mask their children sign a form with a release of liability? What about having mask-free classes separate from masked classes? Every time we turn around you are stripping away more of our freedoms. Do you have a limit? Do you have a boundary? Where does it stop? Do we need to	8/14/2021 5:38 PM

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pull our children from your schools to effect your bottom line? Effect your staffing? Is that the only thing that will get your attention? Just be honest and tell us now. You aren't helping the kids you are hurting them and we won't cooperate or sit quietly by any longer to watch you do so.

591	I am a high school teacher in the 27J school district as well as I live with my nephew who attends Cherry Creek school district. I am desperately hoping that Tri-County makes masking mandatory for everyone, grades K-12 until further notice. At the high school level, we currently only have a recommendation and after our first week of classes I saw less and less masks each day. This will cause a rise in cases which will force us to shut down as there are no cohorts at the high school level. In order to offer more consistent, in-person learning, masks need to be required. I want to see my students, I want to engage with them daily, but if we continue to ignore the pandemic and declare it "over" we will continue to have mass disruptions to our students learning and the well being of our community.	8/14/2021 5:38 PM
592	I do not believe masks are healthy for children. I think we should put more of an emphasis on hand hygiene and reminding kiddos to not touch their faces.	8/14/2021 5:34 PM
593	Please call me to discuss.	8/14/2021 5:33 PM
594	I do not support requiring to wear a mask	8/14/2021 5:31 PM
595	I believe it is ridiculous for kids to have to wear masks all day in school. You cannot clearly hear anyone speak with a mask on. These are small children!	8/14/2021 5:29 PM
596	Masks should be optional. These are kids and they don't always know the proper way to wear them or the proper ways to have stay sanitary, especially in school settings.	8/14/2021 5:28 PM
597	Kids have been struggling this past year with mental health due to this pandemic more so than suffering from the virus.	8/14/2021 5:26 PM
598	Do not put kids in danger. It's only been 3 days in school and already there are reports of sick kids in school and no one is doing anything about it. At a very minimum mask kids up. Delta variant is getting to kids the worst and until vaccine is available for all you should put the kids first. Then when it is available it should be part of the required vaccines for school just like the others. Kids should not be put in danger because of politics. If parents want the no mask perhaps they can find a private school or schools should become separate mask vs not. All I know is we can't stand for endangering kids when all it takes is a mask.	8/14/2021 5:26 PM
599	I am in full support of masks for everyone indoors.	8/14/2021 5:12 PM
600	I believe we are still in a worldwide pandemic. With the new variants such as delta spreading rapidly it is not the time to let up on safety for our children and our families. Masking is an important part of combating this virus that has uprooted all of our lives. It is not the time to let our guards down. vaccines are not yet available for children under 12, making no masks even more concerning. I truly am afraid for my child. I know our community is mainly against masking but I'm really hoping the board will consider making it a requirement for the safety of our children. Thank you.	8/14/2021 5:01 PM
601	I strongly suggest we implement a masking policy as delta variant cases increase and more children are hospitalized. It is our responsibility to protect our children. I send my child masked and currently she is the only student in her class in mask. She has mentioned two children with "colds" in her class coughing everywhere. How many children will be allowed to be severely ill or potentially die? It is our responsibility to protect children. We have a method to help save lives all it takes is the minor inconvenience of a cloth over their face. It does no harm it's a small minor inconvenience to help stop the spread of a deadly illness now effecting children. Implement this now to avoid potential outbreaks and closure of the school district in the future. Look at states like Georgia, states that did nothing to protect their children. Is this what you want to appease the "emotions" of anti-masker parents who claim an infringement on their rights. Where is my daughters right to be able to attend school in person safely? Those parents are the same ones sending their sick kids unmasked to school in the first few days. At this rate it's a matter of time before an outbreak, a shut down, and god forbid poor children in the ICU on ventilators who were too young to be vaccinated and who were left unprotected. A mask does no harm it protects and that should be the priority, the priority should not be appeasing an overly coddled parent who is crying an infringement on their civil liberties. Protect our children.	8/14/2021 4:58 PM
602	I would like to have the freedom to choose if my child should wear a mask or not. It is	8/14/2021 4:55 PM

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distracting to her and it makes it difficult for her to hear the teacher and vice versa.

603	Please consider the health of those who cannot get vaccinated yet. We are at a greater risk of going into a shut down when everyone unvaccinated does not wear a mask. Please choose responsibility and not to give in to the angry mob of parents.	8/14/2021 4:51 PM
604	masking for kids	8/14/2021 4:49 PM
605	OPTIONAL. mask if you want but don't require it!!!!!! Or make all schools 11 and younger and 12 and older.	8/14/2021 4:48 PM
606	I don't support the mask for kids.	8/14/2021 4:48 PM
607	I think the options to the question is flawed. The 4th option/answer that should be on there is 4. Do you support mandatory masking for all unvaccinated people, students or employees along with mandatory masking of all visitors.	8/14/2021 4:47 PM
608	I strongly favor the wearing of masks for those under the age of 12 years old. Our daughter is 10 years old and we have asked her to wear her mask while in the classroom to minimize exposure.	8/14/2021 4:45 PM
609	Questions four seams one sided. I don't see why I don't have a choice.	8/14/2021 4:45 PM
610	It's complete bullshit to require kids to wear masks. Parents should be able to make that decision for their kids. Quit taking our rights away as parents to decide! This is never ending and we've had enough! We will not be getting vaccinated nor will we wear masks. Enough is enough with the control! If this stays in effect, we will hold protests.	8/14/2021 4:45 PM
611	Questions four seams one sided. I don't see why I don't have a choice.	8/14/2021 4:42 PM
612	Enough with the mandates. Let each school/district/family decide what is best for our students!	8/14/2021 4:42 PM
613	Masks are not effective.	8/14/2021 4:39 PM
614	Even though some may not be vaccinated. Its should be an option for those who choose not to.	8/14/2021 4:38 PM
615	Most of us have complied with getting the vaccine with the impression that we would not have to wear masks.	8/14/2021 4:37 PM
616	This virus is no more deadly to children than any other virus (cold) or the flu. And yet, we have never had mandates that require CHILDREN to cover their face 8+ hours a day. WHY NOW? You note being concerned about the mental health of those kids wearing masks, due to bullying, but fail to mention that those without mask are also being bullied by those wearing masks as well - like most other issues, that is one that needs to be addressed first at home, and also as it is seen in school. To the contrary, the mental health all children should take precedence over the possible benefits to strangers who have other means of protecting themselves. Masks, and the very topic of masks, are very draining on children. Let it remain their choice.	8/14/2021 4:35 PM
617	I do not support masking in schools.	8/14/2021 4:32 PM
618	The modalities failed my children. Yet here we are doing them again, Trying to get a different result? They suffer behind the masks. They still got Covid from the PE teacher (they had the same specials rotation, different grades). You're not even considering all of the natural immunity at this point. You're not considering all the data that homemade masks don't work. The SAME folks demanding masks be worn on other peoples children, are also posting and asking for opinions on their most favorite "breathable mask". ZERO LOGIC. Relentless quarantines. Too much missed school. My son can't go to school when his allergies are bad, bc of the mask. THINK about all of the speech impediments, autism, ADHD ect that when they don that mask, it turns their world upside down. We have NEVER behaved this way over the FLU which kills hundreds of kids every year. My 6th grader is forced to wear a mask with peers in 7th and 8th grade who do not have to wear one. ZERO LOGIC. I want my Kindergartner to have a fun mask free year. She's been on planes, amusement parks, restaurants, ball games... but in the classroom she's a hazard? We CANNOT HIDE FROM A VIRUS. We cannot ERADICATE a virus. These mandates are frustrating, because they don't make sense, nor is there strong data to support them. Mental health and suicide are the true harm to our social environment. If you give a mouse a cookie... what's next? When does this end, when	8/14/2021 4:31 PM

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will it ever be enough? No more. It's time to move on with life, if folks are too afraid to enter society after this much information is out there. Then they can hide from the public. But it isn't the public's job to make them FEEL safer. That's all masks help, their feelings. Schools are for education, not my medical choices. I don't want to pay taxes for this way of life for my kids... This is so unreal. I understand Covid is real.. However the tests used gave out many false positive numbers (where did the flu go?), deaths being called Covid when they shouldn't be, and the emergency use vaccine has killed more people than any vaccine combined. A Harvard stud that shows only 1% get reported! So you do the math. We're all trying to do our best, but forcing ANYTHING on ANYONES kids is unnecessary... when did society decide this is an acceptable behavior?!

619	I do not want to wear a mask at school anymore	8/14/2021 4:29 PM
620	As much as I would like to avoid masking during the school year, it appears to be necessary. I think it would simplify things if universal masking were required for grades K-12. Maybe say this will happen for the first quarter and then will be re-evaluated. That way families know how long it will last (at least the minimum time) and they know when a change could be made.	8/14/2021 4:27 PM
621	Our kids have been through so much, let them have a normal year now. The vaccine is out. Let kids be kids.	8/14/2021 4:27 PM
622	I feel it is more of a detriment to wear masks. It makes it harder to breathe. And it can't be healthy to wear for such an extended period of time as a full day of school or work!	8/14/2021 4:26 PM
623	As a health care provider on the front line during the entire pandemic I am intimately educated on the dangers of COVID and what it can do to our community. I believe in masking in health care settings. However when it comes to my children I feel masking is no longer necessary and the science proves this. Overall what I believe it that parents should have the right to decide whether their child should be vaccinated-I believe in vaccination-everyone in my household is vaccinated except for my 11 year old who will receive his in December. I also believe parents should decide if their child should wear a mask. I had fully intended to allow my 11 year old boy to wear a mask. I implore you to allow PARENTS to decide what is right for their own children. Thank you for your consideration.	8/14/2021 4:21 PM
624	I do not support the forced masking of kids	8/14/2021 4:21 PM
625	Say no to masking kids	8/14/2021 4:17 PM
626	No masks on kids. Stop the fear.	8/14/2021 4:14 PM
627	Please do not make children wear masks! Enough is enough! They are finally showing their beautiful smiles, and seem mentally healthier.	8/14/2021 4:14 PM
628	Stop muzzling kids!!!!	8/14/2021 4:11 PM
629	Please don't force my kid to wear a mask. He's 5. send yours in mask if you want to.	8/14/2021 4:07 PM
630	Stop masking young kids. Enough is enough.	8/14/2021 4:03 PM
631	Children are not at risk from Covid. At risk people can be vaccinated, enough control and let kids be kids!	8/14/2021 4:01 PM
632	Stop masking our kids. Let's care about their psychological health too!!	8/14/2021 3:59 PM
633	My kids cried almost every day last year wearing masks, this start of the school year, they have been so happy with not having to wear them. And yes, we have all had Covid and I had a very serious case. Still don't want to make them wear a mask in school.	8/14/2021 3:56 PM
634	Masks should be a parents decision. They should NOT be mandated! Masks are distracting and disgusting when not used properly. Young children are constantly touching and dropping them spreading even more germs. Also, forcing a child to wear a mask causes devastating psychological and physical effects. Ultimately parents should be able to decide what is best for their child/children based on their individual circumstances. Last time I checked we still live in America and should have freedom of choice.	8/14/2021 3:55 PM
635	My child should not have. Mask up she she has developed a mental issue over this mask mandate she's 9th grader and more of her friends and friends of friends have killed themselves they are distant isolated can't see smiles the list goes on our children need to be free from these mask your vaccinations are not working anyway!	8/14/2021 3:53 PM

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636	No. Masks.	8/14/2021 3:51 PM
637	Please protect the elementary school age population from the spread of Covid-19 by issuing a mask mandate. My children deserve the right to be protected from a deadly virus while attending school. They cannot be vaccinated as of yet, a mask mandate could possibly buy our family time until we are able to get them vaccinated. My children deserve the right to be kept healthy and safe from a deadly virus while attending school. Please issue a mask mandate!	8/14/2021 3:48 PM
638	I am an Aunt to three Strasburg school district students. The two youngest—my 5 year old niece and my 8 year old nephew—are too young to get vaccinated. I worry about the long-term health risks of my nieces and nephew contracting COVID-19. I am also a sister who worries that my nieces and nephew could bring the coronavirus home and expose my sister and my brother-in-law to the virus. I am also the daughter of an immunocompromised mother and a father who is high risk for COVID-19 complications—masking in schools will help to mitigate the risk that their unvaccinated grandchildren might spread the coronavirus to them. And, I am the granddaughter of an 87 year old grandmother who is at high risk for COVID-19. Masking in schools will help to ensure my grandmother can spend time with her great-grand kids without unnecessarily being exposed to the coronavirus. Lastly, I am a citizen. I believe that school districts have an obligation to protect the students under their care as well as a moral responsibility to provide a safe environment for teachers and staff. Masking in schools is a simple and cost-effective way to help slow the spread of COVID-19 at a time when the Delta variant is causing a devastating surge in COVID-19 cases and deaths across the country. Schools should follow the recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics and the CDC: that everyone over 2 wear a mask inside schools, regardless of vaccination status. As a concerned family member, I urge you to require universal masking inside schools to protect everyone and help us all get past this horrible pandemic as quickly as possible. Thank you for the opportunity to submit a public comment on this important issue.	8/14/2021 3:43 PM
639	I have a child with a severe speech delay and having his teachers in masks has only put him further behind. I am very concerned for him.	8/14/2021 3:43 PM
640	Masking does not work. It doesn't provide protection against Covid 19, which already has over a 99% survival rate ... and that's for adults. The survival rate is even higher for teens, and more over for those 12 & under. Masking was never used for numerous other MORE serious and deadly viruses, so why now? There is risk in everything. So, let the parents and older kids speak for themselves and make their own decisions, and for that of their children. If someone wants to wear a mask, please do. I would never stop them. If you want the vaccine, please do, if it makes you feel more protected. But for those of us who do not think they want or need masks (or vaccines), should we not have the right to say no? What about those who've had the virus and have antibodies? Why should we have to continue masking & exposing our bodies to a vaccine unnecessarily. Common sense seems to have been replaced with fear, and actual science is taking a back seat to padded statistics, and a fear campaign that has zero science involved. The government, on any level, has never promised to protect us and keep us safe, from anything, over-inflated "pandemics" included. We can make our own decisions about when we go out, what we wear on our faces, if we want the vaccine, or not, and, BTW, where our children should be educated.	8/14/2021 3:38 PM
641	Mask wearing, vaccinations, etc. should be parents choice, not a mandate.	8/14/2021 3:37 PM
642	My youngest child is too young to get vaccinated, but will wear a mask when asked a majority of the time. My older son is waiting to get his second vaccine dose, but already thinks he's vaccinated and doesn't need to wear a mask. My older son is not wise enough to make this decision on his own and I have a good feeling he's probably not listening to me while off on his own either. His school currently is allowing them to wear masks if they would like and is encouraging it but it is not mandatory. I worry about both of my son's health and decisions about their own health. If masks were mandated I wouldn't have to worry about either of them trying to decide if they should or should not wear a mask because there would be no question about it. This is not just an adult's disease. COVID has proven to be detrimental and deadly to anyone at any age. I don't appreciate waiting to see what will happen just because some people feel it's an invasion of their freedom (it's not). Please be proactive instead of reactive and until the world has a GOOD grip on COVID please mandate masks.	8/14/2021 3:36 PM
643	My son has autism and apraxia of speech, so the masks are absolutely detrimental to him. We would like the choice of wearing a mask. The last question is biased. I support those who chose to wear a mask and those who are not able.	8/14/2021 3:28 PM

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644	Can the parents choose whether to mask or unmask their children regardless of vaccination?	8/14/2021 3:25 PM
645	Families should have the choice regarding children wearing masks.	8/14/2021 3:22 PM
646	Making the kids wear face mask is the same as punishing them for being kids. If a 'kid' gets it, they are likely to heal quickly!	8/14/2021 3:17 PM
647	Please allow personal choice for our kids.	8/14/2021 3:14 PM
648	Please make masks OPTIONAL	8/14/2021 3:04 PM
649	NO MASKS!	8/14/2021 3:03 PM
650	Please require masks in school for staff and children especially where there are children under 12.	8/14/2021 2:59 PM
651	I am asking you to oppose mask and vaccine mandates for students and school staff. Masking has less than a 1% efficacy against viruses unless they are a specific fitted mask that has to be refitted and disposed of regularly. The CDC has recently stayed that the Covid-19 Vaccines do not lessen the viral load of infected people. In addition, there is a lot of evidence coming out of Israel where a very high number of people are vaccinated that they are having just as severe of effects - meaning the vaccines aren't working. Masks make it very hard for kids to learn in school. I'm a teacher and last year I had to stop kids from using the masks as sling shots, hats, and purses. All of which spread infection more than just breathing does. Please stop mask and vaccine mandates.	8/14/2021 2:54 PM
652	I don't think they should wear masks, it makes things so much more difficult, they obviously don't work and its stressful for all involved. I think if someone wants to wear a mask then fine but it shouldn't be forced onto everyone!	8/14/2021 2:52 PM
653	NO MASKS, leave the choice up to the parents.	8/14/2021 2:51 PM
654	Let the parents CHOOSE what is the best option for OUR children when it comes to masks in schools!	8/14/2021 2:50 PM
655	This should be a parents choice. It is incredibly unfair to mandate for little kiddos and only recommend for age 12 and older.	8/14/2021 2:46 PM
656	Please consider not making our students for their own protection. I have personally witnessed how ineffective making is while substituting last year. Masks get dropped and played with. More germs are spread while children have masks on. Some children are fine wearing a mask, but others struggle. Those who have myopia can have difficulty seeing because the mask fogs their glasses. (This has long been a problem for medical students in the operating room.) Masks can cause severe acne and other skin problems. The discomfort of a mask distracts some children from learning. By increasing airway resistance during exhalation, masks can lead to increased levels of carbon dioxide in the blood. And masks can be vectors for pathogens if they become moist or are used for too long. Overall masking distracts learning, can cause other visual and skin problems and masks it harder for the kids to breathe.	8/14/2021 2:24 PM
657	Enough is enough. Next your going to try and mandate that we vaccinate our kids or they can't go to school. Where do you draw the line? Masks are hurting our kids! My kids can't make friends because people are turning on one another with this covid stuff. I thought we where supposed to teach our kids to LOVE ONE ANOTHER. we went from racist (color of skin) to racists (mask or not/vaccinated or not) WHERE DOES IT STOP?!	8/14/2021 2:22 PM
658	Parents need to have a choice when regarding the health and safety of their children.	8/14/2021 2:22 PM
659	Our kids should not have to wear a mask for 8 hours a day. They are hard to breathe in and makes the learning process harder.	8/14/2021 2:19 PM
660	I just want to be given the choice to mask or not. It's a parental right. My children are not enjoying their experience at school. They are suffering and dread attending. They deserve better. Not to feel like disease vectors. This is not our children's fight. It's ours as their parents. Please consider giving us back to option to mask or not. It is our right.	8/14/2021 2:18 PM
661	Please mandate masks for all persons in schools with kids underneath the approved vaccination threshold and strongly suggest masks for all persons in other schools with kids above the approved vaccination threshold.	8/14/2021 2:18 PM
662	This should be up to the parents, or at the very least, to the schools, not Tri-County Health! It	8/14/2021 2:10 PM

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has been shown over and over again that unless a mask is an N-95 mask used correctly, they do not work! It is very difficult for teachers and students to communicate and it is damaging to children's mental health. Again, this should be up to the parents! Stop the mandates! They don't work and do so much harm, to children who are not in any danger from Covid or it's variants!

663	Depending on who you speak with there is Science to support both sides of the argument. That is why the only rational answer is CHOICE. Masking and vaccines is not one size fits all and need to be left up to individual CHOICE. CDC doesn't even require their own employees to mask or vax.	8/14/2021 2:07 PM
664	Please do not force teachers and students to wear masks. There efficacy is questionable and we've had enough inconsistency.	8/14/2021 2:04 PM
665	Check control study in Denmark (large 6K group size) With and without masks...they do .03 good...if you trust ANY stats. (Reuters.com)	8/14/2021 2:02 PM
666	I support a parents CHOICE to mask. I am not anti-mask. I believe parents that are more comfortable with their child wearing a mask absolutely have the right to that choice. On future surveys, please properly represent those that do not agree with a mask mandate. We are not anti-mask for anti-science.	8/14/2021 1:47 PM
667	Please require universal masking in all schools to protect our children during covid, particularly during a time when vaccines arent available to those under 12. Preventative measures such as masking and social distancing are the only tools we have to protect our youngest from the current delta surge until a vaccine becomes available. Masking works when everyone does it, as we've all learned over the past 18 months it's about wearing a mask to protect others as much or more than protecting yourself.	8/14/2021 1:46 PM
668	Give parents a choice when it comes to masking.	8/14/2021 1:45 PM
669	How can we mandate 2-11 to wear mask, and only recommend for 12yr and up. Also for 12 and up regardless of vaccine you can choose if you want to mask? How does that make any sense?! Did you know there are many schools that are k-8. How do you explain to your young children, you have to wear a mask, but the older kids in the same building do not??? Either we all mask or we choose.	8/14/2021 1:41 PM
670	My daughter is vaccinated and should not be forced to wear a mask at school. It's time to let the kids have a normal school year.	8/14/2021 1:41 PM
671	The efficacy of non medical grade or n95 masks is limited at best. There is plenty of literature available that indicates cloth masks and masks not worn properly(people touching their faces and adjusting masks) in the way children are extremely likely to do takes away any efficacy that could have come from wearing the cloth masks. The mayo clinic has articles explaining proper use of masks, and children just do not follow the proper protocols. They wear loose, non form fitting masks, often without a bendable strip above the nose, frequently touch their masks without disinfecting their hands, and far too many in the population dont clean masks after every use. We are pushing the children to continue mask wearing in areas with low transmission, with our population closing in on herd immunity and possibly already there due to natural immunity being factored in. Many children in the school have already had covid-19 and according to the nature magazine their immunity will likely last a lifetime. https://www.nature.com/articles/d41586-021-01442-9 Students are not eligible for the emergency use vaccine's, but most people in their families have had the opportunity to already vaccinate. This provides, even with the delta variant, much lower chances of serious illness from the virus. After almost 2 years from the emergence of covid-19 (with government reports showing likely emergence in september of 2019) we are no closer to getting rid of covid as a yearly emergence that we will have to deal with similarly to influenza outbreaks. We have never proposed cloth masks for school settings for influenza, and should not begin mandating children wear them forever based on this boards decision today. There will always, always, be ongoing sickness in our communities that some will demand children wear masks to protect them. But with the overall death age from covid-19 being in groups : Total Deaths : 610,425 85+ : 179884 = 29.47% 75-84 : 166609 = 27.29% 65-74 : 136234 = 22.32% 55-64 : 78427 = 12.85% 45-54 : 31750 = 5.20% 35-44 : 11628 = .019% 25-34 : 4579 = .0075% 15-24 : 1062 = .0017% 5-14 : 121 = .000198% 1-4 : 44 = <.00073% <1 : 87 = <.000143 The children are not the risk, they do not wear masks properly to make any difference in transmission, and are negatively impacted socially for wearing masks. No children are ostracized from their groups for wearing masks if their parents want them to wear them for people are still wearing them out	8/14/2021 1:36 PM

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at grocery stores, hardware stores, hospitals, and even outdoors. Children do not hurt their parents and families likelihood of getting sick, as they have the options to take the experimental covid-19 vaccines if they want to. Changing masking policy will affect everyone negatively, and we must not let kids be sacrificed for people feeling safe. safety is in their own hands, not our childrens. Thank you for your time Bryan Duff

672	Masking required	8/14/2021 1:36 PM
673	I support mask choice!!! This is not a one size fits all situation and a mask mandate for ALL kids is not acceptable. If kids/parents want to wear they can but no child should be forced to.	8/14/2021 1:35 PM
674	I support universal mask usage. Keep our kids and teachers safe. Follow the science	8/14/2021 1:34 PM
675	I believe if a public school employee needs to work they should feel safe. Requiring masks adds safety and should happen in public schools.	8/14/2021 1:27 PM
676	I am a first grade teacher in the 27J district. Masking our children is dangerous and harmful in many ways; Social/Emotional and academic needs. Masking causes more harm than it is helpful! Look at the data and the cases compared to the hospitalization data for our county. Science is not supporting the politicalized mask mandate. Allow parents to choose what is best for their child. If parents want them to wear a mask, they may. For those who choose not to wear one, they should not be forced to do something that is more harmful than helpful!	8/14/2021 1:24 PM
677	Please, please, PLEASE do NOT mandate mask wearing. This is supposed to be a free country where people should be able to make whatever decision they wish. Having 3 kids in school I know that they do not like having to wear them and it is hard on them mentally. My kids suffered more in the last year at school, mentally, then they ever had. Where is the concern for their mental well-being? It should be an individual choice whether they wear a mask. My body my choice, their body, their choice. Let them love growing up free with the freedom of choice and having their choice heard of not liking masks instead of fearful of what other control the government and other entities will take over their life.	8/14/2021 1:15 PM
678	I am NOT for mandated masks in school for the any students. It needs to be family choice. I have not seen empirical data to support masking children. Give the data you have, not opinions and let the families decide their confidence level. Let's give families a chance to make the decision for their own children. Thank you.	8/14/2021 1:05 PM
679	I believe strong in keeping the mask mandate in schools for the safety of our unvaccinated children. Keeping our families safe and trying to prevent the spread of any Covid 19 virus is the best for not only ourselves but our community..	8/14/2021 1:02 PM
680	If a mask mandate will reduce the chance of school having to go virtual I'd welcome the mask mandate.	8/14/2021 12:48 PM
681	I believe that it should be an individual choice that is left up to the parent or guardian on if they would like their child to mask up or not. Vaccinated people can still get COVID and pass it just like the unvaccinated can. So obviously they aren't working. There's always going to be a new delta strain that is going around. It's never going to end. I want my child to build up their immunity to it. Here's a thought... Instead of masking up our children out of fear why don't you close the borders and not allow illegal aliens to cross our borders and bring in other covid strains. Obviously, our government isn't that worried about the Delta virus when they are trucking these illegals all over our country. But that's not the problem, right? The illegals don't carry covid, just our children and unvaccinated Americans do. Let's be honest, this isn't about our children's health. It's about government control. How do you get control? You get it by installing fear. The children are our future and if the government knows that. They have planted the seed of fear in our children and are getting them to submit to their mask mandates. It's just the start. Don't try and tell me that scientist says otherwise either. How many times have they flip-flopped since the pandemic began? Obviously, the former president of the United States Barack Obama Isn't too worried about seeing how he just threw himself a huge birthday party with over 600 UNMASKED guests. Do as I say not as I do, right? If the former President isn't worried and doesn't follow the rules then why should we? Only freedom of choice for the ones in power? My kid, my choice. Where's my freedom of choice? This virus has a high serval rate. Maybe you should be more worried about our kid's mental health that has been taking a beating since this pandemic began instead of trying to cover their faces. How about you care about the high suicide rates amongst school-aged kids and the anxiety that has filled them during the pandemic. Their mental health isn't your top priority, right? But you would rather	8/14/2021 12:38 PM

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make our kids wear masks to school for a virus that has a high survival rate. Makes perfect sense.

682	I have teenage children and am a high school teacher. I support universal masking for all in schools!	8/14/2021 12:30 PM
683	I feel the masks are unnecessary	8/14/2021 12:29 PM
684	I would like to strongly encourage TCHD to implement a mask mandate inside public schools. At the very least, in elementary school where children are too young to be vaccinated. It is only a matter of time before the virus enters the schools again, and starts spreading, and those most vulnerable will be the ones most affected. It is terrifying for me as a parent to think about the risk to my children every time they set foot inside the school. Please, follow the science. Masks are a simple and effective way to help mitigate the spread of COVID, as well as other illnesses that spread like wildfire inside public schools. Until the vaccination is approved for those under 12, masks should be required for those children, and anyone working in close proximity to them during the school day.	8/14/2021 12:17 PM
685	I feel that this is extremely unnecessary and can cause damage to our kids health and respiratory system	8/14/2021 12:17 PM
686	Wearing a mask until this pandemic is under control, is a small price to pay to help prevent schools from closing again!	8/14/2021 12:15 PM
687	I believe masking up should be parent choice for children in school. The psychological and physical harm of children wearing masks all day is detrimental and irreversible and should NOT be mandated. It has been proven this practice does not work and should not be forced into our schools!	8/14/2021 12:11 PM
688	I absolutely do not support masks for students in school. They don't prevent any illnesses and In fact make children lack oxygen and breathe in bacteria all day long. Kids spend more time messing with their face and thwir lack of breath than education, which they can't retain information without adequate oxygen anyway. keeping People have learned to read emotions based off of facial expressions. Wearing masks at a young age prevent kids from their freedom and we live in America, the country of the free. "Our body, our choice." They need to build immunity. They need to feel at peace and not stressed. Suicide rates are through the roof. There's only leaves two at home learning, further online schooling and online bullying. This is giving an inch so they take a mile.	8/14/2021 12:08 PM
689	1) There are currently no other health or safety mandates in place at school, making masks a necessity for school to be a safe place for all students to learn. 2) The goal is to keep schools open, and putting staff members at risk puts student learning in jeopardy. They can't afford to have students missing teachers for weeks at a time. 3) 90% of cases in the US are the Delta variant, and many are breakthrough cases for vaccinated people. 4) We are still teaching during a pandemic. Health and safety need to be our priority.	8/14/2021 12:08 PM
690	I'm a concerned parent of a first grader at Hillcrest Elementary. I'm saddened and disgusted with the change in mask policy for preK through 6th grade. When Chris Gdowski informed parents two weeks ago about the mask guidance being optional for all students and mandating staff and parents indoors, it wasn't what I wanted but fair to our kids. My wife took our daughter to orientation to which they said repeatedly that this would be subject to change. Hours later we get an email that is mandatory for students 6th grade and under. COVID-19 is not a threat to my child. Parents should be able to assess their child's risk and make the best decision. I would encourage you to please reconsider the guidance you're giving to our school districts. We did not elect you to speak for us. You're not protecting students, teachers, or parents. I will encourage everyone I can to speak out and get active against TCHD and Adam's 12. With best regards, Jason Reeves	8/14/2021 11:58 AM
691	Masking should be parents choice. Should not be mandated.	8/14/2021 11:51 AM
692	There have been no long term studies as to what mask wearing is doing to these young kids. It is damaging more than helpful. Do not mandate mask wearing for kids! If parents want to have their kids wear them fine if parents don't want them to wear them LET THE PARENTS MAKE THE CHOICE!!!!	8/14/2021 11:44 AM
693	There is more then a sufficient amount of study to show the harm in masking our children. Oxygen levels, not allowing them to build their immune system, holding bacteria straight to their little faces. PARENTS have the right to choose for their own children.	8/14/2021 11:42 AM

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694	The delta variant is surging, so many school districts are already having to be shut down and/or quarantined. How are we still so ignorant at THIS POINT. Absolutely ridiculous that masks are optional in our school district. They should be a requirement, regardless of vaccination. We will NEVER get through this pandemic if we don't start considering the community at large instead of just thinking about ourselves.	8/14/2021 11:41 AM
695	I don't feel as though you should have any say on if my children wear a mask or not. My children's health decisions is between my children and the rest of our family not the school board or the school district or anyone else. My children will be taken out of your district if this mandate goes into affect.	8/14/2021 11:34 AM
696	In our area few students who are eligible have been vaccinated. I work at at HS with over 1600 students and extremely crowded hallways and full classrooms. There is simply no way to remain 3-6 ft apart so I believe that for health and safety masks are necessary. I am vaccinated but I could still become infected, be asymptomatic, and bring it home to younger children or my ill father and that scares me.	8/14/2021 11:32 AM
697	I do not support masking in schools and there is plenty of medical data that supports the fact that masking does not stop the spread, but rather lowers the immune system and exposes children the harmful bacteria.	8/14/2021 11:31 AM
698	Do not mask our children. Our younger school aged children are not affected by covid. When the flu kills more children than covid, nobody required masks during flu season.. why now? Do not take away my right to choose as a parent what is best for my child. Our children deserve to see face expressions, hear properly with out muffled language caused by masks, and furthermore not to be terrified of becoming sick. Teachers should not be forced to wear masks either. Covid mandates have taken enough from our teachers and students. LET OUR CHILDREN BREATHE FRESH AIR AND DON'T TAKE AWAY OUR OPTION TO CHOOSE!	8/14/2021 11:28 AM
699	As someone who lives in Adams and who's pregnant wife works at Riverdale Ridge it concerns me that masks are not require even though the CDC guidelines are to wear masks indoors and in K-12 schools. DPS and Boulder have already made sure their staff and students are safe and I cannot believe tri county is risking the lives in our community especially with a high risk area and low vaccination rates. I'm worried about my wife and her ability to do her job because of lack of masks. You are putting not only my family at risk but the community as risk. You need to require masks in all schools. Keep students and staff safe and keep schools open by requiring masks.	8/14/2021 11:22 AM
700	Hi, i am writing with main focus on mask mandating 2-6 year olds in school. our district just released a requirement for 2-11 year old ONLY to wear masks in school. there are many reasons we can argue about with this, but as a parent of a child who was born right before this pandemic as well as a 5 year old who used to succeed above level in school prior to this pandemic, and is now having to receive speech and occupational therapy, i feel i want to express a few things. there was a release from italian plastic surgeons stating that prolonged mask wearing such as all day in classroom in young children can cause facial and ear deformities, in addition to putting our young growing children at risk of physical deformity there is also multiple studies and expert opinion on development of social cues, learning, etc. Most children involved in this age group learn social cues, reading and language skills, physical cues based on seeing facial and body cues, reading lips, seeing their peers and teachers lips move etc. we have to wonder if this decision is all pain no gain for the majority of people. The Children involved with this age group are at highest risk to spread illness this we know is why the district has mandated and you are questioning mandating, however if any of you are parents think about your 2 year olds through 5 year olds realistically wearing masks all day at school. does this not encourage the children to bring their virus infected hands to their mouths nose and eyes more so than not having something on their face. my daughter who is only 5 broke down crying last night when i told her she'd have to wear a mask to school. we have worn masks this entire pandemic, i have a child who has been around for the most part pro mask family etc. and she said i don't want to go to school if i can't breathe, a trip to walmart in her mask and she has a panic attack. The idea that any district or health department truly believes that requiring masks for ages 2-6 years old is even remotely ok is frankly an uneducated, inexperienced decision, and more so the fact that it is based on the fact that this age group is not eligible for vaccination when it is not mandated for children 11 and up in school regardless of vaccination status makes no sense. please think about this age group as for over a year! not one government entity health organization etc. has even thought of mandating masks on such young children until just now. we run around feeding into everyone my body my choice until it's not. at what expense to our children, something seemingly so	8/14/2021 11:20 AM

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simple to us like wearing a mask for 6-8 hours is not the case for any child more than less 2 year olds and kindergarteners!

701	These are our children you guys work for the tax payers and you don't get to decide what you do with our children medically in anyway shape or form.	8/14/2021 11:14 AM
702	This illness is not affecting children. When children start to be affected by this virus is when you should mandate this mask law. Half the population is vaccinated, when do we stop trying to protect those that don't want protection. Vaccines are free and available! Allow those to who don't the vaccine to make that decision.	8/14/2021 11:12 AM
703	Please do not force our children and teenagers to wear masks	8/14/2021 11:09 AM
704	I don't understand this debate at all. These children are not vaccinated, we want to protect them and have them in person. This is literally the least we can do. I am in favor of masks until a vaccine is available	8/14/2021 10:45 AM
705	Take them off the kids! They need some normal life again. Their mental health out ways the risks of covid! The infection rate among kids is low and for those with weakened immune systems they have the option of masking or online. Losing on child to suicide is to many and with the dehumanization of the mask they feel very isolated and alone. As a parent of teenager they have lost so much we need to show they we are here to listen to they wants and needs! They need to see faces! They need to feel we are listening to them. Don't ignore their feeling!	8/14/2021 10:39 AM
706	This madness needs to stop! I have not seen one post from Tri-county health on boosting our immune systems or the real problem of obesity. How many kids are in Tri-County? Population of kids 18 and under in 2019 (It will be much higher now) 472,289. We have lost 9- 18 and under. Did these kids have underlying health issues or was it only Covid that killed them? On your website it doesn't break out the cases of ages, why is that? Scare factor, keep everyone afraid so you can keep your power??? Average age of death in Tricounty is 76 years old. Teachers were told to get vaccinated to go back to normal and now that doesn't matter. They are still forced to wear masks. How is this ok to have our kids learning with words being mumbled under a mask. No more mandates, unnecessary limitations to our students & back and forth responses on how to live our lives right now. Allow our kids to learn freely, breathe without masks & begin to thrive again! Stop the madness. Choice is critical. Choice in health decisions, choice in what we're willing to watch happen within our communities & choice in what's right for each of us- no matter the situation. If you want a mask, fine, wear one. If you don't, great, move on. Allow families and individuals to make their own decisions and protect themselves as they see fit. NO MORE MASK MANDATES!	8/14/2021 10:38 AM
707	Mask up all students K-12 in every county until a vaccine has been approved for all age groups. Asking them to wear a mask for a few more months is not hard and will help us avoid an unnecessary spike in cases this Fall, needlessly putting others at risk.	8/14/2021 10:35 AM
708	If people are uncomfortable with mask wearing, (soft fabric) compare that to the rigid plastic of a respirator. Parents that are against masks in schools seem to take breathing for granted... children learn what they live. Fighting for air is so much worse than fighting for parents rights. The most important thing a parent can do is protect their families from harm. Covid has the potential to harm children more than adults...facts are facts.	8/14/2021 10:23 AM
709	It's hard to believe anything coming from the media. "ICU numbers doubled over the weekend" - does that mean there were 10 out of 50 beds occupied and doubled to 20 beds of 50? There is no where with real data that the public can accurately inform ourselves. Even at that, the CDC has done research that shows the virus can travel through the masks, where is newer research showing that it does stop COVID? Children hospitals get a small percentage of hospitalizations and the media runs with it to scare the public. WHERE ARE THE NUMBERS OF HOW MANY CHILDREN ARE IN THE ICU FROM COVID not an underlying condition that put them inpatient after their test and transmission? We are causing world chaos for a 1% death rate? And a 5% hospitalization rate in CO since tracking has been done? According to the Colorado COVID-19 Data on Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment on 8/14 data 589,526 confirmed cases and 33,666 Hospitalizations! That is 5%. For those that think masks work can wear them but not force the rest of the public to. Otherwise these mandates would have been relevant during peak flu season, etc. People are going to get virus' no matter what/when, we can't impose mandates on public to prevent 1% of deaths.	8/14/2021 10:20 AM
710	Stop the child abuse! You will not force our kids to mask again. God gave us an immune system and a brain, use them! Masks are not working and you need to stop spreading fear to	8/14/2021 10:15 AM

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people! I will not allow you to mask my children anymore.

711	I'm a parent of two students in the district. One of my children has severe asthma and is in a mask currently. Under the current recommended guidelines less than 10% of the students and staff were in a mask on the first day of school. My daughter's mask alone can only provide so much protection if others are unmasked. Both of my children are vaccinated. I am a teacher in another Colorado district that is requiring all to be masked indoors. I'm relieved as a teacher that we are providing the protection we can to our community and the responsibility of being the mask police is removed from me as the teacher. I beg you to follow the science and require masks until all can be vaccinated.	8/14/2021 10:08 AM
712	My children will be pulled from school if it happens. I disagree with mask and their function/dependability against covid. Covid is real but it's not the boogeyman portrayed to us. If people want to wear mask, let them. If people don't want to wear mask, don't make them. This is a theory we use for many things in life to include more deadly choices than covid.... driving,(accidents), drugs/opioids/alcohol/tobacco, and much more. Get out of my childrens health decisions. What happened to hippa? You're not God's and you're not helping.	8/14/2021 10:04 AM
713	Mask mandates are necessary during this plague. The mandate should be instituted at the highest level, to take pressure off of individual school districts.	8/14/2021 10:04 AM
714	I live in Adams county and teach at Riverdale Ridge. I am appalled at the lack of requirements for masking in schools. I teach 3 classes with 26+ kids in my room with no windows and students are not even 1ft apart. Although I am vaccinated I wear a mask because I am pregnant. In my classes I am lucky if one student is wearing a mask. I feel unsafe at work due to lack of masking and I'm so concerned about mass quarantines because of lack of masking. We need to protect our students and staff. We need to require masks and reduce the delta variant. MOST of my high school students are not vaccinated. I'm worried it's only a matter of time before a shut down. Let's keep our kids in seat. The best way to do this is to require masks for K-12 schools. Especially with the CDC recommending this no matter the vaccination status. Please as a future parent, teacher, and someone who's baby can literally die if I get covid; I'm begging you to require masks.	8/14/2021 10:02 AM
715	I cannot keep my children safe, in the hands of an unmasked school District. Masks are the only protection, to the unvaccinated. Mandate masks in schools!	8/14/2021 10:00 AM
716	Let people choose what is right for them and their family.	8/14/2021 9:52 AM
717	It is essential that we require masking for all students and adults in schools in order to stop the spread of the delta variant and protect those who are too young to be vaccinated.	8/14/2021 9:49 AM
718	Listen to the doctors and public health. NOT public opinion	8/14/2021 9:40 AM
719	Please consider allowing personal choices made through this time regarding masking, or extend further consideration regarding mandatory vaccinations for those staff members that qualify for the vaccine vs masking for young children. My child is in Kindergarten and my husband and I both work full time, with another child in daycare and a third on the way. We have both been vaccinated, as have all close family members. And we still wear masks where required without concern. Our daughter would certainly wear a mask if asked as well but the likelihood of her wearing one in a way that would truly provide infection control, with handwashing after touching the mask and ensuring a proper fit throughout the day, is incredibly low. Many friends have reported their children returning home with a classmate's mask at the end of the school day. This is not a good sign for effective infection control. Verbiage supporting masking would likely prevent bullying for those choosing to wear a mask as effectively as mandating masking. Remote learning will not be an effective option for our 5-year old, so while I support measures to keep our children in their classrooms, I do not think that mandatory masks with young children will be helpful. Perhaps mandatory masks for the staff would be more appropriate? Or again, mandatory vaccinations for those staff members that qualify? And for those that are over 12 years old and unable/unwilling to vaccinate, perhaps remote options should be made available or mandated. Ultimately, I urge that the true infection control outcome and reality of compliance be considered further before mandating that children under 12 years old wear masks.	8/14/2021 9:33 AM
720	Please seriously consider requiring masks in school for now. There are many reasons that requiring masks at this time benefits everyone. My girls are SO excited to be back in school in person this year. The excitement can be felt by everyone on campus. To prevent schools from being shut down, learning interrupted, more confusion, division, physical and mental health	8/14/2021 9:26 AM

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repercussions, it makes sense to require the added layer of protection of everyone wearing a mask (vaccinated or not) at least indoors for now. To leave the decision up to the schools or the district creates a really tough situation for administration. To have a broad rule that pertains to everyone seems to be the fairest and safest for all sides. Right now, leaving the decision to the schools, families and kids creates an atmosphere for bullying of those students who wear masks, peer pressure for students to do what their friends are doing and increases the risk of COVID outbreaks in all schools. Since vaccinated people can infect unvaccinated people it's just a matter of time for outbreaks to shut schools down to in person learning. It's difficult to verify vaccination status and right now those who are vaccinated AND those who are not vaccinated are not wearing masks indoors. This is a recipe for everything we don't want to happen. Our kids don't have a choice of whether others wear their masks or not and therefore are put at risk since they are not able to receive the vaccine yet. It seems logical enough, especially now with Delta infecting both the vaccinated and unvaccinated to require everyone wear a mask. My daughter is high risk. She had COVID at the beginning of the pandemic and was one of those kids who had MIS-C. She's 2.5x more likely to be infected with Delta according to the CDC. Now she is in a classroom (mod) with the majority of kids and adults not wearing their masks. She asked me if she could at least take her mask off at her desk and I told her absolutely not. She's already at risk and now her risk is even greater because of the environment she is now learning in. She doesn't understand why she is the only who has to wear a mask when no one else has to. What kind of message does that send? To me it sends a message that the people in charge of making the rules care more about mask rights than the health and well being of ALL people on campus. My body, my right doesn't pertain when those not wearing a mask can spread 2nd hand COVID to those around them. For consistency in learning, keeping schools open and kids attending in person, the physical health and mental wellbeing of everyone, especially our kids, it makes the most sense to require masks at this time. Please be reasonable when making your decision. So much is riding on it.

721	Please do NOT mandate our children to wear masks. Our children do not need to live in fear. Masks take away so much in regards to facial expression. Last year, my first grader did not enjoy school like he has in the past. How many children in our state have died from COVID? Please use facts to make this decision. Children have very little risk of getting sick or dying from COVID. Do not use adults as the reason to make children. Adults have either gotten the vaccine, had the virus or have access to the vaccine.	8/14/2021 9:26 AM
722	My children hang out with their friends after school, they have played with them all summer long. They shouldn't be made to wear a mask ever! I am a parent and I choose my kids mental health and education over mask mandates and other over stepping.	8/14/2021 9:20 AM
723	Masks are doing more harm to us than good. The virus particles are smaller than any weave on a mask and can easily come through. Masks trap germs and force people to continually have them on their faces. Masks don't allow proper flow for oxygen and force carbon dioxide to be inhaled again which is dangerous when done on an 8 hour, 5 day a week basis. There is also a social element that is underestimated here. People need to see facial expression to gain social awareness. Masks take away the human element and encourage isolation. Isolation most often leads to depression and depression to major mental illness. Masks have done more harm than good in this situation and that has been scientifically proven if you look at real science, not these trumped up reports the CDC is giving out.	8/14/2021 9:14 AM
724	My Child needs to be in school. Your child, needs to be in school. Your "freedom and rights", don't supersede my child's right to live. He has Special Needs and us compromised. He handles a mask fine, ALL DAY!! It's defeating my purpose as a vaccinated parent, to have an unmasked school with unvaccinated people, around my masked child. All children want to be in school. Children adjust. They only become opinionated, when Adults speak negatively about it. I cannot have my children, attend a school or district that does not have their best interests at heart. This is an unvaccinated population. Why risk their health and lives?! This shouldn't even be an argument. The absurdity surrounding the hypocritical arguments, are revolting. As a parent it's our jobs, to keep our kids safe. In a public, National, WORLDWIDE PANDEMIC, safety should be at the forefront of our children's vulnerability, in schools. Mandate masks in all school settings. "Save the children." Stop the spread. They won't have a future, if our Adults don't get it together.	8/14/2021 9:13 AM
725	Having to wear a mask all day is not good for their health.	8/14/2021 9:08 AM
726	I appreciate your time and expertise. I know we all have differing opinions as to what is best for the children. Our personal freedoms need to be respected as well as the authority of the parent in making a decision. We respectfully complied with your suggestion all year last year	8/14/2021 9:07 AM

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and it didn't work. People were still getting sick. In fact the unintended consequences of your decision has filled children's hospital with children who are now suffering from depression, suicide, anxiety, etc. The reasons you have stated masks are being considered again this year is "protection for those unable to vaccinate", and "COULD reduce mental health". Those statements are not based in fact nor in science. Both the vaccinated and vaccinated are getting sick. In fact, look at Israel who has 85% of its population vaccinated and of those in the hospital, 85-90% are vaccinated. Your statement also gives no consideration or credit to those who have already caught the virus and have natural immunity. I am flabbergasting that you are stating the mask "COULD" reduce mental health. The last year has proved that to be entirely false, considering our children's hospital is full of kids who are having mental health issues FROM the mask. My question to you is, with all her expertise, experience, and degrees, why are you deciding to throw out all your knowledge and decades and decades of science for your own personal hypothesis? Why are you projecting your science experiment on ALL our children? Again, why are you lying to yourself, and worse encouraging others to believe your lie and demanding ALL comply when real science says all great science experiments have a control group. All parents should have the choice to decide which group their child is in. I do not believe children should wear masks. It's dangerous for them and this last year proves it. Your hypothesis has been proven wrong. I am extremely sad to see you as experts are giving people the illusion that they won't catch the virus and that you can stop this virus. You can't, and everyone will catch it at some point. Why aren't you encouraging them to boost their immune system with immune boosting treatments and treatments that have proven to work. Instead you are pushing preventative solutions that only weaken the immune system. But, I am willing to settle for masks being optional, because I believe in the constitution and our God given freedoms. Each family should decide what is best for them and their families.

727	There is enough information out there for people to make the decision themselves, we are said to live in a free country so let the citizens make their own choices	8/14/2021 9:07 AM
728	Please mandate masks for our children who are unable to be vaccinated yet and their teachers as well.	8/14/2021 9:06 AM
729	It should be a parent's decision if their child wears a mask	8/14/2021 9:00 AM
730	Our family feels we have the rights to make the decision for ourselves.	8/14/2021 8:55 AM
731	I am an elementary teacher and I am a mother of asthmatic children. When it comes to teaching with a mask on, students are not able to fully hear and understand what is being said because the mask muffles what is being said. Students can't see my mouth move when I am speaking. Students need to be able to see my mouth when we are pronouncing letters, sounds and words. On the flip side, when they are speaking to me through a mask I can not fully understand what they are saying. I taught in an elementary school that was open all year and masks were not required for younger children. We did not close our doors to in person learning. As a parent of asthmatic children, the masks make it much more difficult to breathe. They aggravate an already difficult situation. I don't think a mask mandate will do anything to improve the functioning of schools or children's education.	8/14/2021 8:53 AM
732	Dear Members of the Tri-County Board of Health, My name is Dr. Lora Erickson and I am a licensed clinical provider in the states of CO, FL, and IL and a full-time university professor at the graduate level with The Chicago School of Professional Psychology. I am writing to express my utmost support for a universal mask mandate for local schools. While I am very encouraged and thankful for the newest guidance that all students under 12 must be masked, I am concerned that masks are currently optional for older children. Unfortunately, strongly encouraging people to "do the right thing" is not sufficient in the most individualistic country in the world (see Geert Hofstede's work on this: https://geerthofstede.com/culture-geert-hofstede-gert-jan-hofstede/6d-model-of-national-culture/). The vaccination rate for Adams county is a full 10% lower than Denver county (which has a universal mask mandate). See here for data on vaccination rates for our county: https://covidactnow.org/us/colorado-co/county/adams_county/?s=21681094 Further, many of our students live in homes with vulnerable people and/or children under 12 who are ineligible for a vaccine, or attend K-8 schools in the area in which there are kids over the age of 11 who will be permitted to be unmasked, thus putting more people at risk. The plan to make masks optional goes against the guidance of both the Centers for Disease Control and the American Academy of Pediatrics, ignores the science on COVID transmission in kids and on the effectiveness of masks, and fails to give our youngest kids—who are not yet vaccine eligible but will be soon—a chance to evade infection after over a year of sacrifice. All available evidence indicates that SARS-CoV-2 will spread wildly in schools without strong mitigation efforts—including universal masking—	8/14/2021 8:52 AM

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firmly in place. The CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics agree; both agencies have released guidance indicating that schools should mandate masks for students, staff, and visitors. As local health leaders, you should listen to them. The hard work has already been done by some of the world's leading experts within nationally accredited agencies. Surely the Tri-County Board of Health knows and would affirm the expertise of these agencies and would not assert that public opinion from those against masks holds similar weight. Not all opinions have equal validity, credibility, or rigor. Though infections in our state declined in the late spring and early summer as vaccination rates increased, new variants like Delta pose a serious threat. The Delta variant is much more transmissible than previous variants, and data from our local area reflect that troubling reality. The 7 day average of infections in Adams County increased by 34 to 204 from July 26- July 31 (see <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2021/us/adams-colorado-covid-cases.html>). Remarkably, 315 new cases were reported on 8.13.21. Hospitalization are up 48% in the last 14 days. The percent positivity testing rate in Adams County is nearly 9%, one of the *highest* in the Denver metro region. In addition, the age distribution of new infections and hospitalizations has also shifted downward, with young kids representing a greater proportion of infections and hospitalizations than in previous months. This will only get worse if kids return to school without required universal masking and other mitigation strategies in place. The science is clear on COVID and kids is clear: children can be infected with SARS-CoV-2, can get sick with and die of COVID-19, and can spread the virus to others (see citations 1-3 at the bottom of this message). As of the first week of July 2021, more than 200,000 kids in the U.S. had been hospitalized and nearly 400 kids had died from COVID. A tragically disproportionate number of these kids who experienced severe illness or death were young people of color, (see citation 4) whose social and economic vulnerabilities put them at especially high risk. While kids are less likely than adults to experience severe illness or death, the long-term consequences of COVID infection on neurological, lung, metabolic, and cardiovascular function are still unknown. Recent studies estimate that anywhere from 10-45% of kids under 12 who are infected with SARS-CoV-2 experience "long haul" symptoms that last more than five weeks after diagnosis (see citations 5-6), even if they experience mild acute infection. This is all to say, kids have not been and will not be spared in this pandemic. Importantly, kids can also transmit COVID to their unvaccinated, immunocompromised, and otherwise vulnerable family members and friends, which further contributes to community spread and the emergence of new variants of the virus; it puts the "end" of this pandemic further out of reach and threatens the efficacy of current vaccines. Thankfully, over the past year and a half, we have learned a lot about how to reduce transmission and infections, and masks have emerged as a particularly important, scientifically proven mitigation strategy. Evidence from the CDC shows that the relatively low levels of infections in kids seen during the 2020-2021 school year were, in large part, the result of school closures and widespread mitigation efforts in schools, including mask mandates. Though kids transmit COVID as efficiently as adults and are infected at similar rates to adults (see citation 5), mask mandates in schools prevented high levels of in-school transmission during the 2020-2021 school year (see citation 7). The proven effectiveness of masks is a key reason behind the CDC's and American Academy of Pediatrics' current recommendation that students and staff continue to wear masks in schools during the 2021-2022 school year. Again, the science here is clear: reopening schools without universal mask mandates and other mitigation efforts in place while the Delta variant surges will result in high levels of transmission and infection in kids, which can further contribute to household and community spread, even among the vaccinated. We shouldn't wait for Delta to spread in schools before putting universal mask mandates in place; we can and should act in order to prevent any unnecessary disease, death, and suffering. Families are depending on you as local health care leaders to follow the science and protect the health and safety of our kids and community. Our kids deserve to go to school without worrying about getting sick and spreading the virus to their immunocompromised, unvaccinated, or otherwise vulnerable family members, friends, and neighbors. We shouldn't ask our kids and their parents to choose between going to school and staying healthy and safe. Wearing masks is a small sacrifice to make in order to support that our kids can remain safe while going to go to in-person school, which we know is important for their intellectual, social, and emotional development. In addition, as a licensed clinical provider, there are serious social ramifications of this shortsighted policy. Imagine the students aged 12+ who are masked out of respect for others and to aim to provide some degree of protection for themselves. How will they be treated by their unmasked classmates? Surely, the board is aware of the rhetoric that many of their parents employ--calling mask "muzzles" and claiming masks are "child abuse." Simply join any number of online parents forum for Adams 12 to see this. My children are brand new to the district and now being placed in situations that have the strong possibility to negatively impact both their physical and mental health--how devastating and what a terrible welcome to the community. I am asking you

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to listen to the experts, follow the science, and apply a universal mask mandate for all schools. Masks should be required, especially for our most vulnerable unvaccinated students--consider if a student with medical special needs were to contract the virus at a school that was not following the CDC and AAP guidance--I imagine that they could have a strong case for litigation. Finally, I would simply ask you to compare the responses that you are getting here--some of us are citing the most recent data, local trends and patterns of the disease, and evidence-based literature for support. Others are voicing personal feelings and anecdotal opinions. As health care leaders, one of these two should make a lot more sense to you when it comes to implementing public health policies. Public health is not an individual effort. Thank you for your time. Sincerely, Lora L. Erickson, PhD, LPC, LCPC, LMHC-QS E: lerickson@thechicagoschool.edu P: 217.891.7280 References 1. Lewis NM, Chu VT, Ye D, et al. Household Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 in the United States. Clin Infect Dis 2020. doi:10.1093/cid/ciaa1166 2. Szablewski CM, Chang KT, Brown MM, et al. SARS-CoV-2 Transmission and Infection Among Attendees of an Overnight Camp – Georgia, June 2020. MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep 2020;69(31):1023-1025. doi:10.15585/mmwr.mm6931e1 3. Chu VT, Yousaf AR, Chang K, et al. Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 from Children and Adolescents. medRxiv 2020. doi:10.1101/2020.10.10.20210492 4. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Estimated Disease Burden of COVID-19. Accessed June 30, 2021. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/cases-updates/burden.html> 5. Buonsenso, Danilo, et al. "Preliminary evidence on long COVID in children." medRxiv (2021). <https://doi.org/10.1111/apa.15870> 6. Office for National Statistics. Prevalence of ongoing symptoms following coronavirus (COVID-19) infection in the UK. Accessed July 18, 2021. <https://www.ons.gov.uk/peoplepopulationandcommunity/healthandsocialcare/conditionsanddiseases/datasets/alldatarelatingtoprevalenceofongoingsymptomsfollowingcoronaviruscovid19infectionintheuk> 7. Honein MA, Barrios LC, Brooks JT. Data and Policy to Guide Opening Schools Safely to Limit the Spread of SARS-CoV-2 Infection. JAMA 2021;325(9):823-824. doi:10.1001/jama.2021.0374

733	I don't know what the infection or risk statistics are showing right now for children who cannot be vaccinated yet, however that is something that should be considered in this decision. One of my concerns is the children who are sent to school sick and can spread covid quickly, my other concern is the risk for children at school with compromised immune systems or other conditions such as asthma are not being protected from others who may spread COVID at school. I would like to think all parents are responsible enough not to send their sick child to school but that is not always the case. It would make more sense to no longer require masks once there is a vaccine for this age group as well as cases of COVID decreasing. I support universal masks only because vaccines are not being required by schools for everyone who is able to be vaccinated and people are refusing to be vaccinated which places the unvaccinated at risk.	8/14/2021 8:47 AM
734	There's no reason a child should have to sit through school wearing a mask all day. Of the majority are vaccinated then there's no need to wear masks. It causes health issues as well as mental issues.	8/14/2021 8:44 AM
735	Please reconsider the mandatory mask mandate. My son will be going into preschool this year which will be his first experience with any sort of school and he will be required to wear a mask. This will truly ruin his first experience with school leaving him with a negative feeling about all the wonderful things school can provide. As a 3 year old my son responds to facial cues and if he, his classmates, and teachers are all wearing masks he will not be able to respond. Also, a big part of reading is using your mouth to sound words out or practice movement of your moth, how is he supposed to be able to do this with a mask. Please reconsider making masks mandatory and make them optional for students.	8/14/2021 8:43 AM
736	Masks should be a decision to the person. Not mandated. Why can we have 70,000 plus in a stadium with no masks and now you want to put masks on a classroom of 30 kids. You have already taken so much from our kids in the past 17 months. When does it stop. Let it be a choice. If your scared wear a mask.	8/14/2021 8:43 AM
737	Masking should be a choice not a requirement!	8/14/2021 8:42 AM
738	Current data is not supporting that younger kids are transmitting the virus at a level that constitutes all children being masked indoors. Additionally, the effectiveness of the mask for younger students is very low due to improper wearing.	8/14/2021 8:41 AM
739	The type of masks adults and children wear are not effective in dramatically reducing the spread of infection. The majority of masks are not worn properly and are doing more physiological harm than good. Recommendations for mask wearing go against studies done	8/14/2021 8:36 AM

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comparing masks effectiveness in preventing transmission of a non politicized virus.
<https://www.reliasmedia.com/articles/114492-surgical-masks-not-effective-study-shows>

740	I support masking as long as it keeps kids in person school . They all need to be in person school this year	8/14/2021 8:31 AM
741	I am an elementary teacher at Strasburg School District and I do not support masking inside of schools. As an educator of young children, it becomes difficult to deliver instruction and hear children. Children that have hearing or speech needs have extreme difficulties if they can not read mouths. ELL students have also had an increasingly difficult time over that course of the past year in my room when they haven't been able to see my mouth as I try to instruct them. I feel masking does little to nothing in school settings as children do not want to wear masks or wear them incorrectly. Last year, my class was not quarantined but one time (and this was because the whole school had to quarantine not because of anyone in my particular class). Because of this, there is no reason I feel that masking is necessary in school settings.	8/14/2021 8:26 AM
742	Please don't do this to our students, especially at the high school age. All High school students are eligible for the vaccines. Knowing the vaccine is so effective there is no need for masks at the high school level. Parents and students have the right to make the choice for themselves if masking is right for them and their families. Please don't force this on everyone!	8/14/2021 8:25 AM
743	My granddaughter is entering first grade at The Academy Charter School and I am concerned about the continuation of her educational and socialization skills which I believe will be hampered by students and faculty wearing masks. Since the rallying cry in 2020 was "follow the science" I would like to see a convincing and reliable body of data proving that children NEED to wear masks in schools. As far as I know, there is no such thing and the CDC and other organizations are theorizing or, basically, guessing. On the other hand, there is a multitude of anecdotal evidence that masks can harm children when worn for hours. I had the pleasure of working with my granddaughter in her online schooling 2 days a week during the fall. The kindergarteners were learning to read and spell phonetically. It was imperative that the student saw the teachers mouth articulating and that the teacher saw the students' mouths when replicating. Masks obscure this necessary part of learning. I am pleased to say that at age 6 my granddaughter can pick up any children's book and read all but the most difficult words as well as spell many words based on how they sound. The data prove that children are not infected nor do they spread Covid as readily as adults. Making them wear masks is a "solution" to a problem they are not causing. Here are two links that support the stance of not masking young children. The Case Against Masks for Children was written by doctors from Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Tufts University Children's Hospital. They state the reasons wearing masks is detrimental to children especially in a school setting. https://www.wsj.com/articles/masks-children-parenting-schools-mandates-covid-19-coronavirus-pandemic-biden-administration-cdc-11628432716 This article summarizes a survey of many studies done on children and Covid. The opening sentence in this article says, "...a research review has found children are not a major source of transmission of COVID-19." It continues, "The bottom line thus far is that children under 10 years of age are unlikely to drive outbreaks of COVID-19 in daycares and schools..." https://brighterworld.mcmaster.ca/articles/reviews-find-children-not-major-source-of-covid-19-but-family-stress-is-high/	8/14/2021 8:22 AM
744	I am a parent of two elementary students, I absolutely DO NOT support universal masking. My child should not have to live in fear of breathing because there is untruthful science about the efficiency of masks. For developmental and learning reasons my child needs to see the faces of their peers and their teachers. I am also a high school teacher in the same district and do not support wearing masks. It becomes a constant battle for our students and places us as teachers in a situation where we can't build community which effects the long term efficacy of our classes. My students need to see my mouth move, I teach a language, for growth and developmental reasons. Masking our students will take away time from teachers because we will have to fight the battle. It's time for our community and public health officials to make a stand. We need to stand for our kids to not live in fear. For their mental health, we need to make a stand to continue living life, being cautious of a virus but not in fear. We have to move forward and learn how to live again.	8/14/2021 8:19 AM
745	we take risks everyday throughout our lives. let's keep our country free. the CDC does not run our country they were not elected into office. you can see that they have not followed the science as they like to say. stop the harm that is being done to our children and constitution.	8/14/2021 8:16 AM
746	Kids need to be exposed to germs to keep their immune system strong and they need to breathe open air to get enough oxygen.	8/14/2021 8:15 AM

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747	The science is clear - the only way to SAFELY open schools (and really - to be safely in any indoor space right now) is universal masking. The CDC, AAP, pediatricians, doctors and infectious disease experts all agree on that. Please follow the science. Most kids need to be in school, we can all agree on that. We know how to safely open schools from last year. Let's do it again. Please mandate masks for all.	8/14/2021 8:12 AM
748	Masks should be a choice. Kids deserve the chance.	8/14/2021 8:11 AM
749	Given the rise in cases and the importance for in person learning, I fully support a mask mandate for all grades. We have lost so much time from learning during the pandemic and if wearing a mask allows people to be in person longer than it is something we should do! I am vaccinated and a high school teacher, I am willing to do whatever it takes to keep my students safe and in a positive learning environment.	8/14/2021 8:10 AM
750	I strongly support a mandate for all students and personnel in the school district to wear masks for the foreseeable future. It is necessary to protect both the children and the community according to the professional guidance from the CDC.	8/14/2021 8:09 AM
751	No masks! Let parents decide	8/14/2021 8:08 AM
752	If all politicians and so called experts would stop this fear mongering, and dictatorship act like the nazi party did in Germany, this so called pandemic would go away. Funny how the numbers of the common cold and flu virus are way down or virtually non existent. With a 99.8% survival rate this pandemic to get a certain president out of office is ruining this country and our future by dumbing down our youth! What has happened with the right to choose and our freedoms that this country was founded on!	8/14/2021 8:05 AM
753	Masking our children is psychological and physically harming to our children.	8/14/2021 8:05 AM
754	I believe our children should not have to wear masks in school. The masks do not stop the spread of a virus, if so, the numbers would not have risen last year. We live in America, a free country, not a dictatorship or socialist country. No Masks.	8/14/2021 8:05 AM
755	This is a no brainer. The fact that this is a political thing is absolutely baffling to me and actually speaks more to our deficiencies in education and mental health more than anything. If people trust the science to take care of them when they show up with COVID why can't they support it to prevent them from getting there in the first place? We must protect our children in the way science tells us we can if we have any hope of getting out of this without another variant. I support masking for all- including the daycare setting- and please require those who take care of our most vulnerable to get the vaccine. Denver county is already doing this.	8/14/2021 8:03 AM
756	Keep our kids safe, mask up.	8/14/2021 8:02 AM
757	I feel that Tri-County Health Department's primary duty is to protect the health of people. Although I personally do not like wearing a face mask, I will uncomplainingly do so if it is required. Up until recently, I have not understood the science behind the claim that using masks other than the N95 mask could be effective. I knew that the size of the virus could easily penetrate the holes in the non-N95 masks. However, I have recently realized that the virus does not travel by itself, but needs moisture or water droplets to survive and be transmitted from one person to another. That being said, I believe that the better science of beating the virus is in vaccinating as many people as possible. I believe that statistics lend proof to this theory because infection rates fell only when the vaccine became available. I think that the current rise in cases is due to people who have chosen not to be vaccinated, combined with the Delta variant. I do not have any children in school, but I do have a family members that are educators. I do have concerns in specific situations where wearing a mask makes it difficult for educators to communicate effectively with students. In younger grades and in special education, students need to see the teacher's face in order to know how to articulate certain sounds. It is also important for the teacher to be able to see how the student is using their facial muscles. In these types of instances, I think that the use of face shields may help with the quality of educational interactions. School districts require vaccinations for other diseases, such as measles, mumps, rubella, and polio. Parents may choose to waive these requirements based on religious beliefs. I think that for older children, it would be prudent for schools to require similar documentation for vaccination against the current pandemic. It is obvious that in some school settings, young children can not be vaccinated, which I feel is a risk that can best be negated by maintaining as much distance as possible. The problem is that this negatively affects the education of students, so society is attempting to use other less effective means, such as social distancing and mask wearing to minimize the chances of	8/14/2021 7:56 AM

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spreading the infection. I understand that people are upset because they feel that their personal choices have been limited, but Tri-County Health has an obligation to do its best to protect the health of its citizens.

758	Single use surgical masks are only effective for 20 minutes. They are not intended for all day use, and definitely not for children to wear. Cloth masks offer no protection at all.	8/14/2021 7:54 AM
759	There are schools in the U.S. that went without masks what does that data tell you? Masks for children are dehumanizing. They cut off conversation. Social development is so Important for kids. Masks encourage mouth breathing which is known to cause facial deformities, something which will plague these children for life. Masks can be an option but not universal; that's actually not an optiion below. Children aren't getting sick. Vaccines are driving mutations which will eventually get more children sick so you can lay off the vaccines too.	8/14/2021 7:52 AM
760	My daughter is only 7 years old she doesn't have access to a vaccine. She has been at home remote learning for the last year and a half. Now that we are vaccinated I am cautiously sending her to third grade. We all want life to feel normal again. I am exhausted from the remote learning experience but if there isn't a mask mandate in place at least until she can get a vaccine I will keep her home again or enroll her in a school that takes the threat of COVID seriously. We have a 1 year old at home to consider as well and I'm already very anxious about how this year will go. Masks are an integral part of a multi layer approach to health and safety and must be mandated until the vast majority of children are vaccinated.	8/14/2021 7:49 AM
761	It should be the parents choice on whether or not their child wears a mask.	8/14/2021 7:44 AM
762	Last year our young children wore no masks at school all year, with no problems at all, because we all knew (and still know) they are the LEAST LIKELY of any age group to have issues with any form of Covid (including variants). Your thinking is wrong that "the concern is there's no vaccine approved for this age group" because, first, kids this young aren't getting bad cases of Covid. But second, you must realize that even when a vaccone is approved very, very few parents will end up even getting their small childrn vaccinated because they see how ridiculous it is. Lastly, why not mandate masks in school forever -- because surely you know that the seasonal flu kills vastly more children every year tuan Covod ever has! Please stop the madness and jumping on the craziness bandwagon -- and use your higher level of wisdom. Masks are not needed, and they inhibit kids -- imagine the fear these kids are going to have about germs and other areas of life if their early memories are wearing these ridiculous masks.....	8/14/2021 7:42 AM
763	Please do not institute a mask mandate in schools. There are other means to mitigate the spread of Covid-19 such as ventilation, cohorts, health checks, etc. One of the most important aspects of learning is communication and masks make communication incredibly difficult, especially for younger students. Masks also have a negative impact on the mental health of students. We have seen a huge increase in mental health issues among children this past year and forced masking no doubt played a role in that increase. Parents can choose to have their children wear masks if that is what they feel is best for their child's health, but please do not force all children to wear masks in school. The science is very clear that children are not at risk of serious illness or death from Covid. Teachers should all be vaccinated by now, and if they are not, that is their choice. The negative impact of wearing masks far outweigh the small risks that Covid presents to children. Please VOTE AGAINST universal masking in schools.	8/14/2021 7:42 AM
764	Masks should be a personal choice, they should not be mandated. It will set back all the progress that we have made and will only cause more divide in our school and in our district. We have teachers and volunteers that will refuse to come back to work. At this time we need everyone that we can get. We rely heavily on our volunteers and they have adamantly said they will not come back if they are required to wear a mask. Don't destroy what we have built.	8/14/2021 7:41 AM
765	Masking a population that is not at a high risk is just a perpetuation of irrational fear for a virus that has killed less children then the flu.	8/14/2021 7:37 AM
766	You have no conclusive data to force people to wear masks. Forcing this activity on citizens should be grounds for your organization to be dissolved.	8/14/2021 7:29 AM
767	I belive that masking kids in school is wrong one of the ways kids learn is by facial expressions if kids can not see words that are being spoken and how to properly pronounce them how do we expect them to learn correctly i know this having two kids with learning disabilitys. Second i feel that it is an abuse of power to make kids uncomfortable and simply obedient for the sake of obedience what proof is there that masks keep people safer than your	8/14/2021 7:25 AM

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natural immune system the data does not show a need or cause to force kids to wear masks. To continue to make kids wear them is in my opinion child abuse and i for one will not stand for it anymore it is time to live our lives the way our god the creator has intended us to live free from the tyranny and of a free will to choose. This is America and in America we have the freedom to choose and with the continued use of fear you are trying to take that chose from us so simply put i do not agree with putting masks/muzzles on kids of any age or for that matter any person that does not CHOOSE to wear one

768	I believe that children should have the option of whether to mask or not. Kids have shown to be less affected by COVID-19 and even with the Delta variant they are still not getting hospital ill. Masks have also shown to be of little benefit. Let parents decide what is best for their kids.	8/14/2021 7:19 AM
769	I believe it should be optional face mask wearing policies, you did not give that option below.	8/14/2021 7:19 AM
770	I for one would not be making my children my children wear a mask.. If you make it a mandate that they have to wear 1 in school and they are forced to wear 1.. I will be taking them out of the school district and keeping them at home because I am tired of my kids not being able to breathe because of a stupid virus the virus. The mask didn't work the 1st Year. What makes you think that is going to make a difference now? It was OK for the state to hold the All Star week and I have any masks worn and that stadium was packed with thousands of people and now that it's over the state is trying to shove them downner throats a gift.. The sanity needs to return and the insanity needs to stop. My family has not worn a mask since day 1 of this virus other than when my husband was in the hospital for call bladder surgery. We are all healthy our immune system is healthy we are fighting without a mask. So unless you want to drop out rate in schools to go up bowling in schools to go upAnd unless you really want the mental stress leading to more kids committing suicide quit shoving masks down people's throatsAnd let people live their lives.	8/14/2021 7:12 AM
771	My kindergarten child struggles to breath In his mask and struggles to let me know when he is having a hard time. He has bad allergies and often end a up playing to sucking on his mask when he is struggling to breath with it. The mask ends up wet sticking to his face causing more issues. I don't need a teacher focused on if he is wearing a mask right or breathing correctly I need them teaching my child! He also wears glasses and the mask gets stuck on them pulling them and causing yet another distraction from him learning!	8/14/2021 7:07 AM
772	Masks do not prevent the spread of viruses. Children wearing masks is not good for their mental health. Please do not require them.	8/14/2021 7:07 AM
773	Please don't make mask mandatory for our kids continue to leave it up to the parents there has been many studies stating the ineffectiveness of these mask all they are doing is creating mental health issues for our children at this point it's all political and our children deserve better	8/14/2021 7:05 AM
774	Masking of elementary school children is totally unnecessary	8/14/2021 7:00 AM
775	My son is speech delayed, he made almost no progress last year, and I think a major reason why is because he can't see people speaking and how to move their mouths. We need to see people's faces to help our children develop, he needs to see emotions and feelings in their faces not just eyes moving.	8/14/2021 6:47 AM
776	It is 100% up to parents and their children's doctor to determine if a child should wear a mask = Voluntary. There is vast evidence that: a) masks do NOT stop the virus particles; b) masks DO create a buildup of dirt and mucus that they continuously breathe; and c) children NEED to see facial expressions and breathe fresh air. Masking should be voluntary for EVERYONE, but our children are the least susceptible/impacted.	8/14/2021 6:41 AM
777	I think it should be left up to the parent and the child. If they are concerned they can wear a mask or remote learn or home school. It's simple. Let's stop antagonizing folks and making a stressful situation more stressful. Just look at how the kids are thriving right now. Let's get some normalcy back in our lives!	8/14/2021 5:52 AM
778	The only advise we accept and follow has to fit the narrative. Enough! This is America we stand for every voice every opinion heard. If we put it to a vote that is by the people who's children attend those schools it would be fair. If we put it to a vote of the heath department or school board it is tainted and unacceptable. The deal is this it is the opinion of so many that masks do not work even dr. Fauci as he said blatantly in an email kept from the public but shared with a colleague. Kept from us the America people. It is known that it is rarely a child to die from this especially with no under lying cause. It has very little to no serious effect to a	8/14/2021 3:19 AM

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child most people don't even show signs or have symptoms. So no masks they don't work yes to heard immunity and letting doctors use the right therapeutics notably in kids if they actually get it and adults. Enough is enough. Or if we can't agree on no mask how about unenrollment we don't see the schools get funding and as whole we don't see a lot of parents unhappy about that at all

779	Hello my name is Arianna Sanchez and I just graduated from Horizon High School this past year. I have 2 little siblings that are in elementary school and I have experienced and seen the effects that COVID has had on this generation. I think masking kids again after the past year and a half is unbelievable. Especially after many teachers, parents and families have been vaccinated. If this vaccine works why are we considering masking again. I am a STRONG believer in freedom, I think people should be able to choose what they want to do and what they think is best for them. If that means they don't want to wear a mask because of the many negative side effects, then they should not be forced to wear one or better yet force their developing child to wear one. If someone wants to force their child to wear a mask, then let them. I think this has gone to far and kids are suffering from the selfish choices of our government. Throughout this last year of school my senior year was useless. The lack of social interaction and lack of education we had because of the masks is absolutely ridiculous. If we keep forcing children to cover their face, be scared of their peers and not be able to see or show emotions is going to end up with a mentally ill, unmotivated and scared generation. These kids need to be able to live life and learn. I strongly urge you to give these kids their life back and embrace the foundation of our nation. Freedom.	8/14/2021 12:40 AM
780	The risks of death to children who get covid is so tiny that it does not outweigh being in mask. In addition, the mask does not protect against covid in the least bit. LET THE KIDS BREATHE!!	8/14/2021 12:31 AM
781	1- There is zero credible controlled studies showing that masks are effective in preventing or protecting from the spread of Covid-19. 2. There are studies showing that kids masks are contaminated with germs and bacteria that causes facial strep, and other oral bacterias to grow in the mouth and nose. Other bacteria have caused significant and severe illness in children who wear these contaminated face coverings. 3. Children may suffer from hypoxemia, low blood oxygen, or hypercarbia, high blood CO2, which in some cases has caused significant injury to the development of the brain and death in other instances. 4- It creates an unnatural phobia in some children prone to respiratory viruses or disease such as chest colds or asthma. 5- It has been shown to affect children's psychological development and sense of well-being. 6- According to the CDC's own data children are far less affected by COVID-19 and it's variants. They are less likely to spread the illness, they are less likely to have severe symptoms causing hospitalization, and they have a 99.99% survivability rate, which equates to one death in 10,000. Other childhood diseases have higher mortality rates, such as cancer, asthma, traumatic injury, and birth defects. So, the risks do not outweigh the benefits here. 7- There are effective cures available for those who become ill, including Ivermectin, HCQ, and Adivant, a common medication used to treat childhood asthma. Having been a paramedic for over 15 years, I have a particular interest in this medical topic. I have researched much of the relative information regarding this subject and find NO credible evidence that supports this mandate. Most pro-mask evidence is too politically motivated, in my opinion. Let's just let kids be kids and not superimpose our own phobias onto the children. Adult survivability is still 99.97%, so it seems the fear is hyped by political motives I have yet to fully understand.	8/14/2021 12:19 AM
782	Masks should be up to the parents. Mandates are unethical and cause havoc all around. Leave it up to the parents if they want to mask their kids up or not.	8/14/2021 12:11 AM
783	Please do not do a mask mandate let these kids be kids we have survived years without them this is A 98% survival rate just like the flu With or without the vaccine you still can get it Masks do not work unless you change them frequently like every time you go near someone Changing must be frequent They do not work Everyone should have a choice Viruses Bacterial are all over we have immune systems to fight them This has to stop kids need normal we all need normal	8/13/2021 11:54 PM
784	Give our youth and their families the option to CHOOSE what is best for them. If there are families that support masks, then let them wear them. However, you can't punish the majority of families that do not want to masks their children. Let our children smile, interact, learn one another's facial expressions, the list goes on of things our children will sacrifice and lose if we cover their faces with masks. We deserve the freedom to choose what is best for our children.	8/13/2021 11:44 PM
785	I work in the Healthcare market and we simply can't task our Healthcare system or those working in it with a heavier volume of patients, especially in the pediatric specialty. Have masks required for everyone until vax rates reach where they need to.	8/13/2021 11:22 PM

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786	By allowing students to go maskless you are putting every individual at risk and every family at secondary risk. As a single mother with an older at risk child who was vaccinated despite the risk due to previous vaccine reaction, we needed to do whatever we could to keep him alive, as a simple respiratory virus has him hospitalized for weeks at a time. Now he can be put at risk from fellow students being false influenced by misinformed parents and also his younger sister whose age group is quickly being the ones hospitalized, would be at a much higher risk with no vaccine available to her. If anyone in our family becomes infected it will be devastating and potentially life altering or ending and the district least thing they can do is protect the children and families who have no choice but to put their kids in school and expose to daily risk, prioritize education and information for the greater good of all students and families over the loud uninformed noise makers.	8/13/2021 11:20 PM
787	Our children need to be as safe as possible. Please implement universal masking for all students and staff. Many students over 12 years old have not been vaccinated and can transmit Covid to others.	8/13/2021 11:18 PM
788	I do not support masks on kids. They need to be able to have their immune system work properly. They are disgusting on kids faces. They touch them constantly causing the germs on their hands to now be placed onto their face. At age 2 it is a safety issues in group care. It is. It is not a teachers job to monitor masks wearing	8/13/2021 11:15 PM
789	Mask choice should be left up to parents and the individual.	8/13/2021 11:10 PM
790	Masks are not effective and cause feelings of isolation, which is the opposite of the return to school plan	8/13/2021 10:52 PM
791	Please let this be at the parents discretion. If parents want their kids to wear a mask let it be an option. Let our kids be kids! It's been hard enough this last year and a half. Let us make the decision for our children.	8/13/2021 10:48 PM
792	I am in favor of masking being a choice, not a universal mandate. The option that states do not support under any circumstance is a bit extreme of a way to word it.	8/13/2021 10:42 PM
793	Question #4 has incomplete options for answers. I support parental choice for masking and do not support MANDATED masking for all or all in a certain age group. I support anyone who wants their kids to wear a mask and anyone who does not want that for their child(ren). It is not good for children to wear masks for long periods of time. You know the negative effects of mask wearing yet you are making decisions that only parents should be making for their children. Please take a sensible approach that does not infringe on parents' decision making, please leave it up to the parents to choose what is best for their child and their unique circumstances. I believe when you put the responsibility on the parents/guardians they will make the best decision for all. What you are saying is you know what's best for my child when you have no idea who my child is. You are saying I can't make good decisions for my family and my community, only you can do that. Forcing people to do what they do not think is best for their children only sends the message that you are not hearing parents, you are not willing to let parents choose and you want to control instead of inform and let adult parents make their own decisions for their children. I am asking you to let parents have the choice to mask their children or not.	8/13/2021 10:41 PM
794	There should remain a choice for wearing one or not. Especially with formidable kids who are finding their way. There are so many issues in the future that can stem from this.	8/13/2021 10:39 PM
795	Please protect our children and vulnerable family members. Mask wearing will reduce the spread of the virus. Please ensure charter schools and homeschool programs wear masks too.	8/13/2021 10:27 PM
796	My son is starting kindergarten and we have been in a daycare during most of the pandemic, he was not wearing a mask majority of the time but all teachers were masked around him and class sizes were changed. We never not once had to quarantine due to positive exposure at his daycare. I feel like him being in a mask will be more of a distraction than anything. Why mask our children if every teacher is vaccinated and no parents are allowed in the schools? My daughter is also a 3rd grader there and all teachers around her are also vaccinated and also went to summer BASE and not once did we come in contact with a positive case.	8/13/2021 10:24 PM
797	Masking is essential when our kids cannot be vaccinated. It's the least we can do for our young ones	8/13/2021 10:23 PM
798	Wearing masks will impact my ability to express myself. You are ruining the ability for me to	8/13/2021 10:13 PM

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be my true transgender self. With masks I will get called the wrong pronouns and i loose my identity.

799	Parent choice masking. We have been parent choice for two weeks with no known issues.	8/13/2021 10:12 PM
800	Masking negatively affects the mental health of students.	8/13/2021 10:10 PM
801	Please mandate masks for all K-12 regardless of vaccination status.	8/13/2021 10:01 PM
802	I do not agree with this! Last year strep spread like wild fire because of the masks on kids! It was disgusting watching these kids with wet masks and constantly touching their faces. Also, studies have already shown that speech therapy needs are increasing and reading scores are decreasing and I believe it's from kids not being able to see lips to properly see and hear words. Students and staff who are hearing impaired are struggling in this world of masks and research has shown that fabric masks cannot prevent covid from going through them. Do not do this to the students and staff again!	8/13/2021 9:58 PM
803	I am a peds nurse and with the rising respiratory infections and increase in COVID. I feel universal masking is the only way to protect our kids until those that can be vaccinated reaches a number large enough to protect the vulnerable.	8/13/2021 9:53 PM
804	I am 100% against masking my kids (3 and 8) especially when my oldest (age 14) does not have to and neither does adults. It is my choice as a parent to decide what is best for my child. We have lived our lives this entire time without coming in contact with covid. We teach our kids to wash their hands. My son who is 8 excels in learning and last year was by far the hardest year for him. He had a hard time understanding things with masks on and a hard time focusing. There is no reason to change the policy. If people aren't happy, they can wear a mask or do online school.	8/13/2021 9:49 PM
805	I believe in the freedom Of choice.	8/13/2021 9:47 PM
806	This decision should be up to the family, not the school. After forcing my first grader to wear a mask all year last year, I feel sick thinking about making her go back to wearing one. My high schooler is vaccinated (as are my husband and I) and based on data, even if she got Covid, it would be nothing worse than a cold/flu. There are already cleaning procedures in place, as well as cohorts. It's sickening to give kids back some normalcy, and then rip it away again. That will have a far worse effect on them. The point of distancing, lockdowns, and masks was to flatten the curve and stop overwhelm hospitals. This is now an overstep. People should be able to make the choice for themselves and their family. They can chose to wear a mask, they can chose online schooling. Don't force everyone else to cater to their fears.	8/13/2021 9:46 PM
807	I am absolutely in favor of requiring masks for unvaccinated children. As a parent of an elementary student and a 11 year old middle schooler, I don't have the choice about vaccinating them to keep them safe. I want to know my kids are safe and protected when they are in crowded places like schools. Please don't let the loud anti masking voice take away from my voice to keep my children as safe as possible.	8/13/2021 9:43 PM
808	I watched my daughter struggle with the mask mandates last school year and she had more trouble breathing and seemed to get ill more frequently than she has in previous years. I do not believe it is healthy physically or mentally for kids to be masked for 7+ hours a day.	8/13/2021 9:42 PM
809	My body, my choice. Schools have been teaching kids that they are in control of their body. No one makes decisions for them. Masks will/should be handled the same way. It is the decision of the family, not government. As a woman, person and citizen of the United States, I am appalled that this choice would might not be mine to make. It's sad to say, but honestly I feel like I'm wasting my time completing the this survey. You know you have already made your decision in moving forward with a mask mandate. I have no trust in our local, state or national leaders. It's sad, because I used to stand behind them.	8/13/2021 9:42 PM
810	I recently just graduated from Strasburg High School and I personally believe that mask sucked by senior year of high school, if someone is scared to get the virus they should 1. Already be vaccinated 2. Wear a mask on there own terms 3. There are other schooling options like, homeschooling if they do not wanna be around people. Covid messed with my senior year a lot and I would hate for other seniors or any other grades to have to go through the same thing. It's time for things to go back to normal. Especially in such a small town, most don't wanna wear a mask in the first place.	8/13/2021 9:41 PM
811	Why wouldn't we do whatever we needed to do in order to protect our kids and ensure they	8/13/2021 9:41 PM

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remained in person. All we heard last year was complaining about remote school and parents having to teach and teachers not teaching. So now they teach. Let's slow the spread and keep them in school in person as long as possible. Why do kids need to die for us to take this seriously??? Can't we watch Texas, Florida, Georgia??? Universal masks ALL schools.

812	The effects that masks are doing to our childrens development and psychological welfare is unprecedented. This is a virus and we have never mandated this type of behavior for any virus in my our history.	8/13/2021 9:41 PM
813	I can't help but think of all the nasty goobers and germs on those masks our kids are wearing all day, especially after they've chewed on them for 6 hours! That can't be healthy either? I don't think there is a happy medium.	8/13/2021 9:40 PM
814	I think it is so important to leave the masking decision up to parents. The emotional impact it is having on our children is huge.	8/13/2021 9:40 PM
815	Parents should make the best health choice for there family.	8/13/2021 9:39 PM
816	We need to consider how wearing masks are impacting the long term emotional and social development for our children. Especially now that this specific age range is being segregated from others. I understand the concept behind others idea that they might be more at risk because there is not a vaccine available for them yet, however, studies and research show this age range is least at risk for severe infections to COVID 19. Masks should be personal preference. I am not discriminating if someone chooses that their child is safer with a mask just like there should be no discriminating or fingers pointed if I choose or my child chooses not to wear a mask. Again my main concern and priority is the long term affect this will have on my child. Based on data the negative emotional and social implications of wearing a mask is far greater than the risk of sever infection. Also, it has been shown that children's immune systems are stronger when they are exposed to germs. Keeping them guarded is hurting their development and natural immunity.	8/13/2021 9:36 PM
817	I believe parents should have the right to chose what is best for their child. The mental health and wellbeing of our children have been severely impacted by school shutdowns, quarantines, segregation, and mask mandates...all for a disease that healthy children have very little risk of. I saw my child go from a very happy go lucky, incredibly sweet little girl to a very depressed and unmotivated person in the span of three months because of COVID mandates. She's currently crying over the fact that she'll be required to wear a mask at school when we had already been told we'd have a choice. Stop playing games with our children and do what's right: let parents be parents and decide what is right for their children.	8/13/2021 9:35 PM
818	Please consider our right to choose. This is not about masks or no masks, it is the right of the parent or person to decide that for themselves or their children. Please hear our voices and give us the right to choose.	8/13/2021 9:32 PM
819	My 4th grade son is in tears over the switch to masks in school. He needs to see faces and can't breath in masks all day. This is not okay for their mental health	8/13/2021 9:32 PM
820	Absolutely more harm to smaller kids. How do you expect a 5 year old to water them all day!?! Should NEVER be a mandate and should be a personal medical choice for parents and individuals.	8/13/2021 9:31 PM
821	Freedom to choose and let our kids be kids. No mask mandates. Our kids have endured enough pain the past year and a half with suicide rates higher than ever before in our youth. If masks are mandated without giving the public a choice on the matter, the public who pay the taxes for schools, I will withdraw all 4 of my children from the public school system to ensure no one gets the funding for my children. I am their parent, not anyone on the board or with the county health department. Should a parent choose for their kids to wear masks, that is 100% their choice, but in that it is a choice, not a decision you think you need to force.	8/13/2021 9:26 PM
822	I have an 8th grader who has not had a normal year his whole middle school. His first half of 6th grade was at Riverdale Ridge while Quist was being finished. Second have was at Quist then shut down in March the rest of the year. 7th grade went 2 days a week with mask and came home everyday with a head ache feeling like crap. Online was a joke, he finished it within an hour. VERY CONCERNED for his academic progress and how for he will behind. I am an RN and work in Denver where it is Mandatory vaccines. Our numbers are extremely low and have remained that way. Let the kids have a sense of normalcy. Please, they truest need it.	8/13/2021 9:25 PM
823	We deserve a choice. Follow the science which shows masks don't do much unless they're	8/13/2021 9:23 PM

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the N95 variety. If you are scared - have your child mask up. If you are ok with potentially getting sick (like you do each year with cold and flu) then carry on. The risks and social emotional health of my kids are WAY more important than a potential illness. Kids will survive covid They will not all survive mental health issues.

824	Please consider masking PreK-12 grades. Both my kiddos are vaccinated but have had autoimmune responses to viruses and we have concern for them being in the school environment unmasked.	8/13/2021 9:21 PM
825	I have 4 kids who do not have the option to be vaccinated. I am depending on others to keep them safe! Sending them to school feels as though I am sending them to the wolves. Please make the right decision for our kids and have a mask mandate!	8/13/2021 9:19 PM
826	I have registered to speak during the meeting via the registration. Let our kids be kids. They don't understand what is going on. Don't ruin education for them.	8/13/2021 9:19 PM
827	Given the data showing that the delta variant is spreading rapidly among unvaccinated youth under 11 I feel the extra layer of protection would greatly help to protect students and their families	8/13/2021 9:17 PM
828	As a parent to 3 kids in the district, I strongly feel that this needs to be a decision that is left up to the parents/guardian of the minor (as it currently is). These children have already happily started school and are doing great. I feel that there is no valid solid reasons to force them all start masking up at this time.	8/13/2021 9:17 PM
829	Keep our schools safe, our staff, teachers, and kids healthy, and our classrooms open! Wear a mask!	8/13/2021 9:16 PM
830	Masks are detrimental to students' emotional, mental, and physical health because they: 1) promote fear and a sense of social isolation, 2) prevent students from learning visual social cues and communication skills, especially in the early developmental years, 3) are not only a distraction from learning, but are also a tactile trigger for some children, especially those with Sensory Processing Disorder, producing anxiety and panic attacks. 4) Prolonged mask use causes acne, rashes, and breathing abnormalities. 5) We need to give students normalcy and wearing a mask is not normal.	8/13/2021 9:14 PM
831	While I do not live in Adams county, I teach in Adams county. As a teacher I am in packed classroom with my students. Our classrooms are not big enough to socially distance. I want my students to remain in in-person school. I feel universal masking is a layer of protection we can do even in our small classrooms. I feel we should be doing everything we possibly can to keep students in in-person school. ** I would like this comment to remain anonymous and not ties to my name as I know my opinion is not popular in my school or district.	8/13/2021 9:10 PM
832	There is sufficient evidence to the emotional, social, and psychological harm of masks for young children. Additionally, many children struggle with skin sensitivities and other sensory issues which masks exacerbate. Keeping masks optional allows families to make the choice that best suits their family's needs without limiting school resource access to families with children who are not comfortable masked. Lastly, I have witness plenty of children throwing masks around the playground and parking lot ground, or trading their mask with other children, or sneezing into them, or dropping them on the bathroom floor then having to put them back on; is it actually in the best interest of anyone's health to enforce continued use of something in those conditions??	8/13/2021 9:09 PM
833	Not that you're going to listen to any of us that are 100% against this, It has been proven that wearing a mask for extended periods of time is extremely unhealthy for anyone let alone young children. Unmask our kids and stop the unnecessary and ineffective mask mandates!!! Freedom of choice!!!	8/13/2021 9:09 PM
834	It's abusive to force kids who struggle with them to sacrifice for the sake of unvaccinated adults.	8/13/2021 9:07 PM
835	Masking these kids is ridiculous!!! They do not wear them correctly and neither do most adults. Most of the time they are fixing them and have their hands all over their face. I have not found any evidence that masks make a difference.	8/13/2021 9:05 PM
836	My 12 year old is vaccinated and I feel anyone with an older child can make the decision for themselves to vaccinate their child or not. I am concerned for my two younger children that cannot be vaccinated. It is clear to me there are many people who will not voluntarily make	8/13/2021 9:04 PM

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their children wear masks. I do not want my young children exposed to their mask-less, unvaccinated peers. A mask mandate for everyone under 12 is the safest, most responsible choice. Thank you

837	Please do not mandate masking in schools. I'm a teacher and nearly all of our staff is vaccinated. We have an online school available for those who prefer to not be in person. It should be a personal choice and parent preference based on vaccinations and risk within each family. Last year (prior to the vaccine) our district didn't have one case of students to student or student to teacher or teacher to teacher spread...not one. We have cohorts, air filters, and we have precautions for cleaning and sanitizing to keep everyone safe. Mask wearing negatively impacts not only education, but mental health. Students have such a hard time learning and collaborating while wearing a mask, but just as important, it is much more challenging to make much needed social connections with covered faces. Last year was so hard for students and teachers. Now that most have been vaccinated, masks should be a choice. It was so hard last year and I can't imagine students and teachers going through that again.	8/13/2021 9:03 PM
838	I am against children having to wear mask in school, I feel that it should be left to the parent to choose whether their child should wear a mask or not.	8/13/2021 9:00 PM
839	I am 100% against Mandated Masking in Schools. Our children have been out through so much in the last year and a half that this will undoubtedly continue the negative effects they have suffered so far. Mask do not keep you safe from Covid a fact that's been proven time and again. It's also been proven that vaccines do not keep you safe from Covid. So what's the point??? This is nothing more than bureaucrats and politicians Fear Mongering and trying to intimidate and control the population. My wife and son both contracted Bacterial Pneumonia at the same time because they wore masks. The Dr all but said it was because of the masks. I refused and continue to refuse to wear one and haven't even had a cold in 2 years. Leave our kids alone so they can be kids.	8/13/2021 9:00 PM
840	Please allow us to make decisions ourselves. Those who wish to mask up should but please do not force us.	8/13/2021 8:56 PM
841	The pandemic isn't over. Please keep our kids and families safe by requiring masks in school, regardless of vaccination status.	8/13/2021 8:50 PM
842	The masks create more trouble than they are worth for the kids-they sneeze-cough in them and then they breathe in the same air they just expelled! Kindergartners are the very worst for this-plus they don't keep them on half the time! Let the parents choose!! Please!!!!	8/13/2021 8:49 PM
843	Please consider the safety of our students and youngest citizens and requiring universal masking in all indoor school settings. My daughter is currently in preschool in Adams 12 at Horizon HS, and the thought of her being around so many unmasked teenagers/high schoolers makes me want to pull her to DPS.	8/13/2021 8:47 PM
844	I am a psychologist and I deeply believe that masks should be optional. Mandating masks has had many unintended consequences for our community, especially our children. We have to consider all of the consequences, with Covid only being one. Suicides have been on the rise and many children have struggled interpersonally without being able to pick up the many social cues covered by masks. There have been relatively few child deaths from Covid. We need to ensure that we are not causing more damage than what we believe we are protecting.	8/13/2021 8:44 PM
845	Covid-19 is not widely affecting children and has been shown to not be passed by children. Approximately 350 children in the US have died from a "COVID" diagnosis in the past 1.5 years; however, on average 200-1000 children die from influenza annually and there have never been mask mandates for influenza prior to COVID-19. Trust parents and ask that they simply not come to school sick. Our children also need general exposure to strengthen their immune systems as a strong immune response has ultimately been shown as the best defense mechanism against this virus (better than the vaccines for this virus). It is unjust to make our young children go through a 7.5 hour school day and have to wear a mask. I also feel this is unsafe and makes me personally worry that children can more easily be trafficked by mask mandates and this is already a huge issue in our country in itself. I do not feel comfortable with my child wearing a mask. My son also has a speech delay and he needs to be able to see the teacher's mouth as she teaches him and she needs to be able to see his. He feels embarrassed when he is not understood and this will affect his learning in a negative way. DO NOT MASK OUR CHILDREN. This is not okay and needs to be left to the parents to decide if they want their children masked or not. We are our children's #1 advocate and voice. This is	8/13/2021 8:43 PM

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not okay. I do not want my children wearing masks. It breaks my heart that this is even being considered.

846	Let each family make the decisions concerning their own child's health.	8/13/2021 8:39 PM
847	We must protect the future by protecting children.	8/13/2021 8:39 PM
848	I would hope that Tri-County will follow the advice of doctors/epidemiologists instead of Qanon/I want my "freedom" residents. I get my news from my doctor, and experts, and my family member (who is battling covid) doctor. These kids, if infected, could face long term effects and deal with the consequences of adults making bad decisions. My child can't get vaccinated and these conspiracy theory residents are putting her in danger. Do the right thing and keep these kids safe. We don't need to end up like GA, TX, FL, TN or any other super spreader state. Learn from their mistakes and pass the mandate.	8/13/2021 8:37 PM
849	This will hurt this kids dearly They already have gone through heck and back It SHOULD BE OPTIONAL	8/13/2021 8:27 PM
850	Our children have suffered enough with handling covid. They need to get back to social interaction and a normal school setting. Research has shown children are at low risk for covid. It is important for them to be successful and the statics of the survey last year at Riverdale ridge showed 12% of children were suicidal in 27j. You are willing to risk these children's lives for a mask mandate that would give you less than .01% death rate from covid? Place a mask mandate and risk losing funding as thousands of children will be unenrolled and homeschooled because we want the best for our children!	8/13/2021 8:27 PM
851	The you who aren't vaccinated and filling up ICU beds at hospital	8/13/2021 8:19 PM
852	Please allow families to make their own decisions regarding mask usage.	8/13/2021 8:18 PM
853	What is right for you may not be right for me. What is right for me may not be right for you. What is NOT RIGHT for either of us is being stripped of the freedom to choose what is right for ourselves. For question 4, there is another option, which is "I support parents being able to make the choice that is best for their own kids."	8/13/2021 8:14 PM
854	I support a school mask mandate. Children 11 and under are now the most vulnerable to COVID and we must take any all steps we can to protect this population until they are able to be vaccinated. I support a mask mandate for middle and high school as I do not want the staff to have to keep track of who is or isn't vaccinated to determine who does nor does not need to wear a mask. Level the playing field, make it easy for all-WEAR A MASK.	8/13/2021 8:11 PM
855	There is no scientific proof masks work. The aerosol partials are too small for masks to stop.	8/13/2021 8:11 PM
856	Hi, I am a mother of a 4th grader and a 9th grader. I know the trip county health with everyone one else is doing the best to keep everyone safe, and I thank you for that. With that being said I feel that masks should be optional to students as well as teachers. COVID testing is a good idea as well as encouraging vaccination. I hope you are able to hear both sides and reconsider the mask mandate. Thank you for your time and have a good day.	8/13/2021 8:11 PM
857	I have children that can not wear a mask due to medical conditions, their medical exemptions are turned in and I pray to god they are upheld. If not legal action is the only option I have left. The choice is the parents and not anyone else. Recommendations are not law and pushed by financial carrots	8/13/2021 8:10 PM
858	My child has a hard time breathing with a mask on and his Peripheral vision in terrible with a face shield on	8/13/2021 8:10 PM
859	Mask mandates may affect a child's emotional, intellectual development	8/13/2021 8:09 PM
860	Please do not mandate masks. I just pulled my daughter from Stargate and enrolled her in Frassati because of their change in stance. This is unfair to the children and their physical and emotional well-being. I am a Patrol Deputy with Weld County and my children will be moving out of the county if masks are forced on us. Thank you for your time. Albert Castillo	8/13/2021 8:08 PM
861	It is imperative for our children to learn how to socialize so they can understand social cues and empathy. A lot of this is done by seeing faces. Please allow the students to have the opportunity to grow socially as well as academically by connecting with peers and teachers without being handicapped with a mask. School is just as much about growing emotionally as it is learning curriculum. In addition wearing masks creates a very uncomfortable work	8/13/2021 8:03 PM

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environment for our students. Subjecting children to covering their face all day is a distraction and takes away from the learning experience. Please do not mandate mask wearing. Please give parents and the students their choice.

862	Allow each parent to decide if their child should be masked. My Body My Choice, it's not for you to decide.	8/13/2021 8:01 PM
863	Children should not wear masks	8/13/2021 8:01 PM
864	It's hard to understand someone wearing a mask, how are the kids going to learn anything if their teachers sound like Charlie Brown. Wearing a mask overheats you, and your breathing in all of your own bacteria for hours... there has to be long term side effects from mask wearing.	8/13/2021 7:57 PM
865	The board should be following CDC, AAP, and CDPHE recommendations and require masking. This should not be left up to parents to decide. We don't let unvaccinated kids go to public school so why would we allow unmasked students during a public health crisis.	8/13/2021 7:52 PM
866	If masks are mandated, I will immediately be pulling my children from 27J schools. Also required testing and vaccines will cause me to pull my kids out.	8/13/2021 7:50 PM
867	You guys have disregarded a lot of data that states masks don't work. You have a vast amount of people who are against masks and are ready to pull children from the school districts if you implement this they are also ready to skip count day so the school district's get no money from the federal government. If you don't think the board for the school districts are going to come after you for their numbers being decimated you got another thing coming.	8/13/2021 7:49 PM
868	Putting children in masks is a parents choice, it's not something that any person outside of the parent should be deciding for the child. This is not a political issue, this is a parental choice issue. If parents feels more comfortable with thier kids in masks, they can have that choice. If parents feel comfortable with thier kids not in a mask, they can have that choice. This is about parental freedom - you cannot take that away from parents, it's not right. Children suffer more damage emotionally and pyschologically from masks then anything else. It's not necessary, it's not needed.	8/13/2021 7:49 PM
869	We, the parents should decide if our children should have to wear a mask, it's not up to the government to decide for us. It should be free choice!	8/13/2021 7:47 PM
870	Decisions about mask-wearing should be left to parents and students.	8/13/2021 7:45 PM
871	I had more students sick last year with respiratory issues than in any previous year. I had students with sores on their faces from bacteria trapped against their skin. I went home EVERY night with a headache from breathing through a mask all day and no voice from having to try to be heard through a mask. Just stop. Let parents make decisions for their child's health.	8/13/2021 7:43 PM
872	It need to be the individual choice . Not others	8/13/2021 7:36 PM
873	Our kids should NOT be muzzled anymore. Germs are out there and for the government to keep these kids from living and being kids is an outrage! Covid is a flu, kids are not dying from Covid. This needs to stop. Please stop controlling how OUR kids should live. Masks can be voluntary but NOT MANDATED!!!! Leave OUR KIDS ALONE!!!	8/13/2021 7:33 PM
874	Hi I'm writing this concerning my daughter who will be attending Skyview Elementary this year in 2nd grade. I do not condone MY daughter having to wear a mask to school all day. Children have little to no chance of dying from covid and Adults have the option to get vaccinated if they are worried for themselves. In 2018/2019 more kids have died from the flu and there was not mask mandates then. Why? In my opinion it has become a political blanket to make everyone feel as if they're doing their part. But is it helping or hurting?? What does wearing a mask all day at school do to kids? It's hurting their immune system. Kids lungs are still developing while breathing through fabric that collects sweat, dirt, and spit all day. I do not want my children or any child that's the future of America thinking the air is toxic. And all people are sick! Psychologically we are scaring these kids. I'm also concerned that these kids won't be able to see the teachers pronounce words. In conclusion a mask mandate on kids is hurting them and ultimately hurting our country. It's time to let kids be kids. Take the muzzles off our children and let them breathe fresh air.	8/13/2021 7:32 PM
875	I request that I be responsible for the decision making of my children in regards to their health and masking. I do not agree with the current motion to mandate masking our children in	8/13/2021 7:31 PM

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school. This is not healthy for my children AND provides a HUGE distraction for my children within the classroom with learning.

876	Kids need to be able to communicate and socialize without worrying about a mask on their face. They have been through enough with this virus. Let them be kids and socialize. This virus is NEVER going away. It's time to buck up and get use to it!	8/13/2021 7:27 PM
877	Masking does not work. We know this, Anthony Fauci knows this and has stated such in his leaked emails. Barack Obama knows this and held a mask less birthday party inviting more people than attend my child's school. We DO NOT CONSENT to being forced into doing anything against our will.	8/13/2021 7:26 PM
878	Masking children is child abuse. It doesn't make sense at all. The CDC goes back and forth and the well being of children shouldn't be an experiment and shouldn't be something to go back and forth about. We are told to trust the science behind masking children, but all I am hearing/reading is manipulation and lies. We were compliant last year and my son usually never complains, but at the end of the school year, he made a comment and said that wearing a mask made it hard for him to breathe. Please leave the children alone.	8/13/2021 7:25 PM
879	I have the right to choose not to mask my children. They are losing oxygen to their brains which makes them less attentive and less active in school. Breathing in air is what builds our immunity and cutting off their oxygen supply because of what? There is no legitimate reason for this.	8/13/2021 7:23 PM
880	I vote against masks	8/13/2021 7:20 PM
881	I have 2 immuno-compromised kids that I ended up pulling from the schools because their physicians recommended it. It is not fair that my children do not get the same experience in school. I kept them home last year, did everything right and still because others are "losing their freedoms" I can't have my children go to school like other kids. What about my children's health? Physical and Mental.	8/13/2021 7:18 PM
882	This should be a choice by the parent/child. The depression, anxiety and mental health damage that has increased has not been taken seriously. Everyone should have choice. When you force masks, you remove choice. 4. Question below is written in a very misleading way. I support choice not an enforcement or ban. The way this will play out is obvious in the way you asked the question. Is this survey only to allow you to say you've surveyed? What is the purpose? The way it's written is clear that mandatory masking is coming.	8/13/2021 7:18 PM
883	Please don't require mask for all kids in school because other states are starting this process. The kids need to be able to interact with each other and see facial expressions. My children are kindergarten and 2nd grade and there is so much non verbal learning happening that at this period of their life. The struggles they are already dealing with COVID to start is bad enough and then to put a barrier for them to learn effectively is worse.	8/13/2021 7:17 PM
884	With the recent, dramatic, increase in the Delta COVID 19 variant, it appears that indoor masking especially for children who cannot be vaccinated should be required to help protect them and slow the spread.	8/13/2021 7:17 PM
885	Please do not mandate masks for our students, there is so much that they miss in the learning process when mouths are covered by masks. I don't believe the numbers support the requirement, and the reasoning stated by TCHD is not persuasive enough to require masks wearing be mandated at this time.	8/13/2021 7:16 PM
886	It should be parents choice to mask or not. Stop taking away people's choice!	8/13/2021 7:15 PM
887	Thank you for mandating masks for K-6 students. My daughter is in 1st grade and is not eligible for a vaccine. If wearing masks will keep her safe and keep in-person learning in place, I completely support the decision.	8/13/2021 7:15 PM
888	It's difficult for any child to keep a mask on all day. It's more of a distraction then it is a layer of protection.	8/13/2021 7:14 PM
889	As a special education teacher, I am going to be with multiple children with a range of disabilities. Yes I am vaccinated, however I have 2 children (3 years and 6 mo) at home. I cannot risk infecting them as they can't get vaccinated yet. We know through the research that masks WORK. Mandate masks for all students for everyone's safety.	8/13/2021 7:14 PM
890	Please make masking mandatory to protect our children that are too young to get the vaccine.	8/13/2021 7:12 PM

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I work in healthcare & I despise that this isn't mandated for our children. I want my child to be protected when he's in school.

891	I believe that face masks on children is nothing short of CHILD ABUSE. To me it is no different than the police kneeling on a persons neck to where they cannot breathe. We were made to breathe oxygen.	8/13/2021 7:11 PM
892	I think each individual and/or parent of child should determine mask needs for themselves or their children.	8/13/2021 7:10 PM
893	I would like to see data that supports masks making a difference. We have started school in this district already-and I work in the schools-multiple schools daily. Not a single person wears a mask correctly. Not one. Not the students, not the staff. Everyone removes them to talk, everyone pulls them down to sneeze in their elbows, both staff and students drop them on the floor and picks them back up to put on their face-the masks are not doing anything to protect against covid. Even when I am at the hospital-doctors and nurses, and staff throughout the hospital are wearing them around their chins, or with their nose hanging out-or pulling them down to talk louder to each other. Our own staff meetings we have people taking them off to speak. RSV is way more dangerous to children then covid-yet we never put kids or teachers in masks. The hospitalization rate in Covid positives that do not have serious underlying conditions is extremely low. The healthy population that gets Covid and recovers is way more protected from variants than those individuals that got the vaccine. You cannot control a virus-especially one that went from an animal host to humans-it will always find a carrier. So what is the end game-masks that aren't even worn properly to be worn forever? There needs to be evidence based data to support this or I cannot send my children or continue to work in an environment like this. The main factors are teachers/staff/students having to wash their hands more-the masks are not what is helping. Students don't share supplies anymore. To get up and leave the room you have to wash your hands, to come back in you use hand sanitizer. They are cleaner in the building-and that makes a huge difference. But if you think it's masks-you should spend a couple weeks in any one of the schools-no one wears it correctly.	8/13/2021 7:10 PM
894	Fifth grade teacher here. With a three month old at home and class sizes of 30+, I am still very concerned about the spread of Covid. I was vaccinated when I was pregnant for my daughter yet none of my students are eligible to receive the vaccine. We need a mask mandate to keep our children safe. Our students deserve to learn in their classrooms and masks will provide a safe way to do so.	8/13/2021 7:09 PM
895	1.8 million children went face to face in Switzerland without masks during the height of the pandemic last year without a single death of students or teachers. This non-sense needs to end. Kids have almost zero risk from this virus.	8/13/2021 7:09 PM
896	We do not support masking in schools under any circumstances.	8/13/2021 7:08 PM
897	I do not think perfectly healthy 5 year olds should be forced to wear a mask 8 hours a day.	8/13/2021 7:05 PM
898	You are a public health board not a school board! Our special needs son has basically lost a year of school. Now you want him to mask up even though he has had the vaccine he made this decision because of his sensory issues. But you would rather exert more power and have more loss of education because you are Turing into a Gestapo and bully anyone who does not agree with your mandates.	8/13/2021 7:05 PM
899	There is no scientific evidence masks are preventing the spread of Covid. Why didn't you mandate masks with the flu? There are more children dying of the flu than of Covid.	8/13/2021 7:05 PM
900	Please do so mask our kids. They have a right to make their own chose to wear a mask or not. Please let them get back to normal	8/13/2021 7:04 PM
901	There is more and more evidence that show kids under the age of 14 do not catch covid as easily and do not spread covid. There are also mountains of research showing the ineffectiveness of masks. Masking our children does more psychological damage than anything else. This has to stop. I am happy to provide you with all the research you need on the subject.	8/13/2021 7:04 PM
902	We all have a responsibility to keep those who don't have the protection of a vaccine safe and healthy. No matter your decision; thank you for letting the science and the data guide your decisions and not public opinions or political pressures.	8/13/2021 7:03 PM
903	The masking created breathing issues for my asthmatic student. The emotional toll she	8/13/2021 7:01 PM

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suffered was enough to make us consider homeschooling. Masks have been proven ineffective by the CDC and Fauci multiple times now.

904	Mask do not stop the spread of the virus and is not healthy for kids to wear all day at school. They get more germs in their mask that will make them sicker. Do not force our children to wear a mask when this virus does not effect them as much! I was really hoping to be able to send them to school this without having to wear a mask and if they are forced to wear one all day, I would be forced to pull them out and homeschool. It's not right and I consider it child abuse!!	8/13/2021 6:59 PM
905	Please require masks. It helps lessen the spread of covid - even for those who choose to be unvaccinated. We can't afford for there to be more shut downs since it caused so many problems and we are at risk of another one again. The fact that delta is already more contagious than the first strain of covid19 should be reason enough. Look how many people died from the first strain.	8/13/2021 6:58 PM
906	Let families chose what is best for them.	8/13/2021 6:57 PM
907	This is all a political agenda and you know it. Look at the test scores from last year and tell me this is not impacting our children. Cut the politics out of school and give these kids a fighting chance at being socially adequate, please.	8/13/2021 6:57 PM
908	My son was more sick last year then ever before from his mask. With awful year round allergies and sinus problems it's detrimental to his health to wear them. ENOUGH WITH MANDATES! Please, I'm begging, let the parents choose what is right for their kids. Stop mandating things that don't work for everyone. If they worked the first time around we wouldn't still be having these conversations.	8/13/2021 6:56 PM
909	It seems strange that a regional health department is not taking health very seriously by allowing political pressure to sway your guidance. Masks are one of the few ways that prevent the spread of airborne viruses. School children tend to disperse these viruses throughout the school year and with a highly transmissible virus that spreads easily masks should be required for those who cannot take the vaccine at this time. I suggest the health department make the brave and responsible public health position that should have already been taken to institute a mask mandate until a vaccine is available for schoo age children.	8/13/2021 6:55 PM
910	Nothing has changed for our youngest children since last year-- except the removal of coronavirus protections. As a public school employee, I know that the simplest, and one of the most effective, coronavirus mitigation strategies is universal masking. None of my students are eligible for the vaccine, but the majority of them can wear a mask most of the time. Masking should be the first line of defense before more stringent procedures are put in place, such as cohorting, distancing, and hybrid learning strategies. Masks are our best option in light of the highly contagious Delta variant to meet everyone's goal: to keep kids IN school and to keep our community healthy. I am sure the board has seen the news out of Mississippi that over 1,000 school-aged children tested positive for COVID after two weeks back in school. I am sure the board knows that hospital capacity--particularly for children--is limited. I am sure the board knows that not all schools or districts will listen to their guidance. But they have a moral and ethical obligation to mitigate the spread of this deadly disease. And just because one of your children refuses to eat vegetables doesn't mean you give up on your other kids eating vegetables. Douglas County can choose to go their own way at the risk of everyone's health, but we NEED guidance from our health organization for the 1 million-plus people who live in the other two counties under your purview. I'm sure you will hear about the difficulties that masks pose to school children. Listen carefully to those. As a preschool speech therapist, I have had no complaints from children about wearing masks. I have had no children say that it's hard to hear or understand me or to know what I'm thinking or feeling. We can provide quality, in-person instruction in masks. We can't do that while in quarantine, or worse. Kids are resilient. They will adapt to masks- which are really not that intrusive to the educational setting. I don't envy the difficult political position you find yourselves in. But your job is a public health and science-based one-- and here, the science is clear. Thank you for giving our superintendent the structure through which to implement a mask mandate. You are saving lives.	8/13/2021 6:50 PM
911	Do not put masks on kids.	8/13/2021 6:50 PM
912	Masks should be a personal choice that the family decides on and not one mandated. Children should never be in masks, they need their immune systems to build and be strong otherwise	8/13/2021 6:48 PM

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they will continually get sick. The psychological, mental and emotional harm are far greater than COVID. Our children should not be pawns in a political agenda or statement!

913	Please mandate masks for all students k-12 to keep our kids healthy and in school. This is the third year of potential covid disruptions and we need to do everything we can to minimize school closures and health risks.	8/13/2021 6:48 PM
914	Please instate a mask mandate in schools. It's the best way we have of keeping our children and teachers safe from Covid-19 and its variants.	8/13/2021 6:48 PM
915	I think that we need to start allowing our own immune systems do what they are designed to do and fight infections. If you are sick stay home or if you feel comfortable wearing a mask that is your choice but should not be pushed on others to do so. If you want to wear a mask because you are scared of getting it then you can wear a mask, but if you are wearing a mask you should be protected by your own mask even if others aren't wearing one.	8/13/2021 6:47 PM
916	I understand the reason for mask requirements for this unvaccinated, as I am a healthcare professional. But I am concerned about the impact of mask mandates for younger kids, including mine, on their learning. Masks have impacted my child's ability to learn speech and letter sounds as he cannot see how the teacher pronounced and annunciate letters/words. Masks inhibit student focus on learning and facial cues when to listen. Learning involves more than just talking. It involves facial expressions, oral movements, etc. from both the teacher and the student. Putting a mask mandate for children under 11 will impact them negatively.	8/13/2021 6:46 PM
917	Please allow parents to decide if their students need to wear masks.	8/13/2021 6:43 PM
918	I feel we've hit the point where you've been vaccinated or you've had the opportunity to do so! Quit forcing our children! Let them be kids and be normal. Quit stressing my kid out because you feel the need to make a power play	8/13/2021 6:41 PM
919	I don't even know why you're asking the public for their opinion considering the general public does not consider of health experts. You don't need me to tell you that positivity and incidence rates are rising in our area. Children are getting sick in other states. It didn't matter how many adults are vaccinated because in grades K-6, NO ONE is vaccinated. As a teacher and a parent, I want to avoid remote learning, and masks will help with that.	8/13/2021 6:40 PM
920	Wearing masks should be up to the individual and NOT required in schools.	8/13/2021 6:39 PM
921	I believe masking in school should be optional for both children and adults regardless of vaccination status. Having testing more readily available with faster processing would be more helpful. When my kids have had to get tested it has lead to a half hour drive and two full days of processing. More regular testing at a location closer to the school district with faster results would be preferable over asking students to wear masks every day. My three children wore masks every day last year and I believe it has a negative impact on the social and mental well being of the students and should be left as a voluntary practice for those seeking extra protection.	8/13/2021 6:36 PM
922	Since kids 12 and under are not yet able to receive the vaccine, I feel it's prudent for all students where there is a presence of anyone 11 or younger. If there is the unfortunate situation where there is an outbreak, then all should be masked after following guidelines by local health experts.	8/13/2021 6:35 PM
923	Currently numbers in Colorado are increasing and the Delta strain is more contagious than the original strain. CDC is recommending masking indoors regardless of vaccination status to help stop spread from mildly ill or asymptomatic vaccinated individuals as well as for the unvaccinated. Kids under 12 years old are still not able to get vaccinated. It is important that there is a mandatory layer of protection for people in these high risk settings to help minimize school disruptions due to illness or quarantines. This is a non-invasive way to help protect our children and get them the schooling they need. My daughter has an auditory issue and masks will make it harder for her to learn but I feel it is more important for her to be in a safe learning space.	8/13/2021 6:34 PM
924	The school system took so much from the students last year. Forcing them to wear mask and online learning. You as the schools should not have the right to tell us what to do with OUR kids. If we choose not to have our children wear mask that should be OUR choice. And if parents want their kids to wear them that should be their choice. Masks have become politicized and are no longer about safety. I understand that you cannot please everyone but making it up to the parents gives everyone the right to choose. You don't understand how	8/13/2021 6:30 PM

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uncomfortable you make parents like me. Consider everyone when making a decision. Don't make this a political matter

925	We are against masking our kiddo. Leave this choice to the parents. We do NOT support masking in schools	8/13/2021 6:25 PM
926	Please, please respect individuals decisions regarding the health of themselves and their children! Question 4 is biased. I will answer what I have to but I believe in CHOICES!	8/13/2021 6:24 PM
927	Let families decide!	8/13/2021 6:24 PM
928	I do not support mask mandates for any school aged children. So many seem to talk about the physical health of these kids. But seem to forget about the emotional impact it is having on these kids. This is their childhood, are they to continue just wearing masks with no end date in sight? There is plenty of studies and stats out that can be found on the CDC website, that shows a total of 354 deaths of kids aged 0-17. Note: I do not take that number lightly as those are all kids who died long before they should have. But as a parent we need honesty for our children if we are to intrust teachers/staff with our kids well being. To me after assessing the numbers which calculates to less then two tenths of a percent, this doesn't add up to me. With teachers being vaccinated and likely most of the staff, they should have the desired protection needed. We simply cannot let this kind of behavior take advantage of these kids any longer. I would greatly appreciate a call or a meeting with the school board and I know other parents who would as well.	8/13/2021 6:22 PM
929	I do NOT support masking our children in schools. I strongly feel this decision should be left up to the parents. Please allow our children to be free and healthy, masks have been proven to do more harm then good. Thank you for taking the time to review my response.	8/13/2021 6:20 PM
930	I do not support masking in schools, or in any other circumstance currently under discussion. The current effort is not based in "science" or "reason" nor in common sense. There has been no data presented showing masks have any positive effect towards slowing the spread of Covid, or any other airborne virus. There has also been no data presented showing people under the age of 20 are at any substantial risk of death from Covid. While it saddens me greatly to know that my message here will fall on deaf ears, if it is read by anyone at all, I implore you to not perpetuate this madness any further. Leave us, and more importantly, our children alone. Let us live our lives without your "benevolent" tyranny. I am an adult, and fully capable of weighing the risks and making decisions in the best interests of myself and my family. I do not need the County making these decisions for me.	8/13/2021 6:20 PM
931	Absolutely no masks. Our children need to breathe. 2 weeks to lower the curve!	8/13/2021 6:18 PM
932	I one hundred percent do not support another mask mandate for our children! Our entire family has had Covid already and the risks from Covid to me are less severe than continuing on with these extreme mandates! These children just want and need normalcy.	8/13/2021 6:18 PM
933	I think masks should be required to protect the ones not vaccinated	8/13/2021 6:17 PM
934	I absolutely don't agree with kids wearing masks, no matter vaccination status. Kids need to see faces and be able to clearly hear what is being said. As a mother of 5 my kids stayed home last year and did remote learning in order to avoid the mask wearing. They were only going back this year for the idea of not wearing masks. Kids need to be comfortable and wearing a mask is not comfortable. Wearing a mask is not safe. And the option of home schooling or remote learning really isn't in a kids best interest. This is totally not ok on any level. Remove the masks!!!	8/13/2021 6:15 PM
935	Below is an email I wrote to the Adams12 Board and several members of your organization. To that I'll add the ridiculous bias of this supposed request for feedback. Your 3 options in Question 4 below show the incredible bias you have toward anyone that doesn't want their kid in a mask, lumping them all in an 'anit-masker' category. That last option of "I do not support masking in schools under any circumstances" does not even remotely represent the perspective of myself or any other parents I know who don't want our children to be in masks. We simply want the choice for our kids and not to force a decision on anyone else's kids. Those questions themselves show the bias of the people writing them since it's obvious they believe anyone that doesn't want their child in a mask must just be an "anti-masker." I can assure you that's not the case and most of us have worn our masks religiously for the good of others. Here is the email, and I hope you'll consider kids like my son who are simply in capable of learning in a mask due to a medical condition (autism with sensory issues.) My son Cody was diagnosed with autism at 5 years old. Through an amazing amount of work by therapists,	8/13/2021 6:12 PM

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teachers, us as parents, and most especially by him, he's made tremendous progress and can function in a 'normal' classroom. He's still behind his peers academically in so many ways but had been making up remarkable ground the last few years before Covid. Remote learning was a disaster for him due to the complexity of following verbal multi-step instructions that were not often clear, and we were so happy when you made the decision to finally return kids back to a classroom... However, he also suffers from sensory issues like many kids on the spectrum, and many other kids diagnosed with ADD/ADHD and other challenges. His sensory issues require us to cut the tags from his shirts or he can't concentrate on anything other than the thing scratching his neck. His ability to concentrate on anything else is approaching 0%. You can imagine then what a mask over his nose does—it's like someone rubbing sandpaper on your nose and yelling in your ears nonstop. His brain can't process anything else due to the overwhelming sensations. He literally shuts down and the only thing he can think of is getting that thing off his face. He's normally very compliant but for the first time in his academic career, he was being disciplined by a teacher because he couldn't keep his mask over his nose. It was not only humiliating for him but it also cost him and his classmates valuable learning time. He essentially stopped learning and his test scores reflect that. My daughter is neurotypical (gifted and talented actually) and for her the mask is an annoyance but manageable. I'd imagine that's true for many kids and I'd bet that nearly every parent advocating for masks is the parent of a neurotypical child, without any understanding of what kids like Cody go through. I hope as you make this decision, you consider the students like my son. They are the ones being hurt by mask requirements, and they're the ones that were already facing greater odds than the other kids. Please don't make them lose another year of school to protect them from a virus that data shows has less impact on kids his age than pneumonia. Covid is a very scary disease for adults and those with comorbidities, but masking children like my son is not the solution—especially when so many in our area are vaccinated. Please consider Cody and all the other kids you'd be condemning to another lost year with a universal mask mandate for students. He's at 0.00001% risk from this virus based on the CDC data, but he will 100% be harmed by a mask requirement this school year. Right now he might still make up the lost year. Two years lost and you've likely condemned his educational future.

936	Please continue with masks as a choice for parents as far as kids in school. They have lost enough learning already.	8/13/2021 6:12 PM
937	We do not need to muzzle our kids in the effort to pro-long a common cold. We have been living our life's without worry for the longest time so why I gods great earth would we need to muzzle are kid and weaken there immune system. Mask don't work to prevent COVID as it says on the box. So why put are kids through it. It's just not right!!!!	8/13/2021 6:11 PM
938	Masks are harmful to children. They are full of bacteria, cause intake of excess CO2, and are psychologically harmful. Children are at very low risk from the coronavirus. No masks!!!	8/13/2021 6:08 PM
939	Every single at risk person has had the opportunity to be vaccinated for this virus, and it is NOT the burden of my 6 year old to cover her mouth and nose for 9 hours a day to protect anyone that chose not to get it. Children under 12 are more likely to be struck by lightning than to be harmed by this virus. By all means, send your children to school in a mask if that is YOUR choice for YOUR child. I, for one, would like to have a year where I don't have to console my crying daughter on the way home from school because she "feels like she can't breathe all day". We have had nearly 2 years of mandates now, and it's time to let parents make choices for their children again.	8/13/2021 6:07 PM
940	I feel this should be up to the families to decide. If you feel a mask is safer wear one if not, don't wear one. I feel like healthcare should be up to one self not mandated. It is not being selfish to decide not wear a mask, I feel it's selfish to ask people to go against their free will and their free choice and mandate mask wearing.	8/13/2021 6:06 PM
941	Small children should not be required to be masked when the family is opinion is to not mask. This should be a personal choice and not a mandate.	8/13/2021 6:06 PM
942	I believe that students and staff that have not been vaccinated should have to wear masks during times when social distancing is not a possibility.	8/13/2021 6:04 PM
943	I would like there to be a universal mask mandate for children under 12, the long lasting effects of covid are not worth it and although I send my daughter with a face mask she says how there's only her and one more person who wear a mask, this would also protect children from others who are not wearing a mask but can still transmit the disease	8/13/2021 5:59 PM
944	As a teacher. I support CHOICE. With a positive classroom environment and relationship	8/13/2021 5:57 PM

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building there has been no bullying around who is masking and who is not. I have seen the joy and social skills flourish between students with masks and those without. Let's allow people to have choice on what is best for their family instead of continuing to dictate it.

945	Required masking does not take into consideration those with natural immunity, nor an individual's right to choose. I work with many students with anxiety and special needs who struggle with mask wearing. Also students with hearing loss suffer academically with not being able to hear their teachers through a masl.	8/13/2021 5:53 PM
946	It is difficult to protect children who cannot be vaccinated from adults who will not be vaccinated. With most children in sixth grade and below being under twelve years old, an indoor mask mandate is the most effective means of protecting those now most at risk.	8/13/2021 5:51 PM
947	Mask usage should be a choice. A choice for the parents/ guardian or child. Please do not take away that choice.	8/13/2021 5:50 PM
948	I believe it is wrong to force our children to wear masks as it has been proven to be in effective and can have long-term effects on their mental and physical well-being.	8/13/2021 5:47 PM
949	Stop making our kids suffer and using them as political gain	8/13/2021 5:45 PM
950	Students and staff should not be masked it's so hard for kids to learn with the muffled sound from teachers and teachers can't hear the kids. Give us our freedom and choice	8/13/2021 5:44 PM
951	The data set of numbers you are using to try and impose mask wearing are bias to further a political agenda. Sweden and other countries have shown the world that kids are at super low risk for COVID or even the Delta variant. More harm is being done to our kids by wearing these mask. It is my hope that if TCH requires schools to mask that all parents will disenroll their kids from school. Common sense must prevail and this fear must STOP. If TCH really cared about spread of viruses it would have implemented a mask policy every year for Influenza or RSV.	8/13/2021 5:44 PM
952	I have a 10 yr old, who is unable to be vaccinated at the moment. Her dad & I are fully vaccinated. We are extremely worried about the delta variant, unmasked kids at schools & her getting COVID that would cause her to be hospitalized etc. Requiring masks for all students & teachers limits her exposure, allows for in-person learning, and gives our scientists time to get the vaccine approved for her age group by the FDA.	8/13/2021 5:43 PM
953	Everyone that's at risk has had the opportunity to be vaccinated. Do not put the burden of protecting the unvaccinated on my child, who is more likely to be struck by lightning than to be harmed by this virus.	8/13/2021 5:43 PM
954	Stop the masks!! How are their bodies going to build any immunity if exposed to nothing	8/13/2021 5:41 PM
955	Another year of masking means another year of not being able to read faces or social cues; it means not being able to have someone see a smile or receive a smile; it means being unable to understand someone when they're speaking; it means teachers having to talk louder, which is tiring for their vocal chords; it means being hot and uncomfortable. It also means there is no opportunity to build or keep a healthy immune system.	8/13/2021 5:40 PM
956	There are no studies to support that masks work and the numbers do not point to our children being in danger. They don't get covid. They do not spread it and they certainly don't die from it	8/13/2021 5:39 PM
957	Masks will harm the health of our children. Sitting in a mask all day is not providing a healthy life style. Children being forced to do something over a political power also effects the mental health of these poor children that are being brainwashed into fear! It should be only the parents choice on whether or not their child should wear a mask. Free the kids and keep them unmasked.	8/13/2021 5:39 PM
958	Stop diving and making it harder for our children.	8/13/2021 5:37 PM
959	My children have gone all summer without masks and have been healthy. They hated wearing them last year and were looking forward to not being forced to wear them this year. This mandate is both confusing and uncalled for. This board is an unelected bureaucracy that should not have this level of power- it should be up to the local school districts. I I for one will not support mandatory masking ever again given the level of constant mixed messaging from all levels of government.	8/13/2021 5:37 PM
960	I don't think the kids need to wear masks.	8/13/2021 5:35 PM

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961	All the science points to the cloth masks you buy are useless against this virus. You can see the Fauci even admits to this from the FOIA, that were released. Also masking kids is physiological abuse to a minor, even though it might be a mandate, it is still abusing a minor. Let parents have the option, freedom of choice, because we are still in America	8/13/2021 5:34 PM
962	Do not mandate families it's a free country and they can decide for themselves.	8/13/2021 5:33 PM
963	This is completely absurd. This is a VIRUS and it's going to continue to mutate just like the flu does. No mask, vaccine or closure is going to change that. It's time Adams County and the school districts take matters into their own hands. This virus has a 98% recovery rate. Let our immune systems fight this and stop making our kids weak!	8/13/2021 5:32 PM
964	I am in favor of in-person schooling and believe the only way to keep classes and schools from regularly isolating is to require masking indoors for all students. The Delta variant is so much more highly transmissible and we are already seeing an increase in cases in children. I also think the quarantine rules need to be evaluated and families need to be aware of any and all exposures immediately.	8/13/2021 5:31 PM
965	Please consider making it mandatory for kids under 12 to wear a mask. Our children aren't vaccinated and the risk of this delta variant is effecting children more. It's our responsibility to care for children and not wearing a mask is leaving them unprotected in the worst time of this pandemic for them. Thank you.	8/13/2021 5:29 PM
966	Those under 12 who cannot be vaccinated should where masks while at school. It doesn't do any good for me to enforce it for my littles when we're in the stores if they don't have to wear them at school. They are both under 5 so trying to make them wear it while other students are not will be a challenge, especially when teachers cannot enforce it. We are a vaccinated family otherwise, but worry about our ones who cannot be vaccinated.	8/13/2021 5:29 PM
967	I agree with parents choice regarding masks. We went all summer almost maskless and now that school is starting again we are looking at mask mandates again? Kids don't live in a bubble. Forcing masks is not the answer. If you want to have your kids wear a mask then encourage that. If you don't, then that's fine too. Our efforts should be more concentrated on proper hand washing, staying home when sick and maybe getting creative for a change and offering more outdoor teaching moments. Most kids don't even wear masks appropriately which results in them touching it all day long to adjust it. Which defeats the entire purpose anyway!	8/13/2021 5:28 PM
968	I truly hope that in making this decision, you will take the facts into account. 4.2 million kids have tested positive for COVID-19. A total of .008 percent of them have died. The CDC reports that 480 kids died from the flu during the 2018-2019 flu season. That's more than have died from COVID in a year and a half. Nobody at any time requested my children wear masks during the flu season which has proven to be more harmful than COVID for kids. These masks create psychological damage in these kiddos that will have lasting effects in their lives. Forcing them to wear dirty rags on their faces and deluding them into thinking the air is toxic and everyone is sick is just wrong. This also hurts their immune system in the long run. I hate that my kiddo would be forced to breathe through a sweat, spit, and dirt filled rag for 8 hours every day. I feel like placing this burden on the children isn't to keep them safe (they are safe) or the adults (who can be vaccinated if they want) safe. It's a virtue signal to protect you and your jobs, not the kids. I know of several moms who have said if masks become mandated they will pull their kiddos out of your schools. You will lose numbers and funding as people move on to find a place where they are heard.	8/13/2021 5:28 PM
969	This needs to be a decision made by parents, and parents alone. If I am worried about the transmission of COVID 19 from school, then I should be able to choose to either keep my child home, or put my child in a mask. It should not be enforced on every child and every family. When are we going to allow parents to make health decisions for their children again?? The last time I checked the data, there have been ZERO deaths in Adam's county from COVID in the last 7 days. The critical infection rate in healthy children is almost 0%, even with the delta variant. We do not know what psychological damage we are doing to our children by forcing them to wear masks, or by seeing adults in masks. Especially young children. I work as a respiratory therapist, so believe me that I have seen ALL sides of this pandemic, and I completely reject the idea of masking our children for even one more day.	8/13/2021 5:27 PM
970	These kids have shouldered the brunt of this pandemic. It is enough already! Mandating masks again is reaching too far! Let the families decide for themselves if they want their kids to wear masks. They need to be in school, with friends and be taught without the distraction	8/13/2021 5:25 PM

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and uncomfortable masks. Young kids need to see facial expressions. If we care at all about our youth we will let them be kids and young adults and be free from the masks. The benefit for the kids to not be burdened with masks FAR outweighs the meniscal benefit from masking them!

971	These children went already through the roughest year imaginable and you guys would even consider it making mandatory have you looked up the definition of having a free will if somebody wants to stay home and they're concerned about their health they can't and if we go back down this path guess what I'll be making phone calls	8/13/2021 5:25 PM
972	Hello, thank you for hearing the voices of parents on this issue. I believe masking should be at the discretion of parents. Especially for those in elementary school. Seeing faces something every kid should be able to do as they learn how to socialize and make friends. There should be a no-mask-shaming rule that we respect everyone's decision. But we should be given the choice. Taking that away from the parents is not fair. My child feels anxious and has a hard time with a mask on and if we are parents and schools want her to succeed we need to allow her to not have to wear a mask. But if I choose to have her wear one that should be my choice. I really respected the discretion the district had made at the start of school to allow parents to choose.	8/13/2021 5:24 PM
973	I support masking for indoor use when distancing cannot be maintained	8/13/2021 5:23 PM
974	I am in support of parent choice for masks. I am not for the universal mask wearing.	8/13/2021 5:21 PM
975	Masks are affecting our kids ability to learn. My daughter has a deviated septum and can't breathe in masks. Kids touch their face so much more in masks. We let them be mask free all summer and now they may be expected to go through that torture again? Please, no masks! Let our kids be free!	8/13/2021 5:19 PM
976	My three boys are all in high school and fully vaccinated. I see absolutely NO reason for them to be masked.	8/13/2021 5:19 PM
977	I am okay if a child or parent WANTS to mask up, I am NOT okay for the district to take away my right to parent and make choices for MY child! If my child wants to wear a mask, okay but under NO circumstances should you require masks....if that's the case I expect child support payments from the district if you think you can make decisions on behalf of my children's mother and father! I have no problem discussing this further, I have attached my contact information	8/13/2021 5:17 PM
978	I think it should be a requirement that every teacher and staff member at the school be vaccinated and every student must show proof or be required to wear a mask. My daughter is still too young to be vaccinated and I'm making her wear a mask.	8/13/2021 5:16 PM
979	Please please mask children, the delta variant is dangerous for kids and I cannot send my kids to school unless masks are required.	8/13/2021 5:15 PM
980	Quit muzzling our children! If parents want to mask their kid then it should be a personal choice.	8/13/2021 5:11 PM
981	I think it should be a parents choice to mask their kids or not...	8/13/2021 5:10 PM
982	Please mandate masks for everyone. It's to hard to know who is or isn't vaccinated.	8/13/2021 5:09 PM
983	Please let this be the parents choice. Or let us fill out an exempt form to not wear masks.	8/13/2021 5:08 PM
984	Each parent has the right to make the health choices for themselves and their child or children. It is not the responsibility of any entity or organization.	8/13/2021 5:07 PM
985	Kids are not affected by this virus! Last year they wore them to protect the teachers! Teachers have had the opportunity to be vaccinated now! Unmask our kids!	8/13/2021 5:06 PM
986	I believe it should be the parents right to decide wether our children should were masks or not. Here is a video I think you should see. Watch the video here everyone: https://www.bitchute.com/video/qcaTxXq04Np1/	8/13/2021 4:58 PM
987	If masks worked we wouldn't have let inmates out of the jails to prevent a large outbreak, instead we would've provided them all with masks. If masks worked the cruise that just went out with COVID-19 shots and masking required would not have come back with multiple Covid cases. It should be an optional choice by the parent not by the school board.	8/13/2021 4:57 PM

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988	Not having a mask mandate at this point is putting children at unnecessary risk of contracting a new strain of this awful virus. By allowing districts to have policies such as “strongly recommend” you are also setting up situations for children to be bullied and ridiculed should their family choose for them to be masked.	8/13/2021 4:55 PM
989	My son is 6 and unable to receive the vaccine. He is back in school this week and while we are having him wear a mask, the majority of his peers are unmasked. This makes me feel even more uneasy than in person schooling last year, because at least then everyone was wearing a mask. To hear of the rise in cases in children due to the Delta variant, it seems it’s just a matter of time before there’s an outbreak our elementary school with so many not practicing covid precautions. As public health entity I feel it’s your responsibility to follow CDC guidance in the interest of public health.	8/13/2021 4:55 PM
990	<p>Hello. I’m a resident of Thornton, Colorado, and the parent of two Adams 12 Five Star School District under-12 students. I’ve created a Change.org Petition, which has now been signed by 1,037 local community members, urging a universal mask mandate at Adams 12 Five Star Schools. I emailed a copy of the Petition to Jennifer Ludwig, Deputy Director of TCHD, on Friday, 8/13/2021, and will detail the main points of the Petition here: - A "District Letter" on July 30, 2021, informed parents and students that Adams 12 is abandoning most of the safety measures that largely kept students safe last year, including - and most importantly - universal masking. - Even though most masks worn by students are not medical grade protection, they are one of the only tools available right now to help protect the unvaccinated. Without such a universal masking policy during the Delta variant surge, the consequences - for our students, our families, and our community - could be disastrous. - In choosing to make masks optional, Adams 12 is ignoring nearly unanimous consensus from the Centers for Disease Control (“CDC”), the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (“CDPHE”), the U.S. Department of Education, local health departments, and the American Academy of Pediatrics (“AAP”) that universal masking is essential to protect children and other vulnerable individuals as the Delta variant surges in Colorado and nationwide. - Giving some parents the freedom to choose what best for their child comes at the expense – and unfortunately the health and safety – of other children. A critical school safety policy should not be “optional,” especially when it’s so often cited as the reason schools were kept safe last year. The lack of a universal masking policy accomplishes nothing other than allowing a dangerous respiratory virus to spread unchecked. - The abandonment of universal masking by Adams 12 could not come at a worse time for our vulnerable children, most of whom aren't yet eligible for vaccination. Both Broomfield and Adams counties are both considered to be at “High” transmission levels. The CDPHE urges that masks be utilized in schools when case rates exceed 35 per 100,000, and current case rates are many times more the levels at which masks are recommended. - CDC and local data shows hospital admissions are trending upwards. “Hotspot” states, which could soon be all US states, are seeing a dramatic increase in children being hospitalized for Covid. Both long-covid and an inflammatory condition called MIS-C continue to pose a risk to children infected with Covid. Although Colorado hospitals may not yet be at capacity, we should not wait until hospitals are full again to start protecting our kids from the dangerous Delta variant. - CDC Covid Tracker data (which apparently differed from local TCHD data as of the 8/5/21 date of the Petition, and is being corrected by TCHD) did not show that Adams and Broomfield county vaccination rates were over the 70% threshold considered by CDPHE to make community transmission low risk. In any event, it’s unrealistic to rely on community vaccination rates - especially when the highly contagious Delta variant has caused many public health modelers to adjust the herd immunity goal upwards - as justification to claim that unvaccinated students, gathered together indoors for hours on end without universal masking, would somehow not spread infection. Adams 12’s position ignores dire public health agency warnings that “all” unvaccinated populations are at great risk from the rapidly spreading, highly contagious, and more virulent Delta variant. - It’s imperative that Adams 12 focus on the needs of the many, rather than the desires of a few, and prioritize the greater good of protecting ALL students and their families. We need to be able to trust our school district to keep our kids safe. While opponents of school masking have the right to voice their concerns, so too do the parents and guardians who want to protect their children from illness, hospitalization, and death while attending in-person school, which all children are equally entitled to after a traumatic year of interrupted learning and social isolation. It’s a false choice to say that having your own child wear a face mask is sufficient protection, because - as TCHD is well-aware and has itself cited - the science is clear that the most effective mitigation measure to prevent the spread of airborne viruses involves masking both infected sources and uninfected wearers (i.e., universal masking). The 1,037 (thus far) signers of this Petition respectfully ask TCHD to immediately mandate universal masking for school districts within its jurisdiction, including Adams 12 Five Star Schools.</p>	8/13/2021 4:54 PM

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991	Please follow guidelines of CDC, AAP and CDHP - ALL students no matter age or vaccination status should be masked. My children are both asthmatic and I'm nervous about sending them back to school without mask requirements.	8/13/2021 4:53 PM
992	The rate of transmission from a child to child is too low to have any more draconian measures in place. Unmask our children now.	8/13/2021 4:50 PM
993	Dear TCHD Board of Health, As a parent of three students in Adams 12 Five Star School District, I urge you to require masks for all students. Given the rapidly spreading Delta variant and high community transmission within Adams County, the CDC recommends that all individuals wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status. Simply recommending masks in schools is inadequate. It leaves unvaccinated students vulnerable, immune-compromised students unsafe at school, and potentially pits students and families against one another as the mask wars that have been prevalent in our community now become a part of a child's school experience. Further, our students have all experienced vast deficits in their educational experiences over the past 18 months. The best way for our community to be successful in keeping kids in school is to require masks. We know they work, and we know that people wear them when mandated, but don't wear them when recommended. Thank you so much for your tireless efforts to lead our community through a pandemic! Your commitment to our community is deeply appreciated! Sincerely, Kristin Conley	8/13/2021 4:50 PM
994	Masking our children does nothing but cause long term mental health issues and causes social anxiety. Kids are not in the at risk category and do not need to be treated as such.	8/13/2021 4:50 PM
995	Having a child with special needs, this back and forth is confusing. Also it's created more speech, emotional and mental delays for her. Dr's aren't supporting what's best for the kids even if their needs are different, it's time to allow people to feel comfortable to do what they feel is best for them, if they want to wear a mask wear it, if not then don't but STOP this division and STOP taking our freedom to choose away! By now we are so educated and can choose! The closest answer I can give with your options is below with the limited choices you have offered.	8/13/2021 4:46 PM
996	Thank you for allowing us to write a comment, after 18 months of dealing with COVID-19 shut downs, mask mandates, and restrictions I feel mandating masks in our schools is unnecessary and unfair. Statistics show that COVID-19 has essentially a zero death rate in our children. The few children that have lost their lives to COVID-19, which the last time I checked was about 300, had severe underlying issues such as leukemia, etc. I have a fourth grader and a first grader. My fourth grader expressed deep concerns and issues with last School years restrictions in schools. She felt very secluded and had lost touch with a lot of people that she cared for due to the social distancing. As for my first grader, who was a kindergartener last year, had a pure nightmares a year last year. Thankfully him being in a lower grade they were not mandated to wear masks at that age group, which I was highly thankful for because I needed him to learn physical cues and facial expressions to start learning how to adapt to the world he's growing into. Because of the social distancing as well he was not able to build bonds or attach himself to proper structure within the classroom because of restrictions in place at the time. The toll it takes on mothers and fathers at home to explain to the children why these things are in place, and why they can't just be a kid is an open on a conversation that never ends. As for my community and many others in it I know that they feel the same way I do, I know both of my children's teachers, whether it be from last year or this year, would much rather be maskless as well per conversations with them. I hope when you're taking time talking about potential mask mandates, that your truly looking at the data for children and COVID-19. Do not start setting restrictions on our children for a disease that does not affect them in the same way it affects others. If there's one generation that should be able to live on from this it is them and I think after 18 months of hell they should be able to feel a sense of normalcy through The 2021-2022 school year. They were both very excited to start school this year knowing that things were going to be normal again, do not take the fire from their light. Thank you from concerned parent of two.	8/13/2021 4:46 PM
997	Our kids, our choice! PLEASE do not force masks on our young children. PLEASE look at the data, these kids are not getting sick, they are not dying! It is doing more harm to wear a mask and to distance. It should be a personal choice to wear it or not. We will pull our kids if masks are mandated!	8/13/2021 4:45 PM
998	Masks have proven ineffective and even harmful- No make for anyone especially children	8/13/2021 4:45 PM
999	Please do not force masks on our children. For the last year and a half our children have had to put up with the masking, in many cases where it's hard for them to do so. As a mother of	8/13/2021 4:44 PM

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two small children I've seen my kids drop their masks, eat their masks, wear them as hats, share masks, etc... not much safer. Let us, the parents, decide for our own children.

1000	Masking for our children should be OPTIONAL and at the discretion of the child's parent. Over 70% of a child's learning is non verbal, and our children lose this opportunity when they are required to wear a mask in school. COVID has proven time and time again that it rarely affects children. Mask mandates of any kind strips us of our freedom to choose. If a child wants to wear a mask, that should be their choice. If they do NOT, that should also be their choice.	8/13/2021 4:43 PM
1001	No masks	8/13/2021 4:40 PM
1002	Where is the peer reviewed study showing that masks stop the Covid virus. When I purchase the masks the box says does not prevent the spread of Covid. Why are we continuing to mask our children? You all should be ashamed of yourselves. This virus has a 99.xx% percentage of recovery. Also, vaccinated people are shown to have a higher viral load of the virus meaning they spread more than the unvaccinated. Stop the abuse	8/13/2021 4:39 PM
1003	No public health agency should be making policies or mandates based of fear, feelings, hype, over-exaggeration, celebrity claims, political motivations, or any other unfounded information. There has been no scientific study that proves that basic cloth face coverings are effective in preventing the spread of corona type viruses. In fact evidence shows in recent tests that other more harmful pathogens have been found on face coverings worn by students and these pathogens are detrimental to a person's health. The ineffectiveness of cloth face masks is even more evident when reading the disclaimer warning on packaging that these masks come in, which often state that no protection from respiratory disease is offered by the product. Furthermore, there is no real data or evidence that the Delta variant is any more deadly than the original strain, which is about as bad to human health as the influenza virus. According to Labcorp and Quest Diagnostics, only a small percentage of covid positive tests are ever tested for variants of the covid virus. The current CDC website only used weak and shaky wording like "some data suggests" or "might cause". This wording proves nothing, is not absolute or firm in it's stance on explaining covid or it's variants. We should not be making policy or mandates based on shaky unfounded information. This COVID 19 virus has a 1% or less death rate among cases. We should not be making and mandates for something that is no more detrimental to human health as the influenza virus is to people living in a developed country.	8/13/2021 4:38 PM
1004	I would prefer universal masking in order to help reduce the risk my unvaccinated child from getting ill and also reduce risk of the possibility of transmission to those who are immunocompromised. We always as a community try to those who are more vulnerable and at this time there still is so much unknown of the long term effects covid will have on children and adults who contract it.	8/13/2021 4:37 PM
1005	These mandates are taking a psychological toll children. It is cruel and unnecessary.	8/13/2021 4:37 PM
1006	Please let us choose to wear a mask or not. Individual choices and unique circumstances does not fit a blanket for all universal mask mandate. Athletes should not be masked! I substitute teach and it is awful when I have to give directions, read a passage for a student, etc.. to have the mask sucking inside my mouth as I try to get breathe for the next statement. Please give us a choice and not mandates.	8/13/2021 4:37 PM
1007	Make it a choice or no masks at all. No more government overreaching.	8/13/2021 4:37 PM
1008	There is no data that supports masking does anything for kids. There are scientific studies that show lower oxygen in doctors wearing masks. There are scientific studies showing constant headaches in upwards of 80% of nurses wearing masks. There are scientific studies showing a 0.3% benefit for adults wearing masks. There are is a scientific study done at Children's Hospital in Denver that cloth masks actually had MORE providers sick than being unmasked. There is no conclusive data that children pass on COVID at any kind of alarming rates. The death rate is children is very low. Colorado Children's Hospital called a health emergency in children BECAUSE OF THEIR MENTAL HEALTH! Even Fauci stated in a press conference last week "hopefully there will be no long term issues with masking children!" Why should our children be the guinea pigs when there's no data to support any benefit?	8/13/2021 4:36 PM
1009	My child cannot wear a mask. I am so concerned about my kindergartener learning to speak better this year! He has been in speech therapy for several years and this is a pivotal developmental year for him. It should also be my choice as a parent to decide on mask or no mask.	8/13/2021 4:36 PM

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1010	Masking in indoor settings is a bad idea especially in schools. However there are many ideas of how to best care for kids.... Let the parents make that choice!!!! It is not the job of the health dept to decide what is best for kids!!!! Let kids be kids. This virus is not going away and we need to let our bodies do what they do best and fight. Kids are resilient. People are resilient!! If you feel that a mask is going to save your life then please wear one!! I'm not going to say anything or judge you!! Let me choose to wear one or not!!!	8/13/2021 4:35 PM
1011	Masking should be left up to each family to decide for themselves.	8/13/2021 4:34 PM
1012	Please leave the option up to the individual pertaining to masks and vaccinations. Each person should have their own choice. Why is choice not even an option in the below question! All or nothing is a terrible way to do things. Please give everyone the choice to do what is right for them.	8/13/2021 4:31 PM
1013	Whether or not we want our children to wear masks should be our choice. This should not be up to the school district. This should be individual choice	8/13/2021 4:30 PM
1014	No masks mandates!	8/13/2021 4:30 PM
1015	Masks are a parent's choice. Masks do not get washed and they are a disease magnet. I ran into a former student during the summer and didn't even know who she was until she spoke I had never seen her face after her being in my class for an entire year. I have never felt so horrible. Mental health need to take precedence.	8/13/2021 4:30 PM
1016	Last school year, my daughter suffered from anxiety, depression and overheating, all due to wearing a mask. Masking children (or any human) is cruel and feels like punishment to them. Our family believes in science. My husband is a registered nurse and he understands this subject very well. There are zero credible scientific studies or evidence that shows cloth masking is effective in preventing people from catching or spreading COVID. We believe in freedom of choice for all Americans. Parents are the ones who should decide what's best for their children. Not only that, but kids are people too! Forcing masks on their faces is a violation of their human rights. Kids are not spreading this in large numbers and there is only a miniscule chance they will get seriously ill or become hospitalized. Please continue to allow freedom of choice in this matter. Do not let the children suffer!	8/13/2021 4:29 PM
1017	I believe all parents should have the right to make their own choices for their own kids, if they should mask or not.	8/13/2021 4:28 PM
1018	I support parental choice in this decision	8/13/2021 4:27 PM
1019	I am a parent of a child who attend 27J in Commerce City. We have started school with an optional mask policy for our unvaccinated under 12 children. On top of this our district has put out communications stating that if we choose to send our child in a mask that they will do their best to make sure they provide an inclusive environment which sets up mask wearing as the minority and wrong choice. I am all for personal freedom and a parent's right to choose what is best for their family but as we know a mask is only 50% effective if the other person is not wearing one and until parents have the option to choose to have their child vaccinated it feels like personal freedom and choice is playing a risky game of roulette with the health of our children. I am asking Tri-County Health to consider a mask mandate for all public school students under 12 until a vaccine is available to this population.	8/13/2021 4:24 PM
1020	No Mask	8/13/2021 4:24 PM
1021	Please have a mask mandate for all ages. This is ridiculous to put our children and staff in harms way. We know that the vaccines do not prevent transmission. Not all children who are eligible for vaccines are getting them, still putting people at risk. This is incredibly irresponsible of the county.	8/13/2021 4:23 PM
1022	Kids do not need to be in masks. It's not healthy for them.	8/13/2021 4:21 PM
1023	The CDC has made claims that the masks don't protect against viruses. Stop muzzling our children unnecessarily	8/13/2021 4:21 PM
1024	For the health and safety of all, especially those that cannot get the vaccine, please require masks to be worn indoors at all times for all schools.	8/13/2021 4:21 PM
1025	I support universal masking in all indoor school settings. I have been vaccinated and recently tested positive for COVID, with symptoms. With the more contagious Delta variant and without masks for the older age students, our vaccinated students and staff can will get sick and	8/13/2021 4:20 PM

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transmit the virus. Also, it is impossible for a school to properly track and enforce masks when they have some students who are younger than 11 and others who are not. We must address this as a community and that means all working together to get through this.

1026	I continue to grow concerned regarding the lack of mask mandates in our counties and schools considering the growing risk of the highly contagious Covid-19 Delta variant. My daughter has asthma, as do I, and we are seeing increasingly larger numbers of the Delta variant affecting children and their respiratory function. We are also seeing the vaccinated population still contracting this Delta variant, and having significant (not just mild) symptoms. The lack of a mask mandate for our communities, specifically our schools that are full of a population that has not yet been cleared to be vaccinated, is alarming. Both of my children learned from home for the entire school year of 2020-2021, and I was very excited to send them back this year for a full proper in-person education. I trusted in the school safety system, and that the implements put into place last year with masks, social distancing, etc. were able to keep our children protected and safe during the winter pandemic surge. We are now seeing a variant that is affecting the younger population more and more, with numbers mimicking the Covid positive rate of surge last winter. We are seeing our local hospitals fill up again, and with the variant we are now seeing our pediatric hospitals filling up. I beg you - we have a solution and we KNOW what works in protecting these children based on the safety measures implemented last year. Please issue a mask mandate for ALL unvaccinated residents, and a mask recommendation for all vaccinated residents when indoors. This would apply to our schools, and keep our children safe. If you could please help in passing along my concerns to the rest of our tri-county staff, lawmakers, and health department, that would be greatly appreciated.	8/13/2021 4:16 PM
1027	I am for masking in the classrooms, even kindergarten. The delta variant is more serious in children and they need our protection. Masks don't hurt anyone. They only help.	8/13/2021 4:13 PM
1028	I am in support of parent/student CHOICE regarding masking. I feel that your choices below are very biased. This is NOT about mask vs. anti-mask. It is about giving parents and students the choice whether or not to wear a mask based on personal/medical/cognitive circumstances. Please be respectful. Adams 12 announced that masks would be recommended, but not mandated, and I continue to support that decision.	8/13/2021 4:09 PM
1029	I think it's important to allow each family to choose what is best for them. If your family wants to wear a mask then do so. If not, don't. You also have an option to online only school. You should always have your personal choice. Please keep your original decision.	8/13/2021 4:08 PM
1030	No. Do not torcher our kids with this. Learning and education are already hurting. Mask don't stop or protect anything. Fake news.	8/13/2021 4:08 PM
1031	I am writing you today to express my disappointment in the decision made by the Tri County Health Department not to require universal mask wearing in schools. I have two children who should be attending elementary school in School District 27J, their local district. However, due to the lack of adequate protection required to prevent the spread of COVID-19, we will be enrolling our children into a neighboring district where masks are required. This contributes to the stress we are already dealing with during the pandemic as we will have a daily commute that we should not have to deal with. However, not everyone has the luxury of being able to make this decision. I strongly believe this is a huge issue for children across the Tri County area. So, I am writing you in hopes of securing a mask mandate and required additional mitigation efforts (such as contact tracing, transparency in reporting exposure, social distancing and use of cohorts) for all schools in the Tri County area. While I understand there is quite a bit of political division around COVID, masks especially, it is very clear to me that the safety of the children, teachers and other school staff should come before any such political concerns. Here are the reasons it is abundantly clear to me, and other parents in the district, why universal masking should be required: 1) There is a unanimous consensus among public health and medical officials, including the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics, Colorado Department of Public Health & environment (CDPHE), and the US Department of Education that universal masking in K - 12 schools is absolutely essential this fall to protect children and school staff from COVID infection, especially with the Delta variant surge being seen not only in Colorado but across the country, at school and to prevent school outbreaks and shut-downs. 2) According to the CDC and CDPHE, masks should be utilized in schools when county case rates exceed 35 per 100,000 in the last 7 days. As of today, the case rate for the last seven days is almost 124 per 100,000. Thus, current case rates are more than TRIPLE the levels at which masks are recommended, putting Adams County at substantial risk for spreading COVID. 3) Additionally, the CDC and CDPE state that masks should be worn indoors by all individuals until at least	8/13/2021 4:07 PM

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70% of the population has been fully vaccinated. As of today, only 57% of the county have had at least one dose of the COVID vaccine. That means even less are fully vaccinated. Again, this puts Adams County at high risk for the spread of COVID-19. 4) Considering children in elementary school do not even have access to a COVID vaccine, multiple layers of mitigation efforts must be taken to prevent the spread of COVID in schools. The CDC and CDPHE strongly agree with the importance of returning to full in-person learning this fall and specifically states this is as long as proper mitigation strategies are in place. This includes mask wearing. The CDC acknowledges the fact that children under 12 cannot be vaccinated against COVID and that there is a high rate of contact among vaccinated and unvaccinated people in schools. The organization therefore strongly recommends universal mask wearing indoors be mandated for all teachers, staff, students and visitors in K-12 schools regardless of their vaccination status. 5) Children have suffered innumerable direct and indirect consequences of COVID-19 - when they contract COVID, they are required to quarantine. This results in a loss of school productivity and socialization coupled with potential stigma and shame. Forcing children to isolate results in poor school performance and negatively effects their mental health. In fact, mental health problems in children have doubled since the pandemic started. Pediatricians are seeing an influx of admissions in hospitals due to mental health problems. So while leaders across the country use the excuse that children rarely die from contracting COVID, children are suffering greatly from indirect effects of the pandemic. Taking all measures necessary to prevent school closures and required isolation of individual students is imperative to the well-being of children. 6) Colorado's rising cases and hospitalizations mirror the nationwide surge, all of which are attributable to the highly contagious and potentially more deadly Delta variant, which now represents over 90% percent of U.S. Covid cases. The Delta variant is spreading like wildfire and is estimated to be more than twice as infectious (50 – 60%, per the CDC) than the previous strain, with each infected person infecting, on average, 5 other people, compared to 2 with the previous strain. Nationwide, the country is now averaging 100,000 cases a day. Many states in the US are seeing a dramatic increase in children being hospitalized for COVID. Per the CDC, hospital admissions for children are at an all-time high - even compared to January 2021, before the vaccine was widely available for anyone and when the US experienced it's highest surge in cases for all age groups. This is absolutely unacceptable, especially considering we have the knowledge and tools to prevent the spread of this disease. Additionally, both long-COVID and an inflammatory condition called MIS-C continue to pose a risk to children infected with COVID. Furthermore, children can spread COVID without having any symptoms, which poses a risk to both vaccinated and unvaccinated teachers and other school staff with the delta variant being the predominant variant now. With this comment, and in light of the worsening state of the pandemic, I respectfully implore TCHD to reconsider its current masks optional policy for the 2021/22 school year, and mandate face coverings for all K-12 students and staff, at least until such time as all under 12 children have the opportunity to be vaccinated. The health of the community, especially those most vulnerable (meaning the immunocompromised and those who do not have access to a vaccine at this time), should be the first priority of the TCHD and the school districts who look to you for guidance.

1032	Please make the brave choice to protect our children and keep schools open by making a universal mask mandate. My son is a senior at RRHS and it means the world to us for him to not have to spend his senior year going back and forth online because unvaccinated kids chose not to wear masks. They shouldn't dictate the safety of my family.	8/13/2021 4:03 PM
1033	Dear Tri-County my heart is breaking that our children are still suffering through this pandemic over a year later they have been through so much they are the minority in this the virus is not killing them and not hurting them in fact they are building an immunity to this virus, they must build that immunity masks do not work and they are proven to not work cleaning your hands cleaning your space and staying 3 feet apart works better, We have to let them go back to a normal life this is not good mentally. Please let us make a choice for our own children that is our right not yours.	8/13/2021 4:02 PM
1034	I am in support of parent choice on masking in schools my child has come home with headaches due to masks because she can't wear her glasses and a mask	8/13/2021 4:01 PM
1035	I am aware that the CDC has recently recommended universal masking in school settings. There is a world of difference between a mandate and a strong recommendation. The CDC strongly recommends that people not eat raw fish or under-cooked meat, and yet many people—especially in this state—choose to enjoy our steak medium rare. My hope is that TriCounty Health will embrace the flexibility offered in this “strong recommendation” and not mandate masks—or distancing—for students in any setting. I believe the data is firmly on the side of this position. The policy response to COVID—particularly as applied to children—has been	8/13/2021 3:58 PM

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wickedly inept. We now have nearly a year-and-a-half's worth of data. Not to use that data to craft better policies and create better outcomes for our children would be simply wicked. That data tells us several key things that argue strongly against masking children. To wit: Children are at extremely low risk from death, hospitalization, or other adverse events due to COVID-19. They face a 3-4x higher mortality risk from flu vs. COVID and a 10x risk of suicide. Even with Delta, children are at extremely low risk, with some data suggesting that pediatric hospitalization rates for Delta are less than half what they were for earlier variants. Children are NOT super-spreaders. They are not the reservoir of COVID-19 that is "prolonging the pandemic." Multiple contact tracing studies have shown that the R0 for children is actually BELOW one, meaning it is mathematically impossible for them to drive this epidemic. They are epidemiological dead ends. Mask mandates—especially in schools—do not reduce school or community transmission. With these facts in hand, it becomes clear that if we are to continue masking children for COVID with vaccines universally available to the at-risk, there will be no logical point at which we can un-mask them. Even with widespread vaccination of children for COVID-19, using the arguments currently in vogue, the greater lethality of flu would counsel permanent masking to limit its spread (never mind CDC analyses showing that doing so does not limit its transmission). If we do not take this off-ramp for masking, there will be no other. Supporting data: Children are at extremely low risk from COVID: As of now, there are 332 deaths of children with COVID in the U.S. This compares to about 450/year in a normal flu season—and remember, these 332 deaths occurred during TWO COVID seasons. Beyond this, the CDC has noted that 35% of these deaths could not possibly have had anything to do with COVID (e.g., they were car accidents, suicides, etc., etc.). Thus, the actual number is not possibly above 219. Of these, virtually all were extremely ill. Researchers from Johns Hopkins recently found a mortality rate of zero for children who were not extremely ill with prior conditions, like leukemia. Nor does this reflect lower spread due to our world-breaking interventions. The CDC estimates that through May, 2021, there were 27 million COVID infections in children (23 million symptomatic). Using the number of deaths where COVID might actually have been causal, this yields a maximum infection fatality rate (IFR) of 0.001% for symptomatic infection in children. This compares to around 12.5 million symptomatic flu infections in the same age group in any given year, which, with an average of 450 deaths, yields an IFR of 0.003%. Thus COVID is significantly less dangerous for children than flu—3-4x less deadly depending on the year—even without a vaccine. The risk of hospitalization is also miniscule. Again, on 23 million symptomatic infections, the CDC estimates there to have been 209,000 pediatric hospitalizations—a rate of 0.9%. The rate for flu is ~0.4%, approximately half that of COVID. However, here, too, there are caveats. A recent study found that 45% of pediatric COVID hospitalizations were in no way related to COVID. This would bring pediatric hospitalization rates for COVID in line with those for flu. There is, of course, the question of "Long COVID" in kids. Once again, there is much more heat than light here. In a recent study, researchers found no difference in long-COVID symptoms in children who had antibodies for COVID, vs. those who did not—i.e. those who were never infected. This study found the same. From all of these data, it should be clear that, at a minimum, if we are going to mask children to prevent COVID, logically we must mask them for flu as well. Is that what we want? What are the trade-offs? When it comes to children, their risk of death from suicide (under normal circumstances) is nearly 10-fold higher than their risk of death from COVID. I did not choose this statistic at random—I believe this is a potential trade-off to masks that is not being considered. The sense of isolation and alienation created by masks seems likely to aggravate this much more serious risk. If the risk of suicide were increased by masking and distancing by even 1%, it would need to be offset by a reduction in pediatric COVID deaths of at least 10%. Given the very fragile nature of the children who have died from COVID, that is extremely unlikely. Unfortunately, no concern has been given to the potential downsides of masks by public health officials, especially when it comes to children. Delta has NOT changed the game. Children are STILL at extremely low risk from hospitalization or death from COVID. The same applies for Delta, which, while more transmissible, appears to be less deadly, not more, for children. In the UK, where Delta has come and gone, hospitalization rates for children with Delta were nearly 50% lower. Data from the CDC shows that pediatric hospitalizations are at nearly identical levels as last year at this time, and significantly lower than winter peaks. The most recent data from HHS shows just 2 pediatric hospitalizations in Massachusetts—and a winter peak of just 20, out of a population of 1.5 million children in the state. Children are not Super-Spreaders—Even Unvaccinated The original rationale for masking kids was that they were super-spreaders—that while they wouldn't get sick, they might kill grandma. In fact, they are not super-spreaders. This study from the CDC found that each student infection generated an additional 0.77 infections (27 student infections yielded 21 additional infections clearly related to a student), while each teacher generated an additional 2.6 infections—3.4 times the rate of the children. This is important because it shows that children are effectively dead ends

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when it comes to transmission—even unvaccinated. 0.77 is effectively the R0 for children, meaning that they CANNOT be responsible for driving community transmission. A similar—but much larger—study of 400,000 children in Germany found that children generated just 0.25 cases for each infection, while teachers generated 1.1—4-fold more. Interestingly, the children were not masked in this study except at the end, when cases rose significantly. Children’s lower transmission rates appear to protect not just them, but those around them. In Florida, where 98% of the school year was offered to students full-time and in-person, and where 20 districts were mask-optional for the full year, the case rate for children was 0.088%, per week—i.e. less than 1 child in 1000 contracted COVID/week. For Floridians not associated with schools, the weekly case rate was 2.4 times that, 0.214% ((1.66m infections – (these infections))/18.3 M non-teacher-staff, non-student population)/37weeks). To underscore the “protective effect” provided by these kids’ lower transmission rates, teachers and staff in Florida schools contracted COVID at less than half the rate of other Floridians—0.11%/week (13,991 infection/~329K teachers and staff/37 weeks). Furthermore, researchers analyzing Florida, Massachusetts, and New York schools found that there was no association between school mask mandates and case rates either in the school, or the community. Mask Mandates—especially in schools—do not impact school or community transmission In the study noted above, the authors state, “We do not see a correlation between mask mandates and COVID-19 rates among students.” A longitudinal study consistently shows no impact of mask mandates on either in-school transmission or community transmission. In fact, the rate of transmission is routinely higher in both schools and the community in areas where masks are mandated. Other research has shown that, more broadly, there is no impact from masking on case transmission rates. With all of this, the only possible remaining rationale for masking children is to protect adults who chose not to be vaccinated. Given that vaccines are available to all adults who want them and that children never saw any increased mortality—including extremely fragile children—this rationale seems specious. For any people who may still be at-risk in these older groups, even after widespread vaccine availability, it seems far more prudent to develop measures that allow them to protect themselves, rather than continue to sacrifice the well-being of our children. While there is no excess mortality among children in any state, if there are parents who feel their children are at greater risk, developing tailored mitigation strategies to support those families would be far more prudent—particularly given that mask mandates in schools have no impact on in-school transmission. Universally masking in schools, while very visible and socially invasive, sadly appears to do nothing to protect the vulnerable in those populations. Thank you for taking the time to read this. I realize that this is a very fraught time, and I appreciate how challenging your position is. I hope that hearing as many perspectives as possible will help you in your decision-making process. Sincerely, John Robinson

1036	Do not mask our children! We will have no choice but to pull our children out of school. It should be a parents choice! If you want to put a mask on your child and risk their health then so be it but I do not want a mask on my children! It causes health problems and anxiety. We have the right to liberty!	8/13/2021 3:58 PM
1037	Masks for those not yet eligible to be vaccinated is one of the best ways we can help protect them.	8/13/2021 3:57 PM
1038	Please do not force us to make our kids wear masks it is not healthy for them	8/13/2021 3:57 PM
1039	Please make it mandatory	8/13/2021 3:56 PM
1040	I support parental choice for all Covid related issues!	8/13/2021 3:55 PM
1041	Please require masks for our children. They are the ones who have no current choice to be vaccinated if they are under the age of 12 and need any additional protection we can give them.	8/13/2021 3:55 PM
1042	The mental and emotional health of our children need to be considered. Mask wearing and other regulations and mandates last year had an extremely detrimental effect on children in our area. The number of hospitalizations associated with mental health and suicides was unacceptable.	8/13/2021 3:54 PM
1043	This should be freedom of choice and a family decision. If you want to wear a mask you can, if you don't, you shouldn't be forced to	8/13/2021 3:53 PM
1044	I support mask choice and that wasn't one of the options below. Masking is very hard for my children due to auditory processing, sensory processing, and speech delays. Their masks come home soaked and therefore not effective. The death rate due to COVID for kids is extremely low and the adults in their household have access to being vaccinated. Kids need to	8/13/2021 3:40 PM

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be able to breathe unobstructed. How much carbon dioxide are they getting back in their bodies? What chemicals and particles are they breathing in from wearing a mask? Why are we not encouraging things to build their immune system such as vitamins, eating better and being outside in the fresh air?

1045	<p>I implore the Board to institute a mask mandate for students under the age of 11. I am reaching out to you as a parent concerned for the health and safety of her soon-to-be 2nd grader, and out of concern for other kids, staff, and their families. Regardless of one's political leanings, we need to focus on the scientific facts surrounding COVID-19, and the mitigating factors that will help our kids and school staff complete a school year without disruption. Our communities are seeing increased transmission and more cases in kids. They can contract and spread the virus. This age group is not yet eligible to get vaccinated, making them particularly vulnerable. The CDC and a multitude of other medical experts, including the APA, have stated that masking for children in school is imperative for ensuring their health and safety, and avoiding disruptions to due to outbreaks and quarantines. Take a look at schools in other states that have resumed the new school year, and have not implemented a mask mandate; they are already experiencing outbreaks and quarantines days into the new school year. Among the other mitigation efforts taken to return to in-person learning, masking was essential to keeping schools safe last year. This age group in particular is not good at social distancing, and understandably want to surround themselves with their peers. Given that the situation has worsened, why would we remove masks at this vulnerable time? Why would we needlessly place our children, staff, and their families at risk? I am also concerned about the mental health impacts. I have explained the importance of wearing a mask in school to my son, but he is worried he will look/be treated as "different." I can tell you that we already receive not-so-friendly looks from people while out and about because we wear our masks (never mind that all eligible individuals in our family are fully vaccinated). What type of message are we sending to our kids, where some kids will wear masks, some won't, the staff will wear masks, etc. Kids thrive on routines and consistency, and I believe we should not subject them to an environment where they will feel "different" or be treated adversely for wearing a mask. I understand people would like the right to choose, but we are in the middle of global pandemic and their choice can bring great harm to others. We have to do what will best ensure the health and safety for everyone, and that is masking. Please don't take the risk of seeing kids, staff, and families get sick when you know what will prevent that. Please do not place us all in a precarious situation with an uncertain outcome. Your decision will have major ramifications; do you want the blame of outbreaks and quarantines to fall on your shoulders when you could have easily prevented this with a mask mandate?</p>	8/13/2021 3:35 PM
1046	<p>We need all possible measures in place to buy time for more people to be vaccinated. Masks are the most important of these, especially in school settings with unvaccinated children.</p>	8/13/2021 3:32 PM
1047	<p>I would like to see masking for all. My child is not old enough to receive the vaccine and I feel is being placed at an unnecessary increased risk by it not being required by all persons in the school building</p>	8/13/2021 3:31 PM
1048	<p>At the very least masks and social distancing should be mandatory for in person learning. Our kids that are under 12 are unable to be vaccinated and therefore have zero line of defense against covid. We don't yet know the implications the delta variant will have on kids and should be proceeding with extreme caution and do everything we can to keep them safe.</p>	8/13/2021 3:28 PM
1049	<p>Please allow for children to not wear masks. If a parent is concerned they can opt to have child wear mask or do online schooling. This is causing so many mental health issues for these children</p>	8/13/2021 3:27 PM
1050	<p>We know statistically that children under 12 respond much better to Covid than adults, and the majority only experience minor symptoms. My children had it and barley showed any symptoms and were running around the house playing like nothing was wrong. Why force children to wear a mask when they respond well to this illness and need to build up their immune system? The majority of adults are vaccinated now, and if the vaccine works, then there is no need to force children to wear a mask. If the adults want to wear one, great. It should be a personal choice since the vaccine works and children have a low risk of serious illness with this virus. They learn better and socialize better without masks. Masks are distracting, and they are harmful for children who are in the process of developing their minds and social skills. I will be furious if a mask mandate is once again required for children in school, and I will fight this, along with MANY others.</p>	8/13/2021 3:27 PM
1051	<p>Masks are more detrimental to kids mental health and ability to learn than the extremely small chance of any serious health threat posed by covid</p>	8/13/2021 3:25 PM

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1052	I am not anti-mask or pro-mask but I am asking for the right to choose what is best for my child and our family when it comes to wearing a mask.	8/13/2021 3:24 PM
1053	The data shows that school settings have not been where the virus spreads badly; even the delta variant is not very dangerous to children; facial communication is so important especially for younger children; continuing to foster an environment of fear and isolation is doing far more damage to our children. The PCR test has been shown to be inaccurate yet we continue to base decisions on it. Enough is enough. Viruses have always been around and always will be; medical professionals now know enough about this one that it's far past time to return to a more normal school environment.	8/13/2021 3:20 PM
1054	Masking, etc is causing a LOT of psychological harm to our children. They are at LESS risk from COVID than the FLU. Let PARENTS decide what is best for their children.	8/13/2021 3:19 PM
1055	I don't feel like I have an option to protect my children when there is no mask mandate in place because we all know masks work if everyone wears them. My son has ended up with 3 hospital stays in the last 3 years due to simple viruses I am scared what COVID could do to him. His siblings who are in the Schools could so easily bring it home to him. My other son has special needs and needs to be in the classroom, but I live in fear sending him. We have chosen to be so careful the last 1 1/2 years, but the school is forcing us to not allow us to feel safe sending our children. We chose online school last year, but it was terrible at meeting my sons special needs and my daughters giftedness. My daughter who has been in the 80-90% ended the year in 60%. Due to the terrible education online we feel we have to send them, but we fear for their health. Please put in a mask mandate so I can know we did everything we could to help these children stay safe.	8/13/2021 3:18 PM
1056	Please stand by optional masking in schools. Many staff, middle and high schoolers are vaccinated and the younger kids struggle with keeping masks on. I feel like a choice is the best option for all.	8/13/2021 3:18 PM
1057	Masking only works if everyone is wearing one. My child will mask no matter what, but if others are not masking they have the ability to infect him anyways. He's at a higher risk level. Feelings are not more important than lives. Please mask our students, until we have had the opportunity to vaccinate our children. I'm not asking for masks to be here forever. Just until I can give my child the vaccine and help him have a better chance of surviving this virus.	8/13/2021 3:16 PM
1058	I believe that our kids do not need to have masks. They touch, grab in my kids case, chew and at the end of the day they are full of germs.	8/13/2021 3:15 PM
1059	My son wore a face mask all of last school year despite no data the masking was preventing any spread. He suffered from severe anxiety as a result. His love of school was completely gone by the end of the school year. As a parent it is my choice if I want to continue to mask my child. I have decided enough is enough. There is no data to support masks are preventing the spread. They are just a comfort blanket for parents who are afraid. The governor at his news conference even said a cloth mask is only 50% effective, he has never cited his source for this number, and the only masks that work are N95 masks. I have heard numerous experts say that N95 masks are the only ones that work. Covid is not going to disappear and we need to learn to just live with it. It is not affecting kids like adults and it is time we let them get back to being kids. Data shows as of yesterday only 17 kids in the entire state were in the hospital with Covid. It is unknown how many of these are in the hospital from Covid or just happen to test positive when they came in for something else. I as a parent know that kids are more likely to get sick with the flu and we don't use these measures to stop the flu every year. The goal of the last 18 months was to reduce deaths and hospitalizations. Now it is all about cases because deaths are near zero. In the Tri-County Health department jurisdictions the 7 day average for deaths is 1 and that is from Adams County. The data doesn't support the continued paranoia. The state is no longer in a state of emergency from Covid and it is time to move on and let parents decide what is safe for their children.	8/13/2021 3:13 PM
1060	Please mandate masks to protect the students, the teachers, and the parents from both COVID itself and from the intense stress of mask-related conflicts.	8/13/2021 3:10 PM
1061	I as a parent of a registered Kindergartener at Silver Creek Elementary ask that choice for masks, especially in the younger children, be left with the individual families. There is ample evidence that masks don't work, and in fact can be harmful to kids when worn for long periods of time. At the same time, the risk to children is low for the illness and they should be left to live normally.	8/13/2021 3:08 PM

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1062	It should remain parents choice	8/13/2021 3:06 PM
1063	Given the rise in the Delta variant and the lack of mask mandiate in Adams12 I am asking you to require masks in kids at least until all kids can get vaccinated.	8/13/2021 3:06 PM
1064	I do believe in masking my children. A virus is going to spread regardless. With frequent handwriting and sanitizing I think we will see the same result. Also, having family in the health care field (respiratory and nurse), I understand the vaccine doesn't the stop the spread nor does it keep you from getting sick. I also understand those who are vaccinated are more likely to get the variant, as the vaccine was not properly handled correctly the first time (hence the booster) which is causing the virus to mutate. Something to think about with the vaccine. By wearing masks we are hurting our immune system which is causing our bodies to not be able to fight off viral antibodies. More research needs to be done.. (not just biased research)	8/13/2021 3:05 PM
1065	I believe that we should have universal masking in schools right now regardless of vaccination status. I believe this for a few reasons. 1) We need to protect those that cannot be vaccinated or cannot be vaccinated yet. 2) we do not know how school starting will impact covid case rates in schools and communities. 3) we should follow the recommendations from the CDC. I do believe that this should be revisited as things change with COVID as we learn more about it, breakthrough cases and vaccines. masking is a simple and cost-effective measure to provide continuity for the upcoming school year.	8/13/2021 2:59 PM
1066	I am writing to express my strong disappointment at Adams 12 decision regarding masks as well as my concern for sending my daughter to our home school district given this decision. Requiring students to wear masks is not a punishment nor taking one side in a political debate, it is recommended and backed by science. Again you will see the CDC as well as AAP both urge masks indoors cited here. https://www.aappublications.org/news/2021/07/18/schools-071821 https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html Adams released guidance not through a public forum nor following scientifically backed recommendations. I am now forced as a parent to make an impossible choice. My child already missed her kindergarten year and needs to be in school. I cannot in good conscience send her to a mask optional school given the clearly documented science behind COVID and the Delta variant,	8/13/2021 2:58 PM
1067	Please give parents a choice for THEIR children	8/13/2021 2:55 PM
1068	Masks need to be a parents choice for their child, not the schools. If people are afraid, they need to figure out their fear without forcing others to accommodate them.	8/13/2021 2:51 PM
1069	I absolutely support a universal mandate for keeping our children safe and in schools. I'm disappointed school has already begun and this hasn't been implemented	8/13/2021 2:50 PM
1070	I am writing in support of universal masking in the school setting. My 7-year-old son has severe hemophilia A. He also has a younger brother, not yet school aged, with severe hemophilia A. My son learned remotely last year. While we tried our hardest to help him and introduce him to a few children in our "bubble", I can share firsthand how he was anxious and often told us how lonely he felt. I told him that this year would be different. My husband and I work from home and even with that privilege, it was stressful for the entire family. In May we elected to have him attend in-person learning. We assumed safety precautions would still be in place. We thought we were signing up for what proved to be a safe environment with precautions only to be told the precautions would be removed. Making masking optional feels like a bait and switch. When I spoke to Adams 12 health services about this, I was told we might need to try and get into an online school, however that wasn't guaranteed as staffing was made based on student preference in May. My comment to health services was that this would be forced truancy as I would not put my son in a risky situation. Making a choice between online school or in-person schooling without masking feels like I am being forced to choose between my son's physical and mental health. Requiring masking in public schools teaches to care for others – teachers, staff, other students, the families of other students. Requiring masks in schools protects your neighbor. This has been proven time and time again in the last 18 months. Optional masking allows for a number of issues to continue for children: decline in mental health, decline in academics, food insecurity, increased chance of child abuse, etc. Given my sons bleeding disorders, I am naturally a risk averse mother. I advocate for them and protect them from life threatening bleeds and similarly I will continue to protect and advocate for them from life threatening viruses.	8/13/2021 2:46 PM
1071	Given that even vaccinated individuals can spread the SARS-cov-19 virus (Delta variant, especially), universal masking protects children and everyone they come in contact with in	8/13/2021 2:39 PM

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their daily lives, especially elderly relatives who have a greater potential for a poor outcome if infected and who are more likely to have medical conditions that may have prevented a robust response to the vaccines.

1072	I believe this is a HUGE MISTAKE! Not only does it go against our rights to make our own choices on our health, you are also forcing masks on kids who have been proven to not be as vulnerable to this "virus"! We have never masked for the flu or any other virus - why this one!?!? Why!?!? There is NO PROOF that it is any worse than the flu and we have never ruined lives like this for it!! It's out of control how everyone is handling this! Kids need to be in school, unmasked, happy and living again! Not to mention those kids who rely on facial expressions to learn and adapt! You Alba even ruined enough lives with this masking issue! STOP THE MANDATE!! I can't even believe we are still fighting this!! It's wrong, it's taking away our rights and is completely unfounded!	8/13/2021 2:36 PM
1073	Please DO NOT implement a mask mandate, it should 100% be left up to parents to decide what is best for their children. How is it healthy for children to wear a mask for 8+ hours a day???? 27J district kids go from 8:30-4:32...wearing a mask that entire time is absurd and abuse!	8/13/2021 2:35 PM
