

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: Mask Ordinance Meeting today
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:37:40 PM

For records.
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Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Vitaliy Merkulov <v.merkulov@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 3, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Mask Ordinance Meeting today

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Helen,

I was present at the meeting today where I've voiced my opinion to not vote for the mask ordinance, and you seem to be ready to listen, so I hope that I will be able to have a quick 15 minute conversation with you regarding the mask ordinance and hope to convince you with evidence that Mask will not improve the covid-19 rates, it will simply take away more freedoms and will become a precedent to take away more freedoms from residents in the future.

Is there a way we can schedule a quick and respectful conversation on this issue?

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Sincerely,
Vitaliy Merkulov
v.merkulov@gmail.com
(916) 761-8550

From: [Helen Moore](#)
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To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
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I would like to personally thank you for being the word of reason. I cannot believe that the Mayor keeps bringing this issue up and continues to quote false numbers and statistics.

Stephanie Brandow
Broker/Owner
Home & Condo Rentals, Inc
1-800-443-8555

From: [Ron Feinsod](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fwd: Masks
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:26:05 AM

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Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 12:48:42 PM
To: Dorothy Bowelman <dotbowels@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Good Morning!

Hi Dorothy,
I've been trying to get a face mask ordinance in the city of Venice for several months now. The council members who are making this difficult should be contacted directly. Those members are Chuck Newsom, Joe Neunder, Helen Moore and Nick Pachota.
At yesterday's meeting, our two newest council members did not show up. Ms. Moore voted against the ordinance after concessions were made over her concerns. I fail to understand how these people can ignore the recommendations of the medical professionals from Sarasota Memorial hospital, the CDC, and our own chief of EMT.
I will continue to work towards getting a face mask ordinance for the city of Venice. I suggest you contact the council members individually for their justifications.
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From: Bethany Kitonis <bkitonis@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 4, 2020 6:19 PM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Venice Mask Ordinance

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Ms. Moore,

Thank you for your dissenting vote in the Venice council meeting concerning a mask ordinance. I do not support a mask Ordinance for the very reasons you cited. Additionally, I do believe it is an erosion of civil liberties. A private business making the mask rule versus a nanny government creating a mask rule are very different situations.

I watched the recorded meeting, and was surprised and appalled at Mayor Feinsod's attempt to talk over your opinions on the matter, and his lack of personal responsibility when you called him out on his behaviors. He attempted to breeze over it, but owes you an actual apology (though I doubt you'll receive one).

Again, thank you for your vote, and please continue to vote against a mask ordinance.

Thanks,
Bethany Williams
612 Armada Rd N

From: [Ron Feinsod](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fwd: Mandate
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:24:34 AM

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From: Ron Feinsod <RFeinsod@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 1:57:09 PM
To: H L <HLtoyou@live.com>
Subject: Re: Mandate

The healthcare professionals from Sarasota Memorial Hospital, the state healthcare representative to the county of Sarasota, the CDC, and Venice's own chief of EMT have all recommended that we wear facemasks. These are the experts. These are the people who are basing this on the facts and science.

When we first enacted laws to eliminate smoking indoors, there were people who felt that we were in fringing on the constitutional rights. We did this to protect the health of others. We learned, through science, that secondhand smoke was dangerous. We now know, through science, that asymptomatic people can spread the COVID-19 virus and endanger the lives of others without the need for any physical contact.

I have answered hundreds of emails in the last several weeks. At the minimum, 80% have been in favor of having a face mask ordinance for the city of Venice. This correlates very closely with both statewide and national surveys that have been done.

Regards

Mayor Ron Feinsod

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To: Ron Feinsod <RFeinsod@Venicegov.com>
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Please understand that there is a substantial contingent of rational people that know that masks are not effective against any virus. You will cause grief at the least, economic loss, and at the worst violence if you mandate the mask, or mark of the beast. From someone who knows tyranny and bullshit when he sees it. Have a nice day, mayor.

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From: [Ron Feinsod](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fwd: Masks Act Like a Vaccine
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:22:30 AM
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From: Tina Marrelli <news@marrelli.com>
Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 3:57:11 PM
To: Ron Feinsod <RFeinsod@Venicegov.com>
Subject: RE: Masks Act Like a Vaccine

Thank you Mayor Ron,

Yes, I will try and find their email addresses and will email them—and will get the e-addresses to a few other people so that they can also write.

I always tell people who think it their “right” that no—they do not have the right to infect me or those I love and put a collective strain/uneeded additional burden on the health care system, \$\$\$, QOL, and to not prevent an infection when they can...somewhat common sense (especially) during a pandemic...but I know that “confirmation bias” lenses can be hard to overcome when people get entrenched...

And I so agree with you...very hard to understand indeed...makes no sense at all from a rational position (what we know that the science supports/informs) nor as a healthcare professional.

Take care and when this all over we can all get together face-to-face. (With masks on as I think that will be the new normal in the US like in other parts of the world who met the learning curve some time ago...)

Sincerely,

Tina

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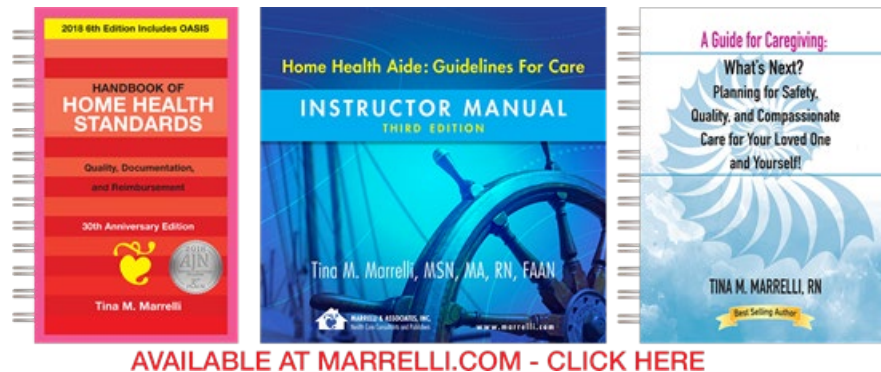
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From: Ron Feinsod [mailto:RFeinsod@Venicegov.com]

Sent: Friday, August 7, 2020 1:59 PM

To: Tina Marrelli <news@marrelli.com>

Subject: Re: Masks Act Like a Vaccine

Hi Tina,

Thank you for your support. I will continue to work towards getting a face mask ordinance for Venice. The two councilmembers who would be the swing vote in getting this Ordinance approved are Helen Moore and Nick Pachota . I suggest that you contact them directly and explain your position and ask them to explain theirs.

I find it extremely hard to understand how people who claim to have complete faith in Chief Carvey can ignore his recommendation that we all wear facemasks. It is also hard to understand how city council members with no medical or scientific training can ignore the guidance of the recommendations from Sarasota Memorial Hospital, the state healthcare representative to the county (Chuck Henry) and the CDC. Even harder to understand is why Nick Pachota would not support this, he is an EMT that deals with this every day.

Regards

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From: Tina Marrelli <news@marrelli.com>

Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 2:58:07 PM

To: Ron Feinsod <RFeinsod@Venicegov.com>

Subject: FW: Masks Act Like a Vaccine

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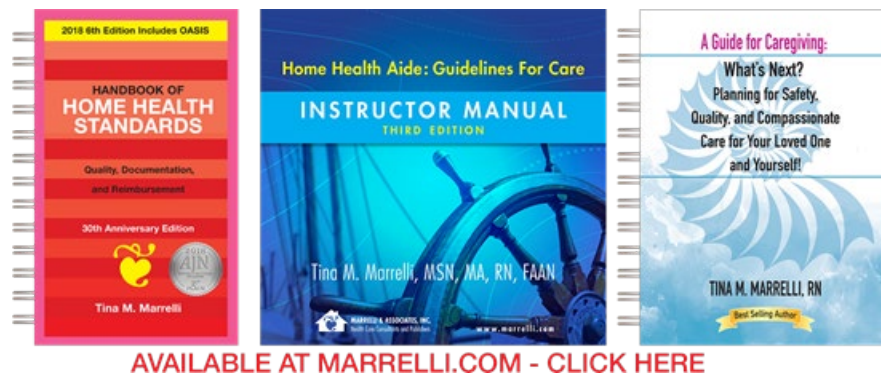
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New post

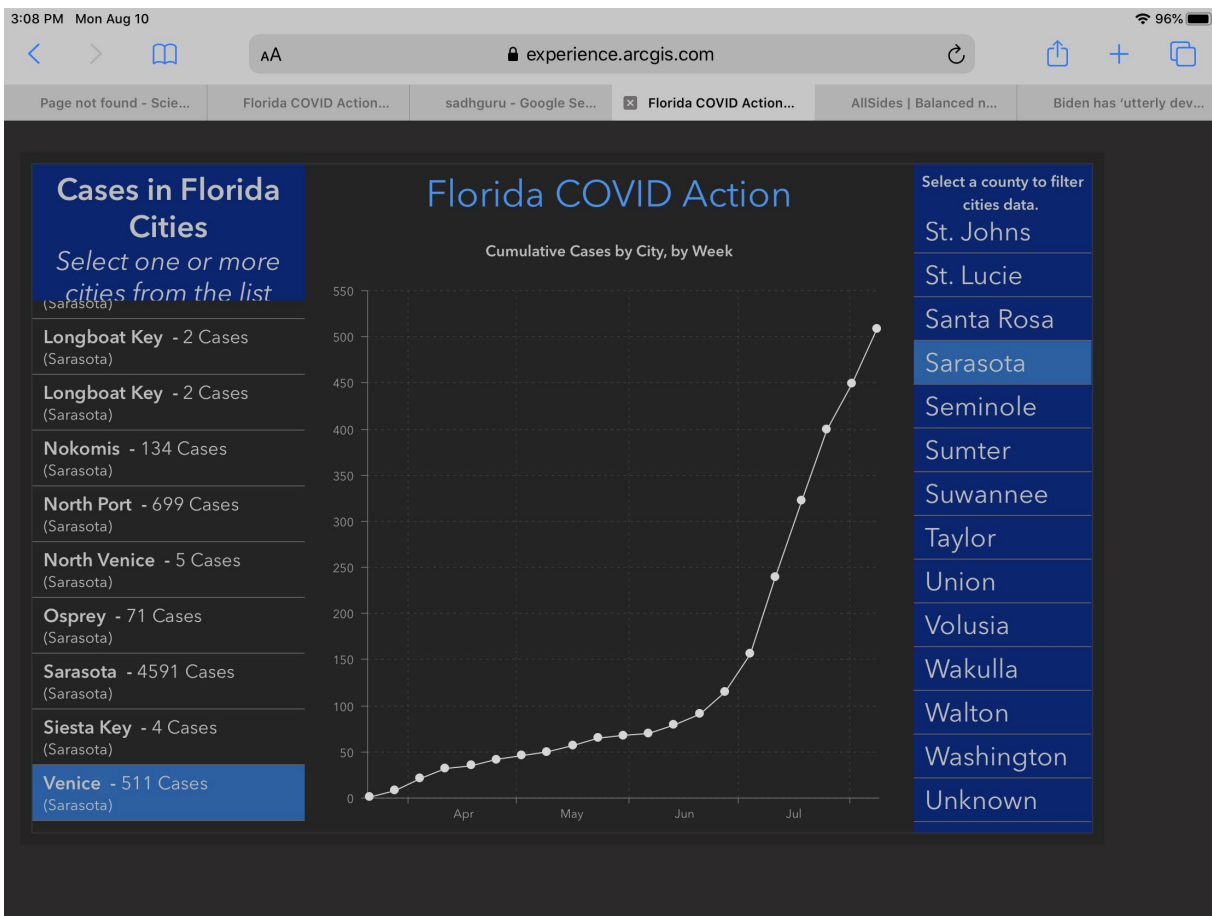
<https://bradstuartmd.us/masks-act-like-a-vaccine-heres-how/>

From: [Elizabeth Stone](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Mandatory Mask Mandate
Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 3:24:47 PM

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“If not you, then who?
If not now, then when?”

~ Hillel



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"The arc of the moral Universe is long, but it bends towards Justice" ~ MLK Jr.

"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."—
[Edmund Burke](#)

“The point is, there is no feasible excuse for what are, for what we have made of ourselves. We have chosen to put profits before people, money before morality, dividends before decency, fanaticism before fairness, and our own trivial comforts before the unspeakable

agonies of others”
— Iain M. Banks

From: [Kathryn TRANSUE](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Represent us
Date: Monday, August 10, 2020 8:31:05 AM

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To City Council Member

The fact that your Council have chosen to only hold “hybrid” meetings indicates your obvious awareness of the danger of face-to-face interaction with others, and you’re correct in selecting this option. I question, therefore, your decision not to come to a unanimous decision to mandate masks for Venice.

Your group have been elected to represent the citizens of Venice. It’s time you did that. Surrounding geographical towns have ruled to mandate masks. What is the problem with this Council? It is time to put personal theories behind you and do what is best for the people of your town. The least you should do is to mandate masks for all indoor activities.

I hope you take this email as a representation of opinion of the majority of the Venice population.

Kathy Transue
685 Misty Pine Drive
Venice, FL. 34292

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Kathy Transue

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Emily Rizzo](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 3:30:46 PM

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Even though I don't live within the City of Venice, I like to shop and eat there but with no mask ordinance in place I will stay away or go up to the City of Sarasota instead, where I feel safer.

Emily Rizzo
4281 Lenox Blvd.
Venice, FL 34293

From: [Robin Vaccai](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Mask Ordinance
Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2020 2:44:07 PM

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Good afternoon, Mayor and Council Members:

I am a resident of the City of Venice residing in the Milano community and would like to voice my strong opposition to the mandatory mask order under consideration. While the news media makes it sound as if the entire population of the State of Florida is an infected mass nearing death at any moment, the reality is that the numbers here in Sarasota County are far from a COVID hot spot. Let's forget about 30 days or 60 days. Mask orders should be zero days and completely optional per the individual. As we know the State of Florida has a recommendation to wear a mask only when social distancing is not possible. A recommendation, not an order. The City of Venice should not make more stringent mandates.

I will not patronize any business that mandates masks and that means I will not visit any business within City limits should you decide to engage in this infringement on my right to breathe.

I am certain that there are far more pressing matters before you than this. Thank you for your continued efforts on behalf of the City and its residents.

Robin Vaccai, CFP® | Broker-Owner | Beach Bay Real Estate, Inc.

Mobile: 941-716-9867 | BeachBayRealEstate.com | robin@beachbayrealestate.com

From: [Lori Stelzer](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: FW: Mask Ordinance
Date: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 11:09:38 AM

Please add to the written correspondence. Thank you.

Lori Stelzer, MMC
City Clerk
City of Venice
401 W. Venice Avenue
Venice, FL 34285
941-882-7390
941-303-3486 (cell)

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Jean Steckler <jean@steckler-emarketing.com>; Lori Stelzer <LStelzer@Venicegov.com>
Cc: Richard Steckler <steckler.richard@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Mask Ordinance

I'm forwarding this to City Clerk Lori Stelzer who will put it into the meeting comments of record.

In the meanwhile, as much as I'd like to respond, Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law prohibits elected officials from communicating in a venue that other members may also view. Thank you for your concern.

Helen
Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council

From: Jean Steckler <jean@steckler-emarketing.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 12, 2020 9:54:37 AM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Cc: Richard Steckler <steckler.richard@gmail.com>
Subject: Mask Ordinance

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Hello Helen.

We would like to return to our home in Venice sooner rather than later. However, our NJ medical doctors instruct us not to return to FL until the virus is under better control. And that won't happen until there is much better compliance with wearing masks.

More studies confirm that the airborne coronavirus plays a significant role in community

transmission.

Note that the recent study at the University of Florida reports in

<https://www.nytimes.com/2020/08/11/health/coronavirus-aerosols-indoors.html?referringSource=articleShare>

that the live virus from aerosols can be collected at a distance of **7 to 16 feet away**.

The lives of your constituents are in your hands.

And we would very much like to return to Venice.

Please enter this email into the council meeting record.

We're counting on you to do the right thing. This is a life issue.

Jean & Richard Steckler

181 Bella Vista Terr. Unit A

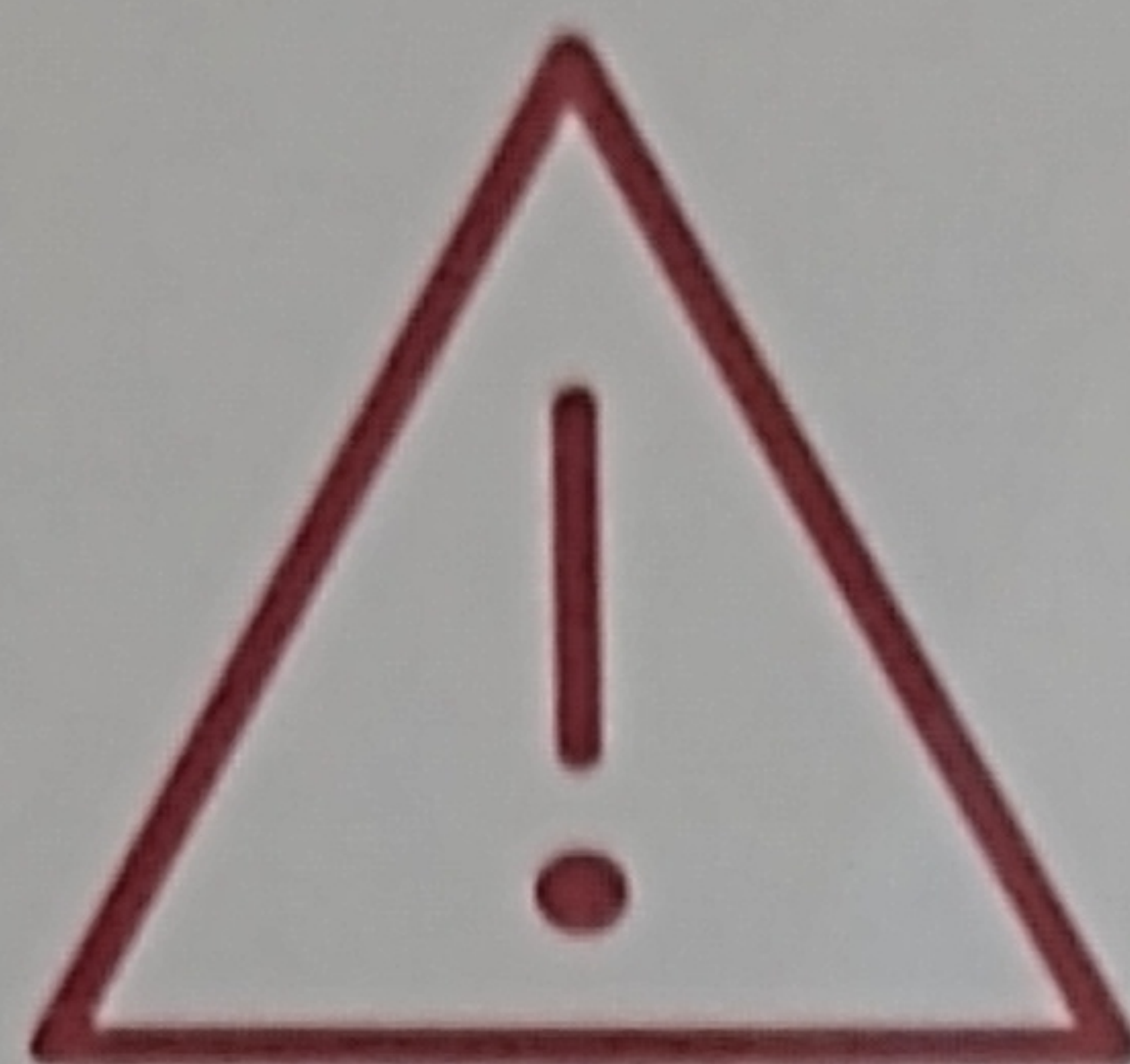
No. Venice, FL 34275

From: [Daniel Tucci](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Masks
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 5:03:32 PM

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https://m.youtube.com/watch?feature=youtu.be&v=PRa6t_e7dgl this is Florida not New Jersey and should not be used like New Jersey politics. You cannot make people wear a mask no one has been convicted of a crime and by doing so I could also violate other laws federal. City council should be involved in other business let the businesses and Venice run their own show like they see fit if they want their customers to wear a mask and they need to have a sign on the door. It's not the city's responsibility to dictate.

Sent from my Verizon Motorola Smartphone



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From: [Jeffrey Halperin](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: ordinance for wearing masks
Date: Thursday, August 13, 2020 2:30:36 PM

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Dear Mayor Feinsod and Members of the City Council,

I am writing to express my significant concern and distress about the fact that unlike many towns to our north and south, the City of Venice has not passed an ordinance requiring individuals to wear a mask at all indoor and public spaces in town. This not only endangers the health and safety of your citizens, but also tourists and other local residents.

I, for one, do not live within the Venice City limits, but as a resident of the West Villages I frequently went to restaurants and stores in town. However, without a requirement for masks in restaurants and other indoor spaces, I will completely avoid going into town.

You should be ashamed of yourselves that it is taking so long for you to act.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Halperin
19528 Petrino St, Venice, FL 34293
201-602-9404

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: Help Local Business
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:31:01 PM

For the records.

H

Helen Kirchner Moore

Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 7:21 PM
To: John G. Singer <jgs@pobox.com>
Subject: Re: Help Local Business

Thank you for expressing your concerns.

As much as I'd like to respond, Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law prohibits elected officials from communicating in a venue that other members may also view.

Respectfully

Helen

Helen Moore

Venice City Council

Seat 3

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From: John G. Singer <jgs@pobox.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 7:35:15 PM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Help Local Business

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Dear Council Member Moore:

My wife and I are in our 70's and understandably concerned about the Covid-19 virus.

My wife is tired of cooking and over the past few years we have been eating out most nights of the week. We mostly eat at downtown restaurants and some along the beach.

However, with the virus we have become quite concerned about walking the streets of Venice because there are so many people walking around without masks. Because of this we have stopped patronizing the downtown and many other restaurants in Venice.

I urge you to please approve a mask mandate at the next Council meeting. We want to enjoy our city.

This is not a political issue, it is simply a matter of responsible public health practices, like wearing a seat belt and stopping DUI.

Please do the right thing.

Thank you,

John G. Singer
1182 Cielo Court
North Venice, FL 34275
(732) 236-0559 - Cell
jgs@PoBox.com

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: Venice Mask Mandate
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:33:22 PM

For the records.
H

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:31 AM
To: Judy Martinelli <judyred33@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Venice Mask Mandate

Dear Judy

Thank you for expressing your concerns.
As much as I'd like to respond, Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law prohibits elected officials from communicating in a venue that other members may also view.

Respectfully
Helen

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council

From: Judy Martinelli <judyred33@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:34:04 AM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Venice Mask Mandate

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Council Member, I'm writing to you again about this issue.

We need to get the virus under control. That means flattening the curve, and seeing numbers of deaths dropping.

At least other council members take their positions seriously and have responded to my emails ; and voted to endorse the mask mandate.

If you don't want the job you were hired to do, resign.

Respectfully, Judith Martinelli
Bird Bay Village

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: Mandatory masks
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:32:04 PM

For the records.
H

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Margaret Palmer <meglpalmer7@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Mandatory masks

Dear Ms. Palmer:

Thank you for expressing your concerns.
As much as I'd like to respond, Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law prohibits elected officials from communicating in a venue that other members may also view.

Respectfully
Helen

Helen Moore
Venice City Council
Seat 3

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council

From: Margaret Palmer <meglpalmer7@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 11:28:09 AM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Mandatory masks

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Dear Ms Moore,

I am very disappointed that the City Council has dragged its feet on making masks mandatory! And still, there is no decision! COVID is running rampant in Florida and the rest of the country is watching! Northerners are used to mask mandates and won't be wintering here if things don't improve! I have been a resident of Venice for the past 5 years and like to support our downtown. After a few visits there lately and too few masks, I am avoiding downtown. If you want residents to

support Venice, make us feel safe! I believe most people will follow the mandate just because it is the law.

Thank you.

Margaret Palmer

Sent from my iPad

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: Masks in Venice
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:31:31 PM

For the records.
H

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 7:20 PM
To: Mike Downey <getdownmd@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Masks in Venice

Thank you for expressing your concerns.
As much as I'd like to respond, Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law prohibits elected officials from communicating in a venue that other members may also view.

Respectfully
Helen
Helen Moore
Venice City Council
Seat 3

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From: Mike Downey <getdownmd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 13, 2020 3:59:20 PM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Masks in Venice

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Ms. Moore

Please reconsider and change your vote to yes on requiring masks be worn in all establishments serving the public in the City of Venice. Michael G Downey. 113 Treviso Ct North Venice, Fl

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: A plea for mandatory masks
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:29:11 PM

For the records.
H

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:48 AM
To: Joan Attenberg <jattenberg@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: A plea for mandatory masks

Dear Joan

Thank you for expressing your concerns.
As much as I'd like to respond, Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law prohibits elected officials from communicating in a venue that other members may also view.
Respectfully
Helen

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Joan Attenberg <jattenberg@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 9:40 PM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: A plea for mandatory masks

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Ms. Moore,

Attached is our plea for your consideration of a mask mandate for the city of Venice for at least 30 days. Some of Florida's numbers have come down a bit over the past week--likely at least partially due to many Florida counties and cities already having mandatory mask ordinances in place. Most of these ordinances include similar exclusions as those suggested in your current ordinance coming to a vote on

Tuesday morning. Please help keep us safe.

Joan and Steve Attenberg
Venice, Florida

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: Mask Ordinance
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:30:21 PM

For the record.
H

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:43 AM
To: Mark Lutsky <marklutsky@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: Mask Ordinance

Dear Mark
Thank you for expressing your concerns.
As much as I'd like to respond, Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law prohibits elected officials from communicating in a venue that other members may also view.
Respectfully
Helen

From: Mark Lutsky <marklutsky@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 8:15 AM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Mask Ordinance

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I'm a snowbird from NYC and a resident of Venice. I encourage you to vote in favor of masks, it works! Just look at NY's turnaround.

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: Masks
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:29:47 PM

For the records.
H

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:46 AM
To: pneubacher@yahoo.com <pneubacher@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Masks

Thank you for expressing your concerns.
As much as I'd like to respond, Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law prohibits elected officials from communicating in a venue that other members may also view.
Respectfully
Helen

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: pamelaneubacher <pneubacher@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Masks

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In 1961, President Kennedy said "...ask what you can do for your country. "
Today we are asked to wear a mask to protect our country and each other from a deadly virus.
We are not asked to go without food or hide in air raid shelters.
Can Americans step up to this small challenge?
Is it really too much to ask to simply wear a mask?

Pamela Neubacher

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: masks and health prevention
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:27:39 PM

For the records.
H

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:54 AM
To: Ron Hicks <hicks.ron5@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: masks and health prevention

Hi Rob,
I really appreciate your input and value our longtime cordial acquaintance.

As much as I'd like to respond More specifically, Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law prohibits elected officials from communicating in a venue that other members may also view.
Respectfully
Helen

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Ron Hicks <hicks.ron5@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 14, 2020 11:37 AM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: masks and health prevention

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Hi Helen, this is Ron Hicks. First, before I complain, I want to thank you for being on the City Council, a service that I could never withstand. Thank-you.
Now for the complaining. I completely disagree with the decision not to mandate use of masks under at risk conditions in Venice. At this time, this is the primary way to prevent Covid disease. A long time ago, surgeons refused to wear masks for all the same reasons given by the council: it is their right, it won't help that much, never had to do it in the past, etc. But science showed they could prevent disease by wearing this hot, uncomfortable, encumbering piece of material. Years later the same thing happened with washing hands on entering a patient's room, and use of gowns, hoods, etc.

Masks prevent covid, is it my right to cause another to get sick? This depends on the structure of my society. In Michigan it is not, in Venice it is. What are the costs of the infringement of my rights, compared to the benefits to the mass of society. It is not clear how you could decide that simply putting on a mask is worth the cost of causing disease. Eventually masks will be required, I think we will have covid for at least another year, and hopefully you will convince Venice on the need to change, for progress, just as modern hospitals have progressed. Change is hard.

From the paper there was a discussion from the police that the mandate would be hard to enforce. Upholding the laws of a society can certainly be challenging. But when did the police decide on the laws? They are informed by the legal system, what the laws are, and then their job is to try and enforce them, right? If they are not sure how to enforce this law, might I suggest simply watching police in action in multiple US cities that do mandate the law.

Change is hard, but inevitable.

I can only imagine the amount of threatening emails from "don't make me" citizens. And I am sure that mandating masks would be scary for you. But why would Sarasota mandate masks and not Venice? There are lots of quiet citizens who would be relieved to see more masks (although most, like me, rarely go downtown other than a drive by) and a large number of angry threatening citizens demanding their rights to do whatever they want whenever.

Please make the change sooner rather than later, changes will need to be made eventually. As a physician, masking, gowning, washing hands a bizillion times, disinfecting, proper disposing was a big hassle and frustrating, but my society of patients demanded this level of quality, as they should,I hope you will also demand this level of quality for Venice.

Okay, I'm done. Ron Hicks

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: Face Mask Ordinance Please
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:24:51 PM

For the record.
H

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 9:32 AM
To: Barbara Bryden <genetique@earthlink.net>
Subject: Re: Face Mask Ordinance Please

Thank you for expressing your concerns.
As much as I'd like to respond, Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law prohibits elected officials from communicating in a venue that other members may also view.
Respectfully
Helen

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Barbara Bryden <genetique@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 11:24 AM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Face Mask Ordinance Please

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Dear Ms Moore-

Please vote for a MaskOrdinance for the city of Venice- it will save lives. Please Please, please, do your duty and work for the people of Venice to keep them safe.

Thank you

Barbara Bryden
516-314-0321

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: Mask Ordinance
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:24:17 PM

For the record.
H

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 9:33 AM
To: bonnie meyer <bmey2003@yahoo.com>
Subject: Re: Mask Ordinance

Thank you for expressing your concerns.
As much as I'd like to respond, Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law prohibits elected officials from communicating in a venue that other members may also view.
Respectfully
Helen

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: bonnie meyer <bmey2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 2:56 PM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Mask Ordinance

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Councilwoman Moore,
I am writing to express my support for a mask wearing ordinance for the town of Venice. With schools reopening, snowbirds And tourist returning and the projected flu season ahead of us, mandatory mask wearing would be the right thing to do.
COVID-19 has already had a very negative effect attracting patrons to the shops and restaurants we all enjoy. A mask mandate sends a message that our town is a safe place to visit.
Thank you,
Bonnie Meyer

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: MASK ORDINANCE
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:26:25 PM

For the record.
H

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 9:32 AM
To: Dean Ricci <deantricci@gmail.com>
Subject: Re: MASK ORDINANCE

Thank you for expressing your concerns.
As much as I'd like to respond, Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law prohibits elected officials from communicating in a venue that other members may also view.
Respectfully
Helen

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Dean Ricci <deantricci@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 11:08 AM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: MASK ORDINANCE

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Please pass a mask ordinance for the economic wellbeing and/or survival of the Venice merchants. Our individual health is dependent upon mask wearing by each resident and tourist doing their part to protect everyone.

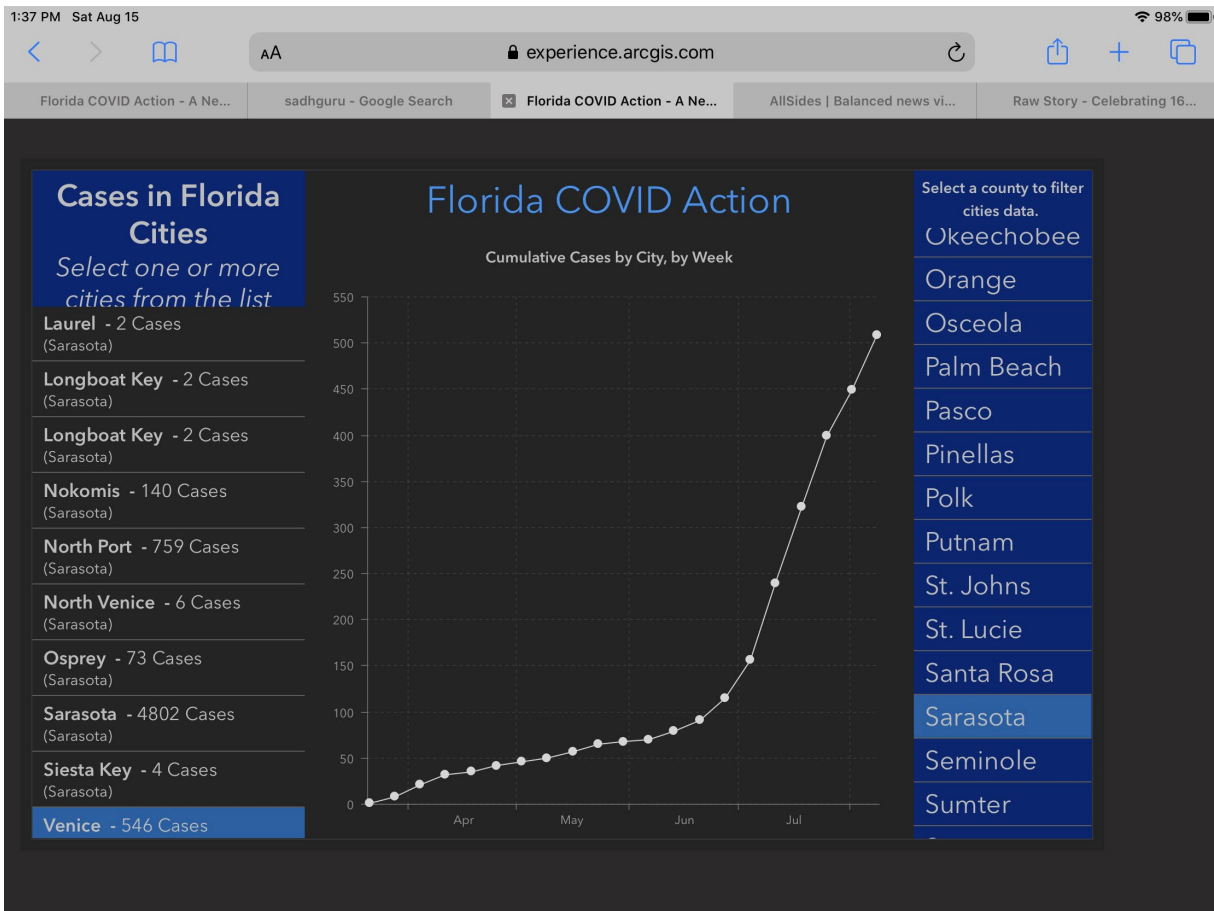
From: [Elizabeth Stone](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Re: Mandatory Mask Mandate
Date: Saturday, August 15, 2020 1:53:26 PM

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35 NEW cases in 5 days!

You first debated a Mask Ordinance around the middle of July. Had you acted THEN, some of these infections and possible deaths might have been averted.

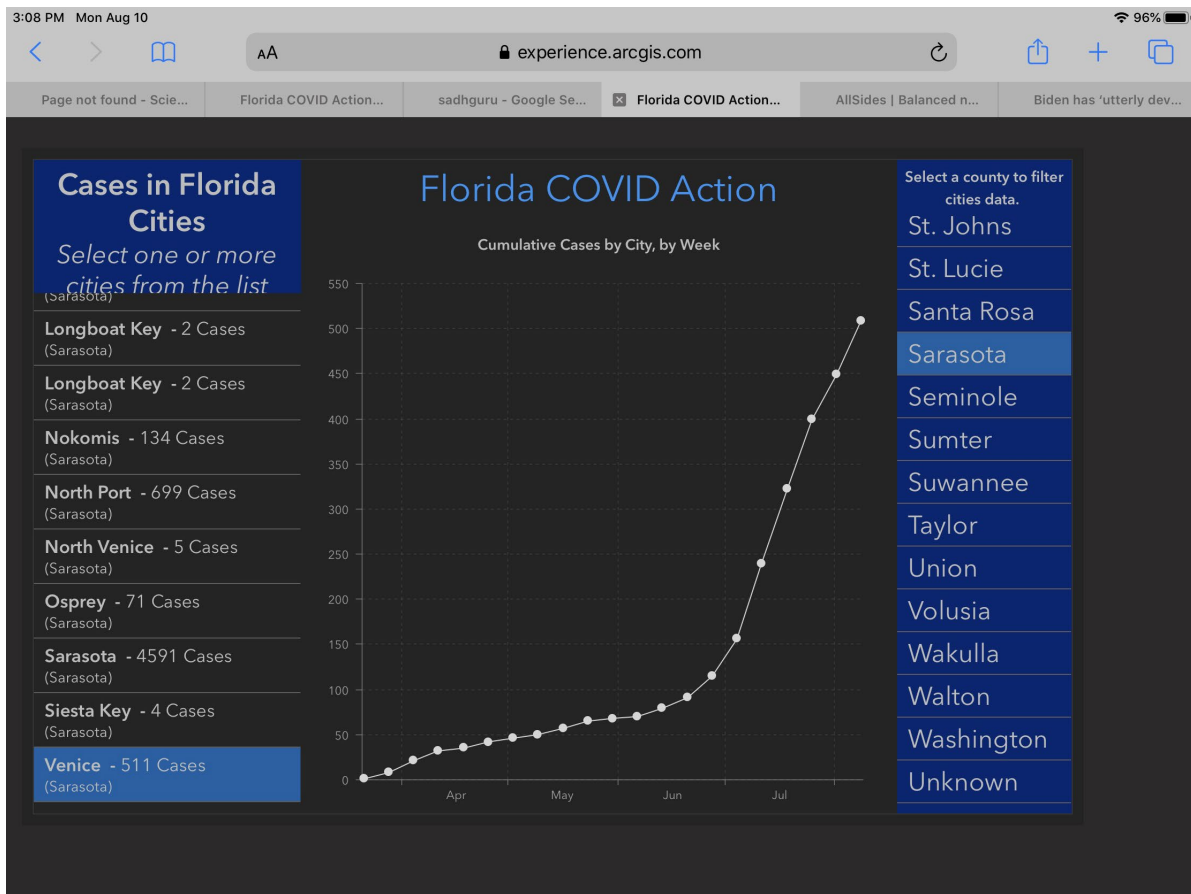
That knowledge should give you nightmares.



On Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 3:24 PM Elizabeth Stone <lizbiz913@gmail.com> wrote:

“If not you, then who?
If not now, then when?”

~ Hillel



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" The arc of the moral Universe is long, but it bends towards Justice" ~ MLK Jr.

***"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."*—
Edmund Burke**

"The point is, there is no feasible excuse for what are, for what we have made of ourselves. We have chosen to put profits before people, money before morality, dividends before decency, fanaticism before fairness, and our own trivial comforts before the unspeakable agonies of others"

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Iain M. Banks

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— Iain M. Banks

From: [Stephen Gannon](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Ordinance for Covid-19 Mask Wearing
Date: Saturday, August 15, 2020 10:03:25 AM

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Dear Council Member's:

I am sending this email to you to urge you to support the ordinance requiring wearing masks in downtown Venice Shops and facilities. Although I am not a resident of the city, I do live in Venice and did often shop there as well as use the parks and beaches. However, since the rampant spread of the Covid-19 virus, I, my wife, and friends have avoided going there. It is hard to comprehend why you have not yet passed such a simply and practical measure of wearing a mask. Please use common sense to stop the spread of this virus by adopting the mask ordinance.

With proper measures taken, I expectantly look forward to returning to down town Venice.
Do the right thing!

Sincerely,

Stephen G Gannon
735 Fringed Orchid Trail
Venice, FL 34293

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: City Ordinance for Wearing Face Masks for Covid-10 Protection
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:28:31 PM

For the records.

H

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 9:50 AM
To: Stephen Gannon <capsgg1@verizon.net>
Subject: Re: City Ordinance for Wearing Face Masks for Covid-10 Protection

Dear Stephen

Thank you for expressing your concerns.
As much as I'd like to respond, Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law prohibits elected officials from communicating in a venue that other members may also view.
Respectfully
Helen

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Stephen Gannon <capsgg1@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 8:48 AM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: City Ordinance for Wearing Face Masks for Covid-10 Protection

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Dear Council Member Helen Moore:

I am sending this email to you to urge you to support the ordinance requiring wearing masks in downtown Venice Shops and facilities. Although I am not a resident of the city, I do live in Venice and did often shop there as well as use the parks and beaches. However, since the rampant spread of the Covid-19 virus, I, my wife, and friends have avoided going there. It is hard to comprehend why you would object to such a simply and practical measure of wearing a mask. Please use common sense to stop the spread of this virus by adopting the mask ordinance.

With proper measures taken, I expectantly look forward to returning to down town Venice.

Do the right thing!

Sincerely,

Stephen G Gannon
735 Fringed Orchid Trail
Venice, FL 34293

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: Mandatory Mask Ordinance
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:27:00 PM

For the record.
H

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 9:31 AM
To: elizabeth stone <lizbiz913@icloud.com>
Subject: Re: Mandatory Mask Ordinance

Thank you for expressing your concerns.
As much as I'd like to respond, Florida's Government in the Sunshine Law prohibits elected officials from communicating in a venue that other members may also view.
Respectfully
Helen

From: elizabeth stone <lizbiz913@icloud.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 15, 2020 7:57 PM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Mandatory Mask Ordinance

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Ms. Moore,

As a resident of Venice, I urge you to support a Mandatory Mask Ordinance. I have made it very clear where I stand on this public health emergency. Venice infections are escalating rapidly and the majority of residents are in favor of an Ordinance.

The Council has already "lost" a month and people continue to be infected and die. Would masks make a difference? The science supports that conclusion and that they DO reduce spread of the virus. The NIH and the CDC support the usage of masks. I urge you to do the same.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Stone

"If you are not outraged, you are not paying attention". ~ Heather Heyer

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: Masks in Downtown Venice
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:19:41 PM

Mercedes
For the required record keeping.
H

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Bob or Francie Storey <storeyrc@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:55 AM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Re: Masks in Downtown Venice

Thank you for your reply.
Frances Storey

On 8/16/2020 8:30 PM, Helen Moore wrote:

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Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Bob or Francie Storey <storeyrc@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 11:20 AM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Masks in Downtown Venice

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We have lived in Venetian Falls for over ten years now. One of the great benefits of living here is the access to the many fine restaurants

in the downtown Venice area.

However, as we deal with the pandemic, we are confronting two concerns. First, we worry that some of our favorite restaurants may not survive because their level of business has fallen even more than when Venice Avenue was renovated. Second, we feel unsafe walking and dining in the downtown area because so many pedestrians are not wearing masks. Our research indicates that eating outside is safer than in a closed space. And some restaurants provide us that opportunity. But when pedestrians without nose and mouth coverings walk right past our outdoor table, our confidence disappears.

We have spoken to several of the owners. They recognize the problem. They are doing everything they can to make us feel that their restaurant is safe for us. I am sure that other retail businesses are impacted as well. But we have dined in downtown Venice far fewer times this summer than last. And our concern for our safety is the reason.

Publix and Winn-Dixie thought it would be good for their businesses when they required masks. I suggest such an approach would be good for business in the downtown area as well, on the sidewalks and inside the businesses.

Frances Storey
Robert Storey

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: MASKS
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:25:30 PM

For the record.
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Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 7:30 PM
To: mbobden@aol.com <mbobden@aol.com>
Subject: Re: MASKS

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To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: MASKS

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Please step up here. We need and want a masks ordinance. Understand the "enforcing" issue and all the exceptions. So be it. Let's get started like Sarasota did and many other towns and cities in the U.S. People will be less tempted to defy an official ordinance, any chance to increase those wearing masks is what we need and want.
Bob and Denise Muro
Venice, FL

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Cc: dari@osoffice.us
Subject: Fw: Face Mask Ordinance in Venice
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:19:02 PM

Mercedes
Copying you for requires record keeping.
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Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: dari@osoffice.us <dari@osoffice.us>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: RE: Face Mask Ordinance in Venice

Where can I find that information? Seems to ne you should be transparent.

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 8:29 PM
To: dari@osoffice.us
Subject: Re: Face Mask Ordinance in Venice

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Subject: Face Mask Ordinance in Venice

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Your lack of action is unacceptable.

Darlene Pappas
(586) 822-1429

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: Need for a mask ordinance
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:22:59 PM

For the records.

H

Helen Kirchner Moore

Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 7:31 PM
To: John Donahue <john_donahue@outlook.com>
Subject: Re: Need for a mask ordinance

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Venice City Council Seat 3

From: John Donahue <john_donahue@outlook.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 16, 2020 2:23 PM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Need for a mask ordinance

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August 16th, 2020

2955 Nocturne Road
Venice, Florida

Dear Councilwoman Moore,

I am a concerned winter resident living in South Venice. The Council's lack of action on a mask ordinance is deeply troubling to me.

I understand that the Council has a meeting August 25 to further discuss this matter. Given the urgency of the pandemic, scheduling an emergency meeting prior to that date seems appropriate.

Whenever the Council does meet to pass a mask ordinance, I hope that we can count on your attendance and support for this measure. I am currently in Connecticut and would usually be looking forward to returning to Venice soon. Given the growth of the virus in Florida, we are reassessing our planned return.

The science on how masks help protect spread of disease has been known for over a hundred years. Wearing masks helped save lives during the last pandemic in 1918. It is irresponsible for you, one of our elected officials to ignore the public health warnings on this matter. I assume that you understand that this virus is a killer.

The economic impact of this shortsighted resistance to pass an ordinance will be remembered by the business community as they see their customers stay in the Northeast or take their business to Sarasota, where the mask ordinances are in place.

I understand that you have reviewed the proposed ordinance and offered comments that have been incorporated. The public needs your affirmative vote to help save lives.

Best regards,
John Donahue

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To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Cc: dari@osoffice.us
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(586) 822-1429

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [Mercedes Barcia](#)
Subject: Fw: Face Masks
Date: Monday, August 17, 2020 6:14:11 PM

For the record.

Helen Kirchner Moore
Venice City Council Seat 3

From: Claire MacFayden <c_macfayden@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, August 17, 2020 8:08 AM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Fwd: Face Masks

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Claire MacFayden <c_macfayden@yahoo.com>
Date: August 17, 2020
Dear Helen Moore,

I am requesting that you follow the advice and leadership of the medical professionals in our country , and mandate mask wearing for Venice.

It would appear from reading and watching the examples of other states and municipalities that indeed, masks are a very effective tool to reduce the risk and prevalence of the Covid-19 virus.

I would have hoped that the majority of our population would have recognized the need for masks ,and exercised their civic duty, but unfortunately, with the constant rise in cases and deaths , it appears that more stringent measures need to be enforced.

As Floridians , we are not welcome in other states, let alone other countries because of our poor track record on combatting this virus.

I am requesting that you do the right thing, and pass a mandate for this community to wear masks.

It's a small sacrifice to make for a long term answer to the pandemic.

Please enter this letter into the council meeting record.

Sincerely,

Claire MacFayden

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Helen Moore](#)
To: [James and Nancy Martin](#)
Subject: Re: Masks
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 1:47:42 PM

Thank you for expressing your concerns.

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Respectfully

Helen

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From: James and Nancy Martin <nm.jm@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 11:50:37 AM
To: Helen Moore <HMoore@Venicegov.com>
Subject: Masks

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Dear council member Moore, I'm writing in support of a mask ordinance for public places in the City of Venice.

This is not a civil liberties issue because we are in the midst of a dangerous pandemic. No one has a "civil liberty" to spread a deadly virus to others.

Health experts stress the importance of public use of masks to slow the spread of the virus, even more so now because of the surge in cases, especially in our state.

Other countries, Hong Kong and South Korea, have shown the value of masks in containing the virus, and neighboring communities such as Anna Maria Island and Longboat Key have chosen wisely chosen to require masks in public.

Local business owners I have spoken to want a mask ordinance because it removes the tension and burden on them to request customers to use a mask so that they can operate and work safely.

Regarding the success of our businesses, I know I'm not alone in my reluctance to visit favorite businesses if I'm going to have to share the air with people who don't respect the potential danger of a virus that can be spread asymptotically.

The "enforcement" issue is irrelevant. Because we cant ticket all speeders on the highway, do we then abandon speed limits? An ordinance will improve compliance even though it can't guarantee it. Businesses can refer to the ordinance in requesting compliance.

The next time this comes before the council (I hope soon), let's get it right and join our neighboring communities and follow the guidance of the CDC in adopting a mask ordinance. Anything less is irresponsible.

Thank you, Jim Martin, Venice 34285

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Elizabeth Stone](#)
To: [City Council](#)
Subject: Re: Mandatory Mask Mandate
Date: Tuesday, August 18, 2020 3:15:51 PM

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In **8 days**, the Covid 19 infection number in Venice has gone from 511 to 565, an **increase of 54**.

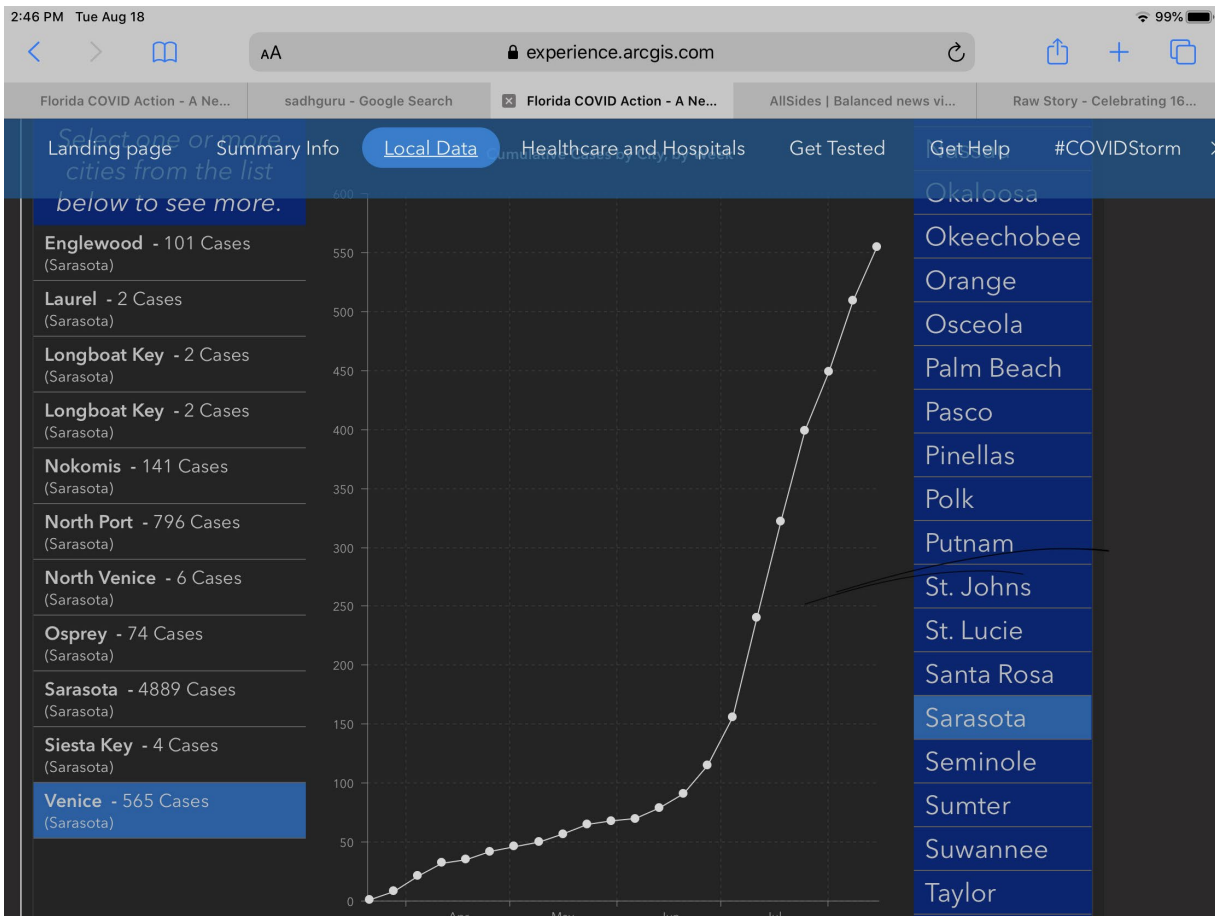
8 DAYS!!!

The curve is not “flattening”, but only getting steeper. What more proof do you need to instigate necessary measures? Clearly a mask “recommendation “ has not been enough.

Some of those infected will recover, some will likely have lingering organ damage and some will die.

If you do not do everything within your power to crush this virus....or *even show up to vote on this public health crisis*....you will have abnegated your responsibility to the citizenry of Venice.

YOU WILL OWN THIS.

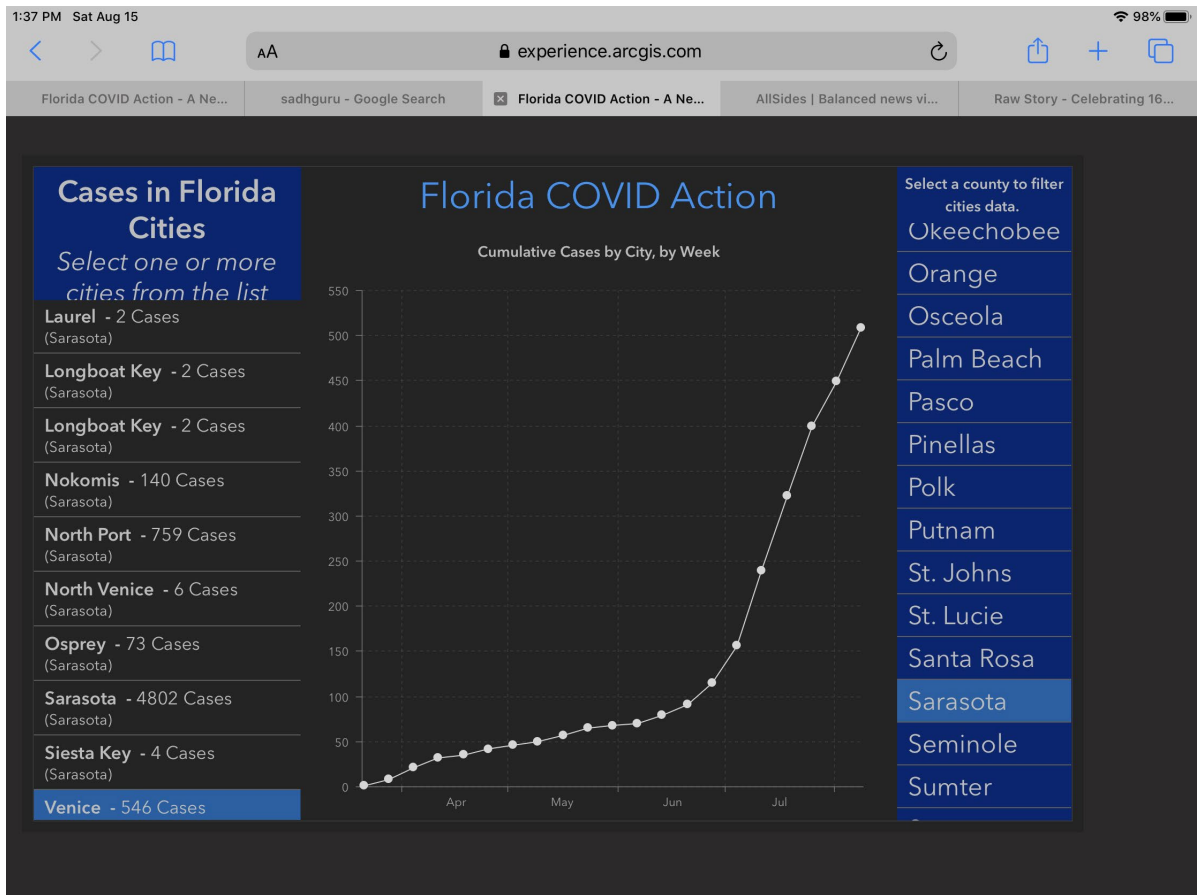


On Sat, Aug 15, 2020 at 1:53 PM Elizabeth Stone <lizbiz913@gmail.com> wrote:

35 NEW cases in 5 days!

You first debated a Mask Ordinance around the middle of July. Had you acted THEN, some of these infections and possible deaths might have been averted.

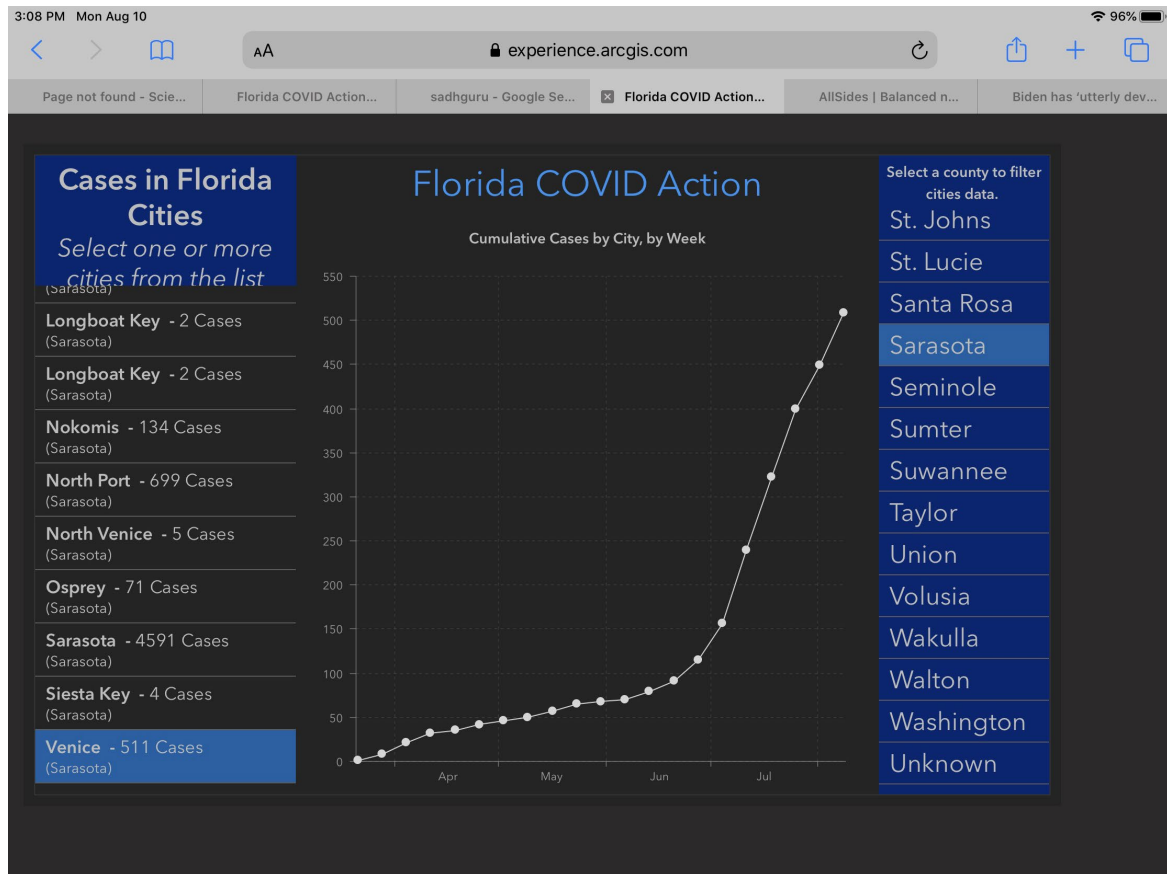
That knowledge should give you nightmares.



On Mon, Aug 10, 2020 at 3:24 PM Elizabeth Stone <lizbiz913@gmail.com> wrote:

“If not you, then who?
If not now, then when?”

~ Hillel



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"The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing."
Edmund Burke

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