

**From:** [Sandie Shepherd](#)  
**To:** [Shannon Eklund](#)  
**Subject:** wearing masks  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 5:26:45 PM

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To the council,

I do not support mandatory mask wearing due to Covid-19. I believe we should all have the right to decide what is best for us in each situation. I do wear masks when I go shopping, etc. but know there are many people who have health issues or don't feel comfortable (it's hard to breath) wearing a mask. I think that we all know that covid-19 is out there and we can decide how best to protect ourselves depending on our situation (age, medical issues, etc.). I definitely do not think children should wear masks!

Thanks for listening,  
Sandie Shepherd

**From:** [Kathy Bane](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Masks  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 4:58:40 PM

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Town Council,

As a resident in Douglas county , I am thankful that we have opted out of the mask mandate.

Please keep making those correct decisions for our county. The numbers of cases in Douglas county are very low and we have a 75% voluntary compliance rate for those who want to wear masks and that's just great for those who feel that masks are the answer.

I understand that you want what's best for our county but people come from all over to shop, eat and do business in castle rock or in Douglas County and if masks are mandated we will lose all that money and more businesses will close up. Please do not make masks mandatory in our town or county.

Thank you

Kathy Bane

**From:** [Jennifer Comstock-Potter](#)  
**To:** [Shannon Eklund](#)  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 4:45:32 PM

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Dear Town Council,

I am a Castle Rock business owner, and as such I'd like to strongly urge you to exempt Castle Rock from the mask mandate. If we don't, the town is putting business owners in the position of policing their customers by making them enforce the mask order. I am not law enforcement. I have not been trained as such, and I do not get paid as such.

Creating a forced citizen law enforcement force is disturbing, and could lead to some unintended consequences. If private citizens are required to enforce certain laws, how are we to respond if we try to enforce an order and our customer resists or becomes violent? We have no training for that. What if they have a medical reason for not wearing a mask? How do I prove that? My customer's health is absolutely none of my business, as well as a HIPPA violation if I inquire. What if a business owner were to be overzealous and decide to enforce other laws, what then? There are a lot of people out there who believe they have a right to tell others how to live, and it is certainly not a stretch to think that given a little power they might take more.

This country is divided enough, we do not need another reason to create an us/them mentality. We need to come together under the idea that each person will do what is best for themselves and their families, and not feed yet another way to divide us.

Thank you for your time,

Jen Potter

Sent with AquaMail for Android  
<https://www.mobisystems.com/aqua-mail>

**From:** [Sean Hakes](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** re: Mandated Masks  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 4:44:34 PM

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Town Council,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer input on whether or not Castle Rock should opt-in or out of the mandatory mask mandate set forth by Tri-County Health. On behalf of myself, and CRCO we strongly oppose any type of mandate requiring residents of Castle Rock to strap on a mask.

"The [Center for Disease Control did a pooled analysis](#) of 10 RCTs that examined the impact of face masks on reducing influenza infections within a community. They concluded that these studies "found no significant reduction in influenza transmission with the use of face masks." These studies covered a wide range of environmental settings from University dorms to households, but the results were the same across them all."

***Secondly, what we need is not more government mandates. What we need are fewer mandates.***

Let the private sector decide whether or not masks should be required. If a small business chooses to require a mask, then let them do that. If a small business does not want to require a mask, let them decide that. If a resident decides to wear a mask, let them wear a mask. If they choose to not wear a mask, let that be their choice.

There is a lot we're learning about this pandemic. The best science has shown that wearing a mask will not reduce transmission because casual contact is not a common source of transmission. Cloth masks could also likely increase the likelihood of COVID infection.

I encourage you to join Douglas County by withdrawing from the Tri-County mask mandate.

Warm regards,

Sean Hakes

**From:** [carol1313](#)  
**To:** [Shannon Eklund](#)  
**Subject:** Ordinance vote  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 4:32:52 PM

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Please mark my husband and I as NO votes on the ordinance requiring masks. Thank you, Carol and Curt Adams, 1848 Sapling Ct, CR 80109

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Robin Schween](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Resolution #2020-061  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 4:25:42 PM

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Good Afternoon,

I am writing to ask that you vote in favor of Resolution #[2020-061](#). I strongly support opting OUT of the TCHD face covering mandate. We believe that allowing the citizens of Castle Rock and the business community to continue making those decisions individually is the reasonable and prudent course of action.

Thank you for your time,

Robin Schween - Castle Rock Resident

**From:** [Jackie Agan](#)  
**To:** [Jason Gray](#); [Jason Bower](#); [Jess Loban](#); [George Teal](#); [Caryn Johnson](#); [Kevin Bracken](#); [James Townsend](#)  
**Cc:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#); [Jackie Agan](#)  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:34:09 PM

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Good Afternoon,

I've already seen the form letter responses regarding the mask mandate and the decisions to opt out of the health department recommendations. I don't have much hope that this Council will stand strong against the politicized opposition to the masks and scientific recommendations.

However, I did want to add my voice to the group of concerned citizens urging Council to take a more cautious approach and allow a mask mandate, which will prevent future outbreaks and potential shutdowns.

If any of you really think that 75% of the residents in Castle Rock are wearing masks, you haven't been shopping in our town. Additionally, similar to the mountain locations, Castle Rock is a tourist destination. Although the mountain destinations are enforcing mask policies, Douglas County has taken a reckless approach regarding the outlet mall.

Shoppers travel from around Colorado and other states to spend money in Castle Rock. As a result of the low percentage of voluntary mask compliance and contempt for social distancing, I've begun shopping outside of Castle Rock. Perhaps these prospective outlet mall shoppers will make similar choices if word gets out that both the Douglas County leadership and Town leadership have failed to lead on this important safety issues.

In closing, I urge you all to stand up against those who challenge science and scoff at community wellbeing in order to do the right thing to protect all of us as the virus continues to morph and threaten new outbreaks for months to come.

Please implement a mask mandate for indoor situations as recommended by the Tri County Health professionals.

Sincerely,  
Jackie Agan

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Rachel DeMayola](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Masks  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:25:38 PM

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Hello, I just wanted to thank you for the work you do on behalf of our town and ask that you please opt out of The mask mandate.

Thanks again

-Rachel DeMayola

(Current Castle Rock Resident)



**From:** [Jason anderson](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please Don't Opt Out  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 3:18:46 PM

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I have lived in Castle Rock for ten years and want to encourage the council to uphold the mask mandate.

I know the issue has been politicized by the president, but it really isn't a political issue. It's a health and safety issue, and wearing masks has been proven to greatly decrease the spread of COVID 19. If you *truly* care about the health and safety of our town's people, and businesses, **please keep the mandate in place.**

We will inevitably end up like Texas, Florida, Arizona, and other states, that have taken an aggressive posture on opening up too soon, and not requiring masks and pretending that everything is fine, if we don't take this step of mandating masks, which is really the very least we can do, to slow, perhaps even stop, the spread of COVID 19 in our area.

Thank you.

**Jason Anderson**



*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28*

**From:** [Skylar Waite](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mask Vote  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 2:58:38 PM

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To whom it may concern,

I was made aware of the upcoming vote today, and I wanted to take a small amount of your time to say that I do not support the vote. If you can, please vote against the requirement to wear masks.

Thanks for your time,

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Skylar Waite

**From:** [amy blackard](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mask  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 2:55:04 PM

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Hello, I have heard you may be voting on mandatory mask for cr. I would like to voice my objections on this matter. I understand the concern and have no problem wearing a mask for those who need me to. Unfortunately because I have to wear one all day for my work I am now experiencing health issues with my heart. I have also Had others share their stories of being attacked in the past and now have ptsd and can not wear a mask. There have been many stories like this I could share. I have seen alot of bullying by the community, on both sides. I feel if you mandate everyone to wear a mask we will experience more of this. My health is just as important as everyone else. Except i am in jeopardy of major heart issues if i must wear a mask out side of work too. Please look at the numbers, the facts, and other reasons why we can't wear mask. Please do not make a decision because of fear or the unknown. Our town has done good and our numbers are not up. Let us make the choices that is best for ourselves. Please encourage our community to respect choices and not divide us!  
Thank you for your time.

Best wishes

Amy Seigel

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

## Shannon Eklund

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**From:** VJD [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:30 PM  
**To:** TownCouncil Mailbox  
**Subject:** masks

Please opt out of the mask mandate, masks aren't for us.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

## Shannon Eklund

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**From:** VJ D [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:20 PM  
**To:** TownCouncil Mailbox  
**Subject:** Masks

Please opt of the mask mandate. We in Douglas County are responsible people, we wash our hands and social distance. We do not need a muzzle.

Mask are very controversial, the mask data has not proven them effective. The mask package itself makes claims of being ineffective.

Please vote against the mask mandate. Vote for freedom.

Veronica DeMayola

## Shannon Eklund

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**From:** Kevin and Cheryl [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 1:13 PM  
**To:** TownCouncil Mailbox  
**Subject:** Special Agenda meeting 7/14

We are writing to ask that you vote in favor of Resolution #2020-061. We support opting out of the TCHD face covering mandate.

We believe allowing the citizens of Castle Rock and business community to continue making those decisions individually is the reasonable and prudent course of action.

Thank you, Kevin and Cheryl Birkholz

**From:** [Randy & Tonia Schmidt](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mask mandate  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:58:15 AM

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Castle Rock Town Council:

I want to begin by saying thank you for your time and effort that you put into making our town a wonderful place to live. Your work in our community is greatly appreciated.

As you going into your meeting regarding the mask mandate, I'm asking you to please opt out of the mandatory mask mandate. I know there are many arguments for and against it, but I'm asking you please leave it a matter of choice for those who are affected on both sides.

Thank you again,  
Tonia Schmidt

**From:** [Jonah Benton](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Opt out of mask  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:53:11 AM

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Dear Town Council,

Thank you for your service to our fine city. I urge you to lead the way at tonight's emergency meeting and opt out of the Tri County mask mandate. I would like to remind you that the job of government is not to protect my health. It is to protect my rights. Mandating masks is a gross overreach of government authority.

Thank you for considering my position.

Sincerely,

Jonah Benton

Castle Rock resident

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** [Matthew Clarke](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Cc:** [Paula L. Clarke](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Tri-County Health Mask Mandate  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 11:51:59 AM

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Dear Town of Castle Rock Council Members,

I am writing because I am deeply concerned that the newly voted upon Tri-County Health Department mask policy is not grounded in peer reviewed science. Rather, the decision seems to be influenced by the mainstream media's echo of a single scientific entity (the CDC) that has yet to provide substantial evidence that any adverse health, social or economic impacts are out weighted by medical benefit.

The CDC, Jared Polis, other main stream media outlets have abandoned the scientific process by not considering any scientific conclusions contrary to their narrative. That masks and social distancing are the only way to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This begs the question are these recommendations motivated by desire to further public health.

I implore you to review the proven scientific process in regards to this issue instead of blindly following the advice of one entity who is now using major news outlets as an echoing chamber to spread fear and cast families and friends against one another in yet another political front line: the mask wearers and non-mask wearers.

You have a voice, please stand up and at least ask these questions. Point out these studies and ask why they are being ignored. There are tens of thousands if not millions of people in this country who are desperately looking for leaders to stand alongside who are willing to come to their own conclusions and not simply accept the mainstream narrative.

Not only will I & my family be refusing to comply, but we ask that the Town of Castle Rock Council officials publicly stand up and defend the brilliant scientists in this country who are being steam rolled because their scientific findings do not align with the CDC.

I ask that you prove to those who live here that you care so much about your people that you are willing to explore the scientific conclusions from more than one source before making a final decision on your policies.

History has proven that the mainstream narrative is not always beneficial. In fact, when one entity is investing so much in the silencing of contrary perspectives it is likely that there are ulterior motives at play.

Please consider this article and the seven linked scientific journals as a starting point.

<https://www.rcreader.com/commentary/masks-dont-work-covid-a-review-of-science-relevant-to-covide-19-social-policy>

With respect,

Matthew & Paula Clarke

**From:** [Mary Welch](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** [SUSPECTED SPAM] Mask mandate is wrong  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:49:00 AM

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Scientific evidence that masks alone do not provide protection from Covid or any other virus attached:

Cloth masks, that most people use are completely useless and serve no purpose whatsoever. In addition, much evidence suggests that while cases are going up the mortality has significantly decreased, indicating herd immunity is being achieved and many individuals have developed immunity. Immunity is good. There are many other scientific documents available that discuss the same facts about the ineffectiveness of wearing masks unless you are in a sterile environment; which does not apply to stores, restaurants, and any other commercial activities.

[https://www.rcreader.com/commentary/masks-dont-work-covid-a-review-of-science-relevant-to-covide-19-social-policy?fbclid=IwAR21uiY1RIEATT0xZwZy98mxNM44J5p2ztG1\\_11sz-GKmqzNLDY50yx3EMw](https://www.rcreader.com/commentary/masks-dont-work-covid-a-review-of-science-relevant-to-covide-19-social-policy?fbclid=IwAR21uiY1RIEATT0xZwZy98mxNM44J5p2ztG1_11sz-GKmqzNLDY50yx3EMw)

Sent from my iPhone

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**From:** [Sean Deisch](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Castle Rock Mask Decision  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:19:24 AM

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Hello,

I'm a Castle Rock resident, and I wanted to reach out and urge the Castle Rock council to make the right decision regarding making masks mandatory in Castle Rock. Please help me, my family, and my fellow Castle Rock neighbors to keep our freedom to choose.

I have always been completely respectful of the decisions others make around me to wear or go without a mask. Also, it is my opinion that Castle Rock residents in general are respectful of each others decisions regarding masks.

Thank you for your careful consideration,  
Sean Deisch

**From:** [Jenna Clinefelter](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Castle Rock Town Council Meeting  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:30:21 AM

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Hello Town Council Members,

I am a resident of Castle Rock and I am writing to ask that you vote in favor of Resolution #2020-031. Thank you for upholding our liberties and maintaining our freedom in Castle Rock by opting out of Tri-County Health department and their face covering order. I believe it is a reasonable and prudent course of action to allow the citizens and the business community to make these decisions individually. Thank you for standing for freedom. Our family will be listening to the Town Council Meeting tonight.

Thank you for serving the Town of Castle Rock.

Jenna Clinefelter

**From:** [Kelly Palmer](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mask mandate  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:56:36 AM

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To whom it may concern

I hope you as a council will opt out of any mask mandate. My daughter is autistic and I suffer from asthma and low blood pressure, masks are not feasible for everyone to where. I almost passed out the other day in one.

If people want to wear one that's fine but we shouldn't be forced.

Sent from Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Special Town Council Meeting Re: COVID PPE Masks  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 10:03:24 AM

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Town Council,

We are fortunate to be among the cities that has not been ravaged by COVID - yet. Other cities that have relaxed their COVID protection have experienced an increase in COVID infections and death. Medical experts are warning that a relaxation of personal protective equipment will cause an increase in the virus. To me, it would be irresponsible and deadly to not protect Castle Rock by not having masks used outside the home. This remedy is not expensive. It is not intrusive. Wearing masks will save lives. This is a fact. I cannot see how this issue is complex.

Please do the right thing and protect us.

Ralph Jollensten

[REDACTED]  
Castle Rock, CO 80109

**From:** [Joshua Jett](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Stop with the masks  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:47:19 AM  
**Attachments:** [ATT00001.txt](#)

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Hello,

As all of you know, this “pandemic” has gotten out of control. Causing the public to panic over a new strain of flu that has a 99% survival rating is outrageous.

Making the public wear masks is not right, you know and I know it. You can read the fine print on a N95 package (newly produced) that blatantly says “will not protect you from Covid19”. It has been proven that a cloth mask does nothing as well. The virus particles are small enough to go through the threads on a mask.

It need to be a choice. Point blank. Remember a few years ago “my body my choice”? What happened to that?

I can tell you, more people are aware that this virus is nothing more than the common cold. Hospitals are empty. E.R.’s are empty and the media has been told to strike fear amongst the public. Sad thing is, it has worked.

If you look at factual numbers, tuberculosis has killed more people this year than Covid19.

We didn’t mandate masks for the swine flu, ebola or Zika. So why now??

Please stop the mandate of masks. It’s not healthy for people to breathe in their used air. It’s most definitely NOT good for our children to do the same. Kids are dropping dead in China for it.

Open schools and businesses and lets get back to normal.

You would think for a virus as scary as Covid19. You wouldn’t have to get tested to know you have it.

Now, more and more common symptoms are being added to a list. Sneezing, coughing, runny nose, diarrhea etc etc. I don’t know about you, but can we even get normal sick anymore? It’s easy to say you have a spike of something when every symptom known to man is on a list for a newly made up virus.

From the CDC website: (published in 2019...)



Centers for Disease Control and Prevention  
CDC 24/7: Saving Lives. Protecting People™

## Coronavirus (COVID-19)

### N95 General Public

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) does not recommend that the general public wear N95 respirator mask to protect themselves from respiratory diseases, including coronavirus (COVID-19).

**N95 MASK:** are designed for CONTAMINATED environments. That means when you exhale through N95 the design is that you are exhaling into contamination. THE EXHALE FROM THE N95 AND OTHER MASK ARE VENTED TO BREATH STRAIGHT OUT WITHOUT FILTRATION.

(They don't filter the air on the way out.) Covid breath is unfiltered being exhaled, (BECAUSE it was designed for contaminated environment, it's not filtering your air on the way out.)

**SURGICAL MASK:** these masks were designed and approved for STERILE environments. The amount of particles and contaminants in the outside and indoor environment where people are are CLOGGING these mask quickly. The moisture from your breath combined with the clogged mask will render it "useless". If you come in contact with COVID, your mask TRAPS IT, YOU become a walking virus dispenser. Everytime you put your mask on you are breathing the germs from everywhere you went. (THEY SHOULD BE CHANGED OR THROWN OUT EVERY "20-30 MINUTES IN A NON STERILE ENVIRONMENT.")

SURGICAL MASK ARE NOT DESIGNED FOR THE OUTSIDE WORLD AND WILL NOT FILTER THE AIR UPON INHALING THROUGH IT. IT'S FILTRATION WORKS ON THE EXHALE, (RENDERING IT USELESS OUTSIDE A STERILE AREA.)

**CLOTH MASK:** (DO NOT FILTER ANYTHING). As you exhale, you are ridding your lung of contaminants and carbon dioxide. CLOTH MASKS trap this carbon dioxide the best. It actually risks your HEALTH, rather than protect it. The moisture caught in these masks will become mildew ridden in 30 minutes. Dry coughing, enhanced allergies, sore throat are all symptoms of a micro-mold in your mask.



**From:** [joep](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Castle Rock OPT OUT mask mandate  
**Date:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 5:10:03 PM

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Please OPT OUT of the mandatory mask mandate. We do not have the number to support the mask mandate and from all the information I have it would be a lawless mandate!

Joe Piscitella

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Larkspur, CO 80118

Douglas County

**From:** [juliedeisch](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mandated Public Masks  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 6:51:09 AM

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To the Castle Rock Town Council:

I live in Douglas County and for the last 26 years my husband and I have made Castle Rock "our town" for the majority of our business needs.

If masks are publically mandated in Castle Rock we will take our business elsewhere. We can just as easily do our business in Monument, Parker, Elizabeth, or online.

We are intelligent and informed and would prefer making our own decisions in regards to mask wearing.

Thank you for your sensible approach to this situation.

Sincerely,  
Julie Deisch

Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

**From:** [Lincoln Mooney](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mandatory mask law meeting  
**Date:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 5:37:51 PM

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Hello,

I writing to express my opinion regarding the town council meeting on Tuesday. I strongly feel we should opt out of the mandatory mask law for Castle Rock. In my opinion these masks do more damage than good and although the number of cases are rising the number of deaths are still at a minimum. This is becoming more and more political at the expense of our hard working law abiding local Castle Rock residents and needs to come to an end.

Thank you for your time.

Lincoln Mooney  
[REDACTED] - direct

**From:** [Dana Bonham](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mask mandate  
**Date:** Monday, July 13, 2020 9:06:25 PM

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NO TO THE MASK MANDATE PLEASE!!!!

YES TO PERSONAL FREEDOM!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

THE BONHAM FAMILY  
DISTRICT 2

**From:** [M. Boyer](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate  
**Date:** Monday, July 13, 2020 8:51:57 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I am writing because I am deeply concerned that the newly voted upon Tri-County Health Department mask policy is not grounded in peer reviewed science. Rather, the decision seems to be influenced by the mainstream media's echo of a single scientific entity (the CDC) that has yet to provide substantial evidence that any adverse health, social or economic impacts are outweighed by medical benefit.

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<https://www.rcreader.com/commentary/maskswcovid-a-review-of-science-relevant-tsocal-p>

With respect,  
Michaelene Boyer

**From:** [michael walker](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate  
**Date:** Sunday, July 12, 2020 5:16:37 PM

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On July 8, 2020 the Tri-County Board of Health voted to implement a mask mandate across Adams, Arapahoe, and Douglas Counties. This vote was pushed through by the Adams County representatives 3-0 and does not represent the will of the people of Douglas County and went against the recommendation of the Director or Tri-County Health Department. The very next day the Douglas County Commissioners voted 3-0 to Opt-out the unincorporated portions of Douglas County from the mandate. On May 6, 2020 the Tri-County Health Department published, as part of their meeting minutes the CONS of a mask mandate, which they clearly completely forgot about. These cons are listed below. These are the words of Tri-County Health Department. I'm wondering what has changed since then other than an even lower hospitalization and death rate in Douglas County? **I wholly support the opting out of the Town of Castle Rock from the over reaching mask policy of the Tri-County Board of Health.**

- Despite biologic plausibility, no community-based studies actually proving their effectiveness.
- A number of communities have enacted ordinances and public health orders requiring use of face coverings but there is no evidence yet of impact of these measures.
- The use of public health orders have become politicized. There is evidence of "public health order fatigue" among some members of the public and some indication that ordering a potentially useful step such as face covering would lead some who might otherwise be inclined to use them not to do so as an act of defiance.
- There is not a clear approach for enforcement. The business manager would be the first line of enforcement (as in "no shoes, no shirt, no mask, no service") but support would be needed from other governmental entities (eg, public health, licensing and code enforcement, and law enforcement)

**From:** [Sherry Monroe](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate  
**Date:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 5:15:48 PM

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Members of the Castle Rock Town Council:

As a resident and property owner in Castle Rock I support the mask mandate from Tri-County Health. As a senior citizen and have an underlying health condition, it is very worrisome for me going to the grocery store or Target for necessities. I only journey out to these stores a couple times per month, otherwise my husband and I are not around the public. I wear a mask and so wish others were courteous enough to do the same. We believe it's the right thing to do, to be a caring neighbor. Unfortunately since many residents don't/won't wear a mask in public, it becomes the government's responsibility to mandate the order. Let's keep our case numbers as low as possible so hopefully we can get back to normal quicker. Thank you for your consideration.

Sherry Monroe

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

**From:** [ANGELA THOMAS](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate  
**Date:** Friday, July 10, 2020 6:36:13 PM

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I and the other 3 adult members of my household implore you to enact the mask mandate as instituted by TCDH. Please use good sense and abide by the recommendations of our Public Health Dept.

Sincerely

Angela Thomas  
Lynn Thomas  
Caeden Thomas  
Sol Thomas  
106 Elm Ave  
Castle Rock

Angela Thomas





**From:** [Gwen Hamm](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mask Mandates  
**Date:** Monday, July 13, 2020 2:39:39 PM

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Please OPT out of the TriCounty Health Department 90 day Mask Mandate!!

The town of Castle Rock is barely recovering from the quarantine & Governor's initial shut down. There are many brick & mortar businesses that are being FORCED to close because they couldn't close their doors that long. (not to mention other businesses that serve those businesses who are also hit hard) THIS will be a continuation of that. The masks don't work. There is no science that supports that they do. The numbers are showing the virus is no more deadly than the flu & we have never worn face coverings or quarantined HEALTHY people for that annually. There are MANY people that go out of their way to shop where no mask is required (including me). I heard of many that cancelled COstco memberships & went to Sams. Now even SAMS is mandating them but we are contacting corporate. Make it easier for those businesses to make their own rules as many will come from ARaphoe & Denver Counties to shop in Douglas where it's free! CR will see more revenues based on this retail spending. I spend more where i am comfortable. I'll shop online if necessary in order to not put on a mask. Don't be like Denver who is now begging for federal money because his tax revenue is down. NO JOKE!? It's not rocket science...If I at risk / scared I'll stay home..if I'm not I'll weigh the risks & decide for me. Let US decide what's best for US! Don't try to be a "nanny" city! It's not who we are as Castle Rock Residents!



**From:** [Steve Thayer - Painted Ridge](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Masks  
**Date:** Monday, July 13, 2020 1:21:01 PM

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Hello Town Council

I am writing to give my opinion that Castle Rock (and Douglas County) should abide by the Tri County and State of Colorado requirements to CONTINUE TO REQUIRE citizens to wear masks.

I own 3 residences and 3 businesses within the Town and am very involved in the community, and appreciate you allowing my voice to be heard. As much as I do not like wearing a mask, I think it is a small sacrifice to hopefully keep our community safe and more importantly, to help get us back to normal quicker. If we have a regression in cases, like we are seeing now in other states and other areas, we would essentially have to start over. That would be devastating to our business community, which has suffered enough.

Wearing masks is not hurting businesses, instead it is helping them all stay open during this time. If we have to start over, then businesses will once again have to close. That will destroy our economy, close schools, etc.

I know that there are very vocal anti-mask folks out there. I really think they are just expressing their right to make their own decisions, not understanding how wearing masks will help us out now and in the future.

Thanks for your time.

Sincerely,  
Steve Thayer

[REDACTED]

**Steve Thayer**  
**The Thayer Group**  
Broker/Owner  
**Keller Williams Action Realty LLC** -- Castle Rock Market Ctr  
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**From:** [Amy Elaine Martinez](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** NO ON MASK MANDATE  
**Date:** Monday, July 13, 2020 8:04:38 AM

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To CR Town Council-

I've been a resident here for 26 years and want my voice to be heard in this matter. We love our town, but love our freedom far more!

I'm writing today to let you know I'm NOT in favor of the mask mandate for our town or County or State.

Please vote AGAINST any mandates requiring us to wear a mask. I want to retain my health choices and make my own decisions. We are losing ground here and our freedoms are at risk if the government continues to infringe upon our personal choices, especially for our health.

We live and play in Castle Rock and Douglas County, however we will take our business elsewhere if this mandate is passed and enforced.

Please consider the ability of your townspeople to make our own choices when it comes to the sensitive issue of our freedoms being stripped away.

Thank you for your service to our town.

Sincerely,

Amy Elaine Martinez



**From:** [Comcast](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Cc:** [Liz Willoughby](#)  
**Subject:** No on masks!  
**Date:** Monday, July 13, 2020 7:51:17 AM

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Dear Castle Rock Town Counsel members:

I am a resident of Castle Rock. I do not support the mask mandate. I encourage Douglas County to form their own public health department.

Citizens should be able to make their own decisions based on their health. It is so important that you uphold the rights of citizens of Castle Rock to do so. Our founding fathers of our country thought long and hard about these types of situations many years ago so we can live our lives freely; the way we see fit. No government, no person, and no entity should have no right to mandate the people of this country for anything; especially their health choices.

Recently the “Weld County District attorney stated the following “

Weld County Attorney Bruce Barker recently sent a **memo** to commissioners answering several questions posed by them over the past few weeks from constituents who had reached out to them, confused by Weld County’s stance on Gov. Jared Polis’ Safer-at-Home executive orders.

Barker said the public health orders do not outline how to isolate or quarantine sick people, which the CDPHE actually has the authority to do. Instead they are a series of rules that are not only unenforceable, but also created inappropriately outside of protocol.

In the memo, which *Complete Colorado* received earlier this month, Barker says that state public health orders 20-28 are a series of rules couched as orders that he said are without legal effect.

“Rather general rules on how you go about living your lives or running your businesses,” Barker said **in a recent podcast interview with Karen Kataline**. “An order to quarantine or isolate, they have the authority to do that, but doing general rules, there is no authority for the state health director to do that except for by rule making.”

The rule making process is long and cumbersome and requires the legislature to authorize the new rules in statute. None of that has occurred in this case. According to Barker that was the first red flag for him, supported by a Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling that dismissed orders by that state’s governor after the state legislature sued for overstepping his authority. Barker said the ruling given by the state Supreme Court in that case echoed everything he says in his opinion.

(Source: Complete Colorado)

The Town Council should seek guidance from the Town attorney’s to make sure we

are well within the right of our citizens before mandates and lawsuits start rolling in.

For those who wish to wear a mask, nothing has changed; they can still wear one. I will not allow my asthmatic children to “take one for the team” by risking their health, for the health of another fully masked individual. Especially when we are talking about a 99.8% recovery rate for those infected with Covid-19.

My family has endured the job loss of my husband(breadwinner of the family), and this weekend the suicide of my cousin here in Castle Rock due to Covid-19. Mandates of no work and a halt to living life has had more of an impact on more families than being infected with Covid-19 where the majority of people are recovering.

Viruses have been around since the beginning of time. With or without mask wearing, this virus will be here for years to come. I will not allow mask wearing to become the “new normal” in my lifetime and choose freedom today, and everyday in the future.

Sincerely,

Liz Willoughby

██████████ Castle Rock, CO 80104

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Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Allison Armour](#)  
**To:** [bocc@douglas.co.us](mailto:bocc@douglas.co.us); [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Not in favor of Tri-County Opt-out  
**Date:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 11:21:59 AM

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To whom it may concern,

I want to share with you what a profound mistake it would be to opt-out of Tri-County health for Douglas County due to a mask mandate. Douglas county did a phenomenal job during our stay-at-home orders and we were able to flatten/decrease the curve. We then had safely demonstrated how we could open up safely with lower numbers at pools and continued social distancing and wearing masks.

Pulling away from our health department would cost our taxpayers millions and we would lose services and/or there would be an impact on services due to this, which would impact the health and safety of our community. Where are we getting the millions of dollars to do this and support the health and safety of our community?

I am an educator in DCSD. We are on the brink of returning to school; and though I have seen the research on safely opening schools and countries that have safely opened schools it is important to note that those protocols include masks for teachers/adults. Our school district just cut 30.4 Million from our schools. This will be felt in our classrooms - and I know this to be true because I was around during the recession when we had pay freezes and major cuts. How can we say that we are opting out of masks, pulling out of our health department, and pushing our kids back to school with fewer resources than last year and honoring the health and safety of all our community members?

I have lived in Castle Rock for almost 13 years, I have been a taxpayer and registered voter my entire adult life and I have worked in Douglas County for 15 years. I do not support this committee's actions. Pulling out of Tri-County health would be a selfish action that would hurt the community I love and know.

Thank you for your time,  
Allison Armour

**From:** [Jaime Meda](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Opt Out of face covering mandate  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:25:59 AM

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Hello,

I am writing to ask that you vote in favor of Resolution #2020-061. I support opting out of the TCHD face covering mandate.

We believe allowing the citizens of Castle Rock and business community to continue making those decisions individually is the reasonable and prudent course of action.

Jaime Meda

**From:** [April Shipman](#)  
**To:** [Shannon Eklund](#)  
**Subject:** Opting out of Tri county health and not requiring masks  
**Date:** Friday, July 10, 2020 10:08:50 PM

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It is appalling and completely disgusting that you people think you know better than actual doctors. Now more than 50% of Douglas county people I've seen today Do not and are not wearing masks or doing social distancing!!! I promise if my family gets this because of your lack of care and ignorant decisions; I WILL SUE ALL OF YOU!



**From:** [Susan O'Dell](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Please require masks  
**Date:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 1:51:44 PM

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I am a senior citizen who has lived in Douglas County since 1998. Most of my time here has been as an employed tax paying citizen. Now I'm a retired tax paying citizen. Please, stop playing politics with Covid-19. Please REQUIRE masks be worn indoors in all public places and all businesses. I don't know enough to have an opinion about whether we should create our own health Dept or continue to work with Tri County Health. But I DO know the ostensible reason, which is to opt out of mask requirements, scares me. Since we don't have access to health care type masks that protect the wearer, we are all dependent upon the willingness of our fellow citizens to wear masks that protect each other. Please, please consider the needs of your immune compromised and seniors rather than trying to use this issue as a political opportunity. Please.

**From:** [Cara Young](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Mask mandate opt-out  
**Date:** Monday, July 13, 2020 11:44:09 AM

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Dear Mayor and ten council members,

As a citizen of Castle Rock I am requesting that you, please, DO Opt out of the mask mandate for our town. I cannot wear one myself, for personal health reasons. I do not appreciate having to defend my needs and rights in order to care for my family. I would rather drive further away to do my shopping than deal with a hassle everywhere.

The mask mandate should never have been passed for Douglas County anyway.

Thank you for your consideration.

Cara Young

**From:** [Kevin Bracken](#)  
**To:** [Brynna McCarthy Meraz](#); [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Mask Mandate  
**Date:** Friday, July 10, 2020 10:48:41 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Brynna,

Thank you for your thoughtful comments concerning the current state of affairs. I am happy you are pointing to the science, want to provide you the most current data that I've been reviewing weekly with the Tri-County health department. The data supports fully opening with no restrictions. The latest report I have received showed 4 COVID hospitalizations in all of Douglas County dating back to July 13th. To go back further, there have been only 9 hospitalizations since June 3<sup>rd</sup> in all of Douglas County. The data that was provided from The Tri-County Health Department shows that Douglas County has had 52 tragic deaths from COVID and 79% of the mortalities were in Long Term Care Facilities. Based on our County's population and number of deaths as a percentage is .015%, with an average age of 81.

Concerning masks, I do not support the mandate. I do feel it is important to continue to encourage the use of masks and to have our residents exercise personal responsibility. Based on the extremely low hospitalization and mortality in our County a mandate is not needed in my opinion. Dr. Douglas the Executive Director of Tri-County Health has supported all of our requested variances to open Douglas County as well. Also, the vote at Tri-County Health was (5-4) passing the mandate, Dr. Douglas' vote was against the mandate for masks for Douglas County. All of the scientific data is available on the Tri-County Health page.

I hope you're safe and well.

Thanks,

Kevin Bracken

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**From:** Brynna McCarthy Meraz <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:42 PM  
**To:** TownCouncil Mailbox <towncouncil@crgov.com>  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate

Please listen to the science and the medical experts and OPT IN for a mask mandate. We will have a better chance of keeping our economy and schools open if we keep community spread to a minimum.

Brynna Meraz  
[REDACTED], Castle Rock, CO 80108  
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**From:** [Kevin Bracken](#)  
**To:** [Kathy Meyers](#); [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** RE: NO OPTING OUT  
**Date:** Friday, July 10, 2020 10:43:52 AM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Hi Kathy,

Thank you for your thoughtful comments concerning the current state of affairs. I agree we should not make our decisions on the County from information out of the White House, or any media outlet. I am happy you are pointing to the science, want to provide you the most current data that I've been reviewing weekly with the Tri-County health department. The data supports fully opening with no restrictions. The latest report I have received showed 4 COVID hospitalizations in all of Douglas County dating back to July 13th. To go back further, there have been only 9 hospitalizations since June 3<sup>rd</sup> in all of Douglas County. The data that was provided from The Tri-County Health Department shows that Douglas County has had 52 tragic deaths from COVID and 79% of the mortalities were in Long Term Care Facilities. Based on our County's population and number of deaths as a percentage is .015%, with an average age of 81.

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**From:** Kathy Meyers <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:48 PM  
**To:** TownCouncil Mailbox <towncouncil@crgov.com>  
**Subject:** NO OPTING OUT

I have been a resident of Castle Rock for over 20 years and never have I been as angry or ashamed of the Town Council as I am today!

You people must be believing all the lies coming out of the White House and not even bothering to listen to the scientists and reading all the statistics.

How can you, with all the evidence on how COVID-19 is spread and how we can each do our part to stop or at least slow down the spread, decide to OPT OUT of ordering that wearing masks should be mandatory? Did you take into account what will happen in Castle Rock to those who are the most susceptible or isn't that part of the Republican agenda?

You should be ashamed of yourselves. Anyone with a modicum of intelligence and empathy would NOT have made such a ludicrous decision. November can't come soon enough!

Kathy Meyers

**From:** [Casey Zuzak](#)  
**To:** [Shannon Eklund](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Special Town Council Meeting, Resolution NO. 2020-061: A Resolution Opting the Town of Castle Rock Out of the Public Health Order Issued by the Tri-County Health Department Board of Health making Wearing of Face Coverings Mandatory in Public Places  
**Date:** Monday, July 13, 2020 5:34:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [Reject Resolution 2020-061.docx](#)

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Dear Mayor Gray and Councilmembers:

Thank you for holding a special session of City Council and for requesting citizen input regarding Res 2020-061. We strongly urge the Councilmembers of the Town of Castle Rock to **REJECT Resolution 2020-061**. As a community we are taking every mitigation possible to protect our families, friends, and neighbors, while allowing for businesses, schools, and restaurants to safely reopen. We urge council to not vote based on extremist views, but what is best for our community. If wearing a mask indoors is a path to freedom, then this is an insignificant sacrifice that we can make.

The United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends that anyone over the age of 2 and without any underlying health conditions wear a face covering in public settings and when around people not from the same household when social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/cloth-face-cover-guidance.html>). This is no different than what is described in the Tri-County Health Department Public Health Directive. Our Colorado Department of Public Health, Colorado Emergency Management Operations Center, the World Health Organization, and a litany of other public health, epidemiological, and medical communities of practices support these claims. The science is valid. The facts are simple. This is real.

Our kids need to go back to school and businesses need to reopen. If wearing a mask equates to freedom, then the simple inconvenience is worth the trouble. We hate wearing a mask as much as everyone else, but we can do it to protect our neighbors and to stop the spread.

All federal, state, and local public health departments, emergency management agencies, and citizens, have taken precautions to slow the transmission. Our family like many other in the Town of Castle Rock have done everything in our individual powers to ensure that we protect our families, friends, and neighbors. Regardless of the outcome of this meeting, we will continue our actions and will encourage all other to do so as well. Research continues to show that wearing indoors in public places drastically reduces the spread of COVID-19.

The Tri-County Health Department Order, which is similar to many others in the State of Colorado, clearly defines who, when, and where face coverings are most appropriate. The passage of this resolution is a blatant rejection of science, fact, and proven best practices for the promotion of an extremist political agenda and fact less claims.

Since March 2020, Douglas County has been extremely fortunate to have a work force that is able to easily adapt to the new conditions. Working from home is easy and not having a commute is nice. However, we are the luck ones. Many local businesses are struggling, and those that are following the State of Colorado regulations are suffering from higher costs. As a community, we've made huge leaps forward. We have reopened retail and dining before many other communities, and as a family we support as many local businesses as possible. We are doing our part to ensure our community survives the pandemic. We have given up enough already, and we do not want to go backwards.

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Regards,

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Castle Rock, CO 80109  
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VIA EMAIL

July 13, 2020

Mayor Jason Gray  
Mayor Pro Tem Jason Bower  
Councilmember Jess Loban  
Councilmember James Townsend  
Councilmember Kevin Bracken  
Councilmember Caryn Johnson  
Councilmember George Teal  
100 N. Wilcox St.  
Castle Rock, CO 80104

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Regards,

Casey and Megan Zuzak

**From:** [Irene Rettenmaier](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Special meeting  
**Date:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 2:01:10 PM

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As a resident of Castle Rock, I am very concerned you will also make wearing a mask a political statement when we really need to ensure the safety of our citizens and the ability for companies here to stay open. Do not follow the Douglas County Commissioners down the rabbit hole of politics that we won't recover from. Instead follow the science, save lives, get people back to our local businesses, and let's recover emotionally and economically. We have an opportunity to show Douglas County how to lead. This is not about politics and we need to stop making a mask about red or blue and only make it about living a good life in Castle Rock.

Many will shop elsewhere to ensure their safety. Why allow money to leave our town, revenue we need to run our town, because of a cloth over your face?

People want their children back at school with no regard for the safety to the teachers and staff. Many teachers are older or may have health issues. If you want children in school, then the entire town should wear masks to keep the children and teachers safe in our town.

Let's follow the countries who haven't even had a curve because they always wear masks.

Let's follow towns like Golden who require masks indoors and outside to allow the town to thrive. This was voted on and unanimously passed for both indoor and out where 6 feet distance isn't possible.

Castle Rock can lead, are you up to the challenge?

Thank you,  
Irene Rettenmaier

**From:** [Bethany Greiner](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Town Council Meeting 7/14  
**Date:** Tuesday, July 14, 2020 9:22:35 AM

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Sincerely, Bethany Greiner

**From:** [Mike Stern](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Wearing Masks  
**Date:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 12:23:20 PM

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Hi, I would like to allow for individuals to decide for themselves whether they do or do not wear a mask. It should not be or does it need to be government mandated--we in Douglas County are fully capable of deciding for ourselves what does and does not work as individuals. As we all saw, the mandated lockdowns did more damage than good and it is up to the individual to decide for themselves what does and does not work. A "one-size fits all" mandate does exactly the opposite. Thanks to the lockdowns every segment of society was impacted negatively--the cure was worse than the disease.

We must stop the continued unnecessary measures. We need to get back to normal, not this continued hysteria based on hyperbole and flawed data. Herd immunity is the end game not measures which prolong the spread requiring half-baked responses which are not based upon science.

Also, we need our autonomy from the Tri-County Health Department--we need to be the ones in Douglas County determining policy not those beholden to flawed policy which curtails civil liberties.

Thank you for your time,

Mike Stern

[REDACTED], Castle Rock, CO 80104

Ph: [REDACTED]

**"It is not our part to master all the tides of the world, but to do what is in us for the succour of those years wherein we are set, uprooting the evil in the fields that we know, so that those who live after may have clean earth to till. What weather they shall have is not ours to rule."**

**Tolkien**

**"That men do not learn very much from the lessons of history is the most important of all the lessons of history."**

**Aldous Huxley**

**"If men could learn from history, what lessons it might teach us! But passion and party blind our eyes, and the light which experience gives us is a lantern on the stern which shines only on the waves behind."**

**Samuel Taylor Coleridge**

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**From:** [Nicole Wojtak](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Yes to face masks  
**Date:** Saturday, July 11, 2020 2:17:28 PM

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Please vote to Require face masks in Castle Rock. It keeps our community safer and will keep businesses open.

Thank you,  
Nicki Wojtak

**From:** [Joe Julian](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Face Masks  
**Date:** Friday, July 10, 2020 8:02:42 AM

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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

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**From:** [Joe Julian](#)  
**Sent:** Friday, July 10, 2020 7:23 AM  
**To:** [TowmCouncil@crgov.com](mailto:TowmCouncil@crgov.com)  
**Subject:** Face Masks

Opt out. This is America.

Joe Julian

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Leigh S](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Make masks mandatory  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:48:41 PM

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Do not play with people's lives. We do not want to be the next FL or AZ! This is a global pandemic, not a political issue. You guys are not better informed than the rest of the WORLD!!!!

I live here too! You don't have the right to endanger my health or the health of my family because some people are crying oppression for 20 minutes of inconvenience!!!

Do not pull out of Tri County until we see how much of our tax money would go to setting up a Douglas county health department. Politicians are not doctors.

Leigh Camel... taxpayer!  
The Meadows, castle rock

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**From:** [Rachael Kelley](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate DO NOT OPT OUT  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:30:03 PM

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I'm extremely concerned at the direction our county leaders have taken and hope that Governor Polis's words do not fall on deaf ears. Please allow our city to CONTINUE to exceed safety expectations and keep numbers of COVID cases low as our students get ready to return to school. We need to send the right message to our community and our kids that masks are saving lives. I would ask that you NOT opt-out of the mask mandate set forth by Tri-County Health.

Most sincerely,  
Rachael Kelley  
City of Castle Rock Resident



**From:** [Vicki Berg](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Masks yes!  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:20:28 PM

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Please do the right thing and NOT opt out of the mask requirement.

Thank you  
Vicki Kravitz

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Terri Mole](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Masks  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:55:54 PM

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Good evening,

I am writing to request you enforce the mask mandate in our town. I have seen first hand what covid can do to people and it is serious! It is the job of our town's elected officials to keep us safe. Please make the right decisions and go with many others and enforce the wearing of masks for the future of our town (and possibly your own life).

Thank you!  
Terri Mole

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Krista Hamvas](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Castle Rock mandated mask  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:33:16 AM

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Please exempt Castle Rock from mandated mask. This is absolutely unnecessary.  
Please protect our freedom!

Thank you,  
Krista

**From:** [ARS](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Do Not Opt Out it Mask Requirements  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:37:33 PM

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As a resident of Douglas County I implore you to not opt out of the mask requirements. Only a small percentage of residents are responding. This is not basis for a decision like this.

I will remember in November your decisions at this critical moment. Time to show leadership and now pander to your base.

The reason we say a downturn in deaths and cases is due to these requirements in the first place.

**From:** [Stacey Chamaty](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Facial Coverings  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:27:31 PM

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Town Council Members,

I am asking you to protect the citizens of Castle Rock by keeping the facial covering mandate put in place by Tri County Health. I am aware that our numbers are low and I hope they stay that way. However, we have many people from other areas traveling into Castle Rock to shop and enjoy our beautiful town, it only makes sense that they should protect us while they are here. Thank you for hearing my opinion.

Sincerely,  
Stacey Chamaty

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Trish Kakenmaster](#)  
**To:** [bocc@douglas.co.us](mailto:bocc@douglas.co.us); [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** In support of TCHD Requiring Use of Face Masks  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 7:55:10 PM

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Dear Douglas County Commissioners and Castle Rock Town Council,

I am writing to you to express my support of the proposed Tri-County mask requirement. I ask you to stand on the side of fact-based scientific data that proves masks can help stop the spread of COVID-19.

Please do not let a vocal minority who has stopped believing in science convince you otherwise.

Stand on the right side of history.

Regards,

Trish Kakenmaster

[REDACTED]

Castle Rock, CO 80109

mobile: [REDACTED]

email: [REDACTED]

**From:** [Kim Hagger](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mandatory Mask Mandate  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:27:09 PM

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Please vote to opt Castle Rock out of the mask mandate.

Sincerely,  
Kim Hagger

**From:** [Sarah Wu](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mask Mandate: In SUPPORT  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 2:31:38 PM

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Hello!

I have just heard that Tri-County Health Department will be issuing a mask mandate for our county and that the city of Castle Rock might be opting out and I would like to voice my opinion on this as a citizen of Castle Rock.

I fully support a mask mandate and I do NOT want to see Castle Rock opt out. I currently drive to Lone Tree to do my shopping because of their mask mandate and I would really like to give my money to our town instead.

Regards,  
Sarah Wu





**From:** [John Wyatt](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Mask opt out  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:28:29 AM

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I urge you to carefully review and ultimately opt out of the mandate to make masks mandatory for the town of Castle Rock.

Masks can be really harmful for people with "High Blood Pressure". Asthma, or COPD. Making masks mandatory will subject those people with underlying health issues to ridicule, and revealing their private health information

Masks have become a political issue as stated by members of the Tr-County Board of Health

Quotes from Board Members

"It has gotten to be politicized now, in a way that I've never seen a public health intervention fall prey to"

"Frankly, at the beginning we were not getting great public health messaging," Douglas said. "Even the surgeon general came out and said they don't work. And then, four weeks after that, we changed our mind."

Lastly masks have been in wide use by Dentists offices for years and have done extensive studies on the efficacy.

One of the most powerful scientific papers arguing about the use of face masks, 'Why Face Masks Don't Work: A Revealing Review', last week suddenly vanished from its usual place on the internet (I still have a copy and you may read it here.)

<https://web.archive.org/web/20200509053953/https://www.oralhealthgroup.com/features/face-masks-dont-work-revealing-review/>

Respectfully,

John Wyatt

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Castle Rock, Co 80109

**From:** [Denise Moran](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Masks  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 6:17:10 PM

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Are we really allowed to opt out on wearing masks? Does this town wish for this virus to spread? Hasn't states like California, Arizona and Florida given us enough to want to mandate mask wearing in our town? I find it incredible I am stuck at home because we don't mandate mask wearing. This is not about our freedom it's about a pandemic that spreads quickly and kills too many people young old and in between it has no cares it takes the healthy and the not so healthy. Please mandate masks and social distancing before we are forced to shut down again

A concern resident  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jordan Peterson](#)  
**To:** [Jason Gray](#); [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Opt Out Of Mask Mandate  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 10:57:07 PM

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Hello,

I am asking to please opt out of the mask mandate that the state is trying to push. This is an infringement on our rights. Thank you for your help.

Jordan Peterson  
\*Sent from my iPhone\*

**From:** [bgoodwin007](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Opt out of tri County mask requirement  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 6:23:29 PM

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Council Members,

Please consider opting out of the Tri County health requirements for masks and follow Douglas County's lead. According to Tri County's own web site, there have only been 9 hospitalizations since the first of June and 3 deaths with 52 overall. With 52 deaths that is approximately 0.014% of the population. Also the increase of cases is more than likely due to a large increase in testing. Which also shows that the mortality rate is dropping quickly.

Regards  
Brad Goodwin

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

**From:** [Ben Gensic](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Opt Out of Tri-County Health Mask Order  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:10:19 PM  
**Attachments:** [image620603.png](#)  
[image190363.png](#)

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Dear Town Council,

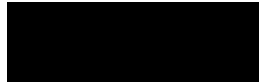
Thank you for taking public input on this issue!

I am voicing my request for Caste Rock to opt out of Tri-County Health's mandatory mask order. I live in Parker, but spend a lot of time in Castle Rock as that is the location of my gym.

I believe this mandate is another attempt to take away our freedoms and perpetuate unwarranted fear. There are much better ways to protect the vulnerable and keep people safe without the emotional and social damage of forced masks.

Thank you for listening to your people!! I am thankful for your leadership!

Respectfully,  
Ben Gensic



**Ben**

**Gensic, PE**

CIVIL PROJECT ENGINEER



Greenwood Village, CO 80111

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**From:** [Jess Loban](#)  
**To:** [Kerry Dunn](#); [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Covid  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:45:55 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Hello Kerry,

I do not support the mask mandate and am encouraging the Town to find the best avenue (Town or County Level) to deny the order.

Thank you for reaching out.

Respectfully,

Jess

Jess Loban | District 1 Town Councilman  
Town of Castle Rock  
[REDACTED]  
[jloban@CRGov.com](mailto:jloban@CRGov.com)  
100 N. Wilcox St., Castle Rock, CO 80104

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From: Kerry Dunn <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2020 8:33 PM  
To: TownCouncil Mailbox  
Subject: Covid

Please do not follow the cowardly mandate of TCHD. We can walk and chew gum at the same time.

High risk and fearful people stay at home.

If this is not political, why then do we not have lockdowns over tuberculosis, far greater mortality rate than this covid nonsense.

Why am I responsible for your health?

If your mask works, why does it matter if I wear one?

Sent from my iPhone

Kerry Dunn  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Kevin Bracken](#)  
**To:** [Kelly Tien](#); [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Mandatory Mask Use  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:14 58 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Hi Mr. Tien,

Thank you for your thoughtful comments concerning the current state of affairs. Want to provide you the most current data that I've been reviewing weekly with the Tri-County health department. The data supports fully opening with no restrictions. The latest report I have received showed 4 COVID hospitalizations in all of Douglas County dating back to July 13th. To go back further, there have been only 9 hospitalizations since June 3<sup>rd</sup> in all of Douglas County. The data that was provided from The Tri-County Health Department shows that Douglas County has had 52 tragic deaths from COVID and 79% of the mortalities were in Long Term Care Facilities. Based on our County's population and number of deaths as a percentage is .015%, with an average age of 81.

Concerning masks, I do not support the mandate. I do feel it is important to continue to encourage the use of masks and to have our residents exercise personal responsibility. Based on the extremely low hospitalization and mortality in our County a mandate is not needed in my opinion.

I hope you're safe and well.

Thanks,

Kevin Bracken

County	Total COVID Deaths	County Population	Deaths as a % of the County Population		
*Douglas	52	335,668	0.015%		
*Data 7/7/2020 from Tri-County Health Department					
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*Douglas	52	29	79%	81	7 -patients in LTCF were "Probable" COVID Deaths. Another 6 were unknown if in LTCF
*Data 7/7/2020 from Tri-County Health Department					

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**From:** Kelly Tien <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:13 AM  
**To:** TownCouncil Mailbox <[REDACTED]>  
**Subject:** Mandatory Mask Use

Hello Castle Rock Town Council:

RE: Speaking in favor of the mandatory mask requirement

I live just outside of Castle Rock off of Wolfensberger Rd but my wife and I, along with our daughter (a Castle Rock resident), own the Mod Mountain Boutique in the Riverwalk development. Recently we have seen a significant drop-off in the use of masks in our store. In order to ensure that we are not shut down by another stay at home order we urge the City Council not to apply for a variance from this mask requirement and have the Tri-County health order to remain in effect. There are a number of reasons for this:

- It is very important to contain the virus and the most recent research says that wearing a mask is a significant help in reducing transmission. It is a small price to request in order to keep the public safe. No person's liberty to move around the city/county will be impaired. The corona virus is not the same as the flu virus.
- While we request people to wear a mask in our store, not all comply. Having an order in place would help us keep our employees and customers as safe as possible during this pandemic.
- We can not afford to be shut down as a result of a possible future spike in cases. We survived the first round of stay at home orders but a second may cause serious damage to our business.
- If we are unable to remain open we will not be collecting and remitting sales taxes to the City of Castle Rock. While we are not individually material to the City's revenues, if shutting down is multiplied to many other Castle Rock businesses the effect can be significant to the City, thereby reducing services to all citizens and businesses.

Therefore, I urge you to support the mandate of wearing masks in public.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mr. Kelly Tien



**From:** [Kevin Bracken](#)  
**To:** [Lisa Hertz](#); [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Mask ordinance  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 7:03:40 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Hi Lisa,

Our entire County is special in terms of what the data is showing. The data supports fully opening with no restrictions. The latest report I have received showed 4 COVID hospitalizations in all of Douglas County dating back to July 13th. To go back further, there have been only 9 hospitalizations since June 3<sup>rd</sup> in all of Douglas County. The data that was provided from The Tri-County Health Department shows that Douglas County has had 52 tragic deaths from COVID and 79% of the mortalities were in Long Term Care Facilities. Based on our County's population and number of deaths as a percentage is .015%, with an average age of 81.

Concerning masks, I do not support the mandate. I do feel it is important to continue to encourage the use of masks and to have our residents exercise personal responsibility. Based on the extremely low hospitalization and mortality in our County a mandate is not needed in my opinion.

I hope you're safe and well.

Thanks,

Kevin Bracken

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<i>*Data 7/7/2020 from Tri-County Health Department</i>					

-----Original Message-----

From: Lisa Hertz <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
Sent: Thursday, July 9, 2020 11:40 AM  
To: TownCouncil Mailbox <[towncouncil@crgov.com](mailto:towncouncil@crgov.com)>  
Subject: Mask ordinance

I would like to add my voice as a citizen of Castle Rock that I hope Castle Rock will not opt out of the TriCounty mask ordinance. Our town is not special and we should set an example that the citizens of Castle Rock are taking this pandemic seriously. Masks are a simple way we can all get back to some sense of normalcy and reopen businesses safely. My family wears them out of a duty to others but most people will only wear them if mandated which is what we need at the moment. I expect you as elected leaders to make the tough decisions and do what is in the best public health and business interest of our town.

Lisa

**From:** [Kevin Bracken](#)  
**To:** [Ferraro Law Firm](#); [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Mask Requirement by the Tri-County Health Dept.  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 4:30:30 PM  
**Attachments:** [image003.png](#)  
**Importance:** High

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Hi Dean,

Respectfully, I'm happy you mentioned the data. The data supports fully opening with no restrictions.

The latest report I have received showed 4 COVID hospitalizations in all of Douglas County dating back to July 13th. The data that was provided from The Tri-County Health Department shows that Douglas County has had 52 tragic deaths from COVID and 79% of the mortalities were in Long Term Care Facilities. Based on our County's population and number of deaths as a percentage is .015%, with an average age of 81.

Concerning masks, I do not support the mandate. I do feel it is important to continue to encourage the use of masks and to have our residents exercise personal responsibility. Based on the extremely low hospitalization and mortality in our County a mandate is not needed in my opinion. I do appreciate your "golden rule" comment and by the proposal of a mandate, I have gotten many, many, emails from people who feel their rights are threatened and this has created a political situation, unfortunately. Respectfully, I will point you to the data below.

I hope you're safe and well.

Thanks,

Kevin Bracken

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*Data 7/7/2020 from Tri-County Health Department					

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**From:** Ferraro Law Firm <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:35 PM  
**To:** TownCouncil Mailbox <towncouncil@crgov.com>  
**Subject:** Mask Requirement by the Tri-County Health Dept.

Hello Town Council,

I hope this email finds you all healthy and safe I just read that the Tri-County Health Department approved a mask mandate for the Tri-Counties, but that municipalities can opt out

Please do **NOT** opt out This mask mandate should have been taken a couple of months ago, but better late than never The federal and state leadership in this country keeps doing too little, too late

Our Town needs to follow the science, and do what we can to reduce the risk of the virus spreading in our community. This issue should **not** be political. It simply should be about people caring about the health and safety of other people (follow the "Golden Rule").

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Dean (Castle Rock resident)

Dean C. Ferraro, Esq.  
**Ferraro Law Firm**



**From:** [Jess Loban](#)  
**To:** [Jami Qussar](#); [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Oppose TCHD's Mask Mandate  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:46:45 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Hello Jami,

I do not support the mask mandate and am encouraging the Town to find the best avenue (Town or County Level) to deny the order.

Thank you for reaching out.

Respectfully,

Jess

Jess Loban | District 1 Town Councilman  
Town of Castle Rock  
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[jloban@CRGov.com](mailto:jloban@CRGov.com)  
100 N. Wilcox St., Castle Rock, CO 80104

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From: Jami Qussar <[REDACTED]>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2020 7:25 PM  
To: TownCouncil Mailbox  
Subject: Oppose TCHD's Mask Mandate

I was deeply upset as a Castle Rock/Douglas County resident today to hear the news that TCHD passed a 90 day mask mandate which includes Douglas County & Castle Rock.

The most current data does NOT support the need for an invasive mask mandate in Douglas County. The decision of TCHD to pass a mask mandate illustrates that they are NOT making data driven decisions for our town. They are, in fact, making ideological/politically driven decisions. This is simply not in the best interests of the people of Castle Rock.

I strongly oppose this mask mandate & respectfully ask that you seek to opt Castle Rock out of this mandate. I am hearing from some sources that an opt out from the County Commissioners will only opt out unincorporated parts of Douglas County & therefore each town must proactively choose to opt out. I'm not sure if that is true or not so I am speaking out to express my strong disapproval of the mask mandate for Castle Rock in case a town decision is needed.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,  
Jami Qussar

**From:** [Steve Howard](#)  
**To:** [Steve Howard](#)  
**Cc:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Opt Out of Mandated Masks  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 6:59:33 PM

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> Please consider opting out of mandated masks, this is going to hurt our businesses deeply and we don't need anymore.

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> Please don't require masks!

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> - Steve Howard

**From:** [Jess Loban](#)  
**To:** [Jake Beckstead](#); [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Please Withdraw from Mask Mandate  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:47:27 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Hello Jake,

I do not support the mask mandate and am encouraging the Town to find the best avenue (Town or County Level) to deny the order.

Thank you for reaching out.

Respectfully,

Jess

Jess Loban | District 1 Town Councilman  
Town of Castle Rock  
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[jloban@CRGov.com](mailto:jloban@CRGov.com)  
100 N. Wilcox St., Castle Rock, CO 80104

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From: Jake Beckstead <[\[REDACTED\]](#)>  
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2020 7:16 PM  
To: TownCouncil Mailbox  
Subject: Please Withdraw from Mask Mandate

Castle Rock Town Council,

Please strongly consider opting out of the mask requirement.

Douglas County and consequently Castle Rock has been one of the leading lowest deaths per capita in the nation and there is not a necessity for this mandate. Please allow people to manage their own health.

Sincerely,

Jacob Beckstead  
Castle Rock, CO

**From:** [Jess Loban](#)  
**To:** [Heidi Wodark](#); [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Cc:** [Jason Gray](#)  
**Subject:** Re: Vote Opt Out  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 10:48:25 AM  
**Importance:** High

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Hello Heidi,

I do not support the mask mandate and am encouraging the Town to find the best avenue (Town or County Level) to deny the order.

Thank you for reaching out.

Respectfully,

Jess

Jess Loban | District 1 Town Councilman  
Town of Castle Rock  
[REDACTED]  
[jloban@CRGov.com](mailto:jloban@CRGov.com)  
100 N. Wilcox St., Castle Rock, CO 80104

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**From:** Heidi Wodark <[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 08, 2020 5:49 PM  
**To:** TownCouncil Mailbox  
**Cc:** Jason Gray  
**Subject:** Vote Opt Out

I would like to state that as residents of Castle Rock we want you to vote to opt out of the Mask Mandate.

Heidi & Doug Wodark  
[REDACTED]  
Castle Rock, CO 80109

**Heidi Wodark** [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] ENGLEWOOD, CO 80112  
Phone: [REDACTED] | Mobile: [REDACTED]  
Email: [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**From:** [Colleen R. Carter](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Supporting TCHD Mask Order  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 7:22:01 PM

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Council-members-

Just a note to express my heartfelt support for the TCHD mask order.

I have lived in Castle Rock with my family since 2001. I love this town. My oldest graduated from DCHS in 2018 and my youngest starts 7th grade at Mesa MS next month. But I'm very uncomfortable out in my town now. Mask wearing and social distancing are too often ignored. In fact, today I drove past Fuzzy's Tacos only to see a large group standing shoulder to shoulder just outside the door waiting to get in for lunch. Only the poor hostess in the doorway had a mask on. I have often passed within 6 feet of unmasked customers at King Soopers. So now it's curbside only in Castle Rock and I'm exploring other options for groceries. I have not dined at a single restaurant since March...drive through, contactless delivery or Door Dash only. I am considering letting my Sam's club membership go this year in favor of Costco, who I feel takes my safety seriously. And retail, well I'm only shopping online for that.

While my pocketbook is loving the reduced spending, I'm sure town businesses are not so happy. If we take masks and distancing seriously in Castle Rock I'd be very happy to return to pre-COVID local spending. Either masks and distancing or an open economy. Seems we must choose one or the other. I encourage my town government to choose the economy and join the mask mandate in public.

Thank you for reading this.

Best,

Colleen Carter

  
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[Castle Rock, CO 80104](#)  




**From:** [lsf1100](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** TCHD and masks  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:32:48 PM

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Say yes to the mask mandate!

I haven't been online all day and only now am just catching up on the days news. I'm horrified to find out that not only are you planning to opt out of the mask mandate but also planning to leave Tri County Health Department!! Health officials are here to make the best decisions for our health; not politics. And likewise, we should trust our politicians to make political decisions for all but taking away our entire health department in the middle of a pandemic is not only irresponsible, it's immoral. The services they provide are a necessity for our community and replacing them with individuals who will bend to your personal/political whims is not the best way to serve the needs of our entire community because that includes people who don't necessarily agree with all of your personal beliefs. Politicians are supposed to be leaders serving the community at large. This decision ignores all the best medical advice across the globe of how to get through this pandemic safely.

You can rest assured that despite being a resident of Castle Rock, I will not be doing any shopping in Castle Rock or Douglas County if the local politicians are actively working against our best health interests. I will be safer elsewhere and send my tax dollars in other municipalities where their politicians actually care for the lives of the residents.

I am ashamed and embarrassed to live here.

Leora DiGiacinto



Sent from my T-Mobile 4G LTE Device

**From:** [Mike Riedmuller](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Time to Opt Out of Tri County Health  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 9:39:56 AM

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I hope you got immediately to leave Tri County Health based on their most recent diktats.

Tell me, if the science about masks was clear and unequivocal, would it require a vote?

Would that vote be split?

Of course not. The most recent diktat from TCH is just another example of a unaccountable bureaucracy run amok. It's the worst kind of policy making. The mask mandate is a solution looking for a problem. The policy doesn't address what goal it intends to reach, nor how we will know we got there.

Opt out of TCH and all of their diktats. Today.

Mike Riedmuller

**From:** [Mikaela Sanders](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Uphold the mask mandate for CR  
**Date:** Thursday, July 9, 2020 8:24:39 PM

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Dear Town Council Members,

As a resident of Castle Rock, I am writing today to request that you do **NOT** consider opting the Town of Castle Rock out of the recent Tri- County Health mask mandate. We have (amazingly) been able to keep our COVID-19 numbers low, however it seems as residents are becoming more and more lax in their behaviors. With numerous residents taking vacations, often to hot spot areas, and returning to more normal pre- COVID activities, it is imperative that we protect our citizens.

Requiring masks when in public is a simple way to do this and a way to continue to grow our economy. Many families like ours have not felt safe within our town due to the careless behaviors of others with regards to this virus.

I encourage you to do what's scientifically recommended and best for the good of our town, and encourage the citizens of Douglas County to follow this mandate. Additionally, I encourage you to make sure this mandate is enforced.

Sincerely,  
Mikaela Sanders



**From:** [Kevin Bearly](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Masks  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:37:30 PM

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Hello council,

I was very angered by the unconstitutional decision by the unelected unaccountable well paid Tri-County health power hungry bureaucrats to order all of us to wear masks in public. It is my understanding you can refuse to subject us to that order which my friends and family will not obey either way. Please stand up to these people then do all you can to remove us from their influence by encouraging Douglas County to withdraw from Tri-County.

My wife and I are beyond tired of living under the authoritarian control of unelected leftist petty tyrants.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kevin Shannon Bearly

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Castle Rock, Co 80104

**From:** [Jill David](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** NO MASK MANDATE!  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 4:03:50 PM

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Dear Mayor and distinguished members of the town council,

I am writing to you today to let you know of my complete displeasure and disappointment in the decision tri-county health made today on the mask mandate. I do not agree with mandatory mask wearing and I believe it should be a choice not a mandate. This mandate goes against EVERYTHING this country has been built on. I not only CHOOSE to NOT wear a mask but myself and my two children can not MEDICALLY wear a mask! In Accordance with ADA I do not have to disclose my medical disability to you but am choosing to today in hopes to help many others who CANNOT WEAR A MASK! I am also fighting for my children who have medical disabilities too!

I have strict orders from my pulmonologist and cardiologist NOT to wear a mask due to my condition of Antiphospholiod syndrome. Due to the residual clots in my lungs it has put stress on my heart and I have irregular rhythms. Wearing a mask drops my O2 and put my heart into a consistent irregular rhythm. I have been harassed by so many and denied service because of me not being able wear a mask. You need to think of what this will do to others in the community who are in the same situation. Medical issue set aside I CHOOSE not to wear a mask also because I am FREE. Scientifically masks worn on healthy people for long amounts of time have horrible effects on the body! I truly hope you, Mr. Mayor, and your council choose to be a FREE community and not be a communist ruled community.

Many thanks,  
Jill

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [ellen bearly](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** No to mandatory masks  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 3:27:42 PM

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Dear Council Members:

Thank you for continuing to protect our rights and safety during these challenging times. What a pleasure it has been to shop and eat in Castle Rock the past couple of months! It was also a joy to be part of the large group supporting our police. I tell people we live in a haven during all of this.

I beg you to keep masks voluntary. I cannot wear one for health reasons, but I also choose not to wear one. I actually believe they do more health harm than good and definitely affect the mental health of a fearful community. I do respect the distance and rights of others and am responsible for my own health as a senior citizen.

Please, please opt out of the Tricounty's order!

Thank you,

Ellen Bearly



Castle Rock, CO

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Steve Seton](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#); [Jason Gray](#)  
**Subject:** TCHD Mask Mandate  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 5:47:34 PM

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Good evening. I understand TCHD voted 5-4 today, requiring masks in the three counties they are responsible for. I also understand they are allowing municipalities to opt in or opt out. I would implore you to opt out of this mandate. On the surface, it may appear that masks may be effective and a simple, selfless act on our parts to slow the spread of covid-19. I would argue though we have already damaged our economy beyond repair for a few years to come with restrictions. This measure is a placebo at best to make some feel more safe, but are we less safe without? The numbers on the Colorado Health site for covid indicate the rate of those that have perished is continually trending down and within the last few days, none have died and even back to June 20, the number that died were less than a handful, so even if we consider the death count a lagging indicator, the death count has plateaued. I am encouraged with the higher case counts the virus is following nature and working itself out and the human immune system seems to be dealing with it.

I do hope you decide to allow Castle Rock to continue as it has been on our path forward to re-opening more fully, getting our kids engaged in sports and other activities and hopefully returning them to a bit more normal activities this fall.

Thank you,

Steve Seton

**From:** [Bethany Carlson](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** towncouncil@crgov.com  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 5:25:07 PM

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Castle Rock Council,

I am writing to demand that our municipality **say OPT OUT** to the political Tri-County Health department's mask mandate. Everyone must have the freedom to choose for their own bodies. This is an extremely slippery slope and our constitutional rights are at risk.

I will **not** comply. And will have a lawyer on standby to defend myself, my family and any other citizen who is wrongfully fined.

I respectfully and fervently ask you to say **no** to this unconstitutional move by TCHD.

Respectfully,

Bethany Kennedy



**From:** [Matthew Smith](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Tri-county Health Enforcement  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 2:00:37 PM

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In addition to my previous email, I would like to see a commitment from the Town that CRPD will not enforce this order under any circumstances.

Thanks

Matthew Smith



**From:** [Matthew Smith](#)  
**To:** [TownCouncil Mailbox](#)  
**Subject:** Tri-County Health Mask Order Opt Out  
**Date:** Wednesday, July 8, 2020 1:44:01 PM

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I am not even going to go into how disgusted I am with this order. Will there be a special session with a vote to opt-out?

Holding this until your next scheduled session would be inappropriate.

Thanks

Matthew Smith