

AGENDA
Town of Crested Butte
Special Town Council Meeting
Monday, June 8, 2020
Council Chambers, Crested Butte Town Hall

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO WILL HOLD A SPECIAL MEETING ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 2020 BEGINNING AT 6:00PM.

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6:00 SPECIAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY MAYOR OR MAYOR PRO-TEM

6:02 APPROVAL OF AGENDA

6:04 OLD BUSINESS

1) Consideration of a Public Health Order of the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado for the Promotion of Health and Suppression of Disease to Require Face Coverings within the Town of Crested Butte.

8:00 ADJOURNMENT



Staff Report

June 8, 2020

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Dara MacDonald, Town Manager

Subject: Proposed public health order to require face coverings within the Town of Crested Butte

Summary: During the special meeting of the Town Council on April 27, 2020, the Council directed that they would like to consider a requirement that people in the Town of Crested Butte wear face masks when interacting with people outside of their household. With Council direction, the Town Manager is prepared to impose the attached order mandating the use of facial coverings as may be amended by the Council.

The Town Council discussed the draft order on May 4th and ultimately voted 5-2 against implementation of the order. The Council discussed the issue again on June 1st and directed that a special meeting be held on June 8th to consider the issue again.

Background & Discussion: On March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic. COVID-19 was first identified in Gunnison County in the second week of March, 2020 and has seen 106 positive tests for the virus as of April 30, 2020. Wearing facial coverings when social distancing cannot be maintained is recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, the State of Colorado and Gunnison County and is mandated for employees of critical businesses who interact with fellow employees or the public within Colorado.

Several Colorado communities have chosen to mandate that facial coverings be worn by all people when outside of their households and unable to maintain social distancing, or upon entry to a place of business that is open to the public. A summary of the Colorado communities who have taken a similar action follows. Some of these communities have chosen to purchase masks or other face coverings for limited distribution to members of the public at critical businesses.

- a. Boulder County - Every person older than the age of twelve to wear a face covering when in public anywhere in its jurisdiction where social distancing of six feet cannot be maintained. In effect through the end of June.
- b. Summit County – In indoors areas that are open to the public and outdoors when 6' of social distancing cannot be maintained. In effect until June 30th.

- c. City of Aspen – Requiring that face masks be worn inside businesses and in outdoor situations in which six feet of social distance cannot be achieved. In effect until June 17th.
- d. City of Boulder - Requires businesses to ensure employees, vendors and customers wear non-medical face coverings. Employees who do not come into contact with the public are not required to wear such face coverings.
- e. City of Denver - People are required to wear a face covering while inside or in line for essential businesses, healthcare facilities, and public transportation. In effect until rescinded.
- f. City of Erie – Extended the Boulder County order to all of Erie because it spans two counties.
- g. Town of Estes Park - Requiring face coverings in places of public accommodation and outdoors in the commercial downtown zoning district. In effect until June 10th.
- h. City of Glenwood Springs – Face coverings must be worn when entering and while inside of a place or conveyance open to the public. In effect until June 4th.
- i. Wheat Ridge – Requiring face coverings when entering critical businesses within the City.
- j. Town of Basalt – People have to wear a mask “when entering and while inside of a place of business open to the public, and in such other public indoor or outdoor places where persons are unable to maintain safe social distancing (e.g. six or more feet separation) from others not of their own household, except for momentary circumstances to accept payment, deliver goods, walk or ride past, or perform otherwise necessary tasks. In effect until June 23rd.
- k. Town of Carbondale – requiring face coverings in places of public accommodation and outdoors in the commercial downtown zoning district. In effect until repealed.
- l. Pitkin County – Required to be worn in all buildings, public and private, that are open to the public. In effect until June 3rd.
- m. Larimer County – Local businesses are required to make sure that everyone in their facility is wearing a face covering, including customers, unless they have implemented [additional social distancing measures](#).
- n. Lone Tree – Require cloth face coverings to protect employees and patrons. Applies to all indoor retail businesses. In effect through June 9th.
- o. Routt County – Requires customers to wear face coverings inside businesses. In effect through June 22nd.

Gunnison County Emergency Operations has prepared signs that businesses can display in their entries. These signs advise employees and customers to wear a face covering or mask. An example of the sign is attached.

The draft order would require face coverings in the following situations:

- when entering and while inside of a place of business open to the public, and
- at restaurants when they aren't eating or drinking including when walking past other tables to get to delivery areas or restrooms; and
- in such other public indoor or outdoor places where persons are unable to maintain safe social distancing (six or more feet separation) from others not of their own household.

Exceptions to the requirement are drafted as follows:

- Nothing herein shall require the wearing of face coverings by the following persons:
- Persons under the age of two years; and
- Persons for whom a face covering would not be possible without causing impairment to health due to an existing health condition.
- Persons working in a professional office who do not have any face-to-face interactions with the public.

As drafted the order would be in effect from 6:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 9th until July 7, 2020.

Enforcement for not complying with the order would fall under the typical enforcement provisions for the Town. However, it is not the intention or desire of the Town Manager or the Marshals to chase people down with a tape measure and drag them into court if they are in violation of the order. As with all situations, compliance is the priority of the Marshals' department and they will always utilize education and warnings as a first and often second resort. The language in the order in no way limits the discretion on the part of the Marshals to seek compliance, but it does allow them the regulatory enforcement tools in case compliance cannot be achieved.

Climate Impact: The Town should continue to encourage the use of cloth face masks that can be washed and reused. N95 or surgical style masks are most often not designed for reuse and cannot be recycled.

Financial Impact: There is no financial impact to the Town for imposing the order.

Legal Review: The Town Attorneys have reviewed the draft order.

Recommendation: If the Council wishes to proceed with a requirement that people in Town wear facial coverings they should advise what, if any, changes they would like to see made to the order

prior to issuance and pass a motion finding that it is appropriate for the Town Manager to issue such an order.

Proposed Motion: A Council member should make a motion that, “the Town Council finds that it is appropriate and in the interests of the public health, safety, and welfare and would further protect property and civil order, for the Town Manager to issue this Public Health Order” followed by a second and roll call vote.



**A PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER OF THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE, COLORADO FOR
THE PROMOTION OF HEALTH AND SUPPRESSION OF DISEASE TO REQUIRE FACE
COVERINGS WITHIN THE TOWN OF CRESTED BUTTE**

WHEREAS, COVID-19 is a highly contagious virus that originated in China and has since spread to numerous countries around the world, including the United States; and

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the worldwide outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency of international concern, and on January 31, 2020, the United States Department of Health and Human Services declared the virus a public health emergency; and

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2020, the Governor of Colorado declared a State of Emergency for the State of Colorado due to COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a pandemic; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, C.R.S., Section 24-33.5- 701, et seq., the Town of Crested Butte (“Town”) has identified a local disaster currently present in the Town, to wit, the occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from COVID-19 requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage and to protect public health; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to C.R.S. Section 24-33.5-709, Crested Butte Municipal Code Chapter 2, Section 9, and the emergency management and operations plans and resolutions of Crested Butte, Colorado, on March 13, 2020 the Town Council declared a local disaster emergency; and

WHEREAS, this Public Health Order is being issued to limit the health impacts of COVID-19. This Order sets forth requirements for the public to utilize face coverings inside of public places, to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, this Order is adopted pursuant to the legal authority set forth in C.R.S. Section 31-15-401(b), and Crested Butte Municipal Code Chapter 2, Section 9, as well as all other applicable laws, rules, regulations, orders and declarations. Under this authority, the Town Manager of Crested Butte is empowered to “exercise emergency powers permitted by state and local law... [and] may promulgate regulations or issue orders as he or she deems necessary to protect life and property, preserve critical resources, or otherwise implement the

Town’s Emergency Response Plan”; and

WHEREAS, the Town’s authority to issue this Order is in addition to those exercised by the Governor of Colorado, State of Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and Gunnison County Department of Public Health; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends wearing face coverings in public settings to prevent the spread of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, Research shows that people who have no symptoms can spread COVID-19. Wearing a non-medical face mask helps minimize the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS, the Town finds that these actions will limit the cascading impacts on critical services by limiting spread of COVID-19. This Order and actions will help hospitals, first responders, and other healthcare services continue to provide services for those who need them (along with utilities, human services, and businesses) in the coming weeks and months. Collective action can save lives and is in support of the most vulnerable in our community; and

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that it is appropriate and in the interests of the public health, safety, and welfare and would further protect property and civil order, for the Town Manager to issue this Public Health Order.

Section 1. Definitions.

Face Covering shall mean a uniform piece of material that securely covers a person’s nose and mouth and remains affixed in place without the use of one’s hands.

Section 2. Face Coverings required.

All persons shall wear Face Coverings:

- a. when entering and while inside of a place of business open to the public, and
- b. at restaurants when they aren’t eating or drinking including when walking past other tables to get to delivery areas or restrooms, and
- c. in such other public indoor or outdoor places where persons are unable to maintain safe social distancing (six or more feet separation) from others not of their own household.

Section 3. Exceptions.

Nothing herein shall require the wearing of face coverings by the following persons:

- a. Persons under the age of two years; and

- b. Persons for whom a face covering would not be possible without causing impairment to health due to an existing health condition.
- c. Persons working in a professional office who do not have any face-to-face interactions with the public.

Section 4. General Information for all Persons.

Pursuant to federal Centers for Disease Control guidance, the public is strongly encouraged to wear cloth Face Coverings that:

- a. fit snugly but comfortably against the side of the face;
- b. are secured with ties or ear loops;
- c. include multiple layers of fabric;
- d. allow for breathing without restriction; and
- e. are able to be laundered and machine dried without damage or change to shape.

Section 5. Effective Date and Time, Limitations and Area.

The Public Health Order will become effective at 6:00 a.m. on June 9, 2020, unless otherwise specifically provided for herein, and will remain in effect until July 7, 2020. This Order is effective within the entirety of the territory of the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado.

Section 6. Most Restrictive Standard Controls.

To the extent any state and/or federal orders or laws are more restrictive than what is set forth herein, such orders control. As of the date of this Order, the CDPHE has issued an order that requires masks in certain situations.

Section 7. Violations and Penalties.

A violation of this Order is a violation of Section 10-2-90 of the Municipal Code of the Town of Crested Butte "Municipal Code."

Pursuant to Section 1-4-20 of the Municipal Code, any person who fails to comply with this Order is subject to a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars (\$1,000) per violation per day or by imprisonment not exceeding one year, or both.

ADOPTED by the Town Manager of the Town of Crested Butte on 8th day of June 2020.

Dara T. MacDonald, Town Manager

THE PUBLIC IS DISCOURAGED FROM ATTEMPTING TO ACQUIRE HEALTH CARE AND INDUSTRIAL FACE COVERINGS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO PROTECT HEALTH CARE WORKERS DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: FW: Would You like to See Masks Required in Town?
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 11:12:32 AM

From: dan jones [mailto:danincb@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 11:10 AM
To: Roxie Lypps <roxiejlypps@icloud.com>
Cc: Mallika Magner <mallikamagner@mallikamagnerlaw.com>; Annie Starr <starrannie@gmail.com>; Bob Goettge <robert_goettge@yahoo.com>; Bruce Driver <bruce.driver1@gmail.com>; Cathy & Eric <cathyanderic@earthlink.net>; Cathy Norgard <knorgard@gmail.com>; Chris Tanning <christanning@mac.com>; Dian Vandemark <Dianvandemark@gmail.com>; Gary Sprung <garygnurps@gmail.com>; Glo Cunningham <gloincb@yahoo.com>; Harvey Castro <hbcastro@rmi.net>; Jim Starr <jimincb@gmail.com>; John Hess <johnthehess@centurylink.net>; Larry Tanning <ltanning@me.com>; linda wilson <luluincb@gmail.com>; Lucille Lucas <llucas@rmi.net>; Marco White <marcojwhite@gmail.com>; Nick & Debby @ Comcast <nadfaes@comcast.net>; Pat Crow <conloncrow@gmail.com>; Scotto Blotto <scottoincb@gmail.com>; Sue Williamson <bewell310@yahoo.com>; Susan Eskew <susaneskew@hotmail.com>; Susan Gardiner <susan5000@earthlink.net>; Tim <timwillipt@gmail.com>; Tom Hartman <tomrhartman@gmail.com>; WES LIGHT <gadlight.2@gmail.com>; Jim A. Schmidt <jschmidtc@gmail.com>; Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Re: Would You like to See Masks Required in Town?

Dear Town of Crested Butte:

I totally support the idea of some sort of face mask policy for Elk Avenue.

I totally oppose the idea that people can come here to endanger others.

There is simply no science supporting mask-less-ness. Let's go with science!

I agree with Mallika: ***"I sincerely hope we can avoid another shutdown, and that we can protect our citizens, visitors, businesses, and ourselves, by requiring masks"***.

thanks
-dan

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From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Robin G Cash](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Wearing Face Coverings (masks) on Elk Ave
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 3:46:55 PM
Attachments: [COVID 19 face coverings.pdf](#)

Robin,

Thanks for resending. I will make sure it is included with all correspondence to the Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
 Town Manager
 (970) 349-5338



From: Robin G Cash [mailto:robingcash@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 3:41 PM
To: J Schmidt <JSchmidt@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Will Dujardin <wdujardin@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Chris Haver <chaver@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Mallika Magner <mmagner@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Mona Merrill <mmerrill@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Candice Bradley <cbradley@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Laura Mitchell <lmitchell@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Cc: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Wearing Face Coverings (masks) on Elk Ave

We sent this letter on May 15 and are resending it again. Previously, we received a reply from Mallika and Dara responded that she received it.

Dear Crested Butte Town Council Members,

While we understand the many difficult decisions and factors the town is facing with virus guidelines, we were disappointed that a mask requirement was not adopted at the last Council Meeting or at least strongly encouraged for Elk Ave. We are hoping you will consider posting charts on Elk with a note saying masks are HIGHLY recommended in our community. We ask this because:

- Our town cannot afford another shut down in July if we have a resurgence—our business community would be devastated.
- We want to do everything we can to keep everyone safe, which includes

- respecting others by doing all we can to not spread the virus.
- We want everyone who has had the virus to be safe in town and we believe masks will help.
 - We knew and loved Mikey, Bob, Michael, and Yank.
 - We love this community (most of us have been here over 30 years) and believe strongly in mutual respect and taking care of one another.
 - We are all over 65 and want to take part in our community by feeling safe walking down Elk Ave. Right now, without masks being strongly encouraged or required, we don't feel safe.

We will be grateful if the town will provide masks on Elk Avenue for folks who forget. With the coming influx of tourists and crowded sidewalks and streets, unless people wear masks because social distancing is sometimes impossible and masks add another layer of protection, we know this will send the message that this is a community that cares about you, and wants to keep all of us safer. We really believe more people will come if they know we are doing our best to care for one another.

We are including a note from one of our own who suffered the ultimate loss. This is so personal for all of us.

If you choose not to be inconvenienced by wearing a mask, just for an imaginary time, step into the lives of a people who have witnessed the suffering and death of a loved one from COVID 19. In all likelihood you would not be allowed to be present to comfort your loved one. You would be helpless, except for prayer, to be of any assistance to your loved one. But you have a choice. By choosing to wear a mask, you would be doing your part to curb the spread of the virus, to others and specifically to your loved ones.

Respectfully submitted by:

Susan Anderton
 Adele Bachman
 Lou Beckman
 Robin Cash
 Sandy Cortner
 Linda Crouse
 Glo Cunningham
 Charlene Dougherty
 Diana Graves
 Marty Graves
 Marcia Hegemen
 Kathy Norgard
 Jane Martindell
 Talie Morrison
 Joni Windsor
 Trudy Yaklich

Sample Poster Attached:

Great graphic from the Virginia Department of Health.

CHANCES OF COVID-19 INFECTION

The infographic illustrates the risk of COVID-19 infection in six scenarios, from highest to lowest risk:

- VERY HIGH:** Two people, one without a mask, breathing towards the other.
- HIGH:** One person without a mask breathing towards another person wearing a mask.
- MEDIUM:** Two people, both wearing masks, breathing towards each other.
- LOW:** Two people, both wearing masks, breathing towards each other.
- VERY LOW:** Two people, both wearing masks, with a double-headed arrow between them labeled "6 FEET".
- NONE:** One person wearing a mask breathing towards another person who is inside a house.

Wearing a Cloth Face Covering can feel like a hard thing to do. Luckily, you can do hard things.

WEAR A CLOTH FACE COVERING.
KEEP 6 FEET APART.
STAY HOME.

 **COVID-19 HOTLINE:**
434-972-6261

 

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Jean WHITTAKER](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Kathy Norgard asked me to forward
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 3:20:33 PM

Jean,

Thanks for sharing your thoughts around mask wearing. I will forward your email to the Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338

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

From: Jean WHITTAKER [<mailto:jgwhit3@yahoo.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Kathy Norgard asked me to forward

I wear a mask NOT to protect me but because I care for YOU !!! It hurts that there is so little concern for our “neighbors “ that you can’t just do this small thing for now.

Thanks for all your doing,
Jean Whittaker

Sent from my iPhone

From: Dara MacDonald
To: nadfaes@comcast.net
Cc: Lynelle Stanford
Subject: RE: Letter to Town Council - Use of Face Masks in Crested Butte
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 3:17:44 PM

Nick,

Thanks for sharing your thoughts around mask wearing. I will forward your email to the Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: nadfaes@comcast.net [mailto:nadfaes@comcast.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 3:10 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Cc: 'Mallika Magner' <mallikamagner@mallikamagnerlaw.com>
Subject: Letter to Town Council - Use of Face Masks in Crested Butte

Honorable Council Members:

I just returned to our Crested Butte home after sheltering in Denver since the ski area and rest of town closed in March. I was shocked to learn Crested Butte does not require any use of masks beyond the state-mandated requirement for essential employees while interacting with the public. In Denver, all people ages 3 and older must wear masks or other cloth face coverings while inside or waiting outside of retail or commercial businesses in the city, as well as at bus stops, inside facilities offering health care services and more. People walking outdoors on sidewalks, in parks or on trails are encouraged, but not required, to wear masks. Other cities and counties in Colorado currently requiring members of the public to use masks include: Aspen, Boulder,

Boulder County, Edgewater, Estes Park, Fort Collins, Glenwood Springs, Lafayette, Larimer County, Lone Tree, Louisville, Northglenn, Routt County, Summit County, Superior and Wheat Ridge. How could we possibly be so callous as to expose our essential workers and at-risk citizens, when wearing masks is such an easy and proven method to help slow the virus spread? If Gunnison County will not act, I implore you to immediately require members of the public to wear masks or other non-medical face coverings when going into businesses or public spaces where proper social distancing is impossible.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nick Faes
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From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Lucy Hecker](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Masks
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 4:11:56 PM

Lucy,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about mask wearing. I will share this email with the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338

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

From: Lucy Hecker [<mailto:luhecker@crestedbutte.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Masks

Yes I would like to see masks required in town where social distancing is not possible. Lucy Hecker

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [MICHAEL GLASER](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Masks
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:16:05 PM

Michael,

Thanks for the thoughts. I will pass them along to the Council.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: MICHAEL GLASER [mailto:mbglaser@msn.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Masks

I think it would be good to revive and modify old store front signage: No Shirt, No Shoes, No Masks, No Service.

Not so much for the shirts, and shoes, but remind the public we've historically had patronage requisites when entering stores.

Michael Glaser

Sent from my Verizon 4G LTE Smartphone

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Theresa Mercier](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Masks
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 11:19:29 AM

Thanks for the note Terre. I will pass it along to the Council.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: Theresa Mercier [mailto:tmmercier0116@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Masks

I would like to see masks required in town. I'll spare you my feelings! Thanks, Terre Mercier

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Mary H. Cooper Ellis](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: masks
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:51:30 PM

Mary,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will forward this on to the Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: Mary H. Cooper Ellis [mailto:coopermh@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:29 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: masks

Hi, Dara.

I'm writing to encourage Council to consider requiring everyone to wear masks in town when in enclosed public spaces and outdoors when social distancing of six feet or more can't be observed. This virus is still alive and well, and the sight of so many, mostly young, people going around maskless is unnerving and asking for trouble as restrictions ease. We saw how quickly Crested Butte and environs turned into a petri dish earlier this year; let's do what we can to avoid repeating that experience.

Thanks for reading, and stay safe,

Mary Ellis
122B Sopris

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [john hess](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: masks
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:59:24 PM

John,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will forward this message on to the Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: john hess [mailto:johnthehess@centurylink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:19 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: masks

Dara,
Please forward this to the Town Council.

I am concerned about people visitors coming to town, and I am concerned about residents of the valley, not wearing masks in Crested Butte establishments. I am in one of the risk groups, age, and I have no plans to go to any store where I see people not wearing masks. I have commented to a couple people in Clarks who were not wearing masks and they seem pretty cavalier about it.

I would appreciate it if the Town Council would require masks in, at least all essential, establishments in Crested Butte. About ten other cities and counties in Colorado are requiring masks in various circumstances <https://www.9news.com/article/news/health/coronavirus/colorado-cities-that-require-face-masks/73-2e7fff18-4a76-4ace-86b0-a1297184985b>

Thank you for listening to yet another constituent.

John Hess

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [laird cagan](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: masks in Crested Butte
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:52:08 PM

Dr. Cagan,

Thank you for reaching out to share your thoughts around mask wearing. I will pass this along to the Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: laird cagan [mailto:lairdpcagan@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:50 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: masks in Crested Butte

Dara,

As a physician I feel strongly that mask wearing is one of the essential elements of limiting coronavirus infections and it is especially important with many visitors expected as of 6/1. I am disturbed by the many people not wearing masks in town, and I have read councilwoman Mallika Magner's appeal on this issue.

As a 72 year old I implore the city council to officially require mask wearing and enforcement coming by a simple request from officers to citizens not wearing masks in public. This will work for most people I believe.

Mask wearing is not for the individual wearing the mask but rather for preventing spread of the epidemic and for keeping people at risk for severe disease, like me, safer.

Laird Cagan, MD

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Frank Stern](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Masks in town
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 3:52:42 PM

Frank,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about wearing masks. I will share this with the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: Frank Stern [mailto:franksternco@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 3:48 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Masks in town

Hi Dara,

Thanks for all your great work as town manager. I'm writing because I think that the town should require masks be worn in retail and other indoor spaces. I'm not comfortable going into a place that does not enforce it. It seems many people are not wearing masks.

Frank Stern

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Dale Stahl](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: masks
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:47:57 PM

Dale,

Thanks so much for reaching out with your thoughts about mask wearing. I will pass them along to the Town Council for consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: Dale Stahl [mailto:dostahl2@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 12:46 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: masks

I support mandatory mask wearing in CB.

Those who refuse to wear masks believing it is their "right" not to wear a mask have a grave misunderstanding of their rights. Even true libertarians know that **an individual's freedom to do as they please ends when their actions begin to harm others**. The exceptional infectiousness and serious consequences of COVID-19, this principle demands that responsible people wear masks in public. Not to do so is to intentionally increase the risk of serious harm to others and therefore should be punished by law. Being ignorant of the scientific facts is no excuse.

We need to flood the media with this principle.

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Cathy Steinberger](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Masks
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 3:18:49 PM

Cathy,

Thanks for sharing your thoughts around mask wearing. I will forward your email to the Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338

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

From: Cathy Steinberger [<mailto:cathyonelk@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 2:47 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Masks

Hi Dara,

In response to Mallika's request to give our opinions...

Unless we make masks available, either disposable or otherwise, we can't require Visitors who don't have a mask and have no idea where to get them, to wear one! In a perfect world requiring masks wouldn't be so toxic but it is. I suggest the Town get a supply of disposable ones like the Chamber did. Bottom line. I don't think mandatory masks is the answer. We need to get the word out through signage and kindness. People are still going to touch stuff. If the shop employees wear their masks, at least they'll be somewhat safe and set an example!

Cathy Steinberger

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Kathy Norgard](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Requiring masks
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 2:00:54 PM

Kathy,

Thanks for continuing to reach out on the issue of wearing masks. I will forward your message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338

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

From: Kathy Norgard [<mailto:knorgard@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 2:00 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Requiring masks

Hi Dara

I have written twice before, once to Jim and the second time to all council members asking that masks be required before walking down Elk and for all businesses customers and staff. Hopefully my emails got into the record.

The CDC suggests them, Boulder requires them. It makes everyone safer and hopefully will prevent another shut down of the town and businesses.

If my emails are not in the record I can resend.

Thanks,

Kathy Norgard

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Susan Gardener](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Would You like to See Masks Required in Town?
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:08:37 PM

Susan,

Thanks for sharing your thoughts regarding mask wearing. I will pass this along to the Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
 Town Manager
 (970) 349-5338



From: Susan Gardener [mailto:susan5000@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:06 PM
To: dan jones <danincb@gmail.com>
Cc: Roxie Lypps <roxiejlypps@icloud.com>; Mallika Magner <mallikamagner@mallikamagnerlaw.com>; Annie Starr <starrannie@gmail.com>; Bob Goettge <robert_goettge@yahoo.com>; Bruce Driver <bruce.driver1@gmail.com>; Cathy & Eric <cathyanderic@earthlink.net>; Cathy Norgard <knorgard@gmail.com>; Chris Tanning <christanning@mac.com>; Dian Vandemark <dianvandemark@gmail.com>; Gary Sprung <garygnurps@gmail.com>; Glo Cunningham <gloincb@yahoo.com>; Harvey Castro <hbcastro@rmi.net>; Jim Starr <jimincb@gmail.com>; John Hess <johnthehess@centurylink.net>; Larry Tanning <ltanning@me.com>; linda wilson <luluincb@gmail.com>; Lucille Lucas <llucas@rmi.net>; Marco White <marcojwhite@gmail.com>; Nick & Debby @ Comcast <nadfaes@comcast.net>; Pat Crow <conloncrow@gmail.com>; Scotto Blotto <scottoincb@gmail.com>; Sue Williamson <bewell310@yahoo.com>; Susan Eskew <susaneskew@hotmail.com>; Tim <timwillipt@gmail.com>; Tom Hartman <tomrhartman@gmail.com>; WES LIGHT <gadlight.2@gmail.com>; Jim A. Schmidt <jschmidtc@gmail.com>; Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Re: Would You like to See Masks Required in Town?

Please
 Try hard to enforce this
 Masks for each and every
 Some sort of punishment for the mask less

Not too much to endure
And
Just when I thought Crested Butte was being polite and careful...
Susan

Sent from my iPad

On May 27, 2020, at 11:09 AM, dan jones <danincb@gmail.com> wrote:

Dear Town of Crested Butte:

I totally support the idea of some sort of face mask policy for Elk Avenue.
I totally oppose the idea that people can come here to endanger others.
There is simply no science supporting mask-less-ness. Let's go with science!
I agree with Mallika: ***"I sincerely hope we can avoid another shutdown, and that we can protect our citizens, visitors, businesses, and ourselves, by requiring masks"***.

thanks
-dan

On Wed, May 27, 2020 at 10:54 AM Roxie Lypps <roxiejlypps@icloud.com> wrote:

I totally support the idea of the Town of Crested Butte requiring that masks be worn, at least on Elk Avenue and inside any business or office. It will probably be no fun to defend this, but I would really appreciate it if you could try to convince the council to do it. Thanks so much Mallika.

Sent from my iPhone

On May 27, 2020, at 10:00 AM, Mallika Magner <mallikamagner@mallikamagnerlaw.com> wrote:

For those of us who are uncomfortable walking in Town, going to the post office and Clarke's, and feel for those employees, with so many people choosing not to wear masks, I think it is worthwhile to see if the Council can be persuaded to require masks.

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Dana Delaney](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Yes, We Need to Require Masks
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:10:47 PM

Dana,

Thanks for sharing your thoughts regarding mask wearing. I will share your message with the Town Council.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: Dana Delaney [mailto:danasnememail@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 11:34 AM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Yes, We Need to Require Masks

Hi Dara!

As I approached Monarch Pass coming from CB, I noticed Salida posted one of those changeable message signs that said something like "Do Salida a favor--stay home!"

If we are welcoming tourists, we should be clear that masks are required in inside spaces and where 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained outdoors. Or maybe everyone would just have to wear a mask on Elk downtown.

We could also post a sign as people enter town.

Just wanted to put in my vote for masks!
Dana Delaney
515 Gothic

May 27, 2020

Dear Jim, Will, Mallika, Chris, Laura, Candice and Mona,

I made the mistake of walking on Elk Av. on Sunday, on my way to the post office. "Mistake" is not often the word I use to describe a walk on Elk, but this walk, I believe, put me at greater risk of contracting the dread COVID-19.

There were more people not wearing masks than those of us wearing them, and social distancing seemed far from anyone's frame of reference. Groups of five un-masked people coming toward me made distancing impossible. One un-masked local woman kept coming near me even as I tried to back away. While you recently chose to not require masks, I ask that you revisit this decision in the interest of protecting the residents of, and visitors to, Crested Butte.

Most of us have been extremely careful and cautious regarding our own activities in town since March, during the quietest months. It seems rather ironic, even a cruel joke, for Town to be lax about a simple safety measure at a time when we're promoting increased visitation. Without the protection masks afford, it almost seems like the electronic billboards should be changed to say, "Come get us sick!"

I know you all understand the gravity of the situation, and we've had enough sickness. Memorial Day was just the beginning. Please mandate and enforce mask wearing on Elk Av. before the summer crowds bring us more exposure. We don't need to put anyone at unnecessary risk, and no one should feel hesitant to walk on our main street, as I already do.

Stay healthy, everyone.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sue Navy".

Sue Navy
324 Gothic

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: FW: Would You like to See Masks Required in Town?
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 1:39:16 PM

In case you want to include the photo...

From: john hess [mailto:johnthehess@centurylink.net]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:27 PM
To: 'Susan Gardener' <susan5000@earthlink.net>; 'dan jones' <danincb@gmail.com>
Cc: 'Roxie Lypps' <roxiejlypps@icloud.com>; 'Mallika Magner' <mallikamagner@mallikamagnerlaw.com>; 'Annie Starr' <starrannie@gmail.com>; 'Bob Goettge' <robert_goettge@yahoo.com>; 'Bruce Driver' <bruce.driver1@gmail.com>; 'Cathy & Eric' <cathyanderic@earthlink.net>; 'Cathy Norgard' <knorgard@gmail.com>; 'Chris Tanning' <christanning@mac.com>; 'Dian Vandemark' <dianvandemark@gmail.com>; 'Gary Sprung' <garygnurps@gmail.com>; 'Glo Cunningham' <gloincb@yahoo.com>; 'Harvey Castro' <hbcastro@rmi.net>; 'Jim Starr' <jimincb@gmail.com>; 'Larry Tanning' <ltanning@me.com>; 'linda wilson' <luluincb@gmail.com>; 'Lucille Lucas' <llucas@rmi.net>; 'Marco White' <marcojwhite@gmail.com>; 'Nick & Debby @ Comcast' <nadfaes@comcast.net>; 'Pat Crow' <conloncrow@gmail.com>; 'Scotto Blotto' <scottoincb@gmail.com>; 'Sue Williamson' <bewell310@yahoo.com>; 'Susan Eskew' <susaneskew@hotmail.com>; 'Tim' <timwillipt@gmail.com>; 'Tom Hartman' <tomrhartman@gmail.com>; 'WES LIGHT' <gadlight.2@gmail.com>; 'Jim A. Schmidt' <jschmidtc@gmail.com>; Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: RE: Would You like to See Masks Required in Town?

I have been advocating for stocks at the four way stop for years, and then Colburn rebuilt the Saltlick building, but maybe wipe out some parking to make room for Stocks to put people who are maskless in the stocks?

jh

From: Susan Gardener [mailto:susan5000@earthlink.net]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:06 PM
To: dan jones
Cc: Roxie Lypps; Mallika Magner; Annie Starr; Bob Goettge; Bruce Driver; Cathy & Eric; Cathy Norgard; Chris Tanning; Dian Vandemark; Gary Sprung; Glo Cunningham; Harvey Castro; Jim Starr; John Hess; Larry Tanning; linda wilson; Lucille Lucas; Marco White; Nick & Debby @ Comcast; Pat Crow; Scotto Blotto; Sue Williamson; Susan Eskew; Tim; Tom Hartman; WES LIGHT; Jim A. Schmidt; dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov
Subject: Re: Would You like to See Masks Required in Town?

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May 27, 2020

To: Crested Butte Town Council Members

From: Eileen Hughes

Re: Wearing masks indoors

I was disappointed when I read that you voted down a measure requiring folks to wear masks when indoors at local businesses. I was actually kind of shocked that the measure was turned down. I've always considered the Crested Butte Town Council (current and past councils) to be progressive-thinking, pro-active, and not afraid of making tough decisions that are ultimately in the best interests of our community.

I was in the post office the other day and a patron who was not wearing a mask was at the counter about 8 inches from the face of a masked postal worker. When it was my turn at the counter, I told the clerk that I felt bad that the guy before me didn't have a mask on, the clerk responded in a dismayed tone, "Well our council voted against it."

I hope we don't forget so soon, just how tense things were around here when Covid was at its peak. We went through hell in Gunnison County, as 4th in the nation in the number of cases per capita. Visitors and second home owners who are coming to Crested Butte likely did not experience the Covid threat as intensely as we did here in our close knit community. I am concerned that the influx of visitors will cause a resurgence of the virus (who knows when, if or what will happen).

If all businesses are required to have their customers wear a mask to enter, it levels the playing field for everyone and takes the onus off of the business owner, who can say it's a Town requirement.

Right now it's a hodgepodge of different protocols at every business in town. I feel like I'm running a gauntlet when I'm doing errands. Will a certain store be crowded? What is the mask culture at a particular store? At this point, I pick and choose where I go and given the choice I go to the businesses where the protocol is stricter i.e. limiting the number of customers, employees are securely wearing masks and where I expect (from prior visits) that the majority

and hopefully most of the customers will be wearing masks. As town gets more crowded and fewer people are wearing masks indoors, I think I will become less comfortable shopping in town and may be forced to buy more things online when my heart really wants to support our local businesses.

I hope you will re-consider your earlier decision not to require masks indoors at businesses. Crested Butte can be the small town that took the tougher path to protect everyone.

Respectfully,

Eileen Hughes

Eileen Hughes
Meridian Lake Park
26 year resident of Gunnison County

May 28, 2020

Dear Town council,

I am writing to show my support for a mask mandate for the Town of CB. I feel that masks should be required in public places indoors and outside where a social distance of at least 6 feet is not possible.

I personally would not feel comfortable going into a retail store, the post office, grocery store etc. without folks masking up to protect each other. This needs to be a joint effort to protect our citizens. I also have concern for the retail owners, employees and essential workers who are exposing themselves everyday. We have a duty to protect them by wearing a mask.

Restaurants, cooks, and grocery store workers I hope will continue to wear masks with or without a requirement. I am supporting these businesses by purchasing take out meals and groceries at both Clark's and Mountain Earth.

If masks are not required, I will definitely avoid coming into town unless necessary, and I have heard this from others as well.

I know this will be difficult, but since we are a tourist town with likely a lot of visitors this summer, we are a lot more vulnerable to a rise of infections coinciding with an influx of tourists and the loosening of restrictions.

I do believe that if this is a town requirement, then it will be a lot easier for visitors to know they just have to wear a mask in public places everywhere in CB. Welcome them but let them know that we were a hot spot this spring and we'd like to prevent that from happening again. Retailers will be able to respond that it is a town requirement, not their individual establishment making the rules.

On another note, do we have a supply of hand sanitizer and soap for all the public restrooms and buses?

Thanks so much for your time!

Sincerely,

Joan Swift

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Jeffery Delaney](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: Face Masks
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 8:38:59 PM

Jeff,

Thanks for sharing your thoughts about requiring masks in Town. I will forward to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara

> On May 27, 2020, at 4:18 PM, Jeffery Delaney <jefferydelaney57@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hi Dara,

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> Hope you are well!

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> With many visitors arriving in the near future, I'd love to see the requirement of facemasks in town to keep us all healthy.

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> Best,,

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> Jeff Delaney

> 515 Gothic Ave

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Katherine Norgard](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: mask issue for City Council members
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 2:28:06 PM

Katherine,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will forward your message to the entire Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: Katherine Norgard [mailto:knorgard@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: mask issue for City Council members

Dear Council members,

I don't want to nag, but here is the message from the county. And, Will, I appreciate your understanding about my passion on this issue. I want others as well as myself to be as safe as possible in town.

CB can require masks on Elk and other crowded places. It does not have to be an issue when someone does not have a mask and a police officer notices that. The police officer can approach the person and hand them one of the masks that the council is ordering and ask the person to put it on in accordance with requirements for public safety of others. We enforce other ordinances with fines, etc but this could be enforced with kindness and diplomacy.

RE-OPENING GUNNISON COUNTY IS IN YOUR (clean) HANDS

Your commitment to these practices today will allow
for a timely, safe opening of Gunnison County



1.

I will maintain
6 feet of social
distance.



2.

I will wash my
hands often.



3.

I will cover my
face in public.



4.

I will stay home
if I am at-risk or
when I am sick.



5.

I will self-report
and call in
immediately if I
am sick.

**Stay strong, stay vigilant.
Our re-opening timeline depends on our ability
to keep COVID-19 at bay.**

**Gunnison
County**
COLORADO

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Chris Tanning](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Mask requirements
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:40:15 AM

Chris,

Thanks for sharing your thoughts about wearing masks. I will forward to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338

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

From: Chris Tanning [<mailto:christanning@mac.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 9:10 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Mask requirements

CB Town Council,

I'd like to present you with some thoughts on requiring masks in local establishments and in crowds. I feel it is imperative to inform all people of the risks they take leaving their "safe at home" locations and coming into our town without using masks. Ignoring these risks will cause an unnecessary uptick in Covid-19 infections.

There are many people here and arriving here that don't understand that wearing a mask, washing hands and disinfecting hands and items touched is protection for all. For example, today I waited outside the Post Office with others all in masks for our turn to pick up packages. A man arrived, passed by me without a mask on, as I was holding the door open. I politely asked where his mask was, he said "in my truck". On his way out he also politely said "I'm not sick, I feel fine", so I informed him that the virus can be transmitted from people with no symptoms and we had masks on to protect him and he should have one on to protect us. No hostility, just the facts.

So, if this attitude is held by most of the increasing public traffic and you don't implement and enforce safety measures, we are all in danger. Personally, my husband and I will not patron any store or restaurant here unless safety is followed. Inform, inform, inform "if you don't get it, then you aren't paying attention"; some refuse to acknowledge and follow safety measures voluntarily, it must be requested.

Please reconsider your decision to reject adopting the necessary safety measures that will protect us during this pandemic, before your decision culminates in additional infection rates and closures of our community.

Chris Tanning

Sent from my iPad

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Kevin Ott](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Masks in public spaces within town
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 1:48:48 PM

Kevin,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about mask wearing in Crested Butte. I will pass this email along to the full Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338

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

From: Kevin Ott [<mailto:kevnott@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 1:44 PM
To: J Schmidt <JSchmidt@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Will Dujardin <wdujardin@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Chris Haver <chaver@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Mallika Magner <mmagner@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Mona Merrill <mmerrill@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Candice Bradley <cbradley@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Laura Mitchell <lmitchell@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Cc: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Masks in public spaces within town

Dear Council members, I would like you to support a mandate for wearing nose and mouth covering masks in town. The science is clear, public health is protected by the wearing of face masks to prevent the spread of this virus. As you all have a responsibility for public safety in the Town of Crested Butte, I encourage you to act. Time is of the essence with tourist season upon us. No time to dally.

Currently, there is a large disparity in the practice of wearing face masks in town. Many store owners are requiring masks to enter; the onus should not be on them, however, the onus should be on town leadership and government to provide for a uniform approach to protecting everyone's health.

Someone suggested 'no shirt, no shoes, no mask, no service' signs be made available. Perhaps that should also be what an electronic sign coming into town states, as well as on businesses and other public spaces.

All the best,
Kevin

Kevin Ott
509 Gothic Avenue
Crested Butte, CO 81224

970-275-1277

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [linda paulaitis](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: masks in town...
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:41:01 AM

Linda,

Thanks for sharing your thoughts about wearing masks. I will forward to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: linda paulaitis [mailto:lpaulaitis@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:25 AM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: masks in town...

Hello,

My husband and I have been traveling to CB for over 20 years and currently own a townhome in Skyland (Links Lane). We usually live in CB from June through early October along with an additional month or two during the winter months. We have been a bit concerned about traveling there this summer with COVID 19 still so active throughout the US. We were especially concerned when we heard that mask wearing is optional in the town of Crested Butte. We would like to see CB require masks in enclosed spaces and outside where social distancing is not possible. This simple practice helps to protect everyone by decreasing the transmission of the virus which will in the long run help to protect the health care system.

Thank you,
Linda Paulaitis

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [bob.goettge](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Masks in Town
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 9:26:26 AM

Bob,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will share this message with the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: bob goettge [mailto:robert_goettge@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:54 AM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Masks in Town

Hello,

I recommend that the Town of Crested Butte adopt a mandatory mask policy such as the one in Aspen. (<https://cityofaspen.com/DocumentCenter/View/5867/mask-faq>).

Several residents of the north valley have evaluated the infection risks to the public. We have concluded that masks greatly reduce the risk, especially when social distancing cannot be guaranteed.

At an absolute minimum masks must be mandatory in the vicinity of the Post Office. Many of us in the vulnerable population have no choice but to enter the Post Office. Such entry will become more crowded as visitors arrive in town. I would feel much safer if the people I encounter are wearing masks.

Thank you for the Town's consideration of my request,

Bob Goettge

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Timothy Williamson](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: Masks on Elk
Date: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 5:56:08 PM

Tim,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about mask wearing. I will share this email with the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338

> On May 27, 2020, at 4:19 PM, Timothy Williamson <timwillipt@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Dear Dara,

> I was a physical therapist for 40 years and frequently provided care for patients with contagious diseases. During the provision that care I was required to wear a mask for two reasons. One to protect myself and two to protect my next patient. We providers also routinely wear masks if we think we may have a contagious illness. This practice is the only strategy that makes sense at this time. What people feel like doing is not as important as what they should be doing.

> Thank you for your attention.

> Tim Williamson

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Roxie Lypps](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Masks
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 8:39:45 AM

Roxie,

Thanks for sharing your thoughts about wearing masks. I will forward to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338

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

From: Roxie Lypps [<mailto:roxiejlypps@icloud.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, May 27, 2020 6:49 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Masks

Hi Dara—Please have the Town of Crested Butte require that masks be worn by all people when they are not in vehicles and are on Elk Avenue. This would include when people are in businesses such as shops, galleries, offices, post office, town hall, grocery store—anywhere there are other people in the same place. Thank you, Roxie J. Lypps

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Glo Cunningham](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Masks
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:16:10 PM

Hi Glo,

Thanks for reaching out and sharing your thoughts about mask wearing. I will forward this message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara

From: Glo Cunningham [mailto:gloincb@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:15 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Masks

Hello Dara, I want to personally write a letter to the council about the masks. I believe doing it to you gets this letter to all the Town Council members. Am I right?? Dara will you please make sure each of them receive this letter individually. Thanks and here it is Cheers Glo

Dear Town Council Members,

I am writing this letter as a follow up to the letter myself and a few of my friends sent to you a few weeks ago about requiring masks on Elk Ave and inside businesses. I was extremely disappointed you voted down the regulation 5 to 2. I am in what is considered a "high risk" group-over 60 (I'm 71 and had heart surgery). I have a few points I would like to make concerning wearing masks:

1. It is proven that wearing masks helps to stop the spread of the virus. The last thing we need or want in this county and particularly this town is a spike in cases. If that happened, it could lead to closure of businesses and that would be a disaster.
2. Some of you may be too young but for years there were signs outside businesses when I was growing up that said "No Shirt, No Shoes, No Service No Kidding" There were never any protests anywhere about it and people just knew they would for example not go into restaurants without the above mentioned items. It was not a problem so one could just add No Masks to that sign and things could be fine!!
3. I walked the north side of Elk today and distributed signs that said "Social Distance Wear a Mask Save a Life" On purpose simple, positive, not demanding and with a red heart on the bottom. We had 30 and all of them were taken by owners except for one-a restaurant which I feel is very understandable. Most took the sign-including 3 restaurants- and we watched them all put them up. We (Joni Windsor and myself) will walk the south side tomorrow but we ran out of signs. Everyone we asked except one took a sign !! Most owners were very appreciative that we had them. Only a few had problems over last weekend. Some did not allow people to come into the store without a mask. They said even though the \$\$ is very important right now the health of their employees is more important. Some businesses let people come in but encouraged the masks. Many had Purell and masks in the front of the store for the customers to take. A few said they would not be "an enforcer" cause it was not what they wanted to do. I was thrilled to see so many people want the masks to be worn and very proud of most of the businesses. I was also very happy we were greeted so positively by all of the owners.
4. I feel visitors need to understand that we were hit hard and now are feeling a little more comfortable with this whole situation and would appreciate their cooperation in this small matter. Our county response was smart and intelligent given so few beds we have at our hospital. But we still need to be smart!!

5. After talking with a council member a few weeks ago,, they felt the county should take the lead on the mask situation. They also felt that the county would probably do something in 3 or so weeks. Well, it has been more than 3 weeks and the county doesn't seem to even talk about it. I feel our town needs to take the lead on this issue and the sooner the better since we are starting to see an influx of people coming here.

5. Personally, I will not go into any establishment at this time that does not require wearing a mask. Many of my friends feel the same so that will probably hurt their business more than the few people that don't go in.

I am writing this in hopes that you will revisit the mask issue immediately. Tough decisions need to be made at this time but from my point of view this is not a tough one at all. This is a step in the right direction to help protect the safety and health of our citizens. Thank you for reading this and I hope you will take some positive action soon

Cheers Glo Cunningham

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Scott Wimmer](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Please require masks
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 1:38:00 PM

Scott,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about mask wearing in Crested Butte. I will pass this email along to the full Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: Scott Wimmer [mailto:scottoincb@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 1:02 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Please require masks

Dara,

It is imperative that masks are required in public places and businesses.

As an EMT and former firefighter I understand the implication of such a requirement and it is a small price to pay to keep our citizens and visitors safe.

Respectfully,

Wm Scott Wimmer

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CB CO 81224

970-275-3963



Virus-free. www.avast.com

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Gary Lowell Sprung](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Support for masks requirement
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 1:39:45 PM

Gary,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about mask wearing in Crested Butte. I will pass this email along to the full Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: Gary Lowell Sprung [mailto:garygnurps@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 12:06 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Support for masks requirement

Dear Crested Butte Town Council,

I urge you to pass a law requiring use of facial masks in public places. Masks do prevent transmission of the respiratory virus. Even simple home-made masks can significantly reduce transmission. It is not significantly burdensome to create a mask and can even be done without sewing. If America had broadly adopted mask-wearing in March, we might not now be number one for coronavirus deaths.

You may know me as a former Crested Butte resident. I lived in town for 21 years, served a term on the Town Council, and was active in community organizations. Now I live in Boulder, CO where a public mask-wearing requirement is in place. Compliance with the mask requirement in Boulder is quite high. No one enters a store or public place without a mask. There have been no public protests about it. Almost everyone seems to realize the rule's value.

The Boulder County rule applies even outdoors. But it applies to situations where people

cannot maintain adequate social distancing. What that generally means is that you can walk, run, or bicycle down the street or on open-space trails without wearing a mask. But you should have a mask with you and wear it when the street, sidewalk, or trails get crowded. I have found it easy to have my mask down below my chin when I'm cycling and pull it up when I get close to someone else. I estimate that about 60% of people who are walking uncrowded streets are wearing a mask, and more just have one around their neck. It's similar on trails here.

It's unfortunate that earlier this year our national health authorities discounted the role of masks. They were primarily concerned that the public would grab and hoard masks needed by medical personnel. They reversed that recommendation in April and the CDC now does recommend use of masks in public.

If you dislike a masks rule because of concerns about civil liberties or "the heavy hand of government", I would say that is a reasonable consideration. But I would invite you to think about public nudity laws. Such laws are essentially universal in American society, and most other countries. Wearing a mask simply adds one more part of the body to the coverup rule. Unlike nudity laws, everyone intends that a mask law be temporary.

On the weekend that the Governor allowed businesses to open, I visited Golden, CO, where I think there is or was not a mask-wearing rule. I was excited to visit a coffee shop that had re-opened. When my wife and I walked in, we saw the neither the barista nor the cashier were wearing a mask. So we immediately left. It won't be just relaxation of government closure rules that gets our economy restarted. Public commerce is going to need public confidence that it's safe to enter businesses. Mask wearing can increase such confidence.

Gunnison County was one of the earliest communities in Colorado to suffer from the new coronavirus. One of my oldest friends there, Bob Tietler, died from the disease. I hope the Town Council and County Commissioners will fulfill your essential mission of protecting public welfare. Masks are, for some upcoming months, an essential tool to achieving public health.

Regards,
Gary Sprung

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From: [m](#)
To: [J Schmidt](#); [Will Dujardin](#); [Chris Haver](#); [Mallika Magner](#); [Mona Merrill](#); [Candice Bradley](#); [Laura Mitchell](#); [Lynelle Stanford](#); [Mel Yemma](#)
Subject: Re: TEOCALLI TAMALES CONCERNS - Elk Ave Closure
Date: Tuesday, May 26, 2020 10:19:43 AM

To the CB council,

I am Burke, President of Teocalli Tamale. I appreciate the time you took on Wednesday's "field trip" to further discuss your proposal to reconfigure Elk Avenue this summer. Following the field trip, I still have serious concerns with the proposal and am still adamantly against any changes to Elk Avenue. I am especially concerned that the town still has no answers to many of the questions asked on Wednesday (alcohol, liability, table service, exclusivity of use, furnishing standard, timeframe, temporary? etc.). I do not see how you can move forward at all until these questions are answered. In response to the layout map town has supplied, my concerns include:

1. Problem-solution-problem-cycle

There is no doubt that the coronavirus has presented many operating challenges that must be overcome. However, the town's approach to dealing with the problem is not actually creating a solution. It is forced change that will just cause further problems that will have to be addressed, as is apparent by the many unanswered questions about the proposal that still remain.

2. Timeline

Too late!

3. Enforcement

There has been absolutely no enforcement of current regulations on town's properties. How are we to expect enforcement of additional variations to town property? Please do not relax enforcement of current or future rules/regulations.

4. Dividing the community

Reconfiguring Elk Avenue has real and significant impact on different businesses' ability to operate successfully. As such, there are differing opinions on the topic which is causing unnecessary tensions amongst the business owners that will be affected by ANY changes.

5. 10 minute parking

I still do not want to see any changes to Elk Avenue, but if I have no choice and am forced to adjust to a reconfigured street, it is imperative that the 10 minute parking zones be designated for exclusive use by the businesses who chose this option. Why would I want 10 minute parking if the customer is going to park in front of my shop just to dine in someone else's street seating? Further, how can expanded seating spaces be considered private to the specific business, where parking is not? If the expanded areas are allotted to each business, the additional space should be treated the same...either all private or all public. My neighboring businesses, including Dragonfly Anglers, Rug Gallery, and Interior Visions, want to potentially share the 10 minute exclusive parking zone. **We will all change how we want to utilize our street space if 10 minute parking is not exclusive to our businesses.**

6. Teocalli Tamale is grab and go and is 13 feet wide

As Teo is only 13 feet wide, expanded street seating will only allow for one table. One table does not provide any benefit, it is much more important to have exclusive 10 minute parking to allow easy access for grab and go food. Teo is considering a curbside delivery app service to allow customers that do not want to be in public to still be able to enjoy Teo. Creating the option for curbside pickup is the best way I can encourage and follow State, County, and Town ordinances of social distancing standards. Again, all 10 minute parking must be EXCLUSIVE to the businesses that choose this option.

7. Confusion

The proposed reconfiguration has zero continuity and thus lacks practical application. For example on the north side of the 300 block on Elk Ave there are five or so different zones that all designate different use. How are these different uses going to be effectively communicated to the public when current uses are not being adhered to?

Again, I urge the town council to make decisions that are representative of the desires of business owners. You have already changed Elk Avenue by expanding space onto the pavers (to which rules/regs have already and currently are being broken), do not change anything else.

We at Teo appreciate your efforts in these difficult times and again hope you listen to businesses on Elk that combined have several hundred years of business experience on Elk. Nobody understands the business dynamics on Elk better than the businesses.

Burke

President, Teocalli Tamale

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From: m <bluegrassburke@hotmail.com>

Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 4:30 PM

To: jschmidt@crestedbutte-co.gov <jschmidt@crestedbutte-co.gov>; wdujardin@crestedbutte-co.gov <wdujardin@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Chris Haver Town Council <Chaver@crestedbutte-co.gov>; mmagner@crestedbutte-co.gov <mmagner@crestedbutte-co.gov>; mmerrill@crestedbutte-co.gov <mmerrill@crestedbutte-co.gov>; cbradley@crestedbutte-co.gov <cbradley@crestedbutte-co.gov>; lmittchell@crestedbutte-co.gov <lmitchell@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Lynelle Stanford <lstanford@crestedbutte-co.gov>

Subject: Fw: TEOCALLI TAMALE CONCERNS - Elk Ave Closure

Dear council,

Just wanted to forward Mallika's response below for everyone to read.

Thanks for your efforts everyone and hope you take all biz owners on Elk's input and not state opinions. Relaxing regulations doesn't help those who follow rules/order/regs. Please enforce all rules/orders/regs!

Burke
President, Teocalli Tamale

From: Mallika Magner <mmagner@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 1:14 PM
To: m <bluegrassburke@hotmail.com>
Subject: Re: TEOCALLI TAMALE CONCERNS - Elk Ave Closure

Dear Burke and Menzies,

Thanks for your well-reasoned and thoughtful input. While I do not agree, and many other communities throughout Colorado, the country and the world are exploring these kinds of changes to address this unique situation, I certainly appreciate and value your input and perspective.

The situation we are facing this summer is not like any other previous summer, and in my opinion, the Town cannot simply stay with the status quo and hope that the current distancing guidelines in place will allow our businesses to survive.

I also do not think that parking and traffic will be issues this summer.

The ICElab has told us that their data shows that visitors will return to places where they will feel safe. It seems to me that allowing visitors (and locals) to enjoy the local restaurants and businesses in a way that feels safe will help our economy.

I will encourage the Town to relax any regulations for this summer that hinder our businesses.

Reasonable minds disagree on how to accomplish a shared goal, and this will be one of those times. But again, I do appreciate your input. Thanks again, Mallika

Mallika Magner
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From: m <bluegrassburke@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, May 18, 2020 11:53 AM
To: J Schmidt <JSchmidt@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Will Dujardin <wdujardin@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Chris Haver <chaver@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Mallika Magner <mmagner@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Mona Merrill <mmerrill@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Candice Bradley <cbradley@crestedbutte-co.gov>;

Laura Mitchell <lmitchell@crestedbutte-co.gov>

Subject: TEOCALLI TAMALE CONCERNS - Elk Ave Closure

To the CB council,

Hello, our names are Burke, President of Teocalli Tamale and Menzies, Secretary of Teocalli Tamale. We are writing this letter due to serious concerns regarding the significant, negative impacts an Elk Avenue closure will have on a majority of business operations. We strongly oppose closing and/or limiting vehicle traffic on Elk Avenue this summer. Please do not take non Elk Avenue business opinions into consideration because the decision has no effect on them. Impacts are limited to the businesses, thus it is the businesses that should decide the path forward. We understand these are difficult times for everybody, but there are many concerns that the Town Council must consider before making the decision to close Elk Avenue.

1. Enforcement.

Current, already existing sidewalk regulations are necessary to maintain public safety. However regulations that Teo has followed have been in place for as long as we have been operating our business, and are not being enforced by the town on other businesses. For example, we first adapted to COVID-19 by offering food for pick up outside of my shop. We contacted town about the appropriate way to do so and was told we were not allowed to put tables on town property. However, businesses just a few doors down and across the street have tables on town property sidewalks and even in the streets. How is it that we are told we cannot put out tables, when other businesses are doing exactly that, with zero repercussions? As of last week we are still following Town and County Orders to operate by allowing one customer in at a time after reaching out to the County seeking guidance. How will changes to outdoor operating procedures be enforced going forward?

2. Business model disruption.

All Elk Avenue businesses have made their investment decisions and business models with a clear understanding of town rules/regulations. The prime location and cost of doing business on Elk Avenue played a big role in their decisions to operate. Business owners took on the risk of the high cost of operating a business on Elk Avenue (i.e. high rent, property values). Closing Elk Avenue will completely alter the business landscape. We do agree that a few businesses may benefit from this closure, but feel a majority will be crippled by changes to consumer traffic. Operating costs outweigh the benefits of being located on Elk Avenue for Teo.

3. Not the time for forced change.

We have already spent a significant amount of time and money adapting to COVID-19 and we are finally starting to “see the light”. Now is not the time to force business to make additional changes when most of them are in fact in survival mode.

4. Timeline.

As summer is quickly approaching we are concerned about scrambling to adapt to new regulations/closures. When would this detailed information become available? We have been scrambling through these difficult times and am looking forward to something that resembles normalcy. Please don't inflict this additional stress on your business owners!

5. Altered consumer traffic.

We operate business year round and have a significant amount of local support, especially from the local workforce. A lot of our local customers will not want to have to walk all the way up Elk Avenue to grab food during their brief lunch break. It is absolutely necessary to consider the impacts closing Elk Avenue will have on all consumers, not just tourists. This issue will be further exacerbated by the elimination of a lot of parking near my business.

6. Parking.

Beyond limiting easy access to Elk Avenue businesses, closing Elk Avenue and decreasing the availability of parking will congest side street parking in surrounding residential areas. Elk Ave. is the largest parking lot on Elk Ave.

7. Mail.

Our primary post office is going to be difficult to access by vehicle with the additional pressures on parking.

8. Bikes and dogs.

With no vehicle access, there will be an increase in bike traffic/parking. What will be done to accommodate this issue? Also, there will be an increase in dogs in outdoor seating, which will create a situation ripe for conflicts/lawsuits. Has this been considered?

9. Outdoor seating.

Last year, I believe only 7 businesses followed the procedures to have legal outdoor seating on town property, many other businesses just put stuff on the sidewalk. Outdoor seating required an investment in time and money, which some businesses chose to incur to reap the benefits of having outdoor seating. Now, all of a sudden all Elk Avenue businesses will have this advantage even though they didn't deem it beneficial in the past. Not to mention, there are new regulations that require us to reduce outdoor seating space for ADA compliance this year.

10. Appearance.

Crested Butte is a historic district that highly values it's appearance. I do not know details of your plans, but am concerned that Elk Avenue will turn into a junky looking town with cheap plastic tables, chairs, merchandise, and tents all over the place.

11. Concessions and farmers market

We believe if we have festivals, concessionaires will take revenue away from year round brick and mortar businesses that are trying to pull through these times. We like the farmers market and believe it should continue if health concerns/rules are followed but if canceled it is absolutely laughable as we have had a free one the last

several Saturdays. These free farmers markets on town property have not followed health orders. Why not have a drive up and have someone toss a box of food in your car instead of what we are sure you all have seen. If you don't have a car or are sick maybe a delivery of goods for those in need.

12. Alcohol/bars.

The ability to consume alcohol in expanded outdoor areas will negatively affect current drinking establishments. There are also concerns regarding public debauchery. Keep it in the bars.

13. Insurance.

Who is responsible for insuring these additional outdoor operating spaces? I have had to additionally insure town for my currently approved outdoor seating. I do not want to take on even more insurance expenses and liability for increased public intoxication and dog conflicts.

14. Mediation/conflict

We are not sure what this Wednesday (5/20) streetside town meetings entail, but do not think it is the appropriate way to discuss the Elk Avenue closure. Neighboring businesses may not agree and this will create even more tensions amongst businesses.

We do support our historic, temporary closures such as the Arts Fair, People's Fair, parades, etc. because these events contribute to the vibrancy and culture of Crested Butte. We also understand that these events may not be possible this summer due to COVID-19 health concerns. This is curious to me because closing Elk Avenue and allowing businesses to set up tents, additional outdoor seating, etc. is essentially creating the same unsafe conditions that led to the decision to cancel the Arts Fair.

All of the concerns we have mentioned must be seriously considered as closing Elk Avenue will have significant impacts. Closing Elk Avenue will completely alter the business landscape, just as in the following analogy: NBA basketball teams spend years and millions of dollars crafting the perfect team. Then, all of a sudden out of the blue the rim height is changed from 10ft to 6ft. All preparation was for nothing. Please listen to Jim Schmidt, he has been around long enough to know what happens when you try to mess with Elk Avenue.

We hope you will not change Elk Ave and will express great disappointment if you do close elk and help a select few businesses and hurt the majority.

We appreciate your time reading this long letter and hope we can all burn this Grump (COVID) this fall if Vinotok even happens.

Please feel free to contact Burke by phone with questions, concerns,

Burke

President, Teocalli Tamale
970.596.4222

Menzies
Secretary, Teocalli Tamale

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Mark Tardiff](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Wearing masks in town
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:26:45 AM

Mark,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will share your email with the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: Mark Tardiff [mailto:markalive11@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 11:24 AM
To: mallikamagner@mallikamagnerlaw.com; Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Wearing masks in town

Mallika and Dara,

Thank you for this opportunity to weigh in. You'll see below that I think this is a really important issue.

I strongly support requiring masks in town for the summer and beyond, as necessary.

My rationale:

Given the nature of the virus and how it spreads, it's impossible to know when people are infected, shedding virus, and infecting others until well into their illness, if at all.

Leaving wearing a mask to a personal choice results in consequences that have a dangerous reach for others. With visitors from all over the country and the world, it's simply not feasible to appeal to everyone's better angels and hope for the best. I get it that the last thing anyone on vacation wants is more rules. Reckless behavior in the pursuit of a good time is likely to have

the unintended consequence of carnage left behind in our valley after they've gone home.

Some will say that wearing or not wearing a mask is a personal right. My response is that in a civil society, claiming rights also incurs responsibilities. Whether a person has sufficient self respect to wear a mask may be their business, reflecting their right. Protecting you and me from their choice is their responsibility.

I've been heckled in town by a visitor for wearing a mask. We need to make wearing a mask and social distancing simply what we do here. I think we need to approach this like second hand smoke and drunk driving.

Setting up a conflict between being safe from the virus and having a functional economy is a false choice. We can do this. We need to set the expectation for everyone who lives here and everyone who visits here that it's up to each of us and it's up to all of us.

Some people are in profound denial that the virus is an issue. For perspective, Arlington Cemetery has been our national burial place for our war dead for almost 160 years and has 400,000 graves. Our country has lost 100,000 people to the COVID 19 virus in about 100 days. Let's not get lost in a debate on whether the virus is a real threat.

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [bruce driver](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: yes on masks
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:28:40 PM

Bruce,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will forward this message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: bruce driver [mailto:bruce.driver1@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2020 4:19 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: yes on masks

I am a very long-time second homeowner in CB and look forward to getting out there shortly, after dealing with some health issues.

I strongly favor a mask requirement for people in public areas in town. If some on the council have reservations based on personal freedom, I'd ask them to re-think. We have all kinds of regulations that "impose" on personal freedom. For example, you can't park anywhere you want in town. As Gary Spring's letter points out, you are not free to walk naked down Elm St. (even though that might be kind of fun). There are rules regarding where restaurants can establish outdoor seating.

The mask requirement is based on science to battles a virus that has already killed over 100,000 people, including some in Gunnison County. Isn't it the right thing to do to help guard against more infections and maybe more deaths by requiring masks? I don't like them much, but I feel that wearing them is the least we can do to protect people.

Thanks for considering.

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Bruce Driver, LLC
760 Northstar Court, Boulder CO 80304

From: [Joni Windsor](#)
To: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Letter for each member of the CB Town Council
Date: Thursday, May 28, 2020 3:40:22 PM

Hi Lynelle - Boy, I sure am a dummy or this web site of CB's is most unhelpful. Anyway, is it possible for me to get the following letter sent to each town council person, individually, before the next town meeting? If I could figure out how to do myself I would.

Dear Crested Butte Town Council Member - Jim, Will, Chris, Mallika, Mona, Candice and Laura

I am asking you to revisit your past decision about the usage of face masks on Elk Ave. It is my understanding that only Jim and Mallika voted in favor of mandating face masks on this busiest street in our town. I find this unbelievable as this town is supposed to be progressive.

I am a lady (?) of a "certain age" and am not only over 70 but I am a high risk candidate of the Covid-19 virus due to past health issues. I have been extremely careful to wear a face mask in public and keeping my social distance of 6 feet away from other citizens. For the most part I see people trying to hold themselves to these same standards. However, there are some people who seem to feel that they have a constitutional right to do as they please. The Post Office is particularly difficult going in and out the door as you have to pass so close to people coming in and out. In fact, most business have the same narrow doorways and it is almost impossible not to pass customers very closely. It is most trying when people aren't wearing masks. This also applies to people walking down the sidewalk on Elk who feel that they can walk 4 abreast and have no sense of awareness of the needs or considerations of other member of the public. Just this morning, I was forced out into the street as there were 4 people (quite possibly tourists) blocking the street without masks on. I asked them, as nicely as I could, if they could possible put on masks, and they looked at me as though I had "shit for brains." It was like, "who is this peasant to tell us what to do." This is most offensive.

It is difficult enough for our local business owners to make a living during these times without any back-up support from the town council. Some excuses I have heard from council members include: "They are waiting for the county for guidance, We don't have enough data to make informed decisions, We need the tax money from our businesses, etc, etc, etc.!!! My question is how many of our town residents have to catch this virus, and how many have to die, thru no fault of their own, before we decide to bite the bullet and do what needs to be done to protect our most vulnerable people.

So, again, I am asking that you revisit and change your previous decision to pass a new ordinance requiring face masks and social distancing on Elk Ave. I would furthermore ask that you use that big huge sign on Hwy.135 coming into Crested Butte to request that guests please honor our needs for everyone to wear face masks, practice social distancing and to join us in helping each other get thru this miserable time.

Thank you for your time, Joan Windsor

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Lee Renfrow](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: Face masks
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 7:27:14 AM

Lee,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about wearing masks. I will forward your email to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager

> On May 29, 2020, at 7:14 AM, Lee Renfrow <lee07renfrow@yahoo.com> wrote:

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> Good Morning,

> I believe that as a resort community, we will have visitors arriving from many places; masks should be required on Elk Avenue, the post office, and at various Visitors Centers. This should not be a divisive issue but rather one of safety and common sense. Consistency will protect stores and restaurants from possible confrontations. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

> Lee Renfrow

> Resident, CB South

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> Sent from my iPad

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Roger Cram](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: mask issue - email to town manager
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 7:26:22 AM

Roger,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about wearing masks. I will forward your email to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager

On May 28, 2020, at 9:34 PM, Roger Cram <cramrc@aol.com> wrote:

For what it is worth, face coverings are recommended by the CDC if you are out of doors and can NOT keep the 6 foot social distancing. CDC says that:

"CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies), especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

"CDC also advises the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

CDC also has a 15 minute proximity guideline for testing & tracking when you have been close to a known person tested positive for COVID-19. Let's follow our State orders on such things.

Roger Cram
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Hi

Dara, the town manager, needs to receive your email before tomorrow at 5 to give the council meeting Monday if you want masks to be required in CB on Elk, businesses and in post office. Her email address is: dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov.

Personally, I am worried about another shut down of businesses etc with a surge of the virus if we don't have this layer of protection with visitors, mountain bikers, et al coming into town. And, being over 65 and at risk it is scary to go into town when people are not wearing masks. The CDC recommends them.

Thanks for considering this,

Kathy

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Lisbeth Carter](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: mask order for town
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 7:23:13 AM

Beth,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about wearing masks. I will forward your email to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager

On May 28, 2020, at 6:24 PM, Lisbeth Carter <hurricane10@netscape.com> wrote:

It is time to make those that can't grasp the gravity of protecting our families, friends and at-risk populations, that masks must be worn.

The idea that it is inconvenient and uncomfortable, while true, pales in comparison to the suffering that they themselves could experience.

For the at-risk, contagion is often closely followed by death.

So put your common sense ahead of vanity, comfort, fear, politics, or any other notion.

Demonstrate your respect, concern, or at the very least, **common decency** toward others.

Please make this happen.

Beth Carter

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [John Powell](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: Masks
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 7:23:52 AM

John,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about wearing masks. I will forward your email to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager

> On May 28, 2020, at 6:58 PM, John Powell <johnmpowell@mac.com> wrote:

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> Just letting you know I'm in favor of masks being required in stores and on Elk this summer. As we welcome visitors, this is just wise.

>

> John Powell

> CB South

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> Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Deanna Warren](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: Masks
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 7:23:31 AM

Deanna,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about wearing masks. I will forward your email to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager

> On May 28, 2020, at 6:50 PM, Deanna Warren <deannaleewarren@gmail.com> wrote:
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> I think masks should be required in CB until this pandemic is over! Why not?
>
> Deanna Warren
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>
> Sent from my iPad

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: salikjohn@aol.com
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: Masks in public spaces within town
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 7:26:04 AM

John,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about wearing masks. I will forward your email to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager

On May 28, 2020, at 9:25 PM, salikjohn@aol.com wrote:

Great, Kevin. I support this too.
As people enter town and each establishment. THIS IS FOR OUR SAFETY AND YOURS.
PLEASE HELP US KEEP TOWN OPEN
Only makes sense, right?

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

From: Kevin Ott <kevnott@gmail.com>
To: Town Council <jschmidt@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Town Council <wdujardin@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Chris Haver <chaver@crestedbutte-co.gov>; mmagner@crestedbutte-co.gov; mmerrill@crestedbutte-co.gov; cbradley@crestedbutte-co.gov; Town Council <lmitchell@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Cc: dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov
Sent: Thu, May 28, 2020 1:44 pm
Subject: Masks in public spaces within town

Dear Council members, I would like you to support a mandate for wearing nose and mouth covering masks in town. The science is clear, public health is protected by the wearing of face masks to prevent the spread of this virus. As you all have a responsibility for public safety in the Town of Crested Butte, I encourage you to act. Time is of the essence with tourist season upon us. No time to dally.

Currently, there is a large disparity in the practice of wearing face masks in town. Many store owners are requiring masks to enter; the onus should not be on them, however, the onus should be on town leadership and government to provide for a uniform approach to protecting everyone's health.

Someone suggested 'no shirt, no shoes, no mask, no service' signs be made available. Perhaps that should also be what an electronic sign coming into town states, as well as on businesses and other public spaces.

All the best,
Kevin

Kevin Ott
509 Gothic Avenue
Crested Butte, CO 81224

970-275-1277

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Craig Phillips](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: Masks- YES
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 7:26:48 AM

Craig,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about wearing masks. I will forward your email to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager

On May 28, 2020, at 10:40 PM, Craig Phillips <craig@cbpetro.com> wrote:

Hi Dara,

I have heard that you are taking a poll on the wearing of masks in CB. I have been tracking the COVID-19 pandemic since January. We have broken over the crest in the US in general, but we are not out of the woods. We are already seeing a second wave of this pandemic in certain regions like Texas. In the Johns Hopkins plot of daily cases of COVID-19 shown below, Texas just yesterday saw an all time high in the number of new cases. People will be coming from all regions of the country, and we should take every precaution that we can including the wearing of masks on Elk. In fact, block off Elk, have tents if necessary and allow people to order food from some of our great restaurants and maintain their social distancing while enjoying CB. We need to business, but not at the expense of having to go through this all over again. Let's take the necessary precautions like the wearing of masks on Elk for the long term health of our community.

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Best Regards,

E. Craig Phillips
CEO and Chief Petrophysicist
Crested Butte Petrophysical Consultants

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From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Rossi Phillips](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: Masks
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 7:24:58 AM

Rossi,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about wearing masks. I will forward your email to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager

> On May 28, 2020, at 9:04 PM, Rossi Phillips <rossiphillips@icloud.com> wrote:

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> Hello Dara,

> I am writing to let you know that I think it is extremely important that the community be required to wear masks while in town. The citizens of the county have done a great job of helping to slow the virus but if we don't continue to be diligent it is going to get very bad again. I know some people resist it and visitors may not like it but if we make it known ahead of time people will accept it. I am glad that the town is opening but I strongly support safe distancing and masks. A sign on the highway would be a good idea for visitors to see when they are coming in on 135 or Hwy 50. It would also set a good example for other counties and states. Having said that, we will need to have to have masks available to hand out to people. Thank you.

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> Rossi Phillips

> 970-497-0377

> Permanent homeowner since 2004

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> Sent from my iPad

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Laura Tomlinson](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: Require Masks
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 7:37:06 AM

Laura,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about wearing masks. I will forward your email to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager

> On May 29, 2020, at 7:26 AM, Laura Tomlinson <lauratomlinson54@gmail.com> wrote:
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> Good Morning Dara,
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> Please reinforce with the Town Council the requirement that masks be worn in enclosed spaces as well as in outdoor spaces where social distancing can't be effectively accomplished.
> Science supports this, and this requirement may ensure that businesses stay open safely throughout the summer and fall for locals, second home owners, and visitors.
>
> Thank you for your consideration,
> Laura Tomlinson

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: FW: Masks addendum
Date: Thursday, June 04, 2020 11:12:32 AM

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

From: Kevin Donovan [<mailto:mbbuildersllc@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:19 AM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Masks addendum

My daughter just suggested pictures of some of the people who died, if the families were OK with it. Pictures being worth a thousand words,it would save a lot of banner space!

Kevin Donovan
MB Builders LLC
970-596-2066 cell
POB 2317 Crested Butte, CO 81224
Fax 970-349-7088

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: FW: Masks
Date: Tuesday, June 02, 2020 9:41:30 AM
Attachments: [image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

From: Peter Esposito [mailto:pesposito@cbcatalysts.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 9:37 AM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: RE: Masks

More for you Dara (an earlier Facebook Post):

MY 50-CENTS ON WEARING MASKS:

Data coming in continues to redefine the virus's capabilities, and should impact how we react: It seems that when we talk (yes talk!) much less cough or sneeze, we can project droplets up to 6 or even 15 feet. Those droplets then (for lack of the correct word) atomize, that is, they get much smaller. Both can carry and spread the virus.

- A mask or other face covering will catch the larger droplets that the wearer emits and thus keep them in the mask and effectively prevent them from atomizing and endangering others.
- Once atomized, your virus laden moisture can hang in the air longer than droplets, spread further and when someone gets in the vicinity of the atomized moisture, can get through the mask of someone one inhaling them, or get in someone else's eye, on surfaces etc.
- Put another way, a mask or other face covering being worn by a carrier of covid 19 (who can be asymptomatic) stops the virus at its source. Remembering that one can infect many, a mask worn by one can literally protect dozens. On the flip side, with the exception of a situation where one is being directly exposed to droplet, a mask is less likely to protect the wearer, who is at risk when in the presence of atomized droplets. So, from a protecting oneself perspective, wearing a mask, while helpful in a situation where some sneezes or coughs on you, otherwise isn't complete protection.

BOTTOM LINE: I hate the mask; it fogs up my glasses, makes me hot, and perhaps most importantly for my mental health, keeps me from smiling at others (and vice versa), which is a huge impediment to showing friendliness and unity in a time that it is needed more than ever. That said, I WEAR A MASK OUT OF RESPECT FOR YOUR HEALTH, AND I HOPE YOU WILL WEAR A MASK OUT OF RESPECT FOR MINE.

<https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/622511/coronavirus-airborne-aerosol-droplets-whats-the-difference>

From: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 9:09 AM
To: Peter Esposito <pesposito@cbcatalysts.com>
Cc: Lynelle Stanford <lstanford@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: RE: Masks

Peter,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will share this email with the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: Peter Esposito [<mailto:pesposito@cbcatalysts.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 8:55 AM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Masks

Per Malika Magner I'm registering my vote in favor of requiring masks. Masks are a small inconvenience compared to the consequences of social gathering without masks.

Peter G. Esposito, Principal
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From: [J.Schmidt](#)
To: [Lynelle Stanford](#); [Dara MacDonald](#); [Barbara Green](#)
Subject: Fwd: Mask requirements
Date: Thursday, June 04, 2020 12:03:11 PM

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Jen Mangum <jenmangum2002@yahoo.com>
Date: June 3, 2020 at 6:06:21 PM MDT
To: Chris Haver <chaver@crestedbutte-co.gov>, Mallika Magner <mmagner@crestedbutte-co.gov>, J Schmidt <JSchmidt@crestedbutte-co.gov>, Candice Bradley <cbradley@crestedbutte-co.gov>, Laura Mitchell <lmitchell@crestedbutte-co.gov>, Will Dujardin <wdujardin@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Mask requirements

To whom it may concern:

It has been brought to my attention that CB is wanting to make Gunnison County have a mandatory mask enforcement. Hearing this news was yet again another blow to our constitutional rights and lives! As you can see in our world, we clearly have discrimination issues in our country! And more laws, rules, and dictatorship mentalities is not the answer!!! Freedom is! Freedom to the American people to have the choice to decide for themselves and have personal responsibility! The right to stay home has not been taken away but every other right and freedoms are currently under attack.

The virus has been proven to not be as bad as once thought, we're not losing thousands upon thousands of people even in states that didn't enforce your insane rules, and so many other county's are going back to life as usual, while this county keeps stacking up more rules and mandates as if you OWN us!! We're NOT your puppets and won't be told how to live our lives! Stop playing with people's livelihoods, stop increasing suicidal behavior in people, stop keeping businesses closed and controlled, stop enforcing masks against people's will, stop playing God, and most importantly stop destroying this county!

Facts are facts some people, including myself, cannot wear masks!!! I have asthma, severe allergies, severe claustrophobia, type 1 diabetic and I have high blood pressure!! I tried, I really did, to wear a mask and paid the price each time!!! My anxiety goes up so much and therefore so does my blood pressure and blood sugar from the stress of wearing one! I get physically sick each time I try! I get light headed and the worse headache ever!!!! I cannot wear a mask! It actually causes my immune system to go down! It actually increases my risk of getting sick, if you know anything about high blood sugars!!! I'm NOT alone here! My

daughter tried wearing a mask in a gym and almost passed out! She also has severe allergies and asthma issues!!! My father had recent sinus surgery and cannot wear a mask! It would destroy everything behind the reason he needed the surgery in the first place! I've spoke to so many with a list of side effects and who cannot wear masks!!! Every store who has "wear a mask here" is creating division and hate!!! I've literally been verbally attacked in city market because I can't wear a mask! The hate and discrimination is unreal! My mother n law was verbally attacked in Safeway! A man had the nerve to get in the face of a 75 year old woman, who again she cannot wear a mask because she has severe sinus issues!!!! And all this hate towards people who cannot wear a mask, is because of the way this county and higher ups keep provoking this kind of behavior! It should be up to the individuals! And you, as a position of power, should make it clear it's up to each person and that there are some who simply can't wear a mask! You're part of this hate! And people are sick of it. People are contemplating law suits for your allowing of this mandate and hate! Consider everyone and consider that some cannot wear a mask!!! We're not children! This country understands social distancing and the need to be clean! Stop enforcing us like children and show some respect and help in making it clear to everyone that the masks are to each his own! Stop the hate! Stop being a dictator like our governor! Start protecting people's freedoms and constitutional rights!!! This isn't even close to the whole no shoes, no shirts, no service rule!!!! Shirts and shoes don't cause devastating side effects!!!!!! Don't cause division and hate! Wake up and stop destroying your county!!!!

I've spent so much time in other counties such as montrose/delta/grand junction, as well having friends and family going to Texas and Florida and the relief you feel when you get there is unreal! Their governments are allowing freedoms to their people! They're allowing their right to choose what each individual is capable of!!! It's so comforting and calm! I can't wait to leave this county! I never thought I'd say that! I've lived here my whole life. But thank God we've sold our home and are leaving soon! We refuse to live in a county who believes you have the right to destroy your counties economy, to destroy small businesses, to make ANYTHING mandatory, and to enforce your big government ideas on the people!!!! Stop your Hitler ways and give people back their freedoms! This virus has proven to NOT be even close to what fake news media and dictator governments are professing it to be! Save this town, stop trying to destroy it!

Sincerely, another lost resident of this county because of what you've created here!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [J Schmidt](#)
To: [Lynelle Stanford](#); [Dara MacDonald](#); [Will Dujardin](#); [Candice Bradley](#); [Chris Haver](#); [Mallika Magner](#); [Laura Mitchell](#); [Mona Merrill](#); [Barbara Green](#)
Subject: Fwd: Please require masks!
Date: Thursday, June 04, 2020 12:04:14 PM

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Doug Cushing <dougcushing@gmail.com>
Date: June 4, 2020 at 11:56:25 AM MDT
To: J Schmidt <JSchmidt@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Please require masks!

Dear Mr. Schmidt

We have owned a cabin on Spring Creek for 50 years and have patronized Crested Butte business summer and winter for all that time. I understand on June 8th, 2020 council will consider a measure to require masks be worn in all restaurants, shops, and stores. Please vote for that ordinance and require masks for all but young children with NO exceptions for any adults. This is a matter of personal and community safety. If masks are required and enforced in Crested Butte we will happily support local businesses this summer. If masks are left a personal preference and people are not wearing masks then we will stock up in Denver in communities that require masks and skip Crested Butte businesses.

Thank you for protecting the Gunnison Valley community.

Doug Cushing

From: [J Schmidt](#)
To: [Lynelle Stanford](#); [Dara MacDonald](#); [Barbara Green](#)
Subject: Fwd: Reconsider
Date: Thursday, June 04, 2020 12:27:06 PM

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: AOL <mikegarlic@aol.com>
Date: June 4, 2020 at 12:12:49 PM MDT
To: J Schmidt <JSchmidt@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Reconsider

Dear City Council,
As I am not a resident of CB, I am a business owner in the Gunnison Valley. Our valley relies on tourism.
I feel that if people know that there will be strict enforcement of wearing masks, this will only deter even more visitors to our valley and have yet another outrageous impact to our local economy.
Hasn't our local and state government done enough damage by making national news by turning people away?
I respect people that feel the need to wear a mask, let those people protect themselves as needed.

For the sake of our local businesses and our economy, your consideration is appreciated.

Thank you,

Michael Busse
Owner
Garlic Mike's
(970)596-3476

From: [J Schmidt](#)
To: [Lynelle Stanford](#); [Dara MacDonald](#); [Will Dujardin](#); [Candice Bradley](#); [Chris Haver](#); [Mallika Magner](#); [Laura Mitchell](#); [Mona Merrill](#); [Barbara Green](#)
Subject: Fwd: Special meeting
Date: Thursday, June 04, 2020 12:02:44 PM

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Rich Parker <richpblaze@yahoo.com>
Date: June 3, 2020 at 8:11:48 PM MDT
To: J Schmidt <JSchmidt@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: **Special meeting**
Reply-To: "richpblaze@yahoo.com" <richpblaze@yahoo.com>

About the upcoming meeting about forcing people to wear masks. First off I have been in construction all my life. As well I worked at Kennecott Copper mine for years. I have worn masks and full face respirators my whole life. I don't know where everyone is getting their information. Even wear a properly fitted respirator is not 100% effective. Mask should be a choice issue . I chose not to wear one. If you are going to try to force people to wear masks. Good luck with that my .02.

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

From: [Diana Graves](#)
To: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Mask discussion tonight
Date: Monday, June 01, 2020 12:27:22 PM

Lynelle, Could you include this in the Council packets for the meeting this evening, please?

Thank you, Lynelle,

Diana Graves
CB

Dear Council member,

The article below has current information about masks. It is from the weekly news magazine, The Week. Dated 5/31/20. The article references a number of scientific studies. I have highlighted some pertinent info (as it is a long article, and I bet you are slammed right now). Thank you for all the work you do.

Diana Graves
718 9th Street, CB

The truth about masks

The Week Staff, May 31, 2020

Health officials now recommend that people cover their faces in public places. Are masks effective? Here's everything you need to know:

How do masks fight COVID-19?

The mouth and nose are usually where the coronavirus first sets up camp, and also serve as the portals for spreading the virus to new hosts. The saliva of infected people teems with virus particles, which are emitted in droplets when they cough or sneeze. **Smaller drops, called aerosols, are launched when a person speaks or even just breathes.** Larger droplets are thought to be the primary means of transmission and can be propelled six or more feet before gravity pulls them down to the ground. **Aerosol droplets can hang in the air, still viable and potentially capable of causing infection, for hours, especially in enclosed spaces with poor ventilation.** By serving as a barrier, masks block the droplets

expelled by an infected person and slow the velocity of particles that sneak through. To a lesser extent, they protect the wearer from receiving particles in their own mouth and nose.

How effective are masks?

Though different studies reach varying statistical conclusions, the overwhelming consensus is that they help stem transmission. Jeremy Howard, an Australian data scientist who created the website [Masks4All.co](https://masks4all.co), has identified 34 papers showing their effectiveness, and none that show otherwise. Researchers from the National Institutes of Health performed a video experiment that offered a stark visual rendering of how masks work. They used laser light to illuminate the shower of droplets emitted when someone speaks and demonstrated how nearly all of them were blocked by a mask. A team of scientists and academics from Europe and California recently built a computer simulation demonstrating that if 80 percent of the population wore masks, infection rates would plunge by more than 90 percent. That finding lines up with remarkably low infection rates in Asian countries where mask wearing is near-universal, including Hong Kong and Taiwan, each of which has had fewer than 10 deaths despite high population density. "The countries that flattened the curve used masks in public," Dutch disease expert Chris Kenyon told the BBC.

Do masks protect the wearer?

Not perfectly, but yes. One meta-study funded by the World Health Organization that analyzed 64 scientific papers found that masks dropped wearers' risk of infection by between 50 and 80 percent. And while N95 masks — which block 95 percent of particles 0.3 microns or larger — fare the best, surgical and cloth masks can also be highly successful. One study found that for inward protection, N95 masks were 99 percent effective, surgical masks 75 percent, and a cloth tea towel 67 percent. Even if some virus gets through, scientists theorize, reducing the amount can make a big difference. If the initial exposure is large, the virus may overwhelm the immune system and cause serious illness. If it's relatively small, a mask wearer may get a mild case or none at all.

Why are masks controversial?

Early in the pandemic, mixed signals from health officials created confusion. While the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention now recommends that people wear masks, it initially told them not to. At the time, the CDC was worried that the public would hoard medical-grade masks needed by frontline workers. Health officials also worried that untrained mask wearers would contaminate their masks or their hands by mishandling them, thus increasing their risk, and that masks might give wearers a false sense of security. While the strong consensus is now in favor of masks, experts warn that they're not magical shields, just part of an arsenal that includes handwashing and social distancing. "Putting a face mask on does not mean that you stop the other practices," said May Chu, an epidemiologist at the Colorado School of Public Health.

What kind of mask should I wear?

N95 masks should be kept for medical professionals. But if you have a stray one around the house, it offers the highest protection as long as it's properly worn, with no gaps between your face and the mask. Commercially available surgical masks can be highly effective, studies have found. Cloth masks also provide protection, but to varying degrees. A Wake Forest University study found great variation depending on the materials used, with the best ones reaching 79 percent filtration. Look for materials with a dense weave, such as quilter's cotton, flannel, or pillowcases with a high thread count, and use a double layer. Including a filter — such as a piece cut from a coffee filter or vacuum cleaner bag — increases effectiveness but may inhibit breathing. Masks should fit snugly against the face

and reach below the chin and up to the bridge of the nose. Wash them after each use, and when removing them, handle them by the straps — never the protective material, which could be contaminated — and wash your hands directly before and after. "Wearing a mask takes some getting used to, for sure," said Scott Segal, chairman of anesthesiology at Wake Forest Baptist Health. If it's a little stuffy, "you are probably wearing it exactly right."

Turning masks into partisan symbols

If masks are so effective, why are some Americans so resistant to wearing them? Given that we have no history of mask wearing, it's not surprising they seem alien. But the major reason is the degree to which the pandemic has been politicized. To supporters of President Trump (who has insisted on going maskless, reportedly because he thinks it would make him look "weak" to wear one), masks indicate a groundless fear of a virus whose dangers they believe are exaggerated in order to limit their freedom. When masks become a tribal marker, being asked to wear one is "like asking a Red Sox fan to put on a Yankees jersey," psychologist Seth Gillihan wrote in *Psychology Today*. Psychologists point to other conscious and unconscious factors. Some people may think that mask wearing would reveal feelings of vulnerability, running counter to an evolutionary trait that predisposes us to disguise fear. Wearing a mask also conveys an acknowledgment that our old lives are gone, at least for now. Put on a mask, said clinical psychologist David Abrams, and "you've suddenly admitted that this is the new normal."

This article was first published in the latest issue of The Week magazine. If you want to read more like it, you can try six risk-free issues of the magazine [here](#).

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Jim Starr](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE:
Date: Monday, June 01, 2020 8:37:12 AM

Good morning Jim,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about mask wearing. I will share your message with the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: Jim Starr [mailto:jimincb@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 4:03 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject:

Hi Dara, Jim Starr here. Please share with the council my belief that the most important responsibility for an elected official is to protect the health and safety of his or her constituents. That responsibility is especially important now that our community has successfully dealt with the first round of Coved-19 and we are trying to reopen for our second homeowners and guests. I think it is critical that individuals be required to wear masks when going inside of businesses unless they are eating or drinking at the time, and outside of businesses when 6 ft of distance cannot be consistently maintained. I am am sincerely worried about the number of people I have seen on elk avenue during the last two weeks we're not wearing masks and are not socially distanced. The same situation exists in many of our stores. Please, members of the council, require that masks be worn as described above. It is always best to air on the side of caution when dealing with matters of grave public health. Thanks much for reading. Jim

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Mark Tardiff](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: Additional thoughts on masks
Date: Sunday, May 31, 2020 8:02:40 AM

Mark,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about mask wearing. I will forward your message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
Town of Crested Butte

On May 30, 2020, at 4:58 PM, Mark Tardiff <markalive11@gmail.com> wrote:

Dara and Mallika,

Here are some additional thoughts on how we might move forward with a sensible and resilient solution to keeping all of us safe from the virus in town, stimulated by listening to Governor Cuomo today.

His point was that we can't have enough laws to control people in a community. What we do have is a social compact with each other. Our laws provide what I call the white lines on the road, but it's the social compact that sets the expectations we have for each other.

We have experience at this. A few years ago a collective of interested and engaged people coalesced to work out a solution for the Great Blue Heron breeding season on the upper Slate. As I recall it, it was around 25 people that spanned the gamut of interests. I thought it would go nowhere. Too many people to sort out a solution. I was wrong.

They came up with an approach that respects the rookery as fundamental to our valley deserving our protection. They imposed protection for the nests until July 15th each year. Business owners sacrificed access to recreation opportunities for their clients to support the birds. They gave up profits. Others sacrificed their freedom to use the valley when and how they wanted to.

I want to focus on sacrifice. The root is sacred, "to make holy." In a substantial and profound way our town made protecting the Herons a holy act. It's also a social compact. We expect each us and all of us to respect the agreement. Generally, people rise to what we expect of them.

My suggestion is that we convene business owners and citizens at large to devise a workable solution to have functional businesses and visitors to the valley while being safe from the virus. We can do this through our creativity and willingness to

sacrifice for the greater good. If we are capable of creating a solution to protect herons, surely we can come up with a solution to protect each other.

Last, I suggest that we have a short written social compact that addresses our practices for being in town. All of us who live here and all of our visitors should have this. If you live here or visit here, this is what we expect of you. We expect you to rise to the safety of yourself and all of us.

Thanks for listening!

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Dian VanDeMark](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: in support of wearing masks
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 11:07:49 AM

Dian,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about mask wearing. I will forward this message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: Dian VanDeMark [mailto:dianvandemark@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 9:38 AM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: in support of wearing masks

Dear Town of Crested Butte:

I support requiring face masks inside public places including shops and outside where it is crowded and social distancing is difficult to maintain. Wearing masks is shown to reduce the spread of Covid19 along with hand washing and social distancing. Crested Butte has been hit hard already by the virus. It would be a shame to have to close down the town a second time during a

peak tourist season.

Best Regards,
Dian VanDeMark

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [bob.goettge](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: Mandatory Masks on Elk – Why is it even a question?
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 12:00:16 PM

Bob,

Thank you for writing to share your thoughts about mask wearing. I will share with the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
Town of Crested Butte

On May 29, 2020, at 11:54 AM, bob goettge <robert_goettge@yahoo.com> wrote:

Mandatory Masks on Elk – Why is it even a question?

The County has successfully used self-reporting/isolation as an important tool to control the spread of COVID-19 in our valley.

The policy requires:

“If you have symptoms consistent with COVID-19, even if they are mild, please self-report and isolate yourself.”

During our past resident-only weeks, the policy was effective because so many of us were willing and able to comply. We didn't want to spread the disease to our neighbors, we had residences to isolate in familiar spaces, and we could call on friends to assist.

Today, we are welcoming visitors whose arrivals will bring infected carriers. Given the potential number of visitors there may be dozens of carriers arriving each week. Will visitors self-report and isolate? Many may not know the requirement and, of those who do, isolation may not be practical even if the County provides temporary lodging. The result is that we should expect to have new carriers every week circulating in our community and increasing the risk of COVID-19 infection.

What about 6 feet of social distancing? Realistically, how careful can an otherwise well-intentioned, infected visitor be to keep the 6 foot distance in a crowd? Without a mask an infected visitor becomes a substantial risk on a crowded Elk Avenue sidewalk.

We can prevent unfortunate close encounter events by requiring masks on Elk. I'm wearing a mask, you're wearing a mask, and the visitor is wearing a mask. That's the 98% safe scenario. Without the infected visitor wearing a mask . . . well, let's not even go there. Everyone should be required to wear a mask on Elk.

Mandatory Masks on Elk - Why is it even a question?

From: Dara MacDonald
To: lairdpcagan@gmail.com
Cc: Lynelle Stanford
Subject: RE: mask wearing
Date: Tuesday, June 02, 2020 1:49:13 PM
Attachments: [6-8-2020 Special Meeting.pdf](#)

Dr. Cagan,

Thanks again for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will forward this message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

The Council will be meeting at 6:00 on Monday, June 8th to discuss the issue further. The agenda is attached.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: lairdpcagan@gmail.com [mailto:lairdpcagan@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 12:20 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: FW: mask wearing

Dara,

I missed the discussion last night regarding masks, but I understand you are asking for more letters on the issue.

Here is a quotation from an editorial in the "New England Journal of Medicine" from the May 28, 2020 issue, page 2159:

"... the clear evidence of Sars-CoV-2 transmission from asymptomatic persons ... argue[s] for broadened Sars-CoV-2 testing to include asymptomatic persons in prioritized settings. These factors also support the case for the general public to use face masks."

Ignoring the science, especially for such a simple and easily followed policy, is

at our combined peril.

In this case requiring mask wearing on Elk Ave this summer and in stores in town seems to be a slam dunk idea. Marshals, as they drive through town, could hand out masks to those without them and remind people that it is required to wear masks for the good of everyone in the community.

Thanks,
Laird Cagan

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Wouter van Tiel](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: Mask
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 1:57:02 PM

Wooster,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on masks. I will forward this message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
Town of Crested Butte

On May 29, 2020, at 1:07 PM, Wouter van Tiel <wvtdutchy@gmail.com> wrote:

Yes I think they should be required. At the very least it says you care. Some people are just being ride by not wearing them. However outside if few people are around I think they are not really necessary.

Tough call.

Wouter van Tiel
wout@vantiel.com
970 209 2780

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Randy Swift](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Masks and one way traffic
Date: Monday, June 01, 2020 8:38:27 AM

Good morning Randy,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing and traffic on Elk. I will forward your email to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
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-----Original Message-----

From: Randy Swift [<mailto:randyswift55@gmail.com>]
Sent: Sunday, May 31, 2020 8:20 AM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Masks and one way traffic

Dara, can you please forward this to the council members.

Dear Councilmembers,

My name is Randy Swift. I just want to voice my support for a requirement in Crested Butte to wear masks inside of all public spaces during these unsure times.

I feel that being a tourist town, we will be one of the first places for a second wave to begin.

I also believe that since the majority of people in the US are concerned about the reopening of businesses, the majority of people will also feel more relaxed and safe to shop and support the economy. Seems to me that the customers lost that refuse to wear masks will be more than offset by the customers that feel safe. Free masks could be provided.

I think that the idea of one way traffic on Elk Avenue, thereby allowing much more space for businesses to social distance is a great idea. Let's do it!

Thank you
Randy Swift

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Nancy Gruber-Meier](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: Masks in cb
Date: Sunday, May 31, 2020 8:01:37 AM

Nancy,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about mask wearing. I will forward your message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
Town of Crested Butte

> On May 30, 2020, at 9:11 PM, Nancy Gruber-Meier <nancygrubermeier@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Dear CB town council,

> I think it would be wise to require masks to be worn in doors at all CB businesses by all employees and customers. Please reconsider your decision on this matter and require masks in CB.

> Thank you.

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> Nancy Gruber-Meier

> “Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless.”

> Mother Theresa

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [ksren Jensen](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: Masks in Town
Date: Sunday, May 31, 2020 8:03:33 AM

Karen,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about mask wearing. I will forward your message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
Town of Crested Butte

On May 30, 2020, at 6:33 AM, ksren Jensen <ksjinh2o@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dara,

When Gunnison County ordered us out of town in March, we left and drove for three days back to our home in Virginia, and thankfully arrived safely without spreading or contracting the virus along the way. We have been staying at home for 75+days. We will be returning to our home in town in a few weeks and are very concerned that the behavior in CB will be relaxed with visitors from all over the country and with varying degrees of concern over the impact of the virus. We strongly encourage the Town Council to REQUIRE face coverings and social distancing in town over the course of the summer.

It is in the best interest of all to have a face covering requirement.

Thank you,

Karen Jensen

From: [Craig Phillips](#)
To: [Dara MacDonald](#); [Mallika Wagner](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#); [Rossi Phillips](#); [Kathy Norgard](#)
Subject: Re: Masks- YES
Date: Monday, June 01, 2020 1:04:02 PM
Attachments: [PastedGraphic-7.tiff](#)

Thank you both for your response,

Yesterday around 4:30 PM I went into town to pick up our dinner from Pitas. Other than a lady walking her young daughter on Elk, we were the only two that had masks on. Even in Pitas I did not see any masks, including employees. People just do not get it.

As local residents our daily cases of COVID-19 per Johns Hopkins is relatively flat. That is great. However, from this point on we are going to be seeing more and more visitors this summer. Most if not all of them have a higher probability of having been exposed to COVID-19 virus than what we have had in the last month. Frankly, I don't want what they could be bringing us. We should at least ensure that we do as much as we can do to minimize the risk of spreading and catching this deadly disease. While in town I saw small crowds of people. I did not see any masks. I did not see social distancing being practiced. Frankly, I saw nothing to remind me that we are still in the midst of a pandemic. Sad.

Best Regards,

E. Craig Phillips
CEO and Chief Petrophysicist
Crested Butte Petrophysical Consultants



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On May 29, 2020, at 7:26 AM, Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov> wrote:

Craig,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about wearing masks. I will forward your email to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager

On May 28, 2020, at 10:40 PM, Craig Phillips <craig@cbpetro.com> wrote:

Hi Dara,

I have heard that you are taking a poll on the wearing of masks in CB. I have been tracking the COVID-19 pandemic since January. We have broken over the crest in the US in general, but we are not out of the woods. We are already seeing a second wave of this pandemic in certain regions like Texas. In the Johns Hopkins plot of daily cases of COVID-19 shown below, Texas just yesterday saw an all time high in the number of new cases. People will be coming from all regions of the country, and we should take every precaution that we can including the wearing of masks on Elk. In fact, block off Elk, have tents if necessary and allow people to order food from some of our great restaurants and maintain their social distancing while enjoying CB. We need to business, but not at the expense of having to go through this all over again. Let's take the necessary precautions like the wearing of masks on Elk for the long term health of our community.

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Best Regards,

E. Craig Phillips
CEO and Chief Petrophysicist

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From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Caroline Mclean](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: Re: Masks..
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 8:43:56 AM

Caroline,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about wearing masks. I will forward your email to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager

> On May 29, 2020, at 8:21 AM, Caroline Mclean <ccmclean17@gmail.com> wrote:

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> I support no masks no service policies and I like the ad in cb news on pg 5: wearing a mask is an act of love!

>

> Respect, tolerance and patience is what we need in this valley as we evolve into summer... in town and on the trails!

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> Thank you and happy trails, Caroline mclean

>

> Sent from my iPad

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Jane Banks](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Masks
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 11:08:12 AM

Jane,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts about mask wearing. I will forward this message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
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-----Original Message-----

From: Jane Banks [<mailto:jane@murraybanks.com>]
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:01 AM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Masks

Dara

Please share the following with the Town Council:

As someone over 70 years of age, I strongly support the wearing of masks in ALL businesses AND on Elk Ave. National medical experts have repeatedly stated that masks protect others more than the wearer. We've made progress in flattening the curve, why take the chance of a resurgence of CO-VID 19??? Wearing a mask is slightly uncomfortable....how comfortable is it to fight for breath?

Let's set the example for the county....wear a double layered mask!

Most sincerely,

Jane Banks

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Rossi Phillips](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Please require masks in CB
Date: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:40:38 AM

Rossi,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will forward your email to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
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From: Rossi Phillips [mailto:rossi1255@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, May 29, 2020 10:40 AM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Please require masks in CB

Hi Dora,

I would very much like to see masks be mandatory in Crested Butte this summer. It will save lives and set a good example. Masks should be readily available to hand out when someone doesn't have one. I would support a sign on 135 and 50 announcing the requirement when people drive into town.

Rossi Phillips

Homeowner and resident since 2004

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPad](#)

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Tom Roll](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Protective masks
Date: Thursday, June 04, 2020 8:29:29 AM
Attachments: [6-8-2020 Special Meeting.pdf](#)

Tom,

Thanks again for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will forward this message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

The Council will be meeting at 6:00 on Monday, June 8th to discuss the issue further. The agenda is attached.

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From: Tom Roll [mailto:tomroll2001@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 5:58 AM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Protective masks

I would like to see the Town require masks in enclosed spaces and outside where social distancing cannot be accomplished. It has been proven scientifically that masks reduce the spread of viruses. Please advise the town council of my desire.

Thank you,
Thomas H Roll

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Peter Esposito](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Masks
Date: Tuesday, June 02, 2020 9:08:45 AM
Attachments: [image004.png](#)
[image005.png](#)

Peter,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will share this email with the entire Town Council for their consideration.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
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From: Peter Esposito [mailto:pesposito@cbcatalysts.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 8:55 AM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Masks

Per Malika Magner I'm registering my vote in favor of requiring masks. Masks are a small inconvenience compared to the consequences of social gathering without masks.

Peter G. Esposito, Principal
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From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Kevin Donovan](#); [Kathy Norgard](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Masks
Date: Thursday, June 04, 2020 11:10:11 AM
Attachments: [6-8-2020 Special Meeting.pdf](#)

Kevin,

Thanks again for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will forward this message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

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

From: Kevin Donovan [<mailto:mbbuildersllc@gmail.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 9:58 AM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>; Kathy Norgard <knorgard@gmail.com>
Subject: Masks

Dear Dara,

I would like to encourage the town to strongly, strongly encourage the use of masks by all while out and about in town. Since indoor spaces are the most dangerous, perhaps they should be required there. Perhaps some big banners over Elk Ave. stating something like “For our safety as well as yours, please wear a mask when in public. Let ‘s all help prevent further deaths!” The type of mask is not as important as just some kind of face covering. It let’s all know that you are aware that there is a potential threat, that you are trying to mitigate your viral spread and hope that others are going to return the favor to you.

Let’s make masks cool!!

Sincerely,

Kevin Donovan
MB Builders LLC
970-596-2066 cell
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From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Guest User](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Face Masks
Date: Thursday, June 04, 2020 4:45:08 PM
Attachments: [6-8-2020 Special Meeting.pdf](#)

Mary Jane,

Thanks again for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will forward this message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

The Council will be meeting at 6:00 on Monday, June 8th to discuss the issue further. The agenda is attached.

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

From: Guest User [<mailto:peterbridges@earthlink.net>]
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 4:43 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Cc: jschmidtcb@gmail.com
Subject: Face Masks

Dear Town Manager:

I am a member of the vulnerable class (over eighty) so my comments might be ignored by the "self described" healthy youths on our town council. However...I have read of the number of corona virus-19 cases in Crested Butte and some of them are among the quite young--daughters of my friends have been very, very seriously ill and left with life threatening and long lasting consequences. With the prospect of tourists coming to town, possibly being asymptomatic, and shopping in enclosed spaces, mask free, the possibility of a serious resurgence of the virus should be considered.

People should wear a mask in closed areas—and we should emphasize consideration for others when we ask people to don the mask. No one should be made to feel wearing the mask is a political or aesthetic statement. Provide free, disposable masks at the door.

Mary Jane Bridges
114 Sopris Ave.

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Margie Haley](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Masks or face coverings
Date: Thursday, June 04, 2020 4:02:21 PM
Attachments: [6-8-2020 Special Meeting.pdf](#)

John and Margie,

Thanks again for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will forward this message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

The Council will be meeting at 6:00 on Monday, June 8th to discuss the issue further. The agenda is attached.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
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-----Original Message-----

From: Margie Haley [<mailto:margiehaley@me.com>]
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 4:00 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Masks or face coverings

Dara,

We have had a condo in Mt. Crested Butte for over 32 years and love the Gunnison Valley. We also really love the community. We have invested heavily in numerous organizations over the years because we believe in the non profits. We hope to continue our investing if we are still around.

We are both in our 70's and will arrive this weekend. I hope to be there for the 4 summer months like I have been doing for the last 20 years. My husband still practices ophthalmology so he will have to return to Dallas a few times. We are worried that some community members, visitors and second home owners are not wearing face coverings or masks on Elk Avenue or in the stores and restaurants. It really is a matter of showing consideration for one another. I understand you will be considering a mandate to wear masks and we ask that you seriously consider this. It may very well keep the virus spread to a small number. Doctors are highly encouraging it.

Thank you for your time and consideration,
Dr. John and Margie Haley
51 Whetstone, Mt. Crested Butte

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Barbara Kauffman](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: masks
Date: Thursday, June 04, 2020 4:37:54 PM
Attachments: [6-8-2020 Special Meeting.pdf](#)

Barbara,

Thanks again for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will forward this message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

The Council will be meeting at 6:00 on Monday, June 8th to discuss the issue further. The agenda is attached.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
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From: Barbara Kauffman [mailto:barbara_kauffman@hotmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 4:10 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: masks

Please consider mandatory masks on Elk & in businesses. It affects all of us and is a common courtesy. It's easy and not cumbersome. I've had covid (which we got here in March) and would not go maskless for the good of all.

Thanks, Barbara Kauffman

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Candice Bradley](#); [Chris Haver](#); [J Schmidt](#); [Laura Mitchell](#); [Mallika Magner](#); [Mona Merrill](#); [Will Dujardin](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#); [Barbara Green](#); [John Sullivan](#)
Subject: FW: References for scientific studies that support face coverings
Date: Friday, June 05, 2020 8:50:21 AM
Attachments: [Face Coverings Reference List.docx](#)

Mayor Schmidt and Council members,

Please see below and attached regarding face masks.

Dara

From: ICS Planning [mailto:ICSPlanning@gunnisoncounty.org]
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 5:09 PM
To: ICS Planning <ICSPlanning@gunnisoncounty.org>
Subject: References for scientific studies that support face coverings

Hello friends!

Please see the attached document for a list of peer reviewed studies that support the use of face coverings. Thank you to Joni for providing us with this information.

Enjoy your weekend,
Your Planning Section Team
ONE VALLEY COVID-19

COVID-19

Scientific Studies that support a Face Covering requirement include:

1. Rothe C, Schunk M, Sothmann P, et al., *Transmission of 2019-nCoV Infection from an Asymptomatic Contact in Germany*. The New England Journal of Medicine (2020) at 382(10):970-971.
2. Zou L, Ruan F, Huang M, et al., *SARS-CoV-2 Viral Load in Upper Respiratory Specimens of Infected Patients*. New England Journal of Medicine (2020) at 382(12):1177-1179.
3. Pan X, Chen D, Xia Y, et al., *Asymptomatic cases in a family cluster with SARS-CoV-2 infection*. The Lancet Infectious Diseases (2020).
4. Bai Y, Yao L, Wei T, et al., *Presumed Asymptomatic Carrier Transmission of COVID-19*. Jama (2020).
5. Kimball A HK, Arons M, et al., *Asymptomatic and Presymptomatic SARS-CoV-2 Infections in Residents of a Long-Term Care Skilled Nursing Facility — King County, Washington, March 2020*. MMWR Morbidity and mortality weekly report (2020) ePub: 27 March 2020.
6. Wei WE LZ, Chiew CJ, Yong SE, Toh MP, Lee VJ, *Presymptomatic Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 — Singapore, January 23–March 16, 2020*. MMWR Morbidity and mortality weekly report. 2020;ePub: 1 April 2020.
7. Li R, Pei S, Chen B, et al. *Substantial undocumented infection facilitates the rapid dissemination of novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV2)*, Science (New York, NY) (2020)
8. Abhiteja Konda, Abhinav Prakash, Gregory A. Moss, Michael Schmoltdt, Gregory D. Grant, and Supratik Guha, *Aerosol Filtration Efficiency of Common Fabrics Used in Respiratory Cloth Masks*, ACS Nano **2020** 14 (5), 6339-6347

From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Candice Bradley](#); [Chris Haver](#); [J Schmidt](#); [Laura Mitchell](#); [Mallika Magner](#); [Mona Merrill](#); [Will Dujardin](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#); [Barbara Green](#); [John Sullivan](#)
Subject: WHO and mask use
Date: Friday, June 05, 2020 10:05:34 AM

Mayor Schmidt and Council members,

Since some folks are referencing the World Health Organization recommendations about masks, I wanted to make sure you all have the actual link to the information they are offering:

<https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/question-and-answers-hub/q-a-detail/q-a-on-covid-19-and-masks>

Have a great day!

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
(970) 349-5338



From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Roger Cram](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Face Masks Manditory on Elk Ave? Special Council Meeting June 8th
Date: Friday, June 05, 2020 8:55:39 AM
Attachments: [6-8-2020 Special Meeting.pdf](#)

Roger,

Thanks again for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will forward this message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

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From: Roger Cram [mailto:cramrc@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 10:54 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Face Masks Manditory on Elk Ave? Special Council Meeting June 8th

Dara,

Please pass on these comments to the Town Council members for the Monday night agenda item:

My personal opinion is that CB & Gunnison County should follow the State of Colorado guidelines.

- 1) There are too many guidelines everywhere to know which ones to follow anymore. As States loosen their "controls" these will continue to change.
- 2) Are we discussing Face Coverings and / or Face Masks? Most guidelines are for facial coverings
- 3) Face Masks do NOT fit with anyone who has a beard. No beards on Elk Ave too?
- 4) What about 6th Street? Okay there? What about the Parks? 10 feet off of Elk Ave? Clark's Market Parking Lot?
- 5) Will the Town install signs? Or electronic "billboards"? How will this be communicated to the public that this is the only street in the State with these guidelines?
- 5) CDC and most states suggest that facial coverings should be used when Social Distancing can't be followed; especially indoors.
- 6) If Face Masks required, why not gloves?
- 7) Proof that they have been washed in the last 24 hours?
- 8) What about taking temperatures? Employees for sure? Customers optional?

- 9) How do the proponents plan to enforce this requirement? The Police? Tickets? \$10/hour store clerks? Town Council members and Staff? Deputize the locals?
- 10) Cancel Farmer's Market or move it to another street or location with SD guidelines? Same with the Fairs? Etc.?
- 11) Should the Council demand that plants stop pollinating the air with pollen, too?

How about some common sense? If an indoor place is so crowded that Social Distancing can't be followed just leave! Same with crowds outside? No one is preventing anyone from leaving anywhere? Not even an Emergency Room or doctor's office, filled with people whose immune system is probably impaired?

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Special Town Council Mtg Monday June 8, 2020 to discuss making Face Masks mandatory on Elk Ave.

Here's the link from the CB News on this Special Item:

<http://crestedbuttenews.com/2020/06/cb-council-will-reconsider-making-face-masks-mandatory/?fbclid=IwAR0H2CjhB90iXXnFljhKCdtt4fTUWHXbXrKWAupvyNw3OK43HMo1kboYGsc>

If you want to voice your opinion send an e-mail by this Friday to:
dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov (Dara MacDonald) and/or to the Town Council Members e-mail addresses on web site

My personal opinion is that CB & Gunnison County should follow the State of Colorado guidelines.

- 1) There are too many guidelines everywhere to know which ones to follow anymore. As States loosen their "controls" these will continue to change.
- 2) Are we discussing Face Coverings and / or Face Masks? Most guidelines are for facial coverings
- 3) Face Masks do NOT fit with anyone who has a beard. No beards on Elk Ave too?
- 4) What about 6th Street? Okay there? What about the Parks? 10 feet off of Elk Ave? Clark's Market Parking Lot?
- 5) Will the Town install signs? Or electronic "billboards"? How will this be communicated to the public that this is the only street in the State with these guidelines?
- 5) CDC and most states suggest that facial coverings should be used when Social Distancing can't be followed; especially indoors.
- 6) If Face Masks required, why not gloves?
- 7) Proof that they have been washed in the last 24 hours?
- 8) What about taking temperatures? Employees for sure? Customers optional?
- 9) How do the proponents plan to enforce this requirement? The Police? Tickets? \$10/hour store clerks? Town Council members and Staff? Deputize the locals?

- 10) Cancel Farmer's Market or move it to another street or location with SD guidelines? Same with the Fairs? Etc.?
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From: [Dara MacDonald](#)
To: [Ellen Dobbin](#)
Cc: [Lynelle Stanford](#)
Subject: RE: Face masks in CB
Date: Friday, June 05, 2020 8:55:15 AM
Attachments: [6-8-2020 Special Meeting.pdf](#)

Ellen,

Thanks again for sharing your thoughts on mask wearing. I will forward this message to the entire Town Council for their consideration.

The Council will be meeting at 6:00 on Monday, June 8th to discuss the issue further. The agenda is attached.

Dara MacDonald
Town Manager
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From: Ellen Dobbin [mailto:e.f.dobbin@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, June 4, 2020 8:36 PM
To: Dara MacDonald <dmacdonald@crestedbutte-co.gov>
Subject: Face masks in CB

Dara -

We have never met and I am writing at the behest of Margie Haley, a dear friend and fellow owner at the Columbine Condominiums. My husband, Richard Dobbin, has been a resident of Mt. CB for over forty years and an active member of the community on many levels - political, economic, cultural, social. He and I both are concerned about the abrupt end to the careful precautions we have been taking for months to protect us, our friend, our families and our community during this challenging time. We no longer reside full time in Mt. Crested Butte, but we do maintain a second home there and continue to be involved in the community. It is very difficult to understand how anyone in Gunnison County, after all you have been through in recent months, would want to risk it all because masks are uncomfortable or inconvenient.

We ask you to consider the importance of protecting our community and require the wearing of masks in all of Crested Butte, as well as the social distancing as recommended by the CDC.

Thank you for your attention.

Ellen Dobbin

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