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DRAFT AGENDA: March 6, 2022

**IN PERSON AND VIRTUAL
SAFETY AND HEALTH CODES BOARD MEETING**

In person location:

**Patrick Henry Building
East Reading Room
1111 E Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219**

Virtual Access:

******Refer to the Third and Fourth Pages of Agenda for Instructions on Registering to Make Public Comment and Meeting Access Information if you plan to attend virtually******

**For March 21, 2022
10:00 AM**

1. Call to Order
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes for Board Meeting held on February 16, 2022
4. Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board on issues pending before the Board today, as well as any other topics that may be of concern to the Board and within its scope of authority.

This will be the only opportunity for public comment at this meeting. Please limit remarks to 5 minutes in consideration of others wishing to address the Board.

5. Old Business
 - a) **Proposed Revocation of the Virginia Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19, 16VAC25-220.**

This meeting is being held for the purpose of consideration of the Proposed Revocation of the Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV2 Virus That Causes COVID-19, 16VAC25-220, as adopted by the Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board ("Board") on February 16, 2022, pursuant to Va. Code §40.1-22(6a).

Presenter – Jay Withrow

***(If requested by the Board)* Closed Meeting for the Purpose of Consultation with Legal Counsel Regarding Specific Legal Matters Pursuant to § 2.2-3711.A.8 of the Code of Virginia**

6. New Business. None
7. Items of Interest from the Department of Labor and Industry
8. Items of Interest from Members of the Board
9. Meeting Adjournment

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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- Oral public comments will be received from those persons who have submitted an email to **Princy.Doss@doli.virginia.gov** no later than **12:00 PM (NOON)** on **March 18, 2022**, indicating that they wish to offer either in person or electronic oral comments. Comments may be offered by these individuals when their name is announced by Ms. Doss. Oral comments will be **restricted to 5 minutes** each.
- **For oral comments received electronically:**
 - When logging onto WebEx each person **must provide their full name** during the registration process upon entering the meeting. Do not use the default username as it is imperative that the meeting organizer be able to determine who is in attendance based on their registration name. Failure to follow these specific registration instructions will restrict your ability to participate with oral remarks.
 - If you wish to make an oral comment and will be utilizing the “audio conference only” option to witness the hearing, ***you must provide the phone number you will be calling in from in your email to Ms. Doss*** so that the administrator will know whom to unmute at the appropriate time.
 - Other important information:
 - All parties will be muted until Ms. Doss announces the name of the person who is next to provide an oral comment.
 - All public participation connections will be muted following the public comment periods.
 - Please login from a location without background noise.

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**VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
VIRGINIA OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH (VOSH) PROGRAM**

16 VAC 25-220, Proposed Revocation of the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-COV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19

**Combined Townhall, Public Hearing, Direct to DOLI Public Comments 2.17.22 to 3.3.2022 (the first 15 days of the 30 day comment period from 2.17.2022 to 3.19.2022), With Department Response
DRAFT 3.10.2022**

LINK TO TOWN HALL PUBLIC COMMENT FORUM:

<https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/Comments.cfm?generalnoticeid=2373>

The Department developed the following standard responses to issues raised multiple times by Commenters (highlighted in yellow):

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119356	[REVOCATION]
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119357	[REVOCATION AND CDC UPDATE]
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359	[REVOCATION AND MASK EFFECTIVENESS]
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119366	[REVOCATION AND EMPLOYER RIGHT TO REQUIRE MASKS]
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119370	[PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY]
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119371	[VIRGINIA STANDARD LEGALLY ADOPTED]
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119374	[LEGAL PROTECTIONS FOR EMPLOYEES]
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119382	[FDA APPROVED CLEAR MASKS]
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119519	[30 DAY COMMENT PERIOD FOR CHANGES]
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119537	[VIRGINIA RANKINGS]
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119541	[GRAVE DANGER]
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119550	[ABILITY TO STAY CURRENT WITH CDC CHANGES]
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119557	[EFFECTIVENESS OF VACCINES]
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119573	[VIRGINIA STANDARD DOES NOT MANDATE VACCINES/SHUTDOWNS]
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119575	[EMPLOYEE RIGHT TO FILE COMPLAINT]
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119703	[VACCINES ARE NOT DANGEROUS]

Virginia Regulatory Townhall Comments

119356 2022/02/17 12:34:42 Ashley S. Remove Masks Please remove masks for teachers and other workers in VA.

Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board proposed revocation of Virginia Standard. The Board met on February 16, 2022 to consider the Department of Labor and Industry's (DOLI) proposal to revoke the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19, 16VAC25-220 (Virginia Standard) with the following results: The Board adopted DOLI's proposed finding that the SARS-Cov-2 virus no longer poses a grave danger to employees under Va. Code §40.1-22(6a). The Board adopted DOLI's proposed recommendation that the Virginia Standard be revoked, and that the such proposed revocation will be the subject of a 30-day written comment period, a public hearing

(during the 30-day period), and a second Board meeting to vote on final revocation of the Virginia Standard.

https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/GetFile.cfm?File=meeting\92\34796\Agenda_DOLI_34796_v9.pdf

NOTE: If the Virginia Standard is revoked, the Department will issue a guidance document entitled: Guidance for Employers to Mitigate the Risk of COVID-19 to Workers. The Virginia Occupational Safety and Health (VOSH) program will post the Guidance document on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall for public comments between March 28, 2022 and April 27, 2022. https://www.doli.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/DOLI-Guidance-for-Employers-to-Mitigate-the-Risk-of-COVID-19-to-Workers-03.01.2022_FINAL.pdf

119357 2022/02/17 12:51:27 Hairstylist and teachers wife! Please remove masks The data is clear! THE CDC is dragging their feet but mask mandates should be dropped for ALL workers in Virginia.
SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119356

CDC updated guidance of February 25, 2022.

The Department has issued an FAQ on CDC's February 25, 2022 guidance:

<https://www.doli.virginia.gov/final-covid-19-standard-frequently-asked-questions/#Employer%20Compliance%2050>

NEW! added of 03-02-22

THE CDC RECENTLY UPDATED ITS GUIDANCE ON COVID-19 FOR MASK WEARING. IF I AM AN EMPLOYEE WHOSE JOB DUTIES DO NOT INCLUDE PROVIDING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE/NON-MEDICAL CARE TO KNOWN OR SUSPECTED COVID-19 PERSONS CAN I FOLLOW THE UPDATED CDC GUIDANCE REGARDING MASKS?

Yes, except as otherwise noted in these FAQs, and only in areas of medium and low COVID-19 community levels as defined by the CDC.

16VAC25-220-40.G, Mandatory requirements for all employers, contains a mask requirement for employees that are not fully vaccinated, fully vaccinated employees in areas of substantial or high community transmission, and otherwise at-risk employees (because of a prior transplant or other medical condition).[1]

16VAC25-220-40.G further provides a list of exceptions to the masking requirement, including when an employee is alone in a room, etc.

CDC Guidance Update

On February 25, 2022, the CDC updated its mask wearing guidance based on community level metrics. CDC looks at the combination of three metrics — new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days, the percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients, and total new COVID-19 cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days — to determine the COVID-19 community level.[2]

In areas of low COVID-19 community level, the CDC updated guidance does not include mask wearing.

In areas of medium COVID-19 community level, the CDC updated guidance provides:

- If you are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions (e.g., testing).

In areas of high COVID-19 community level, the CDC updated guidance provides:

- Wear a well-fitting mask indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status.
- If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease, wear a mask or respirator that provides you with greater protection.

- If you are immunocompromised or high risk for severe disease, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions (e.g., testing).

You can determine your place of employment's COVID-19 community level at:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>

16VAC25-220-10.E Analysis

The Virginia Standard provides flexibility for the Department and employers as CDC workplace guidance changes. Section 16VAC25-220-10.E provides that:

To the extent that an employer actually complies with a recommendation contained in current CDC guidelines, whether mandatory or non-mandatory, to mitigate SARS-CoV-2 virus and COVID19 disease related hazards or job tasks addressed by this chapter, the employer's actions shall be considered in compliance with this standard. An employer's actual compliance with a recommendation contained in current CDC guidelines, whether mandatory or non-mandatory, to mitigate SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 related hazards or job tasks addressed by a provision of this chapter shall be considered evidence of good faith in any enforcement proceeding related to this chapter. The Commissioner of Labor and Industry shall consult with the State Health Commissioner for advice and technical aid before making a determination related to compliance with current CDC guidelines.

The intent of 16VAC25-220-10.E is to give employers the option to either comply with the requirements of a provision of the Virginia Standard or demonstrate as an alternative that they have actually complied with the mandatory and non-mandatory recommendations and considerations in a CDC publication addressing the same hazards, issues, requirements, etc., that are also addressed in a specific provision of the VOSH Standard.

As provided in 10.E, the Commissioner of Labor and Industry will consult with the State Health Commissioner for advice and technical aid before making a determination related to compliance with current CDC guidelines.

The Department and VDH agree that, with the exceptions noted for employers and employees whose job duties include providing medical care/non-medical care to known or suspected COVID-19 persons, an employer's compliance with the mandatory and non-mandatory updated CDC guidance on mask wearing issued on February 25, 2022, would be in compliance with 16VAC25-220-40.G.

NOTE: CDC's new COVID-19 Community Levels recommendations do not apply in healthcare settings, such as hospitals and nursing homes. Instead, healthcare settings should continue to use community transmission rates and continue to follow CDC's infection prevention and control recommendations for healthcare settings. Employers and employees whose job tasks include providing medical assistance/non-medical care to known or suspected COVID-19 persons (e.g., hospitals, urgent care facilities, doctor's offices, medical clinics, first aid providers, emergency response personnel, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, etc.) must continue to comply with 16VAC25-220.40.G and other applicable VOSH standards (e.g., Respiratory Protection Standard, 1910.134; Personal Protective Equipment Standard, 1910.132, etc.).

[1] <https://www.doli.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/VAC-16VAC25-220-Virginia-Standard-10.6.21-Current.pdf>

[2] https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/community-levels.html?ACSTrackingID=USCDC_2145-DM76655&ACSTrackingLabel=02.25.2022%20-%20COVID-19%20Data%20Tracker%20Weekly%20Review&deliveryName=USCDC_2145-DM76655

119358 2022/02/17 12:56:00 Jay D. Remove All COVID Requirements, Restrictions and Recommendation
 Its obvious that bureaucrats politicized this virus from the start, and now the narrative is completely falling apart. Based on the polling data, the current elite bureaucrats and politicians have decided that they can't win the next election by continuing to push these restrictive

policies. Remove these ineffective COVID requirements, restrictions, and recommendations for all employers and employees.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

The Department does not respond to political commentary.

119359 2022/02/17 13:02:36 Megan REMOVE MASK The mask mandate is ineffective! Please remove all mask mandates for VA workers!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119356

Effectiveness of wearing masks to mitigate the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus.

With regard to the efficacy of face masks/face coverings, the CDC states (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/masking-science-sars-cov2.html>): SARS-CoV-2 infection is transmitted predominately by inhalation of respiratory droplets generated when people cough, sneeze, sing, talk, or breathe. CDC recommends community use of masks, specifically non-valved multi-layer cloth masks, to prevent transmission of SARS-CoV-2. Masks are primarily intended to reduce the emission of virus-laden droplets (source control), which is especially relevant for asymptomatic or presymptomatic infected wearers who feel well and may be unaware of their infectiousness to others, and who are estimated to account for more than 50% of transmissions.^{1,2} Masks also help reduce inhalation of these droplets by the wearer (filtration for wearer protection). The community benefit of masking for SARS-CoV-2 control is due to the combination of these effects; individual prevention benefit increases with increasing numbers of people using masks consistently and correctly.

Source Control to Block Exhaled Virus

Multi-layer cloth masks block release of exhaled respiratory particles into the environment,³⁻⁶ along with the microorganisms these particles carry.^{7,8} Cloth masks not only effectively block most large droplets (i.e., 20-30 microns and larger)⁹ but they can also block the exhalation of fine droplets and particles (also often referred to as aerosols) smaller than 10 microns;^{3,5} which increase in number with the volume of speech¹⁰⁻¹² and specific types of phonation.¹³ Multi-layer cloth masks can both block up to 50-70% of these fine droplets and particles^{3,14} and limit the forward spread of those that are not captured.^{5,6,15,16} Upwards of 80% blockage has been achieved in human experiments that have measured blocking of all respiratory droplets,⁴ with cloth masks in some studies performing on par with surgical masks as barriers for source control.

Filtration for Wearer Protection

Studies demonstrate that cloth mask materials can also reduce wearers' exposure to infectious droplets through filtration, including filtration of fine droplets and particles less than 10 microns. The relative filtration effectiveness of various masks has varied widely across studies, in large part due to variation in experimental design and particle sizes analyzed. Multiple layers of cloth with higher thread counts have demonstrated superior performance compared to single layers of cloth with lower thread counts, in some cases filtering nearly 50% of fine particles less than 1 micron.^{14,17-29} Some materials (e.g., polypropylene) may enhance filtering effectiveness by generating triboelectric charge (a form of static electricity) that enhances capture of charged particles^{18,30} while others (e.g., silk) may help repel moist droplets³¹ and reduce fabric wetting and thus maintain breathability and comfort. In addition to the number of layers and choice of materials, other techniques can improve wearer protection by improving fit and thereby filtration capacity. Examples include but are not limited to mask fitters, knotting-and-

tucking the ear loops of medical procedure masks, using a cloth mask placed over a medical procedure mask, and nylon hosiery sleeves.

Human Studies of Masking and SARS-CoV-2 Transmission

A study of an outbreak aboard the USS Theodore Roosevelt, an environment notable for congregate living quarters and close working environments, found that use of face coverings on-board was associated with a 70% reduced risk of infection.

<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6923e4.htm>

From: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/masking-science-sars-cov2.html>:

At least ten studies have confirmed the benefit of universal masking in community level analyses: in a unified hospital system,⁴⁷ a German city,⁴⁸ two U.S. states,^{49, 50} a panel of 15 U.S. states and Washington, D.C.,^{51, 52} as well as both Canada⁵³ and the U.S.⁵⁴⁻⁵⁶ nationally. Each analysis demonstrated that, following directives from organizational and political leadership for universal masking, new infections fell significantly. Two of these studies^{51, 52} and an additional analysis of data from 200 countries that included the U.S.⁵⁶ also demonstrated reductions in mortality. Another 10-site study showed reductions in hospitalization growth rates following mask mandate implementation.⁵⁴ A separate series of cross-sectional surveys in the U.S. suggested that a 10% increase in self-reported mask wearing tripled the likelihood of stopping community transmission.⁵⁷ An economic analysis using U.S. data found that, given these effects, increasing universal masking by 15% could prevent the need for lockdowns and reduce associated losses of up to \$1 trillion or about 5% of gross domestic product.⁵² Two studies have been improperly characterized by some sources as showing that surgical or cloth masks offer no benefit.^{58,59} A community-based randomized control trial in Denmark during 2020 assessed whether the use of surgical masks reduced the SARS-CoV-2 infection rate among wearers (personal protection) by more than 50%.⁵⁸ Findings were inconclusive,⁵⁸ most likely because the actual reduction in infections was lower. The study was too small (i.e., enrolled about 0.1% of the population) to assess whether masks could decrease transmission from wearers to others (source control). A second study of 14 hospitals in Vietnam during 2015 found that cloth masks were inferior to surgical masks for protection against clinical upper respiratory illness or laboratory-confirmed viral infection.⁵⁹ The study had a number of limitations including the lack of a true control (no mask) group for comparison, limited source control as hospitalized patients and staff were not masked, unblinded study arm assignments potentially biasing self-reporting of illness, and the washing and re-use of cloth masks by users introducing the risk of infection from self-washing. A follow up study in 2020 found that healthcare workers whose cloth masks were laundered by the hospital were protected equally as well as those that wore medical masks.⁶⁰

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/science/science-briefs/masking-science-sars-cov2.html>

Effectiveness of governmentally imposed mask mandates.

Healthaffairs.org, February 16, 2022. The Effectiveness Of Government Masking Mandates On COVID-19 County-Level Case Incidence Across The United States, 2020.

<https://www.healthaffairs.org/doi/10.1377/hlthaff.2021.01072>

Abstract

Evidence for the effectiveness of masking on SARS-CoV-2 transmission at the individual level has accumulated, but the additional benefit of community-level mandates is less certain. In this observational study of matched cohorts from 394 US counties between March 21 and October 20, 2020, we estimated the association between county-level public masking mandates and daily COVID-19 case

incidence. On average, the daily case incidence per 100,000 people in masked counties compared with unmasked counties declined by 23 percent at four weeks, 33 percent at six weeks, and 16 percent across six weeks postintervention.

Journals.plos.org, June 23, 2021. Association between COVID-19 outcomes and mask mandates, adherence, and attitudes.
<https://journals.plos.org/plosone/article?id=10.1371/journal.pone.0252315>

Abstract

We extend previous studies on the impact of masks on COVID-19 outcomes by investigating an unprecedented breadth and depth of health outcomes, geographical resolutions, types of mask mandates, early versus later waves and controlling for other government interventions, mobility testing rate and weather. We show that mask mandates are associated with a statistically significant decrease in new cases (-3.55 per 100K), deaths (-0.13 per 100K), and the proportion of hospital admissions (-2.38 percentage points) up to 40 days after the introduction of mask mandates both at the state and county level. These effects are large, corresponding to 14% of the highest recorded number of cases, 13% of deaths, and 7% of admission proportion.

119360 2022/02/17 13:04:59 Audrey Walters COVID RESTRICTIONS Remove all COVID restrictions, requirements and recommendations.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119356

119361 2022/02/17 13:06:01 Sean Foster Remove masking in all workplaces Remove masking in all workplaces

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119356

119362 2022/02/17 13:13:42 MB Please remove Covid requirements for Workers Please remove the burdensome Covid requirements for Virginia workers as they are no longer reasonable now that we are in the endemic stage of this virus. School children no longer need to wear masks and it makes sense that school teachers and other workers in VA should now be free from masks, testing and vaccine requirements. We need to take steps to ensure that our schools and other businesses can retain their employees, and move forward in rebounding from the past two and a half years of onerous government restrictions and mandates.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119357

119363 2022/02/17 13:19:14 Mark C Remove Masks for ALL! Time for normalization!!
Remove Masks for ALL! Time for normalization!!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119356

119366 2022/02/17 13:48:09 Jess B Remove mask mandate All workers in the public and private sector should have the choice to wear or NOT wear a mask in their workplace. Individuals make the best medical decisions for themselves, not political entities!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119356

Employers can implement workplace safety and health rules for employees that are more stringent than VOSH laws, standards, and regulations.

Employers have the legal right to adopt safety and health workplace rules for employees that are more stringent than VOSH laws, standards, and regulations. See Va. Code §40.1-51.1.A. It shall be the duty of every employer to furnish to each of his employees safe employment and a place of employment that is free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees and to comply with all applicable occupational safety and health rules and regulations promulgated under this title.

Employees that fail to comply with an employer's workplace safety and health rules, or with VOSH laws, standards and regulations are subject disciplinary action up to and including job termination. 16VAC25-60-260.B recognizes the right of employers to set workplace safety and health rules and to enforce such rules:

B. A citation issued under subsection A of this section to an employer who violates any VOSH law, standard, rule, or regulation shall be vacated if such employer demonstrates that:

1. Employees of such employer have been provided with the proper training and equipment to prevent such a violation;
2. Work rules designed to prevent such a violation have been established and adequately communicated to employees by such employer and have been effectively enforced when such a violation has been discovered;
3. The failure of employees to observe work rules led to the violation; and
4. Reasonable steps have been taken by such employer to discover any such violation.

There are a number of different reasons an employer may opt to require stricter COVID-19 mitigation strategies for employees than.

First, the OSH Act of 1970 and Virginia laws, standards and regulations require employers to provide a safe and health workplace to employees. While providing for and enforcing workplace safety and health requirements indirectly benefits members of the general public, the primary focus of those laws is employee safety and health.

Second, customers or patrons are at a business voluntarily while employees are required to be there in order to keep their jobs. Customers can assume the risk of being potentially exposed to the virus, while no employee should be required or permitted to do so.

Third, customers can limit the length of their exposure at a particular business and can limit the number of businesses they visit on a daily basis to reduce the risk of exposure, while employees are required to be present for the full period of their work shift.

Slowing or preventing the spread of the virus is all about mitigating the risk of exposure by limiting or eliminating possible sources of the virus (both in length of exposure to a particular patron/customer as well as the sheer number of patrons/customers that an employee is exposed to during an entire shift).

119367 2022/02/17 13:52:38 Jacqueline D. remove ALL Covid restrictions! Covid has become endemic. It's time to move forward. It is time to remove ALL restrictions and mandates immediately (remove vaccine, testing, and mask requirements) for ALL VA employees, teachers, school staff, hospital workers, civil servants, etc.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119356

119368 2022/02/17 13:54:14 Dianna B. Stop the insanity! Unmask Virginia! Please remove all mandates related to COVID. Vaccines are widely available and those who want them have received them. Let people choose for themselves if they want to mask or not. This is an infringement on personal liberty. I do not ask my neighbors to wear a coat to keep me warm. It is insidious that I have the right to choose if my child wears a mask, but I do not have that right to make that choice for my own body. Virginia has spoken in the elections and the fact that there is even a comment period for this is an insult to every voting Virginian. Remove the masks now!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119356

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119371

The Department does not respond to political commentary.

119369 2022/02/17 13:56:03 Dbotelho Remove all COVID prevention mandates All COVID mandates (masking, distancing and vaccination) need to be removed immediately. People deserve a choice and can protect themselves if they feel the need.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119366

119370 2022/02/17 13:59:35 Mark Leone Rmove the Mask Mandate Scientific evidence in support of mask mandates is abundantly clear. They do not work against the spread of an aerosolized virus, and they have many deleterious effects. They are dehumanizing, harmful to individual mental health, poisonous to civic society, divisive, and can promote physical harm. Furthermore, COVID-19 is not even close to a public emergency that justifies coercive regulations affecting peoples bodily freedom and integrity. Do the right thing, and remove this unnecessary, harmful, and worse than useless mandate.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

The SARS-Cov-2 virus that causes COVID-19 constituted a public health emergency in the United States and Virginia.
Situation Summary.

On February 7, 2020, the Commissioner of the Virginia Department of Health (VDH) issued a Declaration of Public Emergency.

On March 7, 2020 the first case of COVID-19 in Virginia was confirmed.

On March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization characterized COVID-19 as a pandemic.

On March 12, 2020 Governor Ralph Northam issued Executive Order 51, Declaration of a State of Emergency Due To Novel Coronavirus (Covid-19) in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

On March 13, 2020, President Donald Trump declared a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

On March 17, 2020 Governor Northam and State Health Commissioner M. Norman Oliver, MD, MA issued a Declaration of Public Health Emergency.

As of February 2, 2022, in the U. S. there were 75,605,991 total cases reported (current 7-day average of 378,015 cases), 4,317,927 hospitalizations (current 7-day average of 16,068), and 892,442 total deaths (current 7-day moving average of 2,404 deaths).

As of February 5, 2022, cases in Virginia totaled 1,598,416 (7-day average 4,468 cases), 47,208 hospitalizations (7-day average of 28 hospitalizations), with 17,393 deaths (7-day average of 8 deaths).

119371 2022/02/17 14:03:57 Kelly Newcome No More Masks! EVER! It has become apparent that these mandates were done unlawfully and go against our Constitutional rights. In addition, it is well known that masks do nothing to prevent transmission of viral agents. There are at least 12 peer reviewed studies showing this. These mandates must be removed and never implemented again!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

The Virginia Standard was legally adopted.

Governor Youngkin's Executive Order 6 provides in part:

The Board and the Department of Labor of Industry is directed to seek guidance from the Office of the Attorney General regarding whether the proper legal and administrative procedures were followed during adoption and promulgation of the Permanent Standards.

After reviewing DOLI's request for legal advice, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) can report, EO6 orders the Board and DOLI to seek guidance from the OAG regarding whether the proper legal and administrative procedures were followed during adoption and promulgation of the Permanent Standard. The answer is yes: the proper legal and administrative procedures were followed during adoption and promulgation of the Permanent Standard, as affirmed by the Richmond Circuit Court and the Virginia Court of Appeals.

Multiple legal challenges to COVID-19 related Governor's Executive Orders and the VOSH Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS) for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19, 16VAC25-220, were filed in the Circuit Court for the City of Richmond and consolidated. On March 4, 2021, the Court granted the Commonwealth's motion to dismiss. On March 31, 2021, the plaintiffs appealed the dismissal to the Virginia Court of Appeals (case number 0316-21-2).

The Court of Appeals issued its ruling in the case on December 7, 2021.

The Court found that Governor's Executive Orders (EO) are not subject to the Virginia Administrative Process Act (APA), and that the challenges to the Department's Emergency Temporary Standard (ETS)

are moot because it has expired. The Court also found that the Department's Final Permanent Standard, which replaced the ETS, went through a distinct and separate rulemaking process and must be challenged separately, if at all.

The Court further found that the Plaintiff's claims under the Virginia Religious Freedom Act are moot because the Executive Orders expired and were replaced. Finally, the Court found that with regard to Count IV in the case (that EO restrictions violated the separation of powers provisions of the Virginia Constitution and impermissibly infringed on rights of assembly and association and the free exercise of religion), broader constitutional claims were raised which are not within the appellate jurisdiction of the Court of Appeals, and transferred those assignments to the Supreme Court of Va.

119372 2022/02/17 14:13:54 Anonymous Please remove masks! Please remove masks!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119356

119373 2022/02/17 14:14:32 Anonymous Remove masking in all workplaces Remove masking in all workplaces

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119356

[119374](#) 2022/02/17 14:18:13 Anonymous science over politics We decided two days ago to end required masking in our small office. The relief and return of uninhibited concentration is palpable. However, it concerns me that VA seems to have no concurrent plan in place to protect vulnerable populations like daycare facilities, schools, nursing homes. Shouldn't we at least provide these groups with testing supplies and protocols to avoid more infections, and disruptive shutdowns, isolations, and quarantines? The littlest kids can't get vaccines yet, but they don't live alone!

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All other VOSH laws, standards and regulations that apply to protecting workers from infection will remain in place if the Virginia Standard is revoked.

Va. Code §40.1-51.1.A, also known as the general duty clause, requires employers to provide a safe and healthy workplace to employees:

§ 40.1-51.1. Duties of employers.

A. It shall be the duty of every employer to furnish to each of his employees safe employment and a place of employment that is free from recognized hazards that are causing or are likely to cause death or serious physical harm to his employees and to comply with all applicable occupational safety and health rules and regulations promulgated under this title.

As an example, federal OSHA Region III (federal region in which Virginia is located and monitored by) issued the following citation under §5(a)(1) of the OSH Act of 1970, the general duty clause, to address a COVID-19 outbreak as a workplace:

29 CFR OSH ACT of 1970 Section (5)(a)(1): The employer did not furnish employment and a place of employment which were free from recognized hazards that were causing or likely to cause death or

serious physical harm to employees, in that employees were not protected from the hazard of contracting the virus, SARS-CoV-2 (severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2), the cause of the COVID-19 disease....On or about April 19, 2021, and continuing thereafter, the employer did not develop and implement timely and effective measures to mitigate the spread of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19). Employees working in the Pouch Room and DE Line worked in close proximity to each other and were not required to wear face coverings. The employer did not use social distancing or physical barriers in the production areas or breakrooms. The employer did not screen employees before entering the facility and did not implement a procedure for disinfecting the production area. An outbreak occurred between April 19 and April 25, 2021 where 15 of the workers in these areas tested positive for the virus. Workers subsequently infected their families and friends, many of whom became seriously ill. After the outbreak, the employer still failed to implement any measures to protect workers from the virus. Abatement certification and documentation required within 10 days after abatement date. The certification shall include a statement that abatement is complete, the date and method of abatement, and state that employees and their representatives were informed of this abatement. Abatement documentation shall include documents demonstrating that abatement is complete, such as evidence of the purchase or repair of equipment, photograph or video evidence of abatement or other written records.

https://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/establishment.violation_detail?id=1528699.015&citation_id=01001

Mandatory VOSH standards include: requirements for PPE (e.g., 1910.132 and 133), respiratory protection (1910.134), sanitation (1910.141 and 16VAC25-160), temporary labor camps (1910.142), protection from bloodborne pathogens (1910.1030), VOSH's requirements for employee access to medical and exposure records (1910.1020), and requirements in the VOSH Administrative Regulations Manual (16VAC25-60-120, -130, -140 and -150).

When an employer or VOSH determines that PPE is necessary to protect unvaccinated and otherwise at-risk workers from exposure to COVID-19, the employer must provide PPE in accordance with relevant mandatory VOSH standards and should consider providing PPE in accordance with other industry-specific guidance. Respirators, if necessary, must be provided and used in compliance with 1910.134 (e.g., medical determination, fit testing, training on its correct use), including certain provisions for voluntary use when workers supply their own respirators, and other PPE must be provided and used in accordance with the applicable standards in part 1910, Subpart I (e.g., 1910.132 and 133). There are times when PPE is not called for by VOSH standards or other industry-specific guidance, but some workers may have a legal right to PPE as a reasonable accommodation under the ADA.

If someone who has been in the facility within 24 hours is suspected of having or confirmed to have COVID-19, follow the CDC cleaning and disinfection recommendations. Follow requirements in mandatory VOSH standards 1910.1200 and 1910.132, 133, and 138 for hazard communication and PPE appropriate for exposure to cleaning chemicals.

Employers have the legal right to adopt safety and health workplace rules for employees that are more stringent than VOSH laws, standards, and regulations. See Va. Code §40.1-51.1.A.

Va. Code §40.1-51.2:1 prohibits discharging or in any other way discriminating against an employee for engaging in various occupational safety and health activities. Examples of violations could include

discriminating against employees for raising a reasonable concern about infection control related to COVID-19 to the employer, the employer's agent, other employees, a government agency, or to the public, such as through print, online, social, or any other media; or against an employee for voluntarily providing and safely wearing their own PPE, such as a respirator, face shield, gloves, or surgical masks.

119375 2022/02/17 14:20:08 Michelle Fraser Mask and Covid vaccine mandates Covid is no longer a pandemic. The Omicron variant essentially made Covid endemic. Most people have gotten 1,2 or 3 shots or have natural immunity. It's over! Enough damage has been done. Nobody should be forced to wear masks or take shots or accept any medical treatment as a condition of employment. This is still America for God's sake! We have rights!

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119376 2022/02/17 14:22:39 Anonymous Let businesses choose. The Permanent standards had a place and time. We are very thankful for how they guided us through some very trying times. We have now come to another crossroad - as the state, country and world has started to open up - the standard is now obsolete. This revocation will allow businesses to decide which parts to keep, which parts to amend and which part to eliminate. If parents can choose for their kids - businesses and adults can choose for themselves. Keeping a strict policy for 8 hours a day is asinine when employees go home and into the community for the other 16 hours and do not (and should not) keep the stringent adherence as they are required to do at work.

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119377 2022/02/17 14:22:59 Anonymous No more mask We need to end this craziness. If our God or whatever higher power you believe in saw fit to block our noses and mouths I think He or nature would have designed us and all living creatures that way. Again, it should be about CHOICE. If you feel safe with one or two, please by all means do. But don't expect others to sit eight hours a day with their mouths and noses covered worsening their anxiety levels.

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119378 2022/02/17 14:25:09 Henry Bass, Automation Creations, Inc. We value DOL, Virginia Health and local public health department expertise! While many commenters have strong opinions regarding mask mandates, I wanted to take a moment to say thank-you to the many experts and officials who carefully consider infectious diseases, worker safety, and minimizing risk. I believe the Virginia regulations and recommendations are based on scientific evidence, proven epidemiology and public health concerns. As a small business owner, I appreciate, follow and adhere to the local, state and Federal recommendations. It makes sense.

The only possible quibble we have seen in the pandemic is the tremendous difference in population density between the Golden Crescent area of the Commonwealth versus the rural Appalachian area where my business of 24 employees is located. Rules that are passed to minimize public transportation congestion or crowded workplaces make sense in high-density areas, but not when there are a total of 10 people in a 50,000 square foot office, or when a typical workday involves no less than 50 feet of space between me and the small handful of people I might see in a typical work day. The solution is local authority to adjust mandates based on known conditions, current risks and predictive trends. In Montgomery County, Virginia, we have been blessed with an outstanding public health department that tirelessly worked nights and weekends to keep our community safe and well-informed. Please continue to empower localities to do what makes sense for our Commonwealth. Thank you! Henry Bass, owner, Automation Creations, Inc.

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119380 2022/02/17 14:33:09 Monica de la Rosa No more masks The virus is endemic. E29 Allow us to breathe fresh air.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119366

119381 2022/02/17 14:36:08 Alice olson Masks should be optional for EVERYONE There is a vaccine, N95 masks and a milder variant. Masks should no longer be mandated !

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119366

119382 2022/02/17 14:42:16 Anonymous Teach without a Mask, PLEASE I teach Kindergarten. I have for 32 years. Children need to see my face and expressions during reading. They need to see my mouth for phonics and decoding. Please allow teachers the choice to not wear a mask.

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FDA approved clear face masks.

Some commenters expressed concern about the inability of others to understand words or see facial expressions during the wearing of masks.

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved face masks on the market that are clear and that enable others to see a wearer's face. While the Department does not endorse commercial products, here is a link to a news story about one such product:

<https://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/clearmask-introduces-worlds-first-ce-marked-fully-transparent-surgical-mask-301387067.html>

FDA approved face masks are considered personal protective equipment covered by the Personal Protective Equipment Standard, 1910.132.

119383 2022/02/17 14:43:28 Ashley Fritzman George Stop Discrimination and stop masking in the workplace Please stop discriminating between the vaccinated and the unvaccinated when deciding who can wear a mask in the work place. It has been proven that both individuals are the same when it comes to spreading the COVID virus so why does one get to choose and the other does not? This is a form of segregation that I thought we the people were trying to get away from? I want my legal right back to choose what to do with my body which includes how I choose to protect myself from COVID. Two years is long enough..

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119384 2022/02/17 15:00:14 Mary Mack No evidence for masks End mandatory masks. There is no evidence that they stop any disease. In fact, they are germ magnets and spread disease, especially to the wearer. They make people sick. They are medieval, not science.

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119385 2022/02/17 15:01:34 TeacherPlease stop the mask mandates.Please stop the mask mandates.

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119386 2022/02/17 15:06:30 Jennifer Goyet Please rescind ALL mandates I am asking the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry to fully and completely rescind their employee mask mandates in conjunction with EO2 and EO6. If we as parents are able to make the personal and private decision for and with our school-aged children, we as Virginia employees should be awarded the same freedom of choice. Students need to see their teachers faces for proper instruction. This does not stop a teacher from wearing a mask if they so choose but that is what it should be - their

<div dir=ltr>- All across our great country, everyone is quickly realizing masks do not equal the science everyone has been following.

All across our great country, people are no longer wanting or believing in any sort of mandate.

All across our great country, governors and mayors are lifting their mask mandates for all settings effective immediately.The governors and mayors are not saying "possibly one day in the future" nor are they saying "some random date span in three weeks. This week during the sporting events on Virginia college campuses and across the country at even like the Super Bowl, only

the smallest of minorities was wearing a mask.No one was drinking or eating 100% of the game but they were definitely going maskless 100% of the game. The photos are proving this. What they are doing in those games carries over - they are not wearing mask any other time. And finally, all across our state, K12 students have been going to school without their masks and the data demonstrates the cases are all but disappearing. The numbers are dropping drastically. Cases, severity level, hospitalizations, deaths - all going down. The mask wearing did not contribute to this fact since we all wore masks for two years and they did not stop the numbers from skyrocketing. Natural immunity has started to reach a peak, contributing to mild cases or no cases at all.

Please rescind the mask mandate for all employees in Virginia.
Jennifer Goyet
Virginia Beach resident
Virginia employee

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119387 2022/02/17 15:17:40 Anonymous No more masked teachers and therapists in special education It is long overdue for all teachers, staff, and therapy providers (think speech therapy in a mask, what a joke) to be able to un-mask at school so that students, but especially those with special needs, can read non-verbal communication cues, clearly hear the messages being said to them in order to correctly process the message, and for those who benefit from visual cues to be able to read lips and see how sounds are formed in the mouth. Our students have been impacted by this for far too long.

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119388 2022/02/17 15:19:31 Anonymous End mask mandates please! Please end the mask mandate and all other mandates ASAP. When Virginia Tech has sold out Basketball games with very few fans wearing masks, it is time to end it! Not to mention the Super Bowl with very few seen wearing a mask!! Almost everyone has been vaccinated and/or has had COVID. Seems there should be high immunity at this point.

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119389 2022/02/17 15:24:30 Anonymous Please end masking Please end the masking in schools for the students as well as the teachers. It should be a personal choice by ALL. Individuals may choose to further protect themselves by masking if the so CHOOSE to. The science has proven that masked and unmasked school divisions have had similar COVID cases. Thank you for FINALLY helping the commonwealth get back to some normalization

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119390 2022/02/17 15:28:05 Anonymous End Mask for all Employees The mask mandate needs to go away for everyone. Teachers, grocery/shopping, other businesses. If we can as parents .are decisions for our kids it should be up to us if we want to wear one to work.

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119391 2022/02/17 16:09:35 Nancy Torrisi NO MORE MASKS No more masks at work please! As a teacher it's difficult to talk and teach daily wearing a mask for 8 hours. COVID has not been spreading at the elementary level since children have been given the option to wear a mask or not. Please consider giving teachers the same option.

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119392 2022/02/17 16:38:37 David B. Johnson, CSP Chesterfield County Government Comments on the Proposed Revocation of the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of t Honorable Members of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry Safety and Health Codes Board: On behalf of Chesterfield County, Virginia we thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Department of Labor and Industry Safety and Health Codes Board's proposed revocation of the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19, 16VAC25-220. Chesterfield County is one of the larger counties in the Commonwealth of Virginia encompassing over 460 square miles while providing critical infrastructure and essential services to over 365,000 citizens. The county government and public school district employs over 12,000 employees and we are committed to protecting the health and safety of our employees, students, citizens, contractors, and suppliers. The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged us all in many ways over the past two years, both on a personal basis and as an employer. Chesterfield County has earnestly attempted to implement mitigation protocols within our workplaces that were risk-based, appropriate, effective, and protective of our employees and others who may utilize our services and facilities. At times we have found the guidance coming from the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry, the Virginia Department of Health, and the federal CDC to be confusing, not always grounded on a solid scientific basis, shrouded in uncertainty, everchanging, and onerous to implement. It is now evident that the pandemic has taken a significant turn for the better across the Commonwealth and in Chesterfield County, as is evidenced by the rapidly declining number of new COVID-19 cases, significant reduction in case positivity rates, and decline in hospitalizations attributable to the predominant Omicron variant. Chesterfield County agrees with and supports the DOLI Health and Safety Codes Board's acknowledgement that COVID-19 no longer presents a unique grave danger to employees in the workplace. Current thought is that the pandemic has entered an endemic phase and as such will become a ubiquitous community-based illness that has occasional flareups and hotspots. There is no longer a continued need for the existing workplace standard. We support and recommend that the Board vote to revoke the existing workplace standard at

the end of the 30-day comment period. Thank you for your effort to keep Virginia's workers safe and for your kind consideration. Respectfully, David B. Johnson, CSP Director, Department of Risk Management and Chief Risk Officer

Chesterfield County, Virginia

cc. Hon Christopher Winslow, Esq. - Chairperson Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, Hon. Leslie Haley, Esq. Vice Chairperson - Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, Hon. Kevin Carroll - Member Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, Hon. James Ingle - Member Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, Hon. James Holland - Member Chesterfield County Board of Supervisors, Dr. Joseph Casey - County Administrator

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119393 2022/02/17 16:44:28 Anonymous Please remove the mask Please remove the mask

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119394 2022/02/17 16:49:00 Ann Parker REVOKE the VA Std for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Caused Covid 19 Vote to REVOKE the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that caused COVID-19, as per the Committee Decision yesterday, February 16, 2022. Employers and Employees have been negatively effected by this over reaction, and need the opportunity to start recovering lost wages, their jobs, businesses and overall health and well being. This needs to be Effective as swiftly as possible. Thank You, Ann Parker

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119395 2022/02/17 16:49:20 Anonymous Continue with sound scientific action We all know that the COVID debate has gotten to politicized. Looking through the first comments regarding mask requirements, it is clear that people are passionate about this issue. But we are in the midst of another surge. How does it makes sense to relax safety protocol in the middle of a surge? That feels like political posturing, and that is bad for Virginia. Apparently the Department of Labor voted to remove a permanent COVID Standard, which absolutely makes sense. We are going to be stuck with this virus for the foreseeable future, and we can't continue to isolate forever. But please don't remove all safety protocols simply because it is politically expedient. We must carefully plan for how to learn to live with this virus, it does not make sense to immediately undo all of the safety protocols at once to satisfy a few outspoken constituents.

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119396 2022/02/17 16:50:18 Sara 3rd Grade Teacher Give teachers a choice As a teacher (and, you know, an adult) I would like the option to make health choices for myself and take off my mask. Quite frankly, I don't know how anyone expects us to be heard by our students or teach PHONICS to these children with a piece of cloth strapped over our faces. I have literally had to use a microphone so my kids can hear me. I have no issue with anyone who wants to keep wearing a mask but I would like the choice to NOT wear my mask. Drop this whole standard please.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119366

119397 2022/02/17 16:52:01 Kim End all covid regulations including mask/vaccine mandates for ALL Regulations requiring masks and vaccinations in all workplaces should be rescinded. It has been widely proven through data that masks and mandatory vaccinations offer little protection over unmasked and natural immunity. People should be able to choose if they want to wear a mask and want to get a vaccine for their own protection. End all regulations immediately for vaccinated and unvaccinated employees.

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119398 2022/02/17 16:56:42 Anonymous Remove the mask mandate! Everyone should be able to choose! Student at should see teachers' faces. Everyone should have a choice. Remove mask mandates!

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119399 2022/02/17 17:00:02 Kelly Jones Remove the mask mandates. Remove the mask mandates.

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119400 2022/02/17 17:13:26 Courtney Remove the mask mandates! Remove the mask mandates! Our children need to see their teachers' faces!

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119401 2022/02/17 17:31:30 Anonymous Make masks optional for teachers. Let teachers teach without masks.

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119402 2022/02/17 17:33:35 Anonymous Remove the mask mandate Every American should have the right to be masked or unmasked.

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119403 2022/02/17 17:39:17 A teacher in pwcs Remove the teacher mask mandate asap
I have unvaxxed kids allowed to come in unmasked, but a triple vax Ed teacher who has already had covid(me) will still have to wear a mask. There's no science to this. Get rid of it now!

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119404 2022/02/17 17:39:47 Anonymous REMOVE ALL COVID MANDATORY RESTRICTIONS
It is time to allow adults to take ownership for their own health and safety. If you want to mask, etc. you can do so. If you don't, you should not be forced to. That is a constitutional right that has been taken away. Bring it back!!!

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119405 2022/02/17 17:48:53 David Campbell Remove all COVID mandates please Please remove all mask and COVID testing mandates for all levels of education (including colleges and universities) in VA. WE ARE OVER IT!

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119406 2022/02/17 17:54:26 Anonymous The pandemic is OVER! Way past time to return to normal.

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119407 2022/02/17 18:15:57 Kevin W. Holt Mask Mandate Please vote to remove the workplace mask mandate and other COVID requirements. COVID is not a unique workplace risk to begin with and, in any event, the disease is no longer a pandemic, but endemic. We need to live with it. People can choose to mask or not based on their personal situations. And the burden of your COVID rule on business has been significant.

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119408 2022/02/17 18:22:41 Dennis Hannick Remove Covid 19 Restrictions It's time to end the state mandated COVID 19 restrictions. ALL OF THEM!

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119409 2022/02/17 18:24:13 Karen Scalf Mask mandate should be gone My husband and I are teachers and believe the mask mandate should be gone. The risk of severe illness due to Covid 19 is no longer a threat. Vaccines are readily available. The current masks most people wear are not even effective against Omicron.

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119410 2022/02/17 18:27:48 Jessica Remove Masks in the Workplace As the co-admin of a group that worked tirelessly to get rid of mask mandates for our children, we have been contacted by so many teachers asking for our help so that they can have a choice too. The main job of an educator is to convey information to a student in a format they can understand. How can we possibly think that masking teachers was ever a good idea? Our smallest students need to see the way words are formed. They need to know where to place their tongue and how to purse their lips to pronounce certain letters, words and sounds correctly. Our older students continue to navigate a confusing world where much of their lives, at least for the last two years, have been online. Our adolescents need to see facial

expressions and feel meaningful connections with their peers, and their teachers. Masking is serving no public health purpose anymore. It has been a hinderance to learning and has put up additional barriers to understanding for students who need less barriers more than ever. As a former public school teacher, I can't imagine having to teach from behind a mask all day long. Please give Virginians choice in the workplace, the same way parents and their children now have choices.

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119411 2022/02/17 18:30:01 Anonymous Remove teacher mask mandate There is absolutely no reason for teachers to remain masked. This needs to stop now.

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119412 2022/02/17 18:30:50 Dedi rapp Masks It's time to end this idiocy. Get rid of the masks for our employees.

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119413 2022/02/17 18:33:30 Anonymous Remove the masks. Enough is enough romove the masks. 2 weeks to curve the spread has turned in to 2 years. If not now then when? Quit kicking the can down the road and remove masks now.

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119415 2022/02/17 18:52:13 Nicole Cook Time to remove mandates It is time to remove ALL covid mandates. Its been two years and we are still acting like we don't know anything about Covid then we did in 2020. Its time to life employee mask mandates, public transportation, etc. People complied long enough and people want their freedom back. Our children have suffered enough.

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119416 2022/02/17 18:59:06 Stacy Riddle Time to end the standard The permanent COVID standard enacted by VDOLI has placed undue hardship on small businesses and their employees. As a business owner I am asking you to repeal the standard as soon as possible.

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119417 2022/02/17 19:15:06 SPED Teacher No more mandates It is time for personal choice and medical freedom. No more mandates. Please rescind all mandates and standards you have set forth for employees in Virginia.

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119418 2022/02/17 19:15:25 Tom Waters Remove all mandates! The mandates have been of doubtful use since their inception. The overreach by those in power is more blatantly clear now than ever before.

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119419 2022/02/17 19:25:44 Susan No more masks! End mandates!

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119420 2022/02/17 19:34:12 Holly R. Make masks OPTIONAL for teachers and staff I have been a teacher for nearly 20 years, and over a decade of that has been in kindergarten. Children need to see our faces for phonics instruction, learning to read meaning by our facial expressions, and to bond with us as we need to connect before we can correct. Our ability to interact with our students is greatly hampered by masks and I have had to rely on videos I make to show to students so they can see how I form sounds and words! We already have a very heavy load. Remove the mask mandate for educators.

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119421 2022/02/17 19:47:17 Frank M. No More Effing Masks! It is about time to delete these mandates. Not sure the government had authority to require their use in the first place.

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119422 2022/02/17 19:49:11 Madison No more restrictions!! It's time to remove all restrictions and mandates. It's time to turn our economy around.It's time our rights are restored.

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119423 2022/02/17 19:51:16 Anonymous Time to fully open Virginia no mandates It is time to fully open Virginia no mandates for workers, health care professionals, schools etc.

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119424 2022/02/17 19:55:47 Brett A. Please return our Right to choose. Please return our right to choose what we do for our health and well being. We. Look to the government to guarantee our rights not rule over them.

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119425 2022/02/17 20:10:50 Anonymous NO MORE MASK MANDATES!!! People should be making their own decisions for themselves and their children. It is NOT the role of the government to decide what is BEST for me and my family.

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The Virginia Standard does not contain any mandates for non-employee children.

119426 2022/02/17 20:14:07 Steve L Enough Already! Time to end the mandates…Vaccines, masks, testing. No more JAB for JOB!

It's time for the government and the news media to report the truth and stop scaring the crap out of people!! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!

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119427 2022/02/17 20:17:10 Sarah E Remove all mandates At this stage, there is no reason to continue mandating masking or any other health related decision. The virus has weakened, many people have acquired natural immunity, and the vaccine is widely available. Please remove any and all mandates for workers and teachers!

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119428 2022/02/17 20:19:52 Anonymous Rescind Mask Mandates As a special education teacher with elementary students it's is ridiculous that I am trying to teach reading without children being able to see my mouth. I don't where a mask anywhere besides school and the doctor. It is time for this to end. The kids no longer have to wear them so it is time to free the teachers and staff.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119429 2022/02/17 20:25:20 Anonymous remove all masks REMOVE ALL MASKS!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119366

119430 2022/02/17 20:41:48 M S Remove all Covid restrictions, mandates, discrimination and manipulation. Let people make their own choices on their own health and wellness. Stop with propaganda and lies.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119366

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The Department does not respond to political commentary.

119431 2022/02/17 20:48:43 Patricia M Tryal Remove all mandates We the people need to return to as normal a life as possible! It is high time to end all mask mandates, for the masks have only made things more complicated, as if things were not already complicated enough! A return to freedom of breathing freely is way overdue. Thank God for our new Governor and his rational thinking. Please use rational thinking in this decision, and stop all mandates.

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The Department does not respond to political commentary.

119432 2022/02/17 20:58:48 Burkett Reed Carver please remove mandates in all forms Please remove all mandates related to covid-19; masks, vaccines, etc. Govt response over the past 2 years has been an extreme over-reach - the Govt works for the people.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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The Department does not respond to political commentary.

119433 2022/02/17 21:00:39 Anonymous Allow Teachers to Remove Masks Allow teachers to remove masks.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119434 2022/02/17 21:04:57 Todd PorthouseIt's About Time!! We've been under tyrannical mask mandates for far too long. They were a mistake back in 2020 and they are still a mistake. Let's bring back some sanity to the Commonwealth and get rid of the mask mandates!

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The Department does not respond to political commentary.

119435 2022/02/17 21:08:23 MichaelMask mAndates. End all mask dates

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119436 2022/02/17 21:14:25 John G End all covid restrictions End all covid restrictions and open a special counsel to look into how many people really died from covid, Full adverse effects and deaths due to vaccines and begin to look at adverse health effects do to mask-wearing and hand sanitizer multi-year period.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119437 2022/02/17 21:17:48 Erin Grzeda Allow teachers to make the choice on whether to wear masks. Allow teachers to make the decision for themselves on whether or not to wear a mask. They are adults and can make the risk/benefit calculation for themselves.

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119438 2022/02/17 21:23:30 Carrie Give Teachers a CHOICE Why are we forcing these public servants to continue wearing these face diapers? If they want to wear it, go for it. If they don't want to, they should be allowed to show their class their face! CHOICE!!!!

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119439 2022/02/17 21:25:28 Renee Shannon Please get rid of the mask mandates for teachers.

Schools should not fall into the same categories of factories. If students have the option to remove masks then so should teachers. Let's get back to normal.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119440 2022/02/17 21:26:40 Elizabeth, parent Give teachers a choice! Let our children see their teachers faces! Give teacher's a choice!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119441 2022/02/17 21:40:51 Anonymous Please immediately end mask mandates for all employees I wholeheartedly agree with the Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board's proposed revocation of the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19. Please immediately give employees (including all staff in schools) their freedoms back and stop all mask mandates, vaccine requirements, and the resulting discrimination, harassment, and segregation that has occurred as a result of the former policy. Masks are not necessary and are not effective, only harboring more germs. They restrict one's ability to interact effectively and clearly communicate, as well as inhibiting students social-emotional development. They are also uncomfortable, hard to breathe in, and cause dizziness. It is time for common sense to prevail. Deaths and cases are way down, with an approximate 99.7% survival rate. We need to stop creating panic and spreading irrational fear. I'm concerned about the effect that these mask mandates and the constant media reports of doom are having on peoples emotional health and well-being. People need to have hope and a sense of normalcy, and the revocation of masks will be an important first step in improving mental health.

Thank you for proposing the revocation, and I sincerely hope that the board will fully approve the removal of masks and other mandates as soon as possible.

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119442 2022/02/17 21:48:32 A. Dryden Freedom for all! Please allow ALL citizens to decide what's best for their health!!! Remove the mandate 2 years has been long enough of over reach from our government!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119443 2022/02/17 21:54:30 Anonymous End all mask mandates! Please end all mandates and give Americans a choice. ;Especially the teachers. ;The kids need to see their teachers' faces. How to you expect a child to learn from a faceless adult when their own brain is not fully developed?

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119444 2022/02/17 21:59:05 Lynne Peace Choice- Mask and Vaccine Please allow us the freedom to make the best choice. Thank you.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119445 2022/02/17 22:01:05 HEM Please end mandates for masks! Please end mandates for masks!

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119446 2022/02/17 22:01:22 Anonymous Mask removal for teachers My school has now adopted the Governors order to allow parent choice for student mask wearing. However, myself and other adults in the same building, WHO ARE FULLY VACCINATED, must continue to wear ours. How does this make sense? Please remove the mask order and also allow the adults working in the school the same choice parents have been given. SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119448 2022/02/17 22:17:24 Elisabeth Leacock Remove all mandates for non vaccinated
Please allow us the choice to wear masks or not. Be vaccinated or not. By allowing only vaccinated people to take off masks, reveals the rest of us who have medical and religious beliefs vulnerable to harrassment, etc.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119449 2022/02/17 22:38:35 Laurie L. Remove the mandates! Remove the mask mandates!

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119450 2022/02/17 22:58:44 Man Jorgan I'm not the best teacher I can be with a mask on One of my students wears two cochlear implants. She never sees my lips to read them. Why can I eat and drink without a mask, but I must teach in one? The cafeteria is more swamped with students than my classroom. The mask doesn't save me or help me, nor does it help my students. I know this because I got Covid with a vaccine in my body, so did my students. In a mask, we are only virtue signaling and creating a generation of scared, woke ignoramuses who would rather be good little soldiers, rather than think for themselves.

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119451 2022/02/17 23:59:58 George Clotfelter Remove all China Virus mandates Virginia
should remove all mandates related to the China virus/Covid 19.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119452 2022/02/18 0:13:34 M Pratt End this madness! Let teachers and all employees CHOOSE! Let all employees choose if they want to wear a mask.

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119453 2022/02/18 5:30:31 Aimee M. greene county va No more mandates. Freedom of choice
All virginians have a right to make their own medical choices including whether to wear a mask.
No more unconstitutional mandates.

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119454 2022/02/18 6:37:01 D. Rowe Covid mandatesPlease end all Covid restrictions for all workers.

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119455 2022/02/18 6:45:29 Anonymous Optional Making masks optional is the best way to allow people to follow their conscience. If people choose to continue wearing a mask they can wear an KN95 for their peace of mind.

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119456 2022/02/18 6:45:54 Anonymous Mask choice for the adults in the classroom Now that the students don't have to wear masks, it is time to allow the adults in the schools to have the same choice. It is insane that I teach in a room full of kids that have a choice and I do not have the same liberties. Please allow the adults to have the same freedom of choice. Thank you!

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119457 2022/02/18 7:03:08 Shannon Teacher choice!! Teachers are sick of teaching all day in a mask! Daily headaches, shortness of breath, dental issues are just a few problems daily masking for 8+ hours have caused me. You think there's a teacher shortage now, wait til next year if masks are still a thing! Those of us that have hung in there, did so thinking this was temporary. Many of us already have a plan B in our back pocket, if this continues!

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119458 2022/02/18 7:05:06 Anonymous Remove the mask Teachers should not be forced to wear masks. All adults should be able to choose whether or not they want to wear one.

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119459 2022/02/18 7:21:16 M. Jamieson Please make masks optional for everyone...teachers, staff, bus drivers. No more mandates. Please make masks optional for everyone. Students need to see their teachers faces and hear their voices. No more mandates!

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119460 2022/02/18 7:21:59 Wanda J McLennan End mask mandates for medical personnel and doctors I believe that it is time that the state if Virginia gets back to a regular life. End all mandates for the mask, that includes doctors, employees if medical facilities, hospitals, and clinics. But I also remember we are a free country and if a person wants to wear a mask so be it, it is their choice.

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119461 2022/02/18 7:26:22 Terry Pruitt Gaston Brothers Utilities, LLC Rescind COVID-19 Employer Mandates As a Virtual attendee at Wednesday's HSCB meeting regarding the Permanent Standard for COVID-19 in the workplace, I listened intently to the commentators representing most if not all industries in the Commonwealth. It was abundantly clear employers do not support mandates or government intervention. The COVID-19 and it's variants have significantly impacted our lives and ruined many businesses, continuing regulatory burdens on employers will not serve to improve workplace conditions, but rather will create nearly impossible compliance problems for employers. In my opinion, there is no need for a Construction Industry Standard.

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119462 2022/02/18 7:32:26 Peggy Mandated No more mask mandates. Freedom for all

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119463 2022/02/18 7:46:28 Elizabeth D No masks for teachers! My son is afraid to stop wearing his mask even though I told him he doesn't need to wear it anymore. I think it would help tremendously if the teachers stopped wearing them. Additionally, it would help the children learn better if they could see the teachers faces. Let the children see the teachers faces!! Laugh, smile, expressions!

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119464 2022/02/18 8:00:56 Jonathan End mask mandates for all Virginia employees Writing in support of rescinding all mask mandates for Virginia employees, especially our teachers!

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119465 2022/02/18 8:17:15 Anonymous NO MORE MASKS! We have certainly killed our immune systems with these masks. The cells responsible for immunity depend on oxygen to be produced. With these masks on we are not getting the oxygen our bodies need. As a person with

asthma, this has been a hard thing to do. I have had to use my inhaler more than normal. So I feel it should be optional for teachers, just like its the parents choice for the students.

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The commenter provides no scientific or medical research to support their immune system comment. The Department is aware no such legitimate research.

No scientific evidence supports the claim that wearing face masks or gloves, or handwashing weakens the immune system. Instead, such measures effectively reduce the spread of infectious diseases.

<https://healthfeedback.org/claimreview/face-masks-handwashing-and-vaccination-do-not-weaken-the-immune-system-and-are-effective-measures-to-reduce-the-spread-of-infectious-diseases/>

119466 2022/02/18 8:20:26 Anonymous Mask choice for all This is a personal choice and should no longer be mandate, the benefits are minimal from cloth and N95 need to be fit tested to be effective…vulnerable are protected by their mask if worn correctly

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119467 2022/02/18 8:25:36 Michelle Austin Bank of Botetourt Supports proposed revocation
Before the DOLI and OSHA standards were issued, Bank of Botetourt had already enacted our own mitigation strategies to maintain a safe workplace. Encouraging vaccinations was our top mitigation strategy and we currently have an 82% vaccination rate bank-wide. We feel we are at an appropriate place to assess what is needed for our individual workplace circumstances. We would like the flexibility to create mitigation plans that are reasonable for our specific workplace. We support your board's proposed revocation.

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119468 2022/02/18 8:27:09 FLG Permanently Revoke the Permanent Standard As an employee of one of Virginia's largest manufacturing companies, the practices and protocols dictated in the standard neither lessened or increased the number of COVID cases. It was a failure as far as protection goes and was never based upon science but upon political knee jerk reactions. As a member of the COVID committee and tracking team, over 97% of the infections originated from outside the facility

within family circles and other sources. Instead of seeing a decrease or flattening of the curve, we saw increases in health issues associated with wearing a mask for hours on end, as well as increases in anxiety and stress associated with angst created by the needless regulations. Where OSHA has been a great help in reducing job related risks in most areas, this one was a dictatorial decree over an issue that was not intended to be governed by nor considered a true function of OSHA.

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119469 2022/02/18 8:27:28 Karen Brad Let's be normal again- no more mask! It's time to be NORMAL again! Let's students see their teachers faces! Let teachers actually see students faces! End this mask mandate. The major threat is over so let this be over too!

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119470 2022/02/18 8:28:42 Anonymous Mask Mandate Please end mask mandate for all employees immediately

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119471 2022/02/18 8:30:15 Stephanie Give teachers CHOICE Let teachers and school staff have the same choice on masks that parents now have.

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119472 2022/02/18 8:32:09 Vicki Hurt Return everyone to normal. No mandates

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119473 2022/02/18 8:32:55 Anonymous Masks optional! EVERY person deserves the right to decide for themselves whether to wear a mask or not. Give teachers and all employees personal freedom!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119474 2022/02/18 8:38:01 John Wagstaff Remove all Mask Mandates! It is time to remove all mandates related to Covid. It has been over 700 days, if you are going to be exposed, you have been. Masks have not been proven to stop the spread. REMOVE ALL MASK AND ANY OTHER EMERGENCY RESTRICTIONS NOW!

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119475 2022/02/18 8:43:16 Dana Mask choice!! Stop forcing people to cover their airways. This should be a choice! It is cruel to do this when masks don't even work. Those who want can still mask and vax. Teachers deserve choice just like everyone else! Trust people to make the best decisions for themselves. Masks can even cause other illness and we have seen mask boxes even have cancer warnings!! This is ridiculous at this point.

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119476 2022/02/18 8:43:28 Anonymous Remove all mask Please remove all masks whether vaccinated or not! Vaccinated people can still spread it and catch it. There is not difference between the two.

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119477 2022/02/18 8:45:42 Jacqueline Anderson Support this change The mask and other policies were an overreach of government and were unnecessary and ineffective. I support the Revocation of the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19

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119479 2022/02/18 8:46:04 Angie Muncy Remove mask mandates! Remove all COVID related mandates! All mandates should be removed! Time to get back to normal life, and freedom of choice for that life!!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119480 2022/02/18 8:49:46 Stephen Roszel Get rid of the masks Please end this farce that masks have any mitigation effects. Get on the right side of history already and end this immoral form of petty tyranny please.

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119481 2022/02/18 8:54:00 Shelley Buckles No mask or vaccine mandates! End all mandates!

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119482 2022/02/18 9:02:18 Anonymous End mandates It has been 2 years. Time to let our teachers teach and get back to living

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119483 2022/02/18 9:02:57 Adrienne Mask mandate No mask mandates. Constitutional freedom of choice for all.

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119484 2022/02/18 9:08:31 Kimberly Thurston Make Masks OPTIONAL FOR ALL Giving citizens the choice on how they will protect themselves from COVID is imperative in a free society. We voted against COVID mandates in the last state-wide election, so giving the citizens the choice is the right and ethical thing to do. Make masks optional for all, and do not implement vaccine mandates in the future.

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119485 2022/02/18 9:18:57 Anthony No More Masks It is time to end the mask mandate in Virginia.

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119486 2022/02/18 9:23:15 Anonymous NO MORE MASK MANDATES The science shows a negligible effect with mask wearing on the spread of COVID. It is LONG past time to get rid of the mandates. Every American deserves CHOICE! SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119487 2022/02/18 9:24:08 Chapin George No more masks There is absolutely zero scientific logic behind removing masks from students but mandating teachers still wear them. Mask wearing should be optional for all! It's simple logic at this point. SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119488 2022/02/18 9:24:42 Kim Holmes Remove masks for teachers! If I, as a parent, can make decisions about my child's health, I should be allowed to make decisions about my own health. Every individual has the right to assess the inherent risk of any given situation and make their own decisions. Allow adults to make their own decisions about whether to wear a mask. It makes no sense that my students can be unmasked at school and I cannot.

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119489 2022/02/18 9:25:20 Karen No mask No more masks!!!!

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119490 2022/02/18 9:26:57 Anonymous NO MASKS FOR ANYONE especially from SCHOOL SYSTEMS Many Virginians have been silent because they have been shamed at work for making their own decisions and following the science. The school system didn't help me with my health issues after I went to the principals, HR, and school board. I have lost trust in the public schools and many government officials. I have left the profession. Thank you Lord for giving us the freedom to choose! God bless Governor Youngkin and his administration! God bless Governor DeSantis in Florida!

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As of March 8, 2022:

Florida has experienced 331 COVID-19 related deaths per 100,000, 17th highest in the country.

Virginia has experienced 222 COVID-19 related deaths per 100,000, 37th highest in the country.

Virginia's COVID-19 related death rate is 32.9% lower than Florida.

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/1109011/coronavirus-covid19-death-rates-us-by-state/>

As of March 7, 2022:

Florida has experienced 27,225 COVID-19 related cases per 100,000, 10th highest in the country.

Virginia has experienced 19,282 COVID-19 related deaths per 100,000, 44th highest in the country. Virginia's COVID-19 related case rate is 29.2% lower than Florida.

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/1109004/coronavirus-covid19-cases-rate-us-americans-by-state/>

119491 2022/02/18 9:28:14 John Ray End all Covid Mandates Period! Thank you for allowing me to comment. I will keep this short. This is about day 700 of 14 days to slow the spread. The results are in. What the politicians and Fauci did was only to damage the economy and our children. This all must end now. one of the most fascinating facets to me was that Fauci was our only doctor. I ask everyone if they were diagnosed with something severe what would they do? They all said get a serving opinion. We did not do that. Makes no sense. Only political sense. It needs to all be investigate. Never let a Democrat to get into office again. I blame them.

John Ray

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119492 2022/02/18 9:29:41 Anonymous No Mandates Rescind the mask mandate now! The CDC admits they do not work and have not worked for two years. Rescind the mandates and give people a choice! No need to wait!

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119493 2022/02/18 9:31:13 Tina Dunn No mask mandate Please end the mask mandate for all people. Everyone should have a choice to wear a mask or not. Its amazing to me in this Country that we even have to have this conversation. It should have always been a choice. Parents and adults should be able to make choices regarding their health.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119494 2022/02/18 9:39:15 A Free American The Constitution trumps all political tyranny
It has been forgotten that the Constitution and Bill of Rights trumps all, regardless of how many

revisions lawmakers, politicians, etc. want to try and impose. The individual had the right to make medical decisions for their own person.

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119495 2022/02/18 9:42:08 Anonymous Teachers/Staff masks optional Teacher/Staff choice to wear or not wear a mask!

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119496 2022/02/18 9:43:30 Emily Council Let Adults Choose! We have spent the last 8+ months watching people pack into stadiums, concerts, and other large-scale events across the country and adults have repeatedly chosen to go without masks. We know that mask mandates have had little to no effect on reducing the spread of this virus and therefore should no longer be allowed to be forced upon ANYONE - adults or children. Let adults make their own personal decisions regarding their health and well-being. Remove any mandate and allow people the freedom to choose what is best for them.

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119498 2022/02/18 9:54:45 Kim Luckabaugh Emergency is over The dropping rates of the disease (all metrics measured) shows that the emergency related to COVID is over. It is important to remove all extra measures from the workplace to allow for necessary mental health improvement. Serious mental health impact are limiting Virginians every day. Many of these are due to fears caused by management of the pandemic. Children and others are suffering irreparable harm.

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119499 2022/02/18 9:56:39 Krystal Johnston It's time for the masks to go! It is time to make Virginia safe to work in again. For the past two years Virginian's have been mandated to wear mask while at work. The masks have one, been proven not to work and two, in some cases been

harmful. We shouldn't just do things to do things, there got to be common sense behind them. I for one have had to wear masks at work and have been recently diagnosed with asthma. I have never had breathing troubles, not even allergies and now I have asthma, the ONLY thing that has changed is that I've had to work under ridiculous mandates wearing harmful masks. Who's going to be responsible for the damages that are happening? Make it a choice for people to care for their own bodies the way they see fit.

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119500 2022/02/18 9:57:41 Kerri End the Mandate I'm in favor of ending the mandate

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119501 2022/02/18 10:05:44 Teacher CCPS Give me choice! Teaching phonics in a mask is so counterproductive. These children are suffering academically and will continue to fall behind because of things like this mask. They can't hear me, unless I use the MICROPHONE I purchased with my own money. To fully grasp phonetic principles, they need to be able to see my mouth for lip and tongue placement in order to correctly form and make letter sounds. I am unable to breathe. I have had a daily headache for over a year now. I never had migraines or headaches until I had to wear a mask. If my students can have a choice, I should be able to have one too!

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119502 2022/02/18 10:07:36 Kelly Williams End all mandates Please end all mandates. Let adults make the decisions for their own well-being.

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119503 2022/02/18 10:08:57 Kevin Lugo No more mandate Time to return the power of decision back to the people.

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119504 2022/02/18 10:10:30 Anonymous Remove ALL Mandates ALL fake mandates need to be end/removed and everything open so we the people can live our lives like we should be. Then you all need to come out with a letter or something stating you all were wrong about the fake plandemic and be punished for all the lies and making people sick.

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The Department does not respond to political commentary.

119505 2022/02/18 10:11:36 Renae Jones Remove all Vaccine and Mask Mandates Give people back the rights to their personal freedoms. The Government has no right to tell us what to do with our body.

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119506 2022/02/18 10:14:31 Alberto Calimano Remove Mandates Now Remove mandates now. Let Virginians live free and make their own decisions for their kids and their health.

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119507 2022/02/18 10:15:52 Jenn Dunning Teacher Choice Teachers have been masked for 2 years and it's time we give them the choice to remove it. The mandate should end for all schools, including daycares, as it has been proven to hinder social development in our students when they are unable to see facial expressions from adults around them. Do the right thing and give teachers and staff the right to choose!

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119508 2022/02/18 10:20:20 JK End all restrictions Where as the typical cloth mask has been found practically useless and where as the Covid shot has been found to not prevent the spread if is well past time to remove all unnecessary restrictions on all persons in Virginia. Covid is endemic and new therapeutics are available to the public so the early restrictions should all be dropped. Individuals may choose a mitigation strategy that fits their lifestyle. Choice not force is way forward. A return to normal is called for! Thank you for your consideration and attention to this critical matter

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119509 2022/02/18 10:20:29 Caitlin Remove all mandates! Remove ALL mandates. Make it all optional.

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119511 2022/02/18 10:23:14 Anonymous End all mandates Thank you for choosing to remove the standard by which businesses and employers are forcing employees/patrons to either vaccinate or test and wear masks. If parents can choose for their kids, adults should also be able to choose for themselves. End this so we can get on with LIVING!

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119512 2022/02/18 10:25:35 KL NO MASK MANDATES We now know that masks are ineffective. No mask mandates in Virginia Period!

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119513 2022/02/18 10:27:14 Anonymous Make masks optional for everyone Please consider making masks optional for everyone-contractors, teachers, school personnel.

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119514 2022/02/18 10:29:59 Tricia Neill All mask and vaccine mandates should be removed
Mask and vaccine mandates should be removed immediately. And I will go so far as to say that they should NEVER have been implemented in the first place. There have been hundreds of studies concerning the effectiveness of masks and the SCIENCE shows they are ineffective. Please do the research. The vaccines have health risks and with risk there MUST BE CHOICE. The science community doesn't even know the long term effects of this experimental injection. We do, however, know that there have been many serious side effects as well as deaths after taking the doses. I personally know of a 3 vaxxed gentleman who was golfing the day before he showed symptoms who has now passed due to covid. The injections don't even WORK. Politics can NEVER be played out in the medical world. No more mandates.

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119515 2022/02/18 10:32:39 Sam Janney UNMASK THE ALL EMPLOYEES (TEACHERS TOO!)

What a sad world we live in when we have to pass rules and laws to ALLOW people to make choices about what they will and will not put on their faces. Shame on Northam and VDOLI for sneaking these rules into place last August that not only masked our teachers, but employees all across the Commonwealth. Undo the damage the authoritarians did to protect us and allow ALL employees to choose whether or not they will cover their faces. Can't believe this is something we even have to fight for. Common sense tells us we should make these sorts of decisions for ourselves, and our families. Fix this.

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The current Virginia Standard was the subject of numerous comment periods at various times during initial adoption and amendment phases (one 60 day comment period, three 30 day comment periods and and three public hearings).

119516 2022/02/18 10:41:07 Anonymous Burdensome Reporting The requirement for businesses to report 2 or more cases in a 14 day period is overly burdensome. At a large facility or worksite, 2 employees may have zero contact but are still considered an outbreak if they test positive in a 14 day period. During the Omicron peak, reporting these cases to DOLI and VDH became a full time job since the form required so much information and it had to be re-entered for each site over and over again. There was no indication of what happened with this information. I believe the rule should be revoked.

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The Virginia Department of Health (VDH) used the case reporting to contact employers and to determine whether contact tracing was needed to slow the spread of the virus. The Virginia Department of Labor and Industry used the case reporting to contact employers to confirm that the Virginia Standard was being complied with to slow the spread of the virus.

119517 2022/02/18 10:44:49 Anonymous Remove Mask Requirements Please remove all masks mandates and allow the freedom of choice for everyone. Those who support masks will still have the right to wear them but stop forcing those of us who see no benefit from them to continue wearing them

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119518 2022/02/18 10:48:59 Kara Webb Requesting immediate allowance of choice When this standard went into place there was not a 30 day public comment period, please consider the immediate allowance of choice to those who are still mandated to wear masks.

Where there is risk there must be choice and there are plenty of known risks to wearing masks. We have teachers and staff who are dealing with anxiety, breathing issues and continued illnesses from wearing masks. We have students - suffering development and social issues as they attempt to learn from a masked and muffled teacher. I completely support your revocation of this standard and request that an emergency order be put in place to allow optional wearing, without repercussions to the person, during this 30 day commenting period.

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When the current Virginia Standard went into effect in 2021, there was a 60 day comment period and a 30 day comment period.

119519 2022/02/18 11:01:47 Anonymous Remove masks from all children, including daycare and college Why must our children wait another 30 days? Remove masks from our youngest and our college-age students. While you're at it, make it optional for daycare providers, preschool staff, K-12 teachers and staff, professors, and college staff. Those who wish to mask can still do so. Non-employee children are not covered by the Virginia Standard.

Guidance from the Office of the Attorney General in Accordance With Executive Order 6.

Executive Order 6 provides in part:

The Board and the Department of Labor of Industry is directed to seek guidance from the Office of the Attorney General regarding whether the proper legal and administrative procedures were followed during adoption and promulgation of the Permanent Standards.

After reviewing DOLI's request for legal advice, the Office of the Attorney General (OAG) can report, EO6 orders the Board and DOLI to seek guidance from the OAG regarding whether the proper legal and administrative procedures were followed during adoption and promulgation of the Permanent Standard. The answer is yes: the proper legal and administrative procedures were followed during adoption and promulgation of the Permanent Standard, as affirmed by the Richmond Circuit Court and the Virginia Court of Appeals.

The OAG also confirmed that:

Any proposed changes to or proposed revocation of the Virginia Standard will go through a similar notice and comment process to that used for adoption of the current standard. This includes a written comment period for the public and stakeholders to provide written feedback to the Board about the proposed changes or proposed revocation, at least one public hearing, and the development of an Economic Impact Analysis (EIA) as necessary (an EIA would not be necessary in the event of proposed revocation). The Board will then hold a second meeting and vote to accept or reject the proposed changes or proposed revocation as final, which would become effective upon publication in a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Richmond, Virginia.

119520 2022/02/18 11:02:13 M Mills End all Mandates Thank you for allowing me to comment. It's been nearly 2 years into 14 days to slow the spread. What the politicians and Fauci did was only to damage the economy and our children. We are tired of the fear porn and of our kids being used as political. It needs to all be investigated.

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The Department does not respond to political commentary.

119521 2022/02/18 11:03:26 Anonymous END ALL MANDATES All mask, testing and vaccine mandates should be removed. Also remove contact tracing We the people of Virginia demand it.

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119522 2022/02/18 11:09:32 D Lyons It is BEYOND time to end all mandates Masks don't work. Anyone in the military who has been in a CBR (chemical, biological, or radiological hazard) exercise can tell you that a cloth mask is useless against biological (or other) agents. And now the vaunted follow the science has demonstrated what people with common sense have known for 2 years: masks don't work. Mandates are not about health or safety, but control. It is time to end them all. NOW

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119523 2022/02/18 11:13:42 S.D. No Mask Mandate Please remove all mask mandates.

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119524 2022/02/18 11:15:07 Fed Up Educator No More masks for staff. There should not be any more masks required for teachers or staff members in public school buildings. This is beyond ridiculous, and we have the worst of it with the Prince William health department. Their tyrannical behavior in the last two years has caused irreparable damage to students, especially to those in younger grades. Seeing another's face, facial expressions, smiling, and enunciation of words is extremely important in the development of the whole child. This ridiculous mandate, which has been proven to not stop the virus spread, should have been done away with a long long long time ago. You guys under the direction of Wreck-It Ralph have irreparably harmed and damaged millions of Virginia school children. And that's on you. So when graduation rates are down, literacy rates are down, and inappropriate behaviors are up , are you going to step in and try to solve it? No. You won't. Teachers will have to do that. Principals will have to do that. Bus drivers will have to do that. And support staff will have to do that. Just like always. They always rise to the occasion. It's time for this ridiculous mask mandate to go. And you need to do it sooner rather than later

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119525 2022/02/18 11:15:52 Mike Nichols ETS as a whole should be revoked. Communication to large groups has been difficult with the required social distancing and reduced capacity limits in conference rooms. Removing this requirement will improve communication. Also, having to manage masking in the workplace is burdensome. The cost of providing surgical masks is expensive and is proven to be ineffective with the Omicron variant. Providing N95 masks exacerbates these costs. In addition, forcing teachers to wear masks while students have the option is counterproductive and therefore should be the employee's choice. Everyone has been given ample opportunity to receive the vaccine and booster. Those who have chosen to not take the vaccine have also chosen to assume the risks with COVID-19.

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119526 2022/02/18 11:16:15 Anonymous Freedom of choice Teachers/Staff masks optional

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119527 2022/02/18 11:17:55 Anonymous Teachers/staff masks optional Masks optional

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119528 2022/02/18 11:18:38 Coleman Bunn Terminate all the indoor masking requirements. Date: February 18th, 2022 To Whom It May Concern: I am sending you this message related to the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19, 16VAC25-220. My findings raise significant concerns for the current mask policies in place. Masks are ineffective for the purpose claimed by the mandate, potentially harmful, and only authorized for use by a EUA. Masks are ineffective and in many ways, they are harmful. It is a myth that masks prevent viruses from spreading. The overall evidence is clear: Standard cloth and surgical masks offer next to no protection against virus-sized particles or small aerosols.¹ The size of a virus particle is much too small to be stopped by a surgical mask, cloth, or bandana. A single virion of SARS-CoV-2 is about 60-140 nanometers or 0.1 microns.² The pore size in a surgical mask is 200-1000x that size. Consider that the CDC website states, surgical masks do not catch all harmful particles in smoke. Consider also that the size of smoke particles in a wildfire is ~0.5 microns, which is 5x the size of the SARS-CoV-2 virus! Wearing a mask to prevent catching SARS-CoV-2, or similarly sized influenza, is like throwing sand at a chain-link fence: it does not work. There has been one large randomized controlled trial that specifically examined whether masks protect their wearers from the coronavirus. This study found mask-wearing “did not

reduce, at conventional levels of statistical significance, the incidence of Sars-Cov-2-infection. Consider also, that the existence of more particles does not mean a higher concentration of the virus. Research shows less virus does not mean less illness. Dr. Kevin Fennelly, a pulmonologist at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood institute debunked the view that larger droplets are responsible for viral transmission. Fennelly wrote: current infection control policies are based on the premise that most respiratory infections are transmitted by large respiratory droplets- i.e., larger than 5 [microns] – produced by coughing and sneezing, …Unfortunately, that premise is wrong. Fennelly referenced a 1953 paper on anthrax that showed a single bacterial spore of about one micron was significantly more lethal than larger clumps of spores.⁵ Exposure to one virus particle is theoretically enough to cause infection and subsequent disease. This is not an alarming thought - it simply means what it has always meant, that our immune system protects us continually all our life. There have been hundreds of mask studies related to influenza transmission done over several decades. It is a well-established fact that masks do not stop viruses. Part of that evidence shows that cloth facemasks actually increase influenza-linked illness. ⁷ Bacteria are 50x larger than virus particles.⁸ As such, virus particles can enter through the mask pores, yet bacteria remain trapped inside of the mask, resulting in the mask-wearer continually being exposed to the bacteria. Related to the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic, there was almost universal agreement among experts, that deaths were virtually never caused by the influenza virus itself but resulted directly from severe secondary pneumonia caused by well-known bacterial eumopathogens” that colonized the upper respiratory tract.⁹ Dr. Fauci and his National Institute of Health studied pandemics and epidemics and concluded, “the vast majority of influenza deaths resulted from secondary bacterial pneumonia. All parties mandating the use of facemasks are not only willfully ignoring established science but are engaging in what amounts to a clinical experimental trial. This conclusion is reached by the fact that facemask use and Covid-19 incidence are being reported in scientific opinion pieces promoted by the CDC and others.¹¹ The fact is after reviewing ALL of the studies worldwide, the CDC found no reduction in viral transmission with the use of face masks. Any intervention, especially a prophylactic one, must cause fewer harms to the recipient than the infection. The cost-benefit of mandating an investigational face-covering with emerging safety issues is especially difficult to justify. Anthony Fauci was very clear that asymptomatic transmission was not a threat. He stated, “in all the history of respiratory-borne viruses of any type, asymptomatic transmission has never been the driver of outbreaks. The driver of outbreaks is always a symptomatic person. Wearing respirators come(s) with a host of physiological and psychological burdens. These can interfere with task performances and reduce work efficiency. These burdens can even be severe enough to cause life-threatening conditions if not ameliorated.¹⁴ Fifteen years ago, National Taiwan University Hospital concluded that the use of N-95 masks in healthcare workers caused them to experience hypoxemia, a low level of oxygen in the blood, and hypercapnia, an elevation in the blood's carbon dioxide levels.¹⁵ Studies of simple surgical masks found significant reductions in blood oxygen as well. In one particular study, researchers measured blood oxygenation before and after surgeries in 53 surgeons. Researchers found the mask reduced the blood oxygen levels significantly, and the longer the duration of wearing the mask, the greater the drop in blood oxygen levels.¹⁶ Moreover, people with cancer will be at further risk from hypoxia, as cancer cells grow best in a bodily environment that is low in oxygen. Low oxygen also promotes systemic inflammation which, in turn, promotes “the growth, invasion and spread of cancers. ¹⁷ Repeated episodes of low oxygen, known as intermittent hypoxia, also “causes atherosclerosis” and hence increases all cardiovascular events” such as heart attacks, as well as adverse cerebral events like stroke.¹⁸

<p dir=ltr>Informed consent is required for investigational medical therapies

<p dir=ltr>Regardless of the lack of safety and efficacy behind the decision to require employees to wear a mask, it is illegal to mandate EUA-approved investigational medical therapies without informed consent. Mask use for viral transmission prevention is authorized for Emergency Use only.¹⁹ Emergency Use Authorization by the FDA, means “the products are investigational and experimental” only.²⁰ The statute granting the FDA the power to authorize a medical product of emergency use requires that the person being administered the unapproved product be advised of his or her right to refuse administration of the product.²¹ This statute further recognizes the well-settled doctrine that medical experiments, or “clinical research,” may not be performed on human subjects without the express, informed consent of the individual receiving treatment.²²

<p dir=ltr>The right to avoid the imposition of human experimentation is fundamental, rooted in the Nuremberg Code of 1947, has been ratified by the 1964 Declaration of Helsinki, and further codified in the United States Code of Federal Regulations. In addition to the United States regarding itself as bound by these provisions, these principles were adopted by the FDA in its regulations requiring the informed consent of human subjects for medical research.²³ The law is very clear; It is unlawful to conduct medical research (even in the case of emergency) unless steps are taken to “secure the informed consent of all participants.”²⁴

<p dir=ltr>Furthermore, by requiring employees to wear a mask, you are promoting the idea that the mask can prevent or treat a disease, which is an illegal deceptive practice. It is unlawful to advertise that a product or service can prevent “disease unless you possess competent and reliable scientific evidence” substantiating that the claims are true.²⁵

<p dir=ltr>The FDA EUA for surgical and/or cloth masks explicitly states, “the labeling must not state or imply “that the [mask] is intended for antimicrobial or antiviral protection or related, or for use such as infection prevention or reduction.”²⁶ As you can see from the image below, masks do not claim to keep out viruses

<p dir=ltr>Illegally mandating an investigational medical therapy generates liability

<p dir=ltr>There are proven microbial challenges as well as breathing difficulties that are created and exacerbated by extended mask-wearing

<p dir=ltr>Requiring employees to wear a mask sets the stage for contracting any infection, including COVID-19, and makes the consequences of that infection much graver. In essence, a mask may very well put us at an increased risk of infection, and if so, have a far worse outcome.²⁷

The fact that mask-wearing presents a severe risk of harm to the wearer should – standing alone – not be required for employees, particularly given that we are not ill and have done nothing wrong that would warrant an infringement of our constitutional rights and bodily autonomy. Promoting the use of a non-FDA-approved, Emergency Use Authorized mask, is unwarranted and illegal. This mandate is in direct conflict with Section 360bbb-3€(1)(A)(ii)(I-III), which requires the wearer to be informed of the option to refuse the wearing of such “device.” Misrepresenting the use of a mask as being intended for antimicrobial or antiviral protection, and/or misrepresenting masks for use as infection prevention or reduction is a deceptive practice under the FTC. It is clear, there is no waiver of liability under deceptive practices, even under a state of emergency. As such, forcing employees to wear masks, or similarly forcing use any other non-FDA approved medical product without the wearer’s consent, is illegal and immoral

Accordingly, I urge you to comply with Federal law and advise employees they have a right to refuse or wear a mask as a measure to prevent or reduce infection from Covid-19. Any other course of action is contrary to the law

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119530 2022/02/18 11:24:42 Les Williams End ALL mask mandates. Time to return to the norm. No more mask mandates. CDC post the cloth/paper mask never were effective! Before this we still had contagious viruses: strep throat, flu, weak immune systems, etc etc. TIME TO LET THESE KIDS AND TEACHERS GET BACK TO THE NORM AND ALL AMERICA FOR THAT MATTER

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119531 2022/02/18 11:35:07 Anonymous No More Masks in favor of repealing the mask mandate for all state workers, but especially for teachers. As a Phonics teacher, it is so difficult to teach kids how to form sounds correctly with the mask on. Thank you!!!

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119532 2022/02/18 11:40:22 Michele mcmullen End all mandates End mask mandates for ALL and don't make us wait! I want it off NOW! There is no reason for us to even be discussing this. It's a choice. Stop forcing us to follow something that people may or may not agree on. We live in a free country - or used to at least. Let's bring back our freedoms in this case it's just CHOICE!

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119533 2022/02/18 11:43:31 Cathy End the mandates It is past time to end the mandates for mask, shots, and test (especially only the unvaccinated group). Following the science has been an excuse. I'm all for science and freedom. The science has been a hypothesis. Testing should have been done on the entire general population to get proper data but that would be an invasion as well. Change the current situation to a choice on masking. shots, and test for ALL age groups. Preschool, k-12, college, state/federal employees, and all other citizens need to make their own choices.

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119534 2022/02/18 11:45:42 Anonymous Personal preference but no requirement If people want to wear a mask, fine, but it should not be required.

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119535 2022/02/18 11:47:00 J Jeffries END ALL MANDATES NO MORE MASKING OR MANDATES, PERIOD.

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119536 2022/02/18 11:54:12 Jonathan End all mask mandates for State/Public employees
Please end all mask mandates for state/public employees. Freedom of choice.

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119537 2022/02/18 11:54:17 Kelly Hickey REVOCATION OF THE VOSH STANDARD MASK
MANDATE I feel that this mask mandate was never effective in the first place. Therefore, I believe that this Permanent Standard should be withdrawn because COVID-19 no longer poses a grave danger to Virginia workers.

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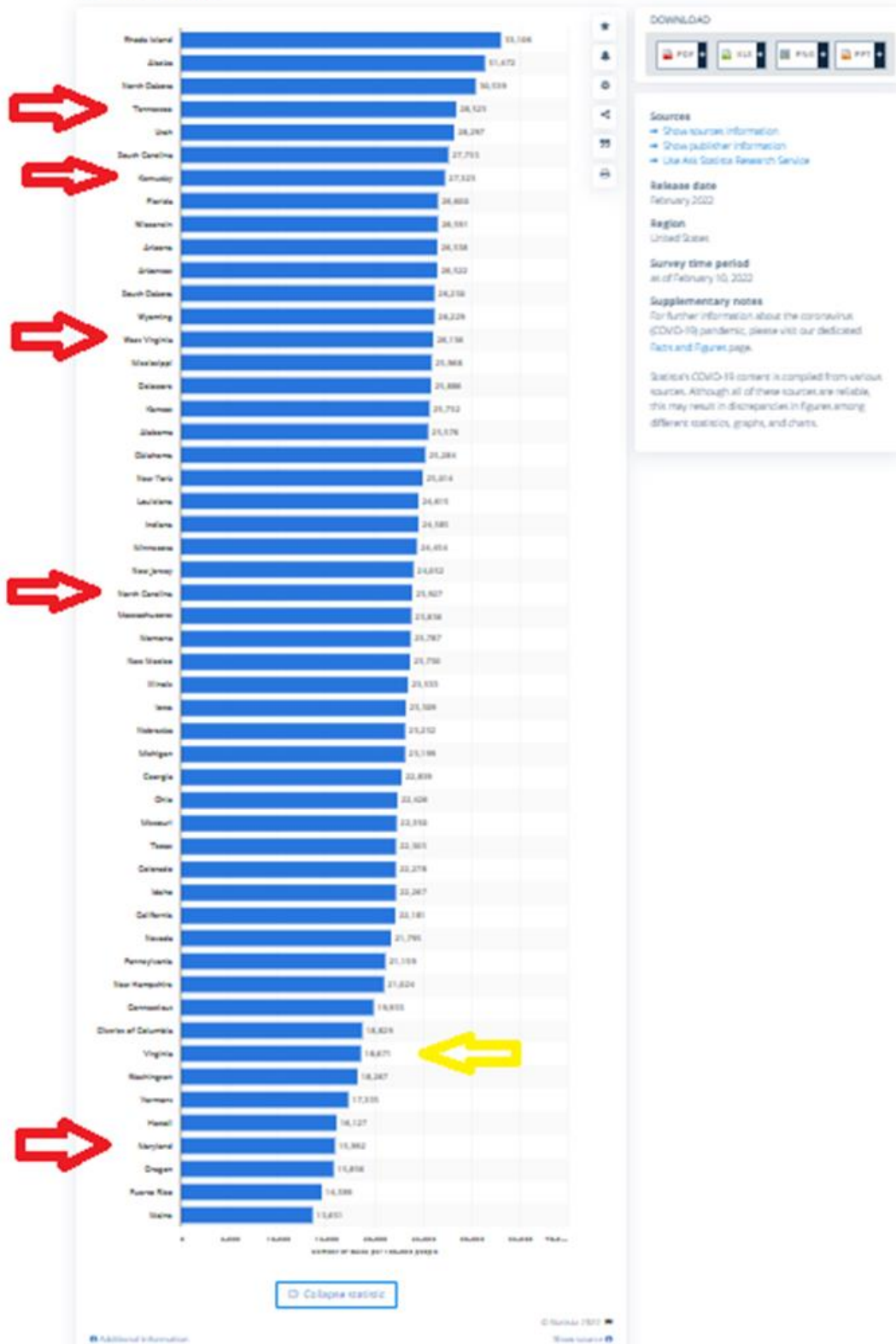
Virginia ranking in key COVID-19 metrics.

Total Covid-19 Cases per 100,000 – Virginia has consistently ranked better than more than 40 other states, <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1109004/coronavirus-covid19-cases-rate-us-americans-by-state/>

COVID-19 State Rankings: Total Cases per 100K as of February 10, 2022

4	-	Tennessee
7	-	Kentucky
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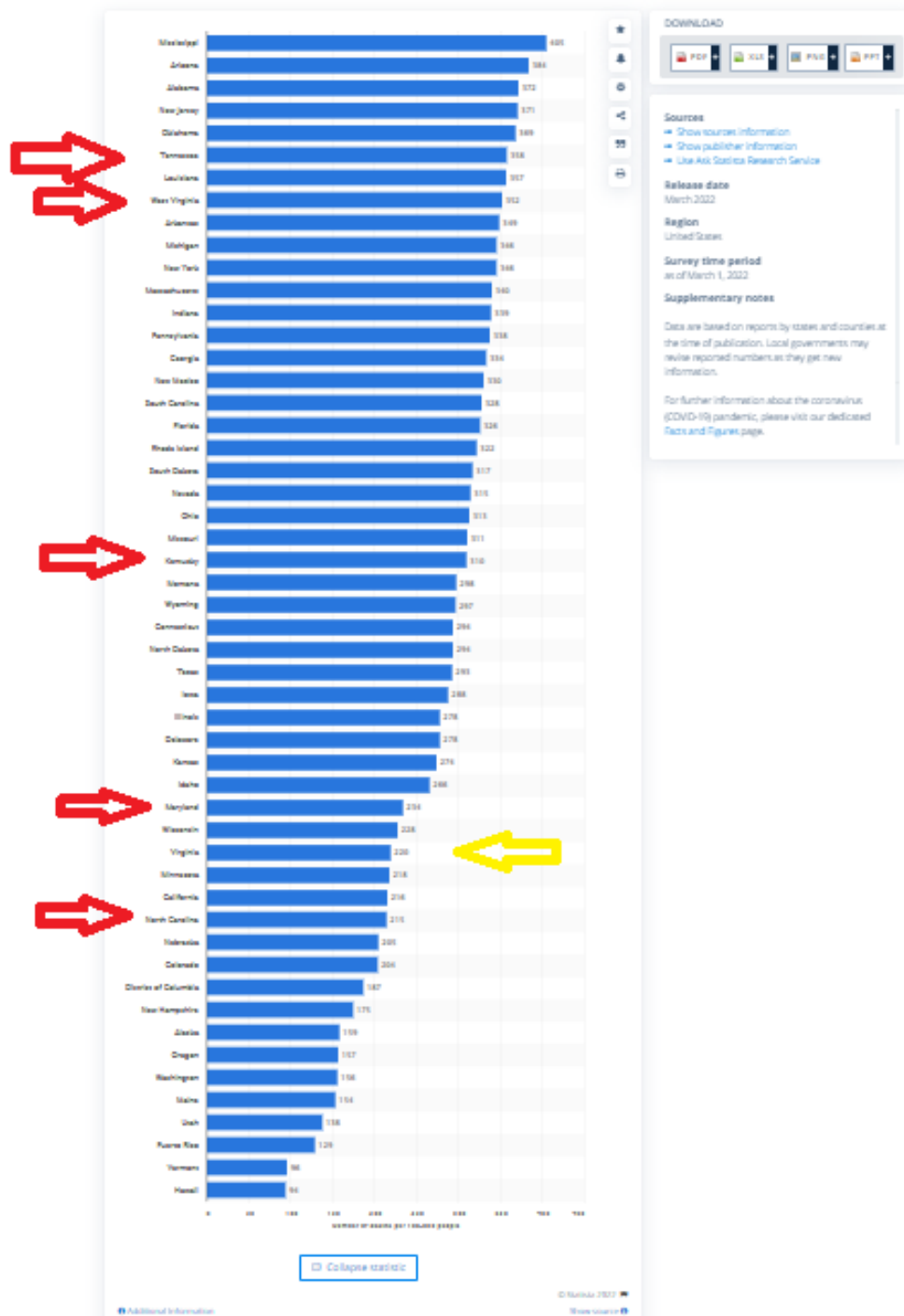
Rate of coronavirus (COVID-19) cases in the United States as of February 10, 2022, by state (per 100,000 people)



COVID-19 State Rankings: Total Covid-19 Death per 100,000 – Virginia ranks better than 36 other states throughout the pandemic. <https://www.statista.com/statistics/1109011/coronavirus-covid19-death-rates-us-by-state/>

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Death rates from coronavirus (COVID-19) in the United States as of March 1, 2022, by state (per 100,000 people)



Virginia Ranks 7th Among States for the Lowest Estimated COVID-19 Infection Rate

1 - Vermont

2. - Hawaii

3 - Maine

4 - Oregon

5 - Washington

6 - New Hampshire

7 - Virginia

Becker's Hospital Review, March 1, 2022, 43% of Americans have had COVID-19, CDC estimates. (<https://www.beckershospitalreview.com/public-health/43-of-americans-have-had-covid-19-cdc-estimates.html#national-lab>)

More than 140 million Americans — about 43 percent of the nation's population — have had COVID-19, according to CDC estimates cited by The Washington Post.

Every two weeks, the CDC collects thousands of blood tests analyzed by commercial labs for reasons unrelated to COVID-19. Those samples are also tested for coronavirus antibodies. The data is from 72,000 blood samples gathered through Jan. 29, which means the number of Americans infected is likely much higher now. The study counts each person only once and includes only antibodies from natural infection, not from vaccination.

Nevada wasn't included in the estimates, and there was insufficient data for North Dakota, Arizona and Utah.

Five things to know, per the study:

1. Infection rate estimates are much higher for children and younger adults. The study found 58 percent of children age 11 or younger have antibodies from natural infection, along with the same share among ages 12-17.

2. Just under half of adults 49 and younger have been infected. The rate decreases to 37 percent for people 50-64 years and 23 percent among Americans 65 or older.

3. At the end of November — just before omicron began spreading in the U.S. — the study estimated 103 million Americans had been infected. According to that measure, 37 million new people got COVID-19 in the two months ending late January.

4. At least half of the population in 14 states have had COVID-19, with Wisconsin reporting 56 percent of its population at one point infected. The other states with a majority infection rate, in descending order, are Georgia, Iowa, Illinois, Ohio, Wyoming, Texas, Indiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, Michigan, New Jersey, Tennessee and Louisiana.

5. Vermont has the lowest estimated infection rate with 18 percent. The next-lowest states in ascending order are Hawaii, Maine, Oregon, Washington, New Hampshire, Virginia and Massachusetts.

119538 2022/02/18 11:56:42 Venecia Hunter To each his ownSafety is important for ourselves as well as others around us. However I feel that those who choose not to wear a mask should not be forced to do so. We have obligations as being humans and just doing the right thing but it is not cause to take away what makes us American that is the right to choose. Mask should not be mandated but an option. In the same token keep vaccinations on the forefront so we call can move on.

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119539 2022/02/18 11:59:05 Anonymous Thank you for increasing your risk As you expose yourself to COVID-19, the greater the balance of voters shifts toward the Democrats.

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119540 2022/02/18 12:09:20 Billy D End mask mandate End the mandateit's not a law and this tyrannical govt needs to be stopped especially infringing upon our rights as American Citizens. Our body our choice right!

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119541 2022/02/18 12:16:09 Anonymous People are confused This forum is about the revocation of the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19, but the only comments I see are about mask mandates which are not solely what this is about. There are also posts of misinformation that are also concerning. I would suggest you at least come up with metrics as to why this should be removed before saying it's no longer needed. Covid is not gone despite people who pretended it was never here.

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Adoption of the current Virginia Standard was based on a finding by the Board that the SARS-CoV-2 virus that causes COVID-19 constituted a grave danger to employees in Virginia that necessitated the adoption of a standard to mitigate the spread of the virus in the workplace.

The term grave danger is not defined in the statute, but has been addressed in federal court cases surrounding federal OSHA's similar statutory requirement in the OSH Act, §6(c), 29 U.S.C. § 655(c).

From *International Union, United Auto., Aerospace, and Agr. Implement Workers of America, UAW v. Donovan*, 590 F. Supp. 747 (D.D.C. 1984), where OSHA declined to promulgate an ETS on formaldehyde in the workplace. The court action was brought in district court challenging decision under the federal APA:

The 'grave danger' and 'necessity' findings must be based on evidence of actual, prevailing industrial conditions, i.e., current levels of employee exposure to the substance in question. *Id.* at 751.

The Court also agreed with the defendant's position that A danger rises to the level of 'grave' when, based on actual workplace conditions, employees are faced with a risk of contracting serious disease which is substantially greater than a 'significant risk [a finding by OSHA of significant risk of material health impairment to employees from an occupational health hazard is necessary to support the adoption of a health standard]. *Id.* at 755.

Please note that by recommending the Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board make a finding that SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 work-related hazards no longer constitute a grave danger to employees, the Department is not saying that the virus does not constitute a significant risk to employees, which would be the basis for adopting an OSHA standard. However, if the Board wished to undertake such a rulemaking, it would have to proceed under the requirements of Va. Code §40.1-22(5) and -22(6) and the notice and comment procedures of the Virginia Administrative Process Act.

119542 2022/02/18 12:19:57 Speech Therapist End Mandates Please end the mandates requiring masks, particularly for educators. I am a school-based speech language pathologist and my students need to see my face to learn how to correctly produce speech sounds, to learn how to read facial expressions, and to be able to read my lips if they are hearing impaired, among other things. The current requirement for me to wear a mask during therapy sessions is impeding their progress in therapy.

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119543 2022/02/18 12:20:02 Anonymous Unmask our kiddos & STAFF Teachers should also be given the right to choose to mask or not. We are moving in the right direction for our children but part of them living this nightmare is seeing the smiling faces of their caregivers as well! SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119544 2022/02/18 12:21:40 Anonymous Remove the Mandates It is well overdue for the mandates to be lifted. Give us our freedom back!

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119545 2022/02/18 12:22:10 Becky GLeberman End all mandates Let teachers and other employees faces be seen and voices be heard. Americans with disabilities act should be ending these mandates. As a hearing impaired individual we need facial ques and lips to read. End all of this!

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119546 2022/02/18 12:35:35 JAK End All Mandates Please end ALL mandates; the madness that gives a false sense of security.

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119547 2022/02/18 12:36:33 Zachy Remove All Mandates - The Data Says Its Time With politics and personal opinion aside. Data is showing that natural immunity is as effective and works better than vaccines, but both provide some level of protection from the vaccine. Mask have a very poor track record for success of the course of this pandemic as well. Those that want the vaccine have had the time to get it. Those that want to continue to mask up and get boosters can do so. Stay at home and isolate if that is your choice. The choice should be up each person, as all aspects of personal life and health choices are.

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119548 2022/02/18 12:43:45 DJ Enforce Masks The pandemic is still very much alive. Every time restrictions are lifted we see a surge in the spread of the virus, bringing more deaths and illnesses, especially to those who cannot protect themselves, such as elderly in nursing homes. We have a responsibility to protect all citizens including those that cannot protect themselves. Not wearing a mask is does not just affect that individual, but every other person they come into contact with, which could be caregivers for those at extreme risk for this virus. The inconvenience of a mask for you could save the life of someone else - is there really a question here for the right thing to do? Did we learn nothing from our repeated mistakes of lifting restrictions for the first several strains of the virus? If we saved just one person's life, is wearing a mask too much burden? What if that one person is you?

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119549 2022/02/18 12:53:58 Anonymous REMOVE ALL MANDATES Please follow the science and allow Virginias to get on with life. Remove all mandates immediately.

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119550 2022/02/18 12:58:36 Scott Shufflebarger, Hertless Brothers Roofing, Inc. REVOKE Virginia Standard 16VAC25-220 To Whom it May Concern:On behalf of myself and the employees of Hertless Brothers Roofing, Inc. we ask the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 that Causes COVID-19, 16VAC25-220 be REVOKED. We found the compliance to the standard was unduly expensive to our small business at a time when we were already suffering with economic uncertainty. Additionally, we found the standard difficult to interpret, especially when certain controls were benchmarked on a moving target (CDC Guidance). Again, we request that the VA Safety and Health Boards proceed with the REVOCATION of this standard. Thank you for your time and attention in this most important matter.

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Ability of VOSH Standard to stay current with CDC guidance.

Some comments appear to be under a misunderstanding about the ability of the Virginia Standard to respond to changes in CDC guidance. 16VAC25-220-10.E provides:

E. To the extent that an employer actually complies with a recommendation contained in current CDC guidelines, whether mandatory or non-mandatory, to mitigate SARS-CoV-2 virus and COVID19 disease related hazards or job tasks addressed by this standard, the employer's actions shall be considered in compliance with this standard. An employer's actual compliance with a recommendation contained in current CDC guidelines, whether mandatory or non-mandatory, to mitigate SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19 related hazards or job tasks addressed by a provision of this standard shall be considered evidence of good faith in any enforcement proceeding related to this standard. The Commissioner of Labor and Industry shall consult with the State Health Commissioner for advice and technical aid before making a determination related to compliance with current CDC guidelines.

Contrary to some commenters stating that the Virginia Standard was inflexible and unable to account for the changing dynamic of the virus and the revised CDC recommendations that have issued, 16VAC25-220-10.E specifically does allow the Department's Virginia Standard to account for revised CDC recommendations which are issued in response to the changing dynamic of the virus.

Unlike the states of California and Oregon, for instance, who issued Emergency Temporary Standards (that did not contain language similar to 16VAC25-220-10.E) and later had to convene their regulatory rulemakers to reissue updated regulatory text to reflect CDC changes, Virginia did not have to do so because it could address them within days of CDC changes through interpretative FAQ responses to questions asked by the regulated community and employee representatives.

In closing, 16VAC25-220-10.E, has turned out to be a very effective method for the Virginia to deal with the changing dynamic of the virus and the revised CDC recommendations that have issued

The FAQs can be found at: <https://www.doli.virginia.gov/final-covid-19-standard-frequently-asked-questions/>

119551 2022/02/18 13:05:15 Anonymous Masks need to be optional It is time for masks to become optional for all school employees!

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119552 2022/02/18 13:09:57 Anonymous End ALL mask mandatesEnd All Mask Mandates

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119553 2022/02/18 13:10:14 Mark Bryant Revoke the Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention, 16 VAC25-220 I support the full revocation of the Standard as soon as possible. These restrictions are not necessary for the general public and are a pointless and expensive burden for Virginia's small businesses.

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119554 2022/02/18 13:13:10 Kathleen Schmidt Mask choice Please allow for mask choice for teachers and school visitors.

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119555 2022/02/18 13:13:32 Walkabout Outfitter Please remove burdensome Covid regulations on businesses To whom it may concern, I own a small business, Walkabout Outfitter that has six locations in Virginia. It is a retail business and it has been awful trying to keep our business afloat, and continuing employing people, these last 2 years. Science shows that current widespread variants of the virus no longer constitute a grave danger to employees in the workplace. It is time to remove the cumbersome and burdensome Covid regulations on businesses. It's been an awful time for businesses and 25% of all small businesses in Virginia CLOSED their doors permanently. It's time to help them by removing regulations that are just difficult, costly, and take time. Let us work on serving customers instead of taking time trying to keep up with regulations. It's bad enough for those of us in retail, that the last two years have trained people to just shop on Amazon!! Let us get back to creating a positive experience in our stores. Please remove the Covid regulations Tina MillerOwner, Walkabout Outfitter

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119556 2022/02/18 13:13:45 Anonymous Freedom of choice Masks should be a choice! If someone wants to wear one, fine; let them decide for themselves. But don't punish the rest of us because a germ-o-phobe wants to breathe their own dirty air. This is no different than the flu vaccine or abortion rights. Tell me again about that double standard we have as a free country.

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119557 2022/02/18 13:15:04 Educated on the science and lover of freedom of my own body/choices
Science shows MORE harm from vaccination and masks. Mass Psychosis for those still brainwashed be on the right side of history, because the lions have been awakened. Everyone deserves a choice and the science shows masks do more harm than good! And the vaccine doesn't even stop it and is causing greater harm. so if these all work, why doesn't it?? Why? Because it is mass psychosis and control. The majority knows

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Although no vaccine is 100% effective, the various iterations of the COVID-19 vaccine have proven to be tremendously successful at mitigating the spread of the virus and dramatically decreasing the number of emergency room visits, hospitalizations, use of mechanical ventilation and deaths. The success of the vaccines is one of the primary reasons that the Department recommended and the Safety and Health Codes Board adopted the proposed revocation of 16VAC25-220.

In January 2022, compared to fully vaccinated persons in each group shown below, the monthly rates of COVID-19-associated hospitalizations were: 3X higher in unvaccinated children ages 12-17; 5X higher in unvaccinated adults ages 18-49; 7X higher in unvaccinated adults ages 50-64; and 8X higher in unvaccinated adults 65 years and older. <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#covidnet-hospitalizations-vaccination>

Also see scientific and medical studies on the positive effect of vaccines cited in the February 16, 2022 Briefing Package to the Board at pages 21-21, 31-36, 79-80, 87-88, 92, and 105-111; https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/GetFile.cfm?File=meeting\92\34796\Agenda_DOLI_34796_v9.pdf.

Also see: <https://www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMoa2119658>; <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#vaccine-effectiveness>; <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#rates-by-vaccine-status>; <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#covidnet-hospitalizations-vaccination>

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119558 2022/02/18 13:16:17 Anonymous Mask optional Everyone has the option of deciding for themselves and their family what works best for them. Many people have suggested mask mandates during flu season. We need to get back to some normalcy and trust our neighbors and fellow Americans to make good decisions by not going to Hospitals, Nursing Homes or medical facilities while sick. This is far more important than forcing people to wear useless masks on their faces when they are perfectly healthy.

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119559 2022/02/18 13:17:35 Duckworth End all COVID mandates I personally had to direct 250 employees through the debacle of the all COVID ETS mandates. The last 3 years have been a complete utter mess trying to navigate through all it. Confusion, misinformation, stressed burnt out employees, and requirements that were months behind the latest greatest science. The mandates have created more anxiety for employees than the pandemic ever did, and in case you're unaware, anxiety is not compensable under Virginia's Worker's Compensation laws. If you continue with the COVID Standard, you may as well change the W/C laws to cover anxiety. After 3 years of this, everyone knows about COVID now. We get it. We do not need government intervention to require folks to do what they are capable of doing on their own, which is making their own decisions for themselves, their employees, and their businesses. We do not need the government to continue the wrath of creating undue pressure through the fear of citations and enforceable fines. Forced persuasion is bad for Virginia business. 'm done, I'm cooked.

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Virginia Workers' Compensation laws are not within the purview of the Department.

119560 2022/02/18 13:18:56 virginia Kares Home Care Services, LLC Covid Regulations We think that if it is JUST for the covid regulations, it would be good to remove the standard for Infections Disease

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119562 2022/02/18 13:27:04 robin removing masks from the teachers I believe that the masks need to be removed from the teachers. The students need to make that connection with their teacher to where they can have that bond. It is hard for the students to under their teacher's instructions while they are wearing these masks. The students that have problems with pronunciations and such, really need the teachers to be maskless. Also students who are mentally challenged, also need their teacher to be maskless. They really need to connect to their teachers. This whole covid thing has been overplayed. The PCR tests are a fraud. I feel that everything that has been done to these children and teachers have been nothing more than child abuse and have caused undue stress on their teachers.

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119564 2022/02/18 13:32:18 Bobby E. For Choice Masks Do Not Work Anyhow - NIH 2015 - Remove them From Teachers! It is time for this mask charade to end and stop using these issues as some kind of political divide not to mention, the social divide and the injuries this has caused This is The United States of America, The Land of the Free (Choice) and Home of the Brave! I have never witnessed so many citizens fight so hard over giving up their freedoms of the right to choose, it is complete and utter insanity. If you wanna wear a mask by all means do, but do not infringe upon my freedom of choice or others. Furthermore, my health is my own business and my doctor business and none of the governments and privatized businesses business at all! I would hate to be on the other end of these lawsuits of injuries that may be coming to the way of the government and privatized businesses. It is time to demask everyone and move on the masks do not work anyhow according to an NIH study alone. No Mask. REMOVE them From our Teachers !!

The rates of all infection outcomes were highest in the cloth mask arm, with the rate of ILI statistically significantly higher in the cloth mask arm (relative risk (RR)=13.00, 95% CI 1.69 to 100.07) compared with the medical mask arm. Cloth masks also had significantly higher rates of ILI compared with the control arm. An analysis by mask use showed ILI (RR=6.64, 95% CI 1.45 to 28.65) and laboratory-confirmed virus (RR=1.72, 95% CI 1.01 to 2.94) were significantly higher in the cloth masks group compared with the medical masks group. Penetration of cloth masks by particles was almost 97% and medical masks 44%

Conclusions:his study is the first RCT of cloth masks, and the results caution against the use of cloth masks. This is an important finding to inform occupational health and safety. Moisture retention, reuse of cloth masks and poor filtration may result in increased risk of infection. Further research is needed to inform the widespread use of cloth masks globally. However, as a precautionary measure, cloth masks should not be recommended for HCWs, particularly in high-risk situations, and guidelines need to be updated.<https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25903751/>><https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25903751/>

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119565 2022/02/18 13:38:30 Betty Eggers End all mandates! End all mandates enough is a enough

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119566 2022/02/18 13:47:17 Tracey Brizendine Let it go and go forward. If you want to wear a mask then do so,; if not then don; Let the people make this call not the Government. Thank you Gov. Youngkin for working with the people of Virginia and giving us this choice

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119567 2022/02/18 13:48:38 Anonymous Freedom of Choice! Please return to us our freedom of choice!!!

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119568 2022/02/18 13:49:30 Erin Mask optional Please allow teachers, bus drivers and staff to have the option to remove masks. Thank you

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119569 2022/02/18 13:49:34 Gibson Freedom of choice People should be able to do what they feel they need to nothing should be forced.

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119570 2022/02/18 13:51:48 Michael Martin, The Martin Co CDC restrictionsI would like to see all of the Covid mandates lifted as they are a hindrance to the operation of my business as well as the companies that I deal with. Any lifting of these mandates will have a favorable effect on the business and the employees moral.

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119571 2022/02/18 13:54:53 Anonymous Allow choice Thank you for voting to reverse the DOLI Standards. I ask that you follow through with this vote and reaffirm it to remove these burdensome regulations. Businesses and school divisions need these removed. We have got to move

past the constant fear. Customers and school students want to see who they are working with and get back to life.

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119572 2022/02/18 14:02:15 Rich Jenkins Infectious Disease Response Plan Requirements Please eliminate the requirement for this burdensome response plan. Since our plan was issued (based on the VOSH and other guidelines) the recommendations for COVID have changed a number of times. Trying to maintain the document current is a time-consuming hassle and frankly, businesses have a lot of other problems to deal with such as labor shortages, rising costs, shortages, etc. With respect to COVID, most of my employees and customers are vaccinated and/or have natural immunity.Thanks,Rich Jenkins

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119573 2022/02/18 14:02:38 Patriot Lady END ALL MANDATES AND NO LOCKDOWNS! No masks, no forced vaccines/boosters and no more lockdowns!!! FREEDOM FOR ALL!!!

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The Virginia Standard does not mandate vaccines or business shutdowns.

119574 2022/02/18 14:08:34 2A Jim STOP THE PROPAGANDA!!! No more masks!!! Stop pushing vaccines!!!

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119575 2022/02/18 14:09:16 John Walker Please repeal the the Virginia Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention Dear Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board,As a small business owner with over 200 employees, I ask you to consider repealing the Virginia Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention. As you know, most all businesses have suffered debilitating interruption from the

Covid 19 virus. We have tried to protect our employees by following the CDC and OSHA guidelines. We have also tried to survive the closing of our stores and the loss of income. When the Virginia Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention was enacted, it created a very burdensome amount of paperwork and opened up liability for our small company. At the time of the passage of the Standard, we were financially crippled, had a skeleton crew, employee morale was at its lowest, and then had to navigate and write manuals mandated by this Standard. Worst yet, this Standard passed a mechanism for our employees to become government agents and report back when rules were not followed. It has added more confusion to the already very confusing guidance from our government officials on navigating this virus. I believe that Virginia's business and employees have endured enough. With the Virus numbers falling quickly along with hospitalizations and deaths, we must start to move toward a more normal way of life and learn to live with this virus. We will continue to follow the guidelines of OSHA and the CDC, but the Virginia Permanent Standard needs to be repealed and retired. I appreciate your consideration of this request, John S. Walker

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With regard to the Commenter's statement that Worst yet, this Standard passed a mechanism for our employees to become government agents and report back when rules were not followed, employees have had the right to file occupationally related complaints with the Department of Labor and Industry. Va. Code § 40.1-51.2.(b), Rights and duties of employees, provides:

(b) Employees or their representatives may bring to the attention of their employer any hazardous conditions that exist or bring the matter to the attention of the Commissioner or his authorized representative, without first bringing the matter to the attention of their employer. Upon receipt of any complaint of hazardous conditions, the Commissioner or his authorized representative shall cause an inspection to be made as soon as practicable. Within two working days after making the oral complaint the employee or the employee representative shall file a written complaint with the Commissioner on a form prescribed by the Commissioner, if at that time, the Commissioner or his authorized representative has not caused the hazardous condition to be corrected. A copy of such written complaint shall be made available to the employer by the Commissioner at the time of such inspection. The name or names of individuals bringing such matters to the attention of the Commissioner shall be held in confidence upon request of such individuals.

119576 2022/02/18 14:10:58 Steve Powell End all restriction related to Covid 19 Please end all mask mandates and vaccine mandates related to Covid 19. People should have free choice related to this subject. Virginia overstepped their authority to require masks and especially to mandate how many days an employee had to stay out of work after getting sick.

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119577 2022/02/18 14:12:09 H Flowers Personal Choice Teachers should have the same privilege as the community and choosing whether they wear a mask at school and/or in the workplace. The employer should not be able to inhibit an employee's abilities by enforcing them to where a mask that might possibly limit their teaching! SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119578 2022/02/18 14:14:09 Anonymous End all mandates, restore freedom of choice Please end the mandates for students, teachers and staff

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119579 2022/02/18 14:21:16 DFS employee Mask Continuation in State Workplaces and Courthouses Throughout the pandemic, many state employees, including myself, have been at work, in-person, handling biological materials from COVID and non-COVID-infected persons, and have been traveling to other sites for work. In my case, I have been required to be at work where distancing is not always possible and have to travel amongst 12 different jurisdictions, all of which have had varying degrees of adherence to vaccine and mask rules. Part of my job requires going to courthouses and interacting with the public, law enforcement, attorneys, and other court officials, all of which I have continued to do since courts reopened in July 2020. I strongly believe that court business has been able to continue with minimal disruptions due to the requirements of masks, particularly in some of the older, less spacious facilities. Masks are a precaution, meaning they are designed to minimize and mitigate spread. Since COVID-19 is caused by virus particles spread through the air (talking, coughing, sneezing, etc.) as well as through some surface transmission, the use of masks stops salivary particles from spreading from an infected person, as well as from touching their mouths (which people do a lot more than they realize) then touching other people or objects. Masks are not 100% effective, as nothing ever is, but they have proven to be a strong tool in minimizing the spread of COVID in public places when used correctly. While I am not against the eventual lifting of mask requirements, I believe they should be in place for at least a few more months until the the data conclusively show that extremely dangerous variants are nearly gone and that hospitalizations are well below a manageable level. And even then, counties should retain the power to reinstitute masks when the data show increases in COVID-related hospitalizations. Additionally, worker protections should be in place so that those who do become ill are not forced to choose between going to work and infecting others, or staying home and protecting their coworkers and the public at large. Sure, masks are not the most comfortable, but utilizing masks has helped me and countless others continue to do our jobs and serve the citizens of the Commonwealth while also keeping ourselves and our families safe. This shouldn't be a political issue or one of lets get things back to normal (whatever you believe normal to be). This is about caring for our

communities and following the consensus of unbiased scientific data to make sound decisions for the benefit of the public.

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119580 2022/02/18 14:21:32 Jamie Thornton Mandates End ALL mandates! We have more data on vaccines and mask ineffectiveness the mandates are unconstitutional. ;Masks and Vaccines should be a choice

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119581 2022/02/18 14:22:26 Tonia Free Teachers & Staff! Teachers & staff are due their God given freedoms. Make masks optional!

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119583 2022/02/18 14:30:04 Anne P Freedom of Choice-Stop Mandates End all mandates. No one should be forced to....or prevented from masking if it makes them feel better. Teachers need their students to see and hear them clearly. We are a free nation, this nonsense has to end. The science has not changed, masks have done almost nothing to prevent viral spread. States that never had mandates did as well as (and often BETTER than) masked ones. The kids have suffered enough; everyone has. FYI the common cold (pre-covid19) is also a coronavirus. SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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Both COVID-19 and the common cold are caused by viruses. COVID-19 is caused by SARS-CoV-2, while the common cold is most often caused by rhinoviruses. <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/covid-19-cold-flu-and-allergies-differences/art-20503981#:~:text=What's%20the%20difference%20between%20COVID,the%20same%20signs%20and%20symptoms.>

119584 2022/02/18 14:31:08 Anonymous End the mask mandate! End the mask mandate, including physician offices. Please allow this option. It is time.

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119585 2022/02/18 14:31:14 Andrew Lang Get mask optional for teachers We know masks do nothing to stop the spread of covid, but at best we can call them a personal protection choice. One should be able to choose to wear it not wear. Virginia should fix this immediately before more children are negatively harmed. I believe most teachers would unmask if they had the choice.

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119586 2022/02/18 14:31:43 Anonymous End mandates now! Individual liberties can no longer be trampled as the data is clear that mandates do nothing to protect anyone. Individuals and families must be given the freedom to choose!

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119587 2022/02/18 14:34:00 Anonymous End masks for physicians offices. End the mask mandate for medical offices. They are not the same as hospitals and should not be held to the same standards.

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119588 2022/02/18 14:34:16 Sherry Strauss Eliminate the face diaper! Eliminate the face diaper!!!

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119589 2022/02/18 14:34:21 Anonymous It's Time The time has come to end the overly burdensome Permanent Standard. We have entered a period of the pandemic where it is clear this is an endemic virus that will need to be managed like other endemic viruses. Revoking this standard will not stop any individual from continuing with whatever mitigation measures they determine from their own personal risk assessment.

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119590 2022/02/18 14:35:08 Kim END MAS MANDATES NOW End mask mandates for teachers and staff.

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119591 2022/02/18 14:36:21 Emily Turner Phonics Instruction and Masking I am in favor of repealing regulations requiring teachers to mask. How are young children and English language learners supposed to gain an understanding of phonics without seeing their teachers' lips makes the words? How are students of foreign languages supposed to learn proper pronunciation? Teachers have had access to safe and effective vaccines for over a year. Mandatory masking of teachers carries significant downsides, which outweigh the benefits purportedly provided by universal teacher masking.

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119592 2022/02/18 14:41:46 Brett Corle VOSH Standard It is time to revoke the VOSH Standard. It has become a tedious burden that has no current value.

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119593 2022/02/18 14:41:54 Anonymous Stop mask mandate for students and teachers FCPS needs to update its procedures based on the new data and science. Stop making everything political. Follow the science and stop the mask mandate!!!

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119594 2022/02/18 14:43:32 Anonymous End the mask mandate, the medical science doesn't support it. End the mask mandate, the medical science doesn't support it.

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119595 2022/02/18 14:44:29 Lynn R. Please make masks optional for teachers and staff I am in a classroom situation. Since we have returned to the classroom we have not had a Covid case transmitted from child to child, teacher to teacher or child to teacher. We need for children to be able to see our faces while learning specific information.

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119596 2022/02/18 14:50:08 L. Marsh Unmask our teachers! This is beyond ridiculous. Stop the overreach. Let Teachers choose what's best for them.

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119597 2022/02/18 14:52:03 Macon Powers, President of Atlantic Fence Supply Elimination of the Virginia Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease, CDL Testing, Driving w/ Phone I have at least two employees who are at very high risk for severe disease or death from Covid. As long as they are part

of our team, we will continue to go above and beyond OSHA rules to protect them. I would like to see the standard go away at some point, especially the liability on employers. I believe it would be fairly difficult to be 100% sure of when and where an infection occurs. While it may seem to have spread in the work place and had been preventable, it is nearly impossible to know for sure and therefore I find it difficult to hold employers responsible. Employers cannot control people's behaviors outside of the workplace and it is reasonable to assume that no employer can fully control employees within the workplace, no matter the amount and frequency of training nor through the threat of disciplinary measures. Some employees will cut corners sometimes. While I would like to see the standard removed eventually, I believe it was very beneficial to the safety of employees, employers and communities in Virginia. In my opinion, the standard should remain in place until early spring of 2023 to make sure we do not make safety changes too hastily. We could have another bad winter and with these safety measures in place, hardly anyone catches the common cold anymore. That being said, I will move my business out of Virginia if this Standard is not removed within 18 months. If the Commonwealth is actually concerned for the safety from infectious disease, it should be doing everything within its power to limit population density. It is with increased population density that these infectious diseases present themselves. I prefer to live in a place with less people, free space to roam and a higher quality of life. I realize our economic models rely upon continuous and uninterrupted growth until the system implodes upon itself from a lack of space and resources. Virginia could hold off and not overpopulate with its neighbors and create a very desirable way of life, which would be quite valuable. Off this subject, but the federal government's idea to allow third party FOR PROFIT testing for the knowledge portion of the CDL test is probably THE WORST IDEA I HAVE HEARD IN MY LIFE. Running a fleet of trucks myself and having taken online classes/test, I understand first hand how private companies operating testing for profit will not produce the results we need and our roads will become very unsafe. How many will have someone complete this for them? Stop third party CDL knowledge testing at all costs What we need more than anything at the moment, is for our representatives to force mobile phone carriers to quickly develop ways to block phones from being used while driving. Give them a deadline that if they do not reach will result in any and all phones travelling over 10mph(?) from being functional. They can come up with a way to triangulate the driver's phone within a vehicle and blocking it alone or they can come up with a way to block them all, by your deadline. I cannot believe this is not already happening. It is absolutely insane that people cannot put their phones away long enough to drive and the problem is still getting worse. Over time, as younger generations replace older ones on the roads, it will be far worse. Stop the political divisions and do your jobs before it is too late.

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119598 2022/02/18 14:56:17 Anonymous It's Time! The time has come to live with and deal with COVID as we do other viruses. In FULL support of lifting ALL requirements immediately!

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119599 2022/02/18 14:57:29 Carly Clark (FCPS Parent) Allow Teachers the Choice to Mask or Unmask! Give teachers the choice to mask or unmask -- same treatment as our kids (finally)!

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119600 2022/02/18 14:58:35 Mary Unmask teachers The masking is detrimental to our students' learning. The loss of learning through masking our faces is going to show in the coming years of it continues.

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119601 2022/02/18 14:59:56 Michael Smith End Mask Mandates and Forbid Any Future Mask Mandates Please end all mask mandates throughout Virginia. Science does not support the wearing of masks to prevent the spread of viruses. The previous governor and VDH know that this is a fact that cannot be disputed.

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119602 2022/02/18 15:03:52 Anonymous End all mask mandates. End mask mandates. Masks should be optional, but no employer, including a stand alone medical office, should be able to make them mandatory

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119603 2022/02/18 15:05:26 Anonymous Remove masks in medical offices. Masks should be optional everywhere, including the doctor's office.

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119604 2022/02/18 15:07:26 Anonymous Teachers Should Be Given Mask Choice Parents have the option to decide for their child. Teachers are adults and should be given the choice as well.

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119605 2022/02/18 15:08:27 Anonymous Masks are inhibiting patient care. Remove mask mandates everywhere, including my doctor's office. Why should I have to wear one there if I can see the same people in the grocery store without a mask? Remove mask mandate for medical office personnel and prohibit individual employers from requiring it.

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119606 2022/02/18 15:11:08 Anonymous Physicians offices shouldn't be the enforcers. Medical offices are being put in a position of being the enforcers. Masks are not required elsewhere, and it is causing anger and hostility when patients have to wear one in Medical offices. Employees of these offices should also be exempt.

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119607 2022/02/18 15:12:16 FCPS teacher End mask mandate for teachers Teaching in a mask is terrible and scientifically not only useless, but detrimental to our health

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119608 2022/02/18 15:24:04 Traci Unmask our educators NOW Please give our educators the right to breathe fresh air, smile at our children and teach more effectively by letting the children see their face!!!

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119609 2022/02/18 15:25:55 Julie Bingham Unmask option now Our highly educate and dedicated teaching professionals are more than capable of making a choice for themselves!! Let them

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119610 2022/02/18 15:27:49 Rcps End teacher mask mandate Let teachers CHOOSE whether to wear a mask or not!

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119611 2022/02/18 15:31:38 Andy Anderson Agreed! Time to end the restrictions Yes, and in the future, please listen to other voices than the federal government. We have plenty of good doctors who treat patients in VA who could advise. Public health officials do not treat patients and are heavily influenced by big pharma. Read https://childrenshealthdefense.org/fauci_info/ https://childrenshealthdefense.org/fauci_info/ if you'd like more information on that assertion.

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The Virginia Standard was not based on any requirement by the federal government.

119612 2022/02/18 15:35:04 Anonymous NO MORE FACE DIAPERS! 2 years is long enough. Please end all of the mandates. Thank you!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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119613 2022/02/18 15:36:42 Anonymous End Masks for all Please end mask mandates for teachers and school staff as well as anyone entering a school building. While I am thankful that my kids will soon be able to go to school and show their faces, I want the same for the teachers who they see! End masks for everyone!

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119614 2022/02/18 15:39:56 Anonymous End Mask and Vaccine Mandate Please let us end the mask and vaccine mandate

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119615 2022/02/18 15:46:19 Brian Freeman Personal choice I support the revocation of the Covid-19 regulations known as the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19, 16VAC25-220. Virginia is one of only two states that instituted such a restrictive and burdensome Standard on its businesses and other organizations. It has negatively impacted my business and my childrens quality of education.

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Virginia was one of five states that adopted COVID-19 related regulations or standards and numerous other states used the mechanism of Governor's Executive Orders to address COVID-19 in the workplace.

119616 2022/02/18 15:47:40 Ronalie Giere Mask choice for EVERYONE Scientific studies are proving that masks do more harm physically and emotionally than preventing the spread of COVID. It is time to give EVERYONE mask choice!! Vaccinated, unvaccinated, young, old, teachers, admin, doctors offices, daycares, salons. whatever type establishment, everyone should have the choice to wear a mask at this point. There will be people that will simply feel more comfortable and believe wearing a mask is the safest option, and they have that right. However, those that do not share the same views or beliefs about masks should also have the right to NOT wear one. We are now 2+ years into COVID-19, though the coronavirus has been around since 1964 and we've lived with it all these years with no politics. There will always be viruses and illnesses that we will have to face and live with. Its time to let people decide for themselves how they wish to handle their own self care. Thank you.

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119617 2022/02/18 15:50:09 Anonymous Revoke in its entirety These types of mandates have become useless and at best provided minimal protections. Remove all restrictions for all business sectors.

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119618 2022/02/18 15:55:08 Anonymous End masks for medical offices. We were forced to be vaccinated. time for reparations. End mask requirements for medical office employees. We did our part. Do not allow us to be forced to continue wearing masks when no one else is.

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The Virginia Standard does not contain a vaccine mandate.

119619 2022/02/18 15:58:38 Anonymous Doctors office staff should not be forced to wear masks
Medical offices are not front line. Most dont test, treat or vaccinate for covid and should not be covered by any mandatory mask mandates.

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119620 2022/02/18 16:02:25 Anonymous Medical front office staff should not be mandated to wear masks
Medical office staff in front office, business office, check in etc are not patient care or front line and should not be forced to be masked. We were forced to be vaccinated to keep our jobs. Weve sacrificed enough. Let us remove these masks. It;s been all day, every day for two years. Enough.

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119621 2022/02/18 16:04:19 Carrie L. No more mask mandates It started with the kids being freed this week, now its time for the ADULTS! Everyone has the right to choose their personal comfort level of risk vs reward. This includes driving a car, eating at a restaurant, or simply leaving the house. Masks are no different. Let the people, including any employee, visitor, volunteer, or associate determine their personal need for a device which has been proven ineffective.

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119622 2022/02/18 16:04:32 Anonymous Mask choice for everyone. Everyone should have the choice to mask or not mask. That decision should be an individual one, not mandated by government or even by an individual employer.

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119623 2022/02/18 16:08:52 Anonymous Unmask teachers There is absolutely no logic to not allow teachers and the general work force to make their own decisions about wearing a mask. People are intelligent and responsible for their own health. ;Mandating masks does not make a work place safe as evidenced by the rise in COVID cases with mask mandates in place.

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119624 2022/02/18 16:15:03 C FortinMasks I want you to lift all mandates including mask mandates for all Virginia workers. Thank you

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119625 2022/02/18 16:15:48 Anonymous There was not a 30 day discussion period when implemented Why do we now need a 30 day discussion to allow these workers freedom of choice

when there was NOT any discussion when their choice was taken away. Masks can remain for someone that wants to wear one it should not be a requirement that removes someones freedom of choice. Might I add this requirement was put into place and continued with next to zero proof of efficacy. And with a considerable amount of proof that it does not work and in fact brings more health concerns by wearing a mask.

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The current Virginia Standard was the subject of a 60 day comment period and 30 day comment period and two public hearings.

119626 2022/02/18 16:18:53 Stacey pomatto End it all now! Freedom! No more masks for anyone Freedom for all! Stop the mandates!

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119627 2022/02/18 16:28:28 Brien Gregan End Masks Requirement Now The DOLI change was completely unnecessary and should have NEVER occurred.. Please remove standard at the end of the comment period. Most states never changed standards as a result of covid. It is an unnecessary burden to business owners and state/county employees.

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119628 2022/02/18 16:31:11 Jessica Longshore Approve the proposal to revoke From the beginning there has been no need for this policy... as it is we the people highly support the decision calling for the revocation of the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus That Causes COVID-19, 16VAC25-22

Thank you for doing the right thing and your jobs by supporting the will of the people as you swore to do!

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119629 2022/02/18 16:31:19 David Levenson End Mask Requirements EVERYWHERE! The grave danger is over. We need to move forward with our lives. Masks should not be required on public transportation i.e. buses, planes & trains. Masks should not be required in doctor offices or restaurants. Please stop this madness!

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119630 2022/02/18 16:31:38 Anonymous Unmask Teachers Unmask teachers

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119631 2022/02/18 16:32:02 Anonymous End mask now End all masking requirements for employees. It should be a personal choice for someone to wear a mask. Government overreach has gone too long and it is time to get back to freedom and personal sovereignty over your own body

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The Department does not respond to political commentary.

119632 2022/02/18 16:38:27 CCPS Teacher Choice! I'm a 1st grade teacher in Chesterfield County asking for a choice about mask wearing. Please leave this decision up to teachers who can make the best choice for themselves. personally, will chose not to wear a mask. I am not sick and I have a very hard time talking/breathing while wearing one. I want my students to see my face and mouth while I am teaching them how to read. Please allow me to make the best decision for me! Thank you!

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119633 2022/02/18 16:38:59 Anonymous Stop the Madness Masks optional for ALL. If you want to wear it, if you dont then dont!!!!!!!!

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119634 2022/02/18 16:39:40 Ben Hall, Factory worker 30 day comment period on masking
The mandatory mask mandates for businesses need to rescind. Optional yes, mandatory no. I work in a production environment and masks get in the way of communicating with co workers. It is loud from the machinery so we end up pulling them down to speak anyway.

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119635 2022/02/18 16:42:56 Vance Mabry End mask mandates in the workplace I am writing a comment on behalf of the new proposed Covid standard. I see no reason we should have a mask mandate in place for employees in the workplace we are seeing a downward trend in Covid cases everywhere. Another reason is business are under staffed so the people at work are calling in Covid just to get a break because they are over worked, making it look like Covid cases in the workplace. I work in a factory 8-10 hours a day 6 days a week an wearing a mask keeping up on a assembly line can't get very frustrating. You can't hear what other employees are saying causing a very dangerous work environment working around machines an equipment that could cause serious injury/death. If you dont have to wear one outside of work why would we wear one inside of work? Its time to return the world back to normal, a this should be a big step in the right direction.

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119636 2022/02/18 16:50:05 Belinda Dickerson Free from mask. The mask should be optional. We live in a lawful Constitutional nation and a lawful Constitutional state. Freedom of choice when it comes to our health is a God given right. An inalienable right. Thank God, We are free in the name of Jesus, Amen!

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119637 2022/02/18 16:53:56 Anonymous citizen Unmask the teachers!! Please end this insanity of masking!

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119638 2022/02/18 17:00:21 Anonymous End mask mandates for ALL. End mask mandates for everyone, including teachers, medical office workers, restaurant workers. vineyard workers...no one should be mandated to wear a mask. Individual choice, and employer should not dictate mask wearing.

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119639 2022/02/18 17:11:38 Shawn Angle End mask mandates End all mask mandates now!

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119640 2022/02/18 17:15:14 Michele Kaloski Unmask teachers Please unmask the teachers. The children need to see our faces to learn and understand language. Students need to be able to see facial expressions and smiles to feel safe and welcome at school. Teacher should have a choice. Because of the mask, many of us are now under the care of dermatologist and have sore throats after teaching all day through the mask. (7 hours a day) As a librarian, I read to 6 classes a day, and literally feel breathless and exhausted which is causing headaches. Please give us a choice We've been on the front lines face to face in my county from the beginning. If an 18 year old senior can choose why cant a teacher?

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119641 2022/02/18 17:15:57 Kelly Campbell End mask mandate Let the teachers, bus drivers, staff, and families choose. No more mask mandates. The Ill effects outweigh any small perceived benefit against the virus.

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119642 2022/02/18 17:16:38 Susan Unmask Unmask teachers

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119643 2022/02/18 17:17:23 Donna Remove Unmask all

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119644 2022/02/18 17:18:19 Jessica Unmask Teachers and soon No more masks

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119645 2022/02/18 17:19:11 Tyler No more mask No more masks

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119646 2022/02/18 17:20:02 Julianne Ingram END ALL MANDATES End all mask and MRNA shots now! It is being proven to be ineffective and has caused our children and country irreparable harm!!

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119647 2022/02/18 17:20:06 Robert Roberts Remove government mandated order requiring the wearing of masks in response to covid. Please end the government mandate that forces individuals to wear masks in response to covid. It is an individual choice and should be decided by individuals. Folks who feel better by wearing masks should feel free to do so but should not force that decision upon others. Respectfully, R.L. Roberts

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119648 2022/02/18 17:20:13 Sara Remove masks Remove masks

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119649 2022/02/18 17:20:58 Julianne END ALL MANDATES End all mask and MRNA shots now! It is being proven to be ineffective and has caused our children and country irreparable harm!!

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The Virginia Standard does not contain a vaccine mandate.

119650 2022/02/18 17:20:59 Joyce Choice!!!!!!!!!!!! Choice!!!!!!!!!!!!

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119651 2022/02/18 17:21:47 Mike End Mask Mandate End Mask Mandate

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119652 2022/02/18 17:23:21 Kenny Freedom from masks Freedom from masks

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119653 2022/02/18 17:25:31 Chris Mabry End the mask mandate There is no reason to have to still be wearing a mask especially in a work place. The mask creates a work place safety hazard. You can not hear your coworkers talking and they could be warning you of a danger and you wouldn't know it till it was to late. COVID cases are going down

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119654 2022/02/18 17:27:04 Angie Choice Choice SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119655 2022/02/18 17:28:41 S. S. End Masks..the sooner the better End masks..the sooner the better

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119656 2022/02/18 17:28:58 Alan R. Jenner Vote to Repeal This has been a travesty against the people of the World. COVID has been a cold bug since day one!

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Both COVID-19 and the common cold are caused by viruses. COVID-19 is caused by SARS-CoV-2, while the common cold is most often caused by rhinoviruses. <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/covid-19-cold-flu-and-allergies-differences/art-20503981#:~:text=What's%20the%20difference%20between%20COVID,the%20same%20signs%20and%20symptoms.>

119657 2022/02/18 17:31:07 Shannon End mask mandate If people want to wear masks that's fine but masks shouldn't be mandated when they have been proving not to stop the spread of the virus.

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119658 2022/02/18 17:32:02 Linda Ketter Mask choice Choice

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119659 2022/02/18 17:33:29 Dan Mask Get rid of mask mandate

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119660 2022/02/18 17:38:22 Anonymous FREEDOM TO CHOOSE END MANDATE FREEDOM TO CHOOSE END MANDATE

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119661 2022/02/18 17:39:12 Diana Mask Mandates Please end all mask mandates for teachers and administrative staff in our schools

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119662 2022/02/18 17:39:45 Karen Sturtevant End Mask Mandates End Mask Mandates

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119663 2022/02/18 17:46:47 A Relyea Past time to end I have to wear a mask all day and try to teach through it. It's terrible, I have to yell to be heard. I end each day with a headache. It's past time to unmask the workforce.

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119664 2022/02/18 17:48:02 Stephany Garvie, Chesapeake Public Schools END ALL MANDATES
Please end all covid mandates in schools and all businesses.

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119665 2022/02/18 17:53:19 Hank Gallimore End all Mandates End all mask mandates, it should be the individual's choice!

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119666 2022/02/18 17:56:34 Ragan McDowell End all Covid restrictions It is beyond time to end all covid 19 mandates

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119667 2022/02/18 18:00:53 Anonymous End Masks for Teachers Two years into this pandemic, we are starting to see change. School and public mask mandates are dropping, yet there are relics of old times. VA DOLI's Emergency Standard requiring vaccinated employees to wear masks in areas of high transmission, while school students are no longer required to, is absolutely arbitrary. Teachers have been shouldering incredible stress and weight in this pandemic, and it is time to give them their breathe and their smile back. I urge you to take into account the outpouring of support for Virginia's workers and teachers, and to end this outdated standard in fairness and freedom to all Virginians. I urge you to promptly repeal this order after the 30 day comment period. Thank you. ~a Virginia teacher

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119668 2022/02/18 18:02:01 Anonymous End the mandates One's risk should be left to the discretion of the person. If you want to wear a mask and you think it works, go for it. If you don't want to wear a mask then don't. I am not in favor of anyone forcing me to wear anything. Take the mandate away and you'll find more people wanting to sub and teach

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119669 2022/02/18 18:03:27 M Nelson End Mask Mandates for College Students I think it's great youve ended the mask mandates for K-12 and Virginia state employees. Now lets please end the mandates for our college students.

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The Department does not have jurisdiction over non-employee college students.

119670 2022/02/18 18:30:07 Shelly Arnoldi End all mandates! There is more than enough data and evidence to show masks do more harm than good. They do not prevent virus transmission. They are pure political theater. The ma date is and was a overreach of our constitutional freedoms and should NEVER be considered again. We are supposed to be a free country. Do your job and ensure we remain free and our rights are protected.

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119671 2022/02/18 18:33:39 Anonymous End all covid restrictions and mandates It is past time to end all unconstitutional covid Restrictions all based on a lie! When not one agency in Virginia has been able to Respond to a foia request to produce evidence of the covid virus isolated, it prices our freedoms and rights were violated based on false information. End all restrictions

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119672 2022/02/18 18:36:03 Anonymous Crimes Against Humanity It is well past time to end all unconstitutional covid restrictions and restore our avid given rights and freedoms. Once those are fully restored, it is time to prosecute all those involved in these crimes against humanity. Justice is coming

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119673 2022/02/18 18:38:46 Anonymous End mask mandates for college students
Remove all mask requirements for college students and refuse funding to any school that refuses to comply. Then charge the university presidents with crimes against humanity for coercing these young adults into and experimental and unapproved vaccines they have done untold And permanent damage To their immune and reproductive systems

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The Department does not respond to political commentary.

119674 2022/02/18 18:40:40 Anne Rothermel Unmask our teachers My youngest son told me he thinks he's deaf because he can;t hear his teacher. I went through the whole process of getting a referral and having him tested to find out he can hear fine, but struggles because he cant see his teacher's mouth. It is time to recognize the damage these COVID measures are causing. Each child

matters and each day we rob them of a normal life and quality education is a day they will never get back. Time to give our teachers the choice to unmask.

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119675 2022/02/18 18:58:12 Anonymous Give teachers choice Give us teachers a choice!!!

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119676 2022/02/18 19:05:19 Preschool teacher Optional masks for school staff Masks inhibit the communication between myself and my preschool students and increase germs in our classroom as many masks are soiled. I am trained to minimize the spread of illness in the classroom and can facilitate a safe environment without any mask mandates. Let teachers decide for themselves whether to mask, and allow us to teach children in a way that promotes learning, development and the students; positive self-esteem.

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119677 2022/02/18 19:07:01 FCPS Teacher Drop Mask Mandates Relationship building begins with seeing facial expressions, especially smiles. To effectively teach linguistics, we need to see each others faces. Students needs to see how letter/word sounds are formed.

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119678 2022/02/18 19:10:07 Jill Whitescarver Mask choice is crucial for all I am a CCPS teacher and parent in Virginia. Since students have been given a choice on masks in my district, there has been a drastic reduction in Covid positives in my classroom. I have noticed more and more students are not wearing masks, and there is more interaction between them. Every effect from this has been a truly positive one. I'm still baffled why we as teachers are going to school with the healthiest part of our communities with the healthiest immune systems, and we are forced to wear masks while trying to

muffle through the day. At this point, I am standing in front of a far majority of an unmasked class with a mask on. This is lunacy. And making any excuse about vaccinations are also lunacy, because it's obvious they have not worked in preventing Covid. I personally know people in situations where these drugs have had quite the opposite effect and have caused problems. By using common sense, we can look at the evidence and deduct that masks are not effective. On top of that, kids have been hurt in many ways by wearing them, and by their teachers wearing them. Anyone who argues otherwise does not understand child psychology or how the world of education works. When children walk into their classrooms and cannot see the faces or expressions of the people caring for and teaching them, this is a serious problem that affects them mentally and psychologically. Having a masked teacher makes it substantially more difficult to connect to him/her, and we know that when children connect to their teachers, it sets the stage for effective learning. Another part of never seeing a teacher's face is understanding expressions and how they relate to communication. This does not even address the sound issue of the importance of successfully and correctly hearing their teacher, as well as the fact that children need to see how letter sounds are formed in the mouth. Until we remove the barrier of masks, the effects of this has, is, and will continue to monumentally affect children's understanding of and their ability to communicate verbally and understand nonverbal communication. And these are vital skills all children need. Since giving students the right to choose on masks, students have been doing wonderfully. There was a palpable feeling of relief and joy when they realized they had that choice. Some have continued to wear them, and some have chosen not to, but the best thing is that they have been afforded the freedom to choose. It is important that we ALL are given that right.

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119679 2022/02/18 19:18:13 Daniel Blosser Rescind the Permanent Safety Standard 16VAC25-220

I am writing to show my support for the repeal of the Permanent Safety Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention: SARS-CoV-2 / 16VAC25-220, pursuant to Governor Youngkin's Executive Order 6 signed on January 15, 2022. A permanent standard is never the answer to an issue that is temporary and ever changing. While probably well intentioned, the adoption of this standard did not reflect evolving health and safety guidelines. Guidance by the CDC, OSHA, and VDH continues to evolve as evidenced by the recent revisions to recovery/return to work guidelines and the withdrawal of the federal Vaccination and Testing Emergency Temporary Standard. The adoption of a permanent standard saddled Virginia's employers with a standard that did not reflect the latest breakthroughs on the virus and vaccines. Employers should instead be free to work together with their employees without the need to interpret a permanent standard that may be outdated the moment it is published. This creates hazardous risks for employers and their employees. In the future more measured approaches should be considered by this board when implementing such standards. It is imperative that the vote on 2/16/2022 be upheld and this flawed standard be removed, IN ADDITION in the interim, guidance be given to Virginia employers on whether it will be continued to be enforced during this 30 day comment period. Virginia employers would like to be able to inform their employees that they can freely remove the masks in the workplace.

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119680 2022/02/18 19:20:05 PWCS teacher Unmask educators I am in favor of unmasking educators. Students now have a choice, their educators should as well. Teaching students phonemic awareness, phonics has been difficult and frustrating this year. It has become especially difficult for students with speech deficits and English language learners.

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119681 2022/02/18 19:21:11 Angela Leatham End masks mandates for teachers
Students cannot hear me with a mask on. I'm like white noise to them. Students who are hearing impaired do not benefit from teachers wearing masks. Student who don't speak English or are learning new words cannot process them adequately if they cannot see our mouths forming words. Students with emotional needs or any child on the autism spectrum benefit greatly from seeing our faces. Many studies have shown the trauma and detriment not seeing faces has on children. Many teachers got the vaccine against our better judgement in order to return to normal and we haven't seen normal in two years. Masking teachers does more harm to students than good. It's truly a shame that all of this has come down to poll numbers. It is evident that what is best for students has never been a priority for our government. All of the above things I listed should already be known by leaders in our state. The fact that this has to be pointed out shows how incompetent our leaders are.

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119682 2022/02/18 19:34:07 RPW No Mandates Stop the insanity! End all mandates! If you want to wear a worthless mask, have at it, but leave the rest of us alone!

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119683 2022/02/18 19:37:14 Anonymous End medical office mandates. Patient care has suffered due to physicians offices being required to wear masks. It is difficult to communicate with

patients and there is too much misunderstanding and error due to masks inhibiting speech and hearing. Physicians offices are not front line and should not be required to wear masks.

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119684 2022/02/18 20:14:24 Lynn Schelhammer Eskew No mandates! Unconstitutional. Religious freedom as well! End masking for adults in public schools. The students look to us - we are their model. Additionally, as citizens of Virginia, we should have a choice as to whether or not we choose a mask. End it now!

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119685 2022/02/18 20:21:17 Botetourt County Teacher END MASK MADNESS I am a Virginia educator Thank you for taking the first step in what appears to be a phasing out of mask mandates. The first day back without required masks for students was one for the books! It was one of the best days of school this year. My students did question why teachers were still wearing masks. I told them we are still required, but that I was happy to see their happy faces. They said it was unfair and I told them I agreed with them. I wish people making these decisions would have gone all in on this move and included the whole school (students, faculty, staff) in reclaiming facial freedom. I am respectfully asking you to end all covid mandates.

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119686 2022/02/18 20:24:37 CP Remove all mandates and restrictions The pandemic is over, if people wish to continue to live in fear, then that is their choice to mask or get vaccinated a dozen times. Return the freedom to people to make our own choices about our health that has been stolen away for the past year! Vaccines are doing more harm than good, and masks are more likely to make you sick or mentally ill than protect you from sickness.

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119687 2022/02/18 20:25:42 Anonymous End All Covid Mandates Two years into the pandemic and we are still under forced restrictions that don't help. Mask wearing and covid vaccinations should be optional and left to the discretion of the individual. My body my choice. END all covid mandates, especially mandatory masking and vaccinations!

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119688 2022/02/18 20:31:09 K powell Repeal mask requirement for employees/teachers
Hi. It is time to repeal the code requiring masks for employees in areas of high or moderate Covid transmission. students need to see their teachers without masks to feel reassured that they are safe and life is returning to normal. teachers who prefer masks can continue to choose that. The CDCs metrics on moderate and high transmission were created before universal vaccine access and are therefore now outdated. Teachers who are ready to return to normal reserve the freedom to do so. Their job is already hard and has been hard enough for two years. It is time

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119689 2022/02/18 20:41:07 Anonymous Don't wait 30 days Why wait 30 more days to move forward? The response is overwhelmingly in favor of removing mandates everywhere, including physicians offices, factories, car rental offices, colleges and universities, wineries and restaurants. Don't leave any loopholes or exceptions. Employers should not have that type of control.

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119690 2022/02/18 20:45:36 Anonymous Freedom to choose should be the rule If anyone wants to wear a mask, by all means they should, so long as it is their choice, not their employers, and not a government mandate. It's been 2 years. We need to move forward and stop living this way. The mental toll is tremendous.

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119691 2022/02/18 20:46:10 G \$ Reality of covid prevention I have had covid twice over the past year. During the first round My family and I were very adamant about wearing our masks and making sure those around us wore theirs. No matter, we still got it with flu like symptoms and no lasting affects. The second time only I got it, not my wife and kids. I didn't wear my mask around them nor did I quarantine from them. Still did not pass it on. Had cold like symptoms for 3 days then like I was never sick. In my case the masks did not make any difference and the virus was very mild, absolutely no difference than a yearly cold. Please remove these mandates so the kids can see their teachers and classmates smile and remove the stigma around connecting with people face to face in this time of need for personal connection

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119692 2022/02/18 20:49:27 Anonymous End mandates for everyone As someone who is in a medical office and required to mask all day, every day, for the last 2 years, I can attest to the mental toll it is taking. I am office staff, and I never intended to have a career where I would need to mask to do my job. Please please please remove the mask mandate for medical office workers, and also remove the ability of the employer to require it.

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119693 2022/02/18 21:08:58 William K. Lee Sr. Remove, let's move on It is time to take our life back. More people die from drug overdose than Civid. This was used to bring fear over the American people.

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119694 2022/02/18 21:31:55 Cindy End mask mandates for teachers It;s been long enough, time to stop mandates and let teachers decide if they want to wear a mask.

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119695 2022/02/18 21:39:00 AC Mask Mandate Please remove all mask mandates in the state of VA for workers to include teachers and school buses!!

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119696 2022/02/18 21:51:26 K Frank Choice for teachers As a substitute teacher, one of the few who has continued subbing throughout the pandemic- I implore you to let teachers have the same rights to choose that I have as a parent for my children. It has been a long 2 years, this year has begun to wear on all of us. We have been blessed to see smiles again from a good percentage of students. But, especially in certain classrooms- children need to see our smiles too. I see more children suffering from diagnosis that would have most likely gone unnoticed or not even surfaced. SpEd case loads increasing, little to no progress with SLP students because they can;t watch the teacher model the motions. While I understand this doesn;t mean everyone will make the choice to unmask, what matters most is just that- having the choice. I know personally, my decision to continue subbing in the next school year weighs heavily on whether or not I will have a choice when it comes to a mask. Let us breathe....please.

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119697 2022/02/18 21:51:31 Lisa Time to end the masks for all VA workers. Time to stop the craziness. Please allow personal choices for masks.. science has changed and no one believes masks work anymore

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119698 2022/02/18 22:38:12 KKB End mask mandates End mask mandates for teachers.

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119699 2022/02/18 23:19:01 Barbara END ALL MANDATES END ALL MANDATES, follow the Constitution

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119700 2022/02/18 23:44:31 Allison End ALL Mandates End ALL mandates! Period!

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119701 2022/02/18 23:45:35 Doris K END These tyrannical mandates they never worked Kids need to see smiling faces. There is no reason to be living in fear when HCQ IVM have worked all along. Stop the coercion propaganda and lies. Enough is enough. Its your body it should be your choice. Natural Immunity has always been better. You can't catch a fly in a chain link fence. Even the side of these boxes of masks says they can;t stop a virus. Trust is gone is All these systems run by the deep state. Let's end this “new normal Klaus Schwann, Bill Gates, Fraud Fauci and the thief in offices lies.

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119702 2022/02/19 0:12:15 Jane Teacher mask choice Teachers have more than out themselves out in the line this year. They have adapted and changes their classrooms and teaching styles during this pandemic. Every day teachers have been exposed to Covid and stayed in school. Tireless teaching and planning, behaviors problems, lack of support in the workplace are just many of the issues teachers have faced this year. Teachers have have gone above and beyond what they normally what do and hope rising and kids now have that choice in masks. Let teachers choose now for themselves. They are no less important in the schools and the fight in masks needs to come to an end and let kids have a “normal” remaining four months of their school year and let teachers breathe again. No more masks, let it be done. The fight is over

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119703 2022/02/19 5:35:43 Barbara Henry END THE NONSENSE We have data now.....masks do more harm than good and the so called vaccines are extremely dangerous. And NEITHER WORKS. End the stupidity and wake up.....

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MYTH: The ingredients in COVID-19 vaccines are dangerous.

FACT: Nearly all the ingredients in COVID-19 vaccines are also ingredients in many foods – fats, sugars, and salts.

Nearly all the ingredients in COVID-19 vaccines are also ingredients in many foods – fats, sugars, and salts.

Exact vaccine ingredients vary by manufacturer. Pfizer-BioNTech and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines also contain messenger RNA (mRNA) and the Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccine contains a harmless version of a virus unrelated to the virus that causes COVID-19. These give instructions to cells in your body to create an immune response. This response helps protect you from getting sick with COVID-19 in the future. After the body produces an immune response, it discards all the vaccine ingredients just as it would discard any information that cells no longer need. This process is a part of normal body functioning.

COVID-19 vaccines do NOT contain ingredients like preservatives, tissues (like aborted fetal cells), antibiotics, food proteins, medicines, latex, or metals.

Learn more about what ingredients are and are not in Pfizer-BioNTech, Moderna, or Johnson & Johnson/Janssen COVID-19 vaccines.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>

119704 2022/02/19 5:39:36 Henrico County Public Schools Unmask the teachers We are done with the masks! The kids can;t hear us. It;s difficult teaching reading to my kindergarteners with a mask on. What;s the difference in a child taking it off and an adult? It should be my choice!

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119705 2022/02/19 5:46:48 Tuyen Nguyen End the mandates So many research shows that masks isn;t 100% effective and there is no long term studies showing how lack of oxygen can affect the proper healing of our bodies. However, it definitely has an impact on social behavior as it;s preventing

our inherent ability to see others expressions and demeanor, where the most impact this has on is our younger children who are learning how to socially adapt. Remove the mandate and allow those the choice to decide whether they want to keep wearing or not.

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119706 2022/02/19 5:58:24 James M. C. Bonavita Stop Institutionalized Child Abuse The time to end mandatory mask wearing in schools has long since passed. Scientific studies have proven that masks provide virtually NO protection for either the wearers, or those around them, ESPECIALLY with children. Likewise, Scientific studies also have proven the many harmful Psychological, Physical and Sociological effects of wearing them. This school mask mandate constitutes State-Sponsored CHILD ABUSE!!! UNMASK OUR CHILDREN NOW!!!

James M. C. Bonavita, Chesapeake (Virginia Beach Police Dept., Retired)

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119707 2022/02/19 6:09:48 Linda Thurby-Hay Responsible citizenry As a practicing professional nurse, I have witnessed more death from COVID-19 than any other period of my over 40-year professional career. During the first year of this pandemic, deaths were caused by a disease for which we had no treatment or preventative strategies. The elderly, immunocompromised and those with multiple chronic diseases died; the suffering was unimaginable and the death ugly. Many of those who survived continue to struggle with long-term health consequences. This fall winter season brought more death from those who chose not to vaccinate. Whole families have died!

I am weary of the political bantering and falsehoods generated by social media and networks that aren't reporting facts. Our future community health and healthcare workforce is at stake! Science is not perfect but we must rely on current scientific evidence to make the best possible DECISIONS FOR ALL, and not stand on personal rights as the only and final answer to issues affecting America's citizenry.

When the facts indicate we can stop using transmission-blocking strategies, then let's move on. If they don't, then use what we know helps!

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119708 2022/02/19 6:38:20 Angela W Repeal Permanent Safety Standard 16VAC25-220

I am writing to show my support for the repeal of the Permanent Safety Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention: SARS-CoV-2 / 16VAC25-220, pursuant to Governor Youngkin's Executive Order 6 signed on January 15, 2022. The adoption of a permanent standard saddled Virginia's employers with a standard that did not reflect the latest breakthroughs on the virus and vaccines. Employers should instead be free to work together with their employees without the need to interpret a permanent standard that may be outdated the moment it is published. This creates hazardous risks for employers and their employees. In the future more measured approaches should be considered by this board when implementing such standards.

COVID-19 no longer poses a grave danger to employees based on Virginia's strong vaccination rates compared to other states (10th in the country as of 02/05/2022) and other studies concluding the Omicron variant is less severe, results in shorter hospital stays and less likely to result in ICU admissions.

Repeal COVID-19 permanent regulations.

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119709 2022/02/19 6:52:04 PWCS Tired Teacher Unmask Educators With students having the mask option starting 2/22/22 it is only right that teachers do as well. Our leaders here are talking out of both sides of their mouths on transmission data. I'm to the point, 2 years later, that having a mask on my face in any capacity, is creating anxiety. Even 30 more days of this is overwhelming and ridiculous. Kids and adults alike are getting sick with and without masks which at this point tells me it's not working! Thank you.

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119710 2022/02/19 6:52:25 Anonymous Time to rescind mandates/standards NOW The mandates were enacted overnight and yet here we are, having to beg VDOLI to rescind them for over a month. The citizens of Virginia deserve better than this.

Please rescind ALL covid mandates and standards. They should never have been originally put in place. Not only can employers make sane decisions for their workplace but the employees have the right to choose and the right to personal medical freedoms and privacies.

Rescind the mandates and standards NOW - no need to wait when the support to do so is overwhelming.

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The current Virginia Standard was the subject of 60 day and 30 day comment periods and 2 public hearings.

119711 2022/02/19 7:08:25 A very tired PWCS teacher Double standard Please consider expediting the process to allow teachers to decide whether or not to mask. Most of us are vaccinated and boosted per requirements back in 2021 to get us back in person. As a parent, my 3 children now have a choice. But as an educator I don;t. This is not fair. Please. Expedite you decision so educators can resume some sense of normal for our students for the second half of the year. We deserve a choice as well.

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119712 2022/02/19 7:21:09 Anonymous Masks Please end the mask mandate for teachers and other workers in Virginia!

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119713 2022/02/19 7:25:58 Ric Sutton School mask mandate Both of my daughters attend public school in Chesapeake. Fortunately they are no longer required to wear masks in school, but every adult in the building does. This makes absolutely no sense. Please put a stop to this idiocy

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119714 2022/02/19 7:30:04 JenniferEnd mask mandates for all teachers Good morning-I'm writing to you as a second teacher who has never seen her students or her own mental state in such disarray. My students have never seen me smile And up until recently I have never seen their faces. This makes it very difficult teaching such a young age. It is a time where they are learning language, learning how to express themselves, and learning how to read the nonverbal cues of others. I realize that many of my students lack these skills. It is difficult when my face is covered when I'm trying to teach them. They have difficulty hearing letter sounds or just understanding what I have said. I have watched students get frustrated and shut down. I had a student recently ask me if I could stop wearing my mask.

I told her no at this time all teachers were required to. When my county decides that it is time to follow through with their plan vaccinated teachers will be able to take their masks off and I will not. I made the choice based on medical reasons after talking to my doctor do not take the vaccine. So how do I look at this child and tell her the way it looks now I will forever be in a mask? How do I tell her that it is OK for her other teachers who are vaccinated, but out sick with Covid not have to wear theirs? E368How do I explain to her that I have already been infected, recovered, and still showing strong antibodies a long time after having it? How do I tell her that I will be signaled out by colleagues and parents, as soon as they all know my status? I don;t tell her. I dont tell her that I have horrible anxiety for not only what they have had to endure, but what I have. The backlash that I had gotten based on my own personal choices, no one should have to deal with. I;m at the point where I'm starting to question a career that I love. Please take into consideration ending the mandate for all teachers. We are tired from all that has been going on and all we want to do is teach. Thank you for your time

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119715 2022/02/19 7:32:29 Teacher that doesn't want to wear a mask!! Teacher choice for masks Thank you for giving students the right to choose whether to wear a mask or not. Teachers deserve the same choice! I teach kindergarten and it is impossible to teach phonics with my face covered, I have 10 ELL students who need to see my mouth to know how to form different sounds. Please give teachers the choice!!

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119716 2022/02/19 7:45:03 Cynthia Kilmer Let teachers be unmasked! Let teachers be unmasked so students can learn more effectively. Let students see the emotion on my face so I can build true relationships and they can see how much I care. So much human interaction happens through the face and current students have never seen their teachers' whole face. The Northern Va counties will keep mask on teachers as long as they possibly can. Please do not give them another crutch to lean on as they play this political game.

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119717 2022/02/19 7:46:34 PWSC Teacher End Teacher Mask Mandate! Now that parents have a right to chose whether their children wear a mask or not it makes absolutely no sense for teachers and school staff to be mandated to wear them. There are no peer reviewed studies that indicate masks lower transmission rates of Covid 19 in schools. It hinders children's learning when they can't properly hear their teacher or see their facial expressions. Please do the right thing and end the mask mandate for educators.

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119718 2022/02/19 7:46:45 Amanda Unmask Teachers Please allow teachers to unmask. It is difficult to communicate clearly while wearing a mask.

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119719 2022/02/19 7:58:06 Teacher End the madness of mask and ALL Covid mandates/policy End all mask mandates

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119720 2022/02/19 7:58:54 Barbi End teacher makes this is crazy end teacher masks - it should be his /her opinion if they wish to wear a mask .

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119721 2022/02/19 8:01:10 PWCS muzzled teacher Home of the free? There is NO practical, health, safety or human rights reason to keep citizens muzzled - it is actually more harmful in every way for students and teachers. It's dirty, degrading, and doesn't prevent transmission - Stop this madness!

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119722 2022/02/19 8:01:37 Anonymous Remove mask requirement for physician office staff.

Remove mask mandate for physician offices. Staff are vaccinated, we were forced to do that to keep our jobs. We've worn masks for two years. It has taken such a toll and mental health is suffering. Patients are becoming aggressive and angry at being forced to wear masks in health care facilities when they are not required in other businesses. Please give us a choice, and don't allow the employer to make the decision, it should be an individual decision.

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119723 2022/02/19 8:02:17 Ashlie Brittain, Teacher Assistant Ashland Elementary School END MASKING FOR TEACHERS Please end mask requirements for teachers/ staff- I chose to get vaccinated- but I did not get vaccinated three times to continue to wear a mask! Let us teachers/ staff (adults) make that choice for ourselves!

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119724 2022/02/19 8:04:04 Melanie Remove mask mandate Remove mask mandate. Effects my breathing and sinuses.

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119725 2022/02/19 8:12:33 Anonymous NO MASKS Vaccinated and believe in Natural Immunity
No Masks for Anyone in Virginia unless they choose..My government employer refused to accept my medical accommodations so I had to leave my job. I have lost so much in the last several year.

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119726 2022/02/19 8:13:47 PWCS Teacher End all mandates in Virginia As a PWCS teacher, it is extremely disheartening to have to wear a bacteria, germ filled muzzle on my face all day to teach children. We are two years into this pandemic and the madness needs to end. Vaccines have been found ineffective in preventing transmission and spread. Masks have also been found to cause more mental and emotional harm than good and don't prevent the spread. At this point, two years in, vaccines and masks should be a choice for all citizens of Virginia in all jobs and places of employment.

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119727 2022/02/19 8:17:58 Anonymous Take the masks off of my doctor's office staff. Why should fully vaccinated medical office staff need to wear a mask to care for a patient who they can associate with anywhere else (costco, grocery store, restaurant) without a mask? Hypocrisy at its best. It is purely political and there is absolutely no science involved in this decision. Beyond that, most staff are wearing surgical masks, and patients cloth masks, neither of which stop viruses. Contrary to what many believe, masks really do not work. Again, political. Healthcare workers are mentally burned out, fragile and just plain done with it. They are leaving this field in droves. Help us, please. Getting us out of these masks is the first step

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119728 2022/02/19 8:18:00 Caly Bruton End All Mandates Please end all mandates for all. There is no logical or rational excuse to impose masks on healthy, or any, people. It should be a personal choice to wear personal protective medical equipment, and personal choice to go about life as normal.

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119729 2022/02/19 8:22:17 Anonymous End ALL mandates for ALL Not a single mandate has helped a single but. Stop all mandates and let us FREE Americans be FREE rather than having to continually fight the tyrants. All the tyrants need to be put on notice

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119730 2022/02/19 8:23:08 Natalie End mask mandates and make it law I live in a county where it took a law to be passed for masking to be optional. Even when it was announced by our superintendent of schools in a c email you could clearly tell she was mad and upset that she had to comply. My daughter struggles with phonics in school and reading and the masks are t helping her not seeing how the teachers mouth moves when she articulated words. The teachers who want to wear masks should be able to and should be probably fitted with N95 masks so they are at least getting the best protection. We can't count on our local government to do the job we need so we need Richmond to step in once again!

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119731 2022/02/19 8:30:10 Anonymous Mask Choice As stated in the notice, "based on emerging scientific and medical evidence that the current widespread variants of the virus no longer constitute a grave danger to employees in the workplace," adults should be given the freedom to make choices that are in the best interests of their overall health.

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119732 2022/02/19 8:32:46 April Youngblut Mask choice for all teachers and school staff!! Adult professionals have the ability to decide for themselves whether they want to be masked all day. Mask choice for all!!! No more mandates! Stop the overreach.

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119733 2022/02/19 8:36:49 School nurse Make masking optional for all employees Make masking optional for all employees

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119734 2022/02/19 8:38:44 Carrie Beyond the Scope? Public Health Issue regulated by DOLI????

Federal court ruled against OSHA in that they do NOT have the authority to regulate a public health issue. It would appear the same rationale is applied here and under what statute gives DOLI the authority to regulate a public health issue and mandate workplace safety? The initial regulation should be challenged, how did DOLI even have the authority to create this regulation at the onset; and therefore, repeal without the 30-day waiting period or expedite the waiting period. How can we not expedite this and/or challenge the legality of the regulation itself?

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119735 2022/02/19 8:38:46 TeacherEnd Mask Mandates. It's time for this to be over. Let teachers make the choice alongside the kids.

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119736 2022/02/19 8:40:17 MDeveau Unmask the teachers! It is time to end this! Masks do nothing but hold in fear! It should just be a choice for EVERYONE!

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119737 2022/02/19 8:40:27 Dakota Dean Stop tyranny Take mask off teachers Stop the craziness

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119738 2022/02/19 8:40:35 Anonymous Do we really need 30 days here? Do we really need 30 days to figure out that people do NOT want to be required to wear masks? Make them optional. If someone wants to wear them, they should, but their employer and their government should not be permitted to force them to do so.

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119739 2022/02/19 8:42:36 PWC teacher Mask choice Please remove the mask mandate and give us teachers the choice to wear or not wear a mask. Children need to see our faces, our smiles and our mouths especially when we are teaching them how to read. The science is there, most of us are fully vaccinated and have had covid already. Please let us choose!

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119740 2022/02/19 8:42:43 V Parker End mask and ALL Covid mandates/policy End the mandates and policies put in place because of COVID — freedom of choice!

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119741 2022/02/19 8:45:43 Anonymous Un mask the teachers! What is everyone holding on to? It's over!! Stop forcing masks that do nothing on people! How does it help the kids if the teachers are masked? What is so magical about 30 days? I'll give you a hint, nothing. End this charade now.

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119742 2022/02/19 8:46:20 Haylee Cameron Remove ALL mask mandates for employees!
Remove ALL mask mandates for employees!

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119743 2022/02/19 8:50:19 Rachel Stop Mandates Stop all of the mandates.

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119744 2022/02/19 9:05:06 Danielle Stehley, substitute teacher PWCS No more masks!
As a substitute teacher, I am ready to be rid of the masks in the classroom I enter. I want to the students to see my facial expressions and be able to understand me more clearly. I got vaccinated so I wouldn't have to wear a mask. The time for choice is now!

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119745 2022/02/19 9:21:28 Nicole Naples STOP MASK MANDATES FOR TEACHERS Please stop the mask mandates for all teachers. Let the teachers educate our children without any hindrances. Our children need to hear them clearly so they can learn and grow. Our children need to see their smile, mouth and facial expressions. Seeing their teachers face is a part of emotional development. It's time to stop

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119746 2022/02/19 9:21:31 Brayden D No More Masks I am a teacher and the fact kids don't wear masks and teachers and staff do is ridiculous. This is not a pandemic anymore. Hospitals are not packed. The "curve" lol is not flat but dropping. It is beyond time to give people the option of wearing a mask or not

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119747 2022/02/19 9:24:29 Tammy Tribett Mask CHOICE for ALL It;s far past time that we give EVERYONE the choice to wear or not to wear a mask! This includes TEACHERS! This has spun so far out of control, and that;s truly what the issue has become-a control issue. ; This country was founded on the belief of individual rights and freedoms. We are quickly losing that and descending into socialism or a monarchy, which we fought, and many gave their lives, to escape! I am 100% behind vaccines- but that;s my CHOICE. I am 100% behind NO MASKS, but that;s also my choice. Every American has the right to choose freely for themselves and their own personal health. Teachers have been forced to teach all day in a mask. I cannot even begin to imagine how miserable this must be. Unable to breath, unable to be heard by their students, and, above all, unable to make their own personal health choice! From a students perspective, my daughter continues to say it;s difficult to hear her teachers and in a foreign language class such as her Spanish, it;s equally important to SEE her teacher verbalize. It;s time to unmask our teachers and allow everyone to get back to normal and make their own choices!

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119748 2022/02/19 9:34:17 Anonymous Give teachers choice Giving everyone choice is the only way this should be done and we shouldn;t have to wait 30 more days. Do it now!

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119749 2022/02/19 9:46:26 Mindy Noles Unmask teachers! Give us choice! Please help give teachers the choice to unmask just like our students! Mindy Noles 6th grade tracher.

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119750 2022/02/19 9:50:23 Anonymous Please unmask teachers Teachers deserve the right to choose whether or not they wear a mask.

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119751 2022/02/19 9:52:05 Anonymous Mask choice for teachers I am a primary teacher in PWCS and have been teaching for over 20 years. Masks not only do not work with the latest variant, they are a detriment to teaching primary students, in my opinion. I am a healthy person who has followed the recommendations and am double vaccinated and boosted. I understand that everyone has different beliefs and support that, but it should be reciprocal. It is my belief that we should have a choice to mask if that is what makes us comfortable. However, I do not believe that it is beneficial to myself or my students to remain masked until some unreasonable date is put forth. This is not going away and I refuse to teach the rest of my career in a mask. We need to start allowing teachers to live a normal life without the shackles of these masks. I am a U.S. military veteran and I have risked my life for my country and its freedoms. I have also dedicated my life to improving my community by teaching. The very least you can do is allow me the freedom to do my job effectively by respecting my right to teach without a mask.

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119752 2022/02/19 9:53:03 Anonymous End mandates It is time to end the mandates. Please.

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119753 2022/02/19 9:54:15 Anonymous Masks for Teachers Optional NOW All teachers, not only the vaccinated, should have a CHOICE! End mandatory masks immediately and give teachers their rights! There is no threat to anyone and the masks do not prevent anything. And to say that ONLY vaccinated get a choice is DISCRIMINATORY and wrong! Do not make us wait until March!!! End it now!

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119754 2022/02/19 9:54:19 Anonymous Stop the mandates The mandates don;t help.
Please end them.

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119755 2022/02/19 9:56:43 Anonymous Do not wait until MARCH! Students now have a
choice, so why make teachers wait? Where are their rights? ALL teachers deserve the same courtesy and
freedom to teach and BREATHE. Do not wait until March, and do not discriminate!

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119756 2022/02/19 10:02:45 Nicole Stracener Make it teachers choice to wear a mask It
should be the teachers choice to wear or not wear a mask

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119757 2022/02/19 10:08:16 Me Mandates need to stop Emergency Orders need to stopped!
Unconstitutional! The masks are ridiculous! They do not work! They do more harm! How about some
common sense and hand washing!

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119758 2022/02/19 10:10:59 Jodi Halo Teachers should have the choice Teacher's
should have the choice to wear a mask!

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119759 2022/02/19 10:12:23 Anonymous Mask choice Teachers should have the option to
wear a mask or not.

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119760 2022/02/19 10:14:49 School Nurse No more masks and mandates!!! So much waste of PPE!
We have wasted so much money on PPE and wasted it!! Humans are suppose to see each others
faces!!!

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119761 2022/02/19 10:20:04 Anonymous TEACHER CHOICE!!! If students dont have to wear
one why should teachers?

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119762 2022/02/19 10:22:41 Glen Sturtevant Remove the Mask Mandates Remove the mask
mandates. Let Virginians get back to normal. It;s time to move forward.

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119763 2022/02/19 10:33:05 Anonymous Teachers right to choose. Teacher should have the right to choose whether or not they wear a mask or not.

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119764 2022/02/19 10:33:50 Katie Paarfus UNMASK TEACHERS! PLEASE UNMASK TEACHERS!

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119765 2022/02/19 10:34:30 Anonymous Freedom of choice!!! This is ??? Let teachers have the choice!!!

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119766 2022/02/19 10:38:32 Anonymous Remove the Mask Mandates for Workplaces. They don't work. Removed the workplaces mask mandates. They do not work.

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119767 2022/02/19 10:42:26 anonymous Mask mandate Stop the mandate.

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119768 2022/02/19 10:43:13 Anonymous End All Mask Mandates Masks obstruct interpersonal communication and collaboration. Those that are concerned can wear them, but people should not be forced to wear masks. Freedom of choice is a good thing.

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119769 2022/02/19 10:46:41 Amy Brink Mask mandates Please eliminate mask mandates. These are unhealthy both physically and mentally. Individuals need to be allowed to make the choice to mask or not that best meets their needs. Sincerely, Amy L Brink Chesterfield, VA

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119770 2022/02/19 10:47:51 Anonymous End ALL mask mandates! Get rid of useless masks! End all mandates!!

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119771 2022/02/19 10:49:59 Joanne NO Vaccine Mandates - unknown long-term side effects End all mask and vaccine mandates - already harming children with learning and speech problems

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119772 2022/02/19 10:53:03 Kristina K Mask Mandates Time to end all mask mandates for stores and businesses - even healthcare providers. Don't need a mask to wait in a doctor or dentist office - didn't do this before COVID even with seasonal flu

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119773 2022/02/19 10:55:47 Theresa Bartholomew Please remove all mask mandates . Masks should be optional . Remove all mask mandates

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119774 2022/02/19 10:58:54 E N Gemelos Time to end mask mandates Mask mandates must end particularly for the young and healthy. Science has found little value in use of mask with few exceptions. In addition masking the young healthy has been identified with serious health issues

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119775 2022/02/19 11:27:42 Anonymous No Masks No more masks! It's time to move on and lift All restrictions. Thank you Governor Youngkin!!!

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119776 2022/02/19 11:31:34 A.MillerPast time Its way past time to make this a personal choice

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119777 2022/02/19 11:34:25 Elementary teacher No more mandatory masks! This has got to end. If kids get a choice then I think I'm fully capable of making the decision on whether I want to wear a mask or not. I want my freedom to choose! It's past time

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119778 2022/02/19 11:34:43 A.m.m. STOP I chose a long time ago...

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119779 2022/02/19 11:39:50 TeacherTime for the government over reach to end. The state department needs to end all mandates relating to covid-19. The risk to the general public doesn't warrant the government over reach

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119780 2022/02/19 11:41:02 Charles Willis Mask mandatesTime to stop all mask mandates Let's make it optional for each person We don't need government to tell us what to wear

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119781 2022/02/19 11:41:07 L. Weaver Masks and vaccination MUST be voluntary! It is paradoxical in the land of the free that any governmental agency would mandate that people must have any injection or wear a ineffective mask. Please leave these and other such personal choices to we the people.

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The Virginia Standard does not mandate vaccines.

119782 2022/02/19 11:47:24 Anonymous Useless Scientifically Masks are totally useless scientifically. Virus goes through masks just like mosquitos going through chain-links. They also deprive of human dignity and valuable human interactions

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119783 2022/02/19 11:48:16 Cathy End mandates End all mandates regarding COVID-19. Any decision regarding masks or vaccines should be voluntary and decided by the individual. Businesses should not be allowed to force vaccines or masks on their employees or customers. Provisions should be put in place so no governor or governmental body can use a health crisis, manufactured or real, to strip citizens of their Constitutional rights

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119784 2022/02/19 11:57:37 Anonymous No more masks Masks and vaccines should be voluntary

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119785 2022/02/19 11:58:03 Anonymous No more mandates! No more mandates!

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119786 2022/02/19 12:13:58 William J Deutsch It is time to lift the mandates on employees
We are at the end of the pandemic. It is time to lift the mandates on employees. Vaccines and masks are readily available. People who want them should use them, people who don't should be free to protect themselves the way they believe is best

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119787 2022/02/19 12:21:48 Laura Letiecq It's time to lift the mask requirement from employees.
Continuing to mask employees continues to cause discrimination against the Deaf and hearing impaired in all aspects of society. We also seem to be creating a faceless servant class with the very people who were out there working in public the entire time others were sitting at home

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119788 2022/02/19 12:34:19 JR Masks should not be mandatory anymore Let the people make choices

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119789 2022/02/19 12:43:10 Anonymous Repeal the standard The standard is cumbersome and confusing and at this point, an unnecessary burden on employers. It is often difficult to even understand and implement. Employers cannot control what their workforce does the moment they leave the workplace so positive cases is not a reflection of a lack of an employer's concern for their employees. And the face covering has been proven for quite some time, that it is not going to protect you or protect others. This was the case even before Omicron

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119790 2022/02/19 12:44:24 Anonymous Please end mask mandate
Please end mask mandate

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119791 2022/02/19 12:50:06 vincent ikley end mask mandates

After 2 years, it should obvious that masks do not stop the spread of a air borne virus

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119792 2022/02/19 13:04:38 Anonymous mask mandates

Time to end all mask mandates in Virginia and the U.S.A

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119793 2022/02/19 13:10:31 Anonymous Lift Mask Mandate for Employers
Give adults the choice too. End mask mandate in the workplace

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119794 2022/02/19 13:36:32 Anonymous Freedom to Choose

From the start of this pandemic, freedoms have been infringed upon for the sake of the greater good. We have been told it was based in science but that has been proven time and again to be false. It is high time we lift mandates on things that should be a personal choice

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119795 2022/02/19 13:43:33 PWCS Employee choice
PWCS employees must be given the same consideration as PWCS families. Continuing to require us to wear masks while allowing students to opt out is insulting both personally and professionally

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119796 2022/02/19 14:03:05 Alan Masks are fine if chosen by individual. Mandates are not. If an individual wants to wear a mask because she believes it will protect her from getting or spreading a disease, I am all in favor of her having the freedom to do so. But no one should be forced to wear one. Mask mandates are incompatible with our system of individual liberty

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119797 2022/02/19 14:08:41 Doug White End mask mandates
Please end the mask mandates. They do little to no good and are uncomfortable

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119798 2022/02/19 14:12:17 Heather Scrap the entire standard - was always bureaucratic overreach
Please revoke the Covid prevention standard. All of it. Every part of it was overreach on so many levels, burdening employers, employees, and taking away basic rights. Nobody has the authority to require any public or private employee, consumer, healthcare provider or patient to wear a mask, especially since masks are considered Emergency Use Authorized (EUA) medical devices under Federal Law. Most importantly, free the teachers. They can't fully teach and are harming themselves and their students by still being forced to wear masks

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119799 2022/02/19 14:22:03 Jill Moser Teacher FREEDOM
Teachers should be given the choice similar to the law for students to opt out

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119800 2022/02/19 14:26:35 PWCS Teacher Unmask Teachers-we've done our part
I am have been a teacher in Virginia for 15 years. I embraced virtual teaching. I embraced concurrent teaching. I embraced teaching in person in a mask while my students were masked and behind plexiglass. I have embraced it all. For the kids. Now the kids can unmask. I am so thankful for that. I look forward to the day when I will be ale to see ALL of my students' faces again. However, it is just important for my students to see MY face (especially at the elementary level when students are learning to read).

Please, give teachers the same freedom you gave the students today. Let us unmask. Let the students see their teachers' faces again. It's been two years. We've done our part

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119801 2022/02/19 14:27:48 Anonymous Let people choose
If you want to wear a mask, that's your prerogative. Allow me to make my own choice

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119802 2022/02/19 14:32:39 James Hudson Making should be optional, not mandated
I have had covid, the antibodies, both vaccines and the booster

I feel like a superman, and if I get covid again it will not be severe

I choose to not wear a mask, but respect those that want to. But do not want a mandate to have me or my kids wear one

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119803 2022/02/19 14:33:39 You don't own me or my choices Stop the political theater.
Those with brains (the majority) know what is going on!
Stop. Enough. Everyone knows now. All you will be remembered for is your tyranny

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119804 2022/02/19 15:00:49 TeacherStop violating God given Rights for We the People to Choose

You are in violation of the Constitution. It is clear in protecting human rights from government

overreach such as these attempts with unelected officials who are not under authority to supersede laws with policies in the name of health

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119805 2022/02/19 15:07:13 Ana It's over

It's well past time to end the masking recommendations. The current variant is nearly identical to the common cold. If not now, then when?

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Both COVID-19 and the common cold are caused by viruses. COVID-19 is caused by SARS-CoV-2, while the common cold is most often caused by rhinoviruses. <https://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/coronavirus/in-depth/covid-19-cold-flu-and-allergies-differences/art-20503981#:~:text=What's%20the%20difference%20between%20COVID,the%20same%20signs%20and%20symptoms.>

119806 2022/02/19 15:07:19 Kai Li Brunda It's time...

It's time, people. This masking our educators has been going on long enough. How many new updates do the CDC have to give, all over the place with their suggestions for masks and vaccines until we all wake up as a nation and come to realize this entire process has wrecked our children? The juice has definitely not been worth the squeeze as far as masks are concerned. They don't work. Even knowing this, deep down (you do), you'll still support masking teachers. Why? Because our children's lives are at risk? Bullshit. Because their lives are at risk? Let them make that choice to wear or not to wear. They're grown ups; they can handle it.

You messed up. Ok, shrug it off and admit it. Let's drop this sham and get back to what's important….normalcy for our kids and their learning environment.

Kai Li Brunda

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119807 2022/02/19 15:08:33 Teacher and PWCS Parent Choice for ALL! Let Freedom Ring!

As a PWCS employee I am asking that you give all teachers and employees the choice for masking. I am thrilled that my children now have the freedom to mask or unmask as they see fit. This is now what I am fighting for as a teacher. The beauty of living in the United States is that we have choice. This should be no different. Teachers will continue to do what they do best and show up for their students but I can tell you that after 2 years of mandates and divisiveness, why don't we do the right thing and just allow choice? Our jobs as educators are already hard enough. The beauty of choice is that it allows everyone their God given freedoms- those that choose to unmask and those that prefer to keep masked. Please consider mask choice for all!

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119808 2022/02/19 15:13:40 Victor Lantz Masks

Let us decide if we want to wear a mask or not

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119809 2022/02/19 15:16:18 Jeffrey D Murray & Co., LLC proposal to eliminate the Virginia Permanent Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention.

Please vote to pass this proposal

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119810 2022/02/19 15:37:43 Dr. Victor H. Gehman, Jr. Reckless Endangerment

People who are old, very young or immune suppressed, are vulnerable to COVID-19. The scientific facts are indisputable. Those who advocate for reduced protection designed to protect the vulnerable are guilty of reckless endangerment. In effect, the healthy who do not choose to mask indoors or follow other reasonable precautions are saying that their convenience is more important than the lives of young children, older citizens or the very sick

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119811 2022/02/19 15:56:51 Carolyn Stop this unconstitutional power grab
The mask mandates have NEVER been about science. They have always been about compliance and control. Masks are virtually useless at protecting other people so stop the political theater

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119812 2022/02/19 16:05:17 Heather Please give teachers/staff the option to opt out of masking

Now that a law has been passed for parents to opt their students out of masking, it is time to let the students/staff opt out of masking as well

Particularly for teachers and instructional assistants, wearing a mask makes it difficult to communicate with students. Non-verbal communication/facial expressions are also important and removing the masks would help in this regard

I know when we go into a restaurant or other business where staff is wearing masks, we often times have a difficult time hearing or understanding what they are saying. I've seen teachers comment that this is also common in the classroom

Teachers and staff members likely take off their mask as soon as they exit the workplace and they travel to other places where they may or may not be required to mask, including the grocery store, restaurants, other stores, gyms and bars among other places. Why should they be required to mask at work when they are not required to mask at other locations where they come into contact with the general public?

It is for these reasons that I believe that teachers and staff should also have the opportunity to opt out of forced masking

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119813 2022/02/19 16:22:17 Mark Robinson It's time to end the mask mandate and any requirements on vaccines for workers

Please end the unnecessary mask mandate on workers in Virginia

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119814 2022/02/19 16:26:39 Jennifer L It's time

We have all done our due diligence in following the mandates. Science has shown us that masks are ineffective. In years to come we will see the negative impact on all ages psychologically. Luckily we have a governor who let the children unmask. Adults need to have that option as well. I don't care if others want to wear it and they should have that option. We need to move forward on this decisive and stop being divisive

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119815 2022/02/19 16:29:37 Kathy Chenault Since vaccines don't work and masks are not proven to help, give us back our freedom!

Science has obviously proven the vaccine does NOT protect people from the virus. People who have been jabbed twice and again with a booster have gotten sick with the virus. So how can people be forced to submit to an experimental drug?! Masks don't keep you from getting the virus either. Plus, for some people, the masks themselves negatively effect their health! All of this has to stop!

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119816 2022/02/19 16:33:58 Anonymous Let Freedom Ring!

As a teacher for over 20 years I left my profession because I can't stand wearing a mask and making my little 5 and 6 year old students wear one was horrible. If adults want to continue with this mask wearing, let them, but it needs to be a choice

Let Freedom Ring!

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119817 2022/02/19 16:37:23 Mandy Stop the communication barriers!! Masks may have had a positive effect at the beginning of the pandemic, but now that vaccines are out and those who wanted

them received them, I see no more purpose of masking. The virus is here to stay, and it is weakened now. As a teacher, it inhibits my ability to communicate as needed with my students. I teach language, and because of the masks, my students can't see the way my lips move as I pronounce, and each word is muffled by the mask. I'm not able to fully express myself, and I find my students zoning out more due to not being able to read my lips. They can tune me out, because there is a lack of communication. It also does not make scientific sense to allow parents the choice to mask their kids or not, but force educators to. Please end these mask mandates, and let people choose whether they would like to wear one or not. Forcing us to wear them not only separates us more as a nation, but also makes us feel more isolated and hidden. We cannot live the rest of our lives wearing masks and living in fear

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119818 2022/02/19 16:40:00 Teacher-11 years Remove the masks

I have been teaching for 11 years now and I have never worked so hard then in these last two years. If you want a mass exodus of qualified teachers continue this felonious absurd mandate. You may want us gone to push CRT and other crazy anti-American beliefs. Guess what, I don't. My hope is that we will be great again. I am a patient person but enough is enough for all this crazy nonsense. All of what has been pushed I am not interested in. The science does not back this ridiculous mandate any more. We want to be free. This mask is a control mechanism and we all know it. First time shame on me, second time shame on you. Do your part as elected officials and end this mandate. That's the beauty of an election system… you may be walking soon to a different job

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119819 2022/02/19 16:45:19 Jennifer Keene Teachers/ masks Please allow teachers to make the choice of wearing or not wearing a mask for themselves. It is really important for children especially in early education to be able to see their teachers faces. We are hurting children's development by not allowing this. And now that parents are allowed to make that mask choice for their children, teachers should be allowed the same choice.

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119820 2022/02/19 17:03:08 Alana Johnson End mandates I support the proposed revocation. The mandates have been unlawful.

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119821 2022/02/19 17:06:53 Merianne jensen End teacher mask mandate Children will never feel normal until they can see their teachers faces again. End the mask mandate for teachers….NOW!

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119822 2022/02/19 17:31:44 A parent End all covid mandates and coercion End all masks mandates for every human being. End I contact tracing and testing and vaccine bullying for every human being.

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The Virginia Standard does not mandate contact tracing or vaccines.

119823 2022/02/19 17:35:17 Anonymous When will everyone wake up. Stand up for human dignity and freedom <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/labs/pmc/articles/PMC8656165/>

<https://www.cnn.com/2022/02/18/bill-gates-covid-risks-have-reduced-but-another-pandemic-will-come.html>

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119824 2022/02/19 17:40:08 Freedom For AllMasks Unmask our teachers and bus drivers! Investigate the VEA, CDC, VDH. Keep politics out of schools! VEA is corrupt. Follow the money.

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119825 2022/02/19 17:43:32 CHOICE Unmask our teachers and bus drivers! Investigate the VEA, CDC and VDH. Keep politics out of schools. Follow the money and you will find the problem. VEA is only worried about supporting Democrats. They are ruining our public school systems

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119826 2022/02/19 18:02:19 Anonymous Teacher choice Please allow teachers to make the same choice as parents are allowed! It is insulting and ridiculous that the teachers don't get the same options as a 5 year old child. We are the ones who are vaccinated.

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119827 2022/02/19 18:10:53 Lindsey Folkes Teachers given a mask choice I'm hoping to see that teachers/school staff get a choice as to whether they want to wear a mask or not

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119828 2022/02/19 18:26:58 Anonymous Elderly, very young, very sick, immune compromised should mask, not everyone else.If masks work, then the elderly, very young, very sick and immune compromised can continue to wear them and they will be protected. If masks work, not everyone needs to wear them.

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119829 2022/02/19 18:42:47 Dedra R Thomas Ridiculous Prince William Co School Leadership

I sent this messsge to our Governor with the latest insulting communication from the PWCS Superintendent, Dr McDade. The students are provided choice regarding masks, but the adult employees do not have that same choice? This controlling tyranny has nothing to do with public health and well being. It is all about control. Our state leader, Governor YOUNGKIN is doing what is right and American for us and I expect the freedom to decide for myself what I wear or don't wear on my face or put in my body.

STOP THE MANDATES????? Governor Youngkin,
Thank you so much for your determination to obliterate these ridiculous and unscientific mandates and giving choice back to the parents. Now I am asking you to do the same for teachers. We received the following message from Dr. McDade this afternoon. The insanity of teachers still being told we cannot remove our masks as if that bears any weight on the spread of Covid. I am infuriated by the nonsensical nature of this power control grab. So the virus now knows that adults are the only transmitters of Covid? We should have the same choice as the parents regarding their children. Most of us are parents with children in the county also.
I know Lt Gov. Sears said to have patience through this process and I will.....however this email made me fume. I am feeling the need to support my students by removing my mask as well.
Please help us teachers communicate our faces to these now unmasked students. It is essential and way past time.
So grateful to have you and your entire team heading our state.

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119830 2022/02/19 18:44:14 Anonymous Please end the mask mandate ASAP The only places I am required to wear a mask in Virginia are in a hospital and in my mostly empty agency office, it's ridiculous. The mask mandate was a useful in controlling the spread of Covid, but outlived its usefulness months ago.

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119831 2022/02/19 19:00:38 Jill Kochan No more masking! Please stop the madness of mask mandates! If masks actually work, why don't they? You've made hearing more difficult and taken away facial expressions. Everyone, including teachers and bus drivers, should have a choice when it comes to wearing a mask.

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119832 2022/02/19 19:09:17 25 Year Teacher Enough Already Enough already. Enough masks, enough plexiglass, enough separation. The CDC is dragging its feet, but the data shows we're at the end of this nightmare. Get rid of masks! Enough already!

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119833 2022/02/19 19:24:04 Anonymous Please remove mask mandate, including in medical offices. Masks do not work, and that is factual, especially given that most wear cloth masks. Medical office employees have been forced to be vaccinated. We've also been forced to wear masks for 2 years now. We've sacrificed, and we've been there. Every. Single. Day. Never once did we close down. We're weary. Morale is terrible. Good people are leaving the profession because they see no end to the masks. Please, please allow Medical offices to stop wearing masks.

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119834 2022/02/19 19:29:24 Retired missionary Remove masks We are long overdue for removing the mask mandate

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119835 2022/02/19 19:46:38 Dawn Evans Teachers and masks I am a teacher of over 30 years. I have taught all my years in Virginia, specifically Prince William County. On Tuesday, February 22nd parents will have a choice to send their students to school in a mask or not. Even visitors don't have to wear a mask. However, teachers do! In PWC over 93% are fully vaccinated and many have received their booster. I am fully vaccinated and boosted and still have to wear a mask. When will I have the choice for my health? It is time now for adults to have the choice and choose what's best for them. Please rescind this policy as soon as possible. I support those who want to wear a mask and those who don't want to wear a mask. We should be given the same choice as students.

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119836 2022/02/19 19:49:00 Cary Nunnally, Citizens for Constitutional Government Social distancing? Sure. Masks? NO The covid virus is worthy of fighting, but masks are not effective against it. If you want to know how effective they are, get a cigarette, light it, and see if the masked person can smell it.

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119837 2022/02/19 19:57:40 Anonymous Unmask Teachers Teachers should be allowed the choice to mask or not. It is important for students (especially young students) to see their teacher's facial expressions and mouths when speaking. This is how our children learn! Especially children who have special needs, including auditory processing delay. They NEED to see their teacher's faces (especially mouths when talking). These masks are hurting our children educationally and mentally!

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119838 2022/02/19 20:11:48 Anonymous Please unmask all... I believe it's past time to remove all mask mandates... regardless of vaccination status. Herd immunity is science. Thank you for your time and service!

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119839 2022/02/19 20:28:42 Anonymous Remove mask mandate Most of the population has already received the vaccine or has had and recovered from Covid. We have to continue to go on with our lives. So remove the mask mandate and allow individuals to make the right choice for themselves.

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119840 2022/02/19 20:46:58 Anonymous Drop the masks!!! Get the masks off of the kids, teachers and all staff!

The Virginia Standard does not apply to non-employee children.

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119841 2022/02/19 21:07:12 Christine Marks It's Time To permanently END The Panic! People are FINE. Breathing air is not a crime!<UNMASK The CHILDREN!

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119842 2022/02/19 21:24:47 cindy Denny Please give teachers a choice Everyone should have freedom of choice. Please respect my right to not wear a mask and I will respect your choice to wear one.

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119843 2022/02/19 21:50:44 Anonymous Allow teachers to remove masks My grandson needs to be able to see his teachers' mouths when speaking with a possible auditory processing delay.

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119844 2022/02/19 22:04:40 Lucy Squarzini Masks Please end the mask mandates which are totally useless and dangerous to those who are forced to wear them . Medical doctors have said they are useless for stopping the spread of Covid. When will we begin to follow the true science?? Enough is enough

Thanks, Lucy Squarzini

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119845 2022/02/19 22:06:53 Sarah Stop all mandates Masks do not protect from the virus - but they do give headaches, dental problems, muffle your voice so it's hard to hear you, etc. Vaccines don't work - but they do cause side effects, disability, and death. Social distancing doesn't work - the virus travels easily farther than 6 feet through the air. Lockdowns don't work - but they bankrupt businesses, interrupt education, cause depression and suicide, etc. Vaccine passports are communist-style tyranny - there's nothing good about them. Revoke it all.

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119846 2022/02/19 22:07:41 Anonymous Unmask the Teachers I have a grandchild entering kindergarten in the fall of 2022. They have an auditory processing delay and it is extremely important for them to be able to see their teacher forming their words and hearing them clearly. Unmask the teachers!

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119847 2022/02/19 22:12:24 Reading Specialist Look at the Data! Children learn how to read first by oral language. Those who think these children aren;t continuing to suffer from masks, have their eyes closed. Follow the science and examine the data!!! A minuscule death rate does not outweigh the negative emotional, psychological, and academic impacts we've placed on students. Do these same

people put their children in cars or buses everyday? Do they let them play on the playground? Teachers need to see their students and students need to see their teachers in order to learn to their full potential. Make the insanity stop!

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119848 2022/02/19 22:22:06 Robert Kinsler If it's good enough for Sweden it's good enough for us, end mandates End mandates. Sweden, England, Ireland, Mexico, and, Denmark, and more countries aND states every day are ending theirs. If it's good enough for them, it;s good enough for us to HAVE CHOICR BACK. No one.fo forces others to NOT wear a mask.

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119849 2022/02/20 6:19:26 Anonymous Masks hinder society, not help Is COVID dangerous?(Look at CDC death and hospitalization rates which are extremely low). No, and the numbers are only waning

Even if COVID were dangerous enough, are masks effective? Based on data I think we can answer that they may have minor efficacy at stopping droplets, but not much. And that assumed ideal conditions (people wearing them properly, high quality fibers, etc), which rarely happens.

Even if COVID we;re dangerous enough and masks were effective, are the risks of mask wearing worth the purported benefits? Potential minor benefit to keep people well vs. psychological detriment, not seeing faces, breathing in CO2 for 8 hour shifts.Please get rid of masks for the good of society.

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119850 2022/02/20 6:33:35 Tracher Follow the science From the beginning you have failed to follow basic shahcience. Masks for two years have been nothing but a fake prevention. We have suffered enough. Repeal all restrictions do to the pandemic.

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119851 2022/02/20 7:30:20 Elizabeth Please give people a choice I can;t wait to watch the documentary that comes out about masking ;like the one on Boeing jets on how the government and agencies like yours that fraudulently hide and coverup to make people believe what you want them to. People should be given a choice to wear a mask. There are vaccines and people can isolate if needed. You are harming the next generation of children by keeping their teachers masked up. They can;t see their emotions or learn how to manipulate sounds because their teachers are behind a paper mask that doesn't even do anything!

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119852 2022/02/20 8:29:00 Anonymous preserve the freedom of choice As a former Marine, having fought for our beautiful country, there are few things I value more than the rights we are granted through our Constitution. Removing ALL mask mandates is the only way to preserve our freedom to choose! For those that make a personal choice to continue to wear them- by all means- it is their choice to do so. I too should have a choice to fully breathe the fresh air of freedom I worked tirelessly to preserve!

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119853 2022/02/20 8:41:22 Anonymous Teacher Rights As a second grade teacher, I talk nearly all day. I comfort, I engage with students, I reply, I instruct, I give directions;. all day, every day of the work week. I love my job, but wearing a mask is inhumane for educators. The requirement to wear a mask all day every day, leaving teachers in a position to rebreathe their own air, constantly- is much harder than you may think. In January, after returning from long break of not wearing a mask for an extended period, I was suffering from episodes of hyperventilation due to mask wearing. I literally had to see the school nurse on multiple occasions as a result of wearing a mask while teaching. It is fair and just- in alignment with our constitution- to allow personal choice. Please free us from the mask mandate!

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119854 2022/02/20 8:56:34 Meg Teacher Gotta Teach Teachers job is to role model. If they are not free to show what freedom of choice looks like, how are our children going to learn. My children are young and need to see facial expressions for reassurance and emotional communication. Why give parents choices if the teachers are forced to model ;regulationand &lack of freedom? My students are afraid to take off their masks because they have been conditioned for years it;s not okay to take them off, even though we went to Richmond and stood on the steps with the Governor when he signed SB739. They need teachers smiling at them free to model the same freedom of choice.

masks can stay for those rhat want them. Vaccines can be available for those that need them. But the ability to dress for success with a smile on their face should also be available for ALL AMERICANS at this point. Available, not demanded. Live free or die trying! SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119855 2022/02/20 8:57:53 Anonymous Give people a choice. Remove the mandates
Because of the high percentage of vaccinations and recent studies to show the ineffectiveness of masks, I think families should be given a choice about vaccines and masks. Remove the mandates!

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119856 2022/02/20 9:04:58 Wayne Painter 16VAC25-220 Thank you for placing reason, science and citizen empowerment back in to Virginia.The masks do not work. The vaccine is not a vaccine; they do not work or, at least after 90 days. This pandemic became all about politics and I applaud repealing the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention. While the Biden administration continues to push authoritarian mandates for the sole purpose of gaining power and control, Virginia is now leading the way back to sanity.; I wholeheartedly support repealing this Administrative Code.

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119857 2022/02/20 9:09:11 R. E. H. End this debacle NOW! COVID-19 can indeed be a danger to some individual - i.e. those with underlying conditions. Understanding ; acknowledging this is a given. As a nation we celebrate and value the principle of the American Spirit of self-determination.

There are many, many medical threats we face daily in this country, in this state. What in the world is the rationale, medical or otherwise, to issue draconian mandates for a virus circulating among us and ~1% of the population. Positive testing is one thing, maybe to be watched over, but certainly not to be used to infringe upon individual liberty.

Let the Commonwealth go back to work, and our citizens take the right steps on their own!

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119858 2022/02/20 9:32:16 Joseph F Iaquinto I support ending the mask mandate
Although the mask mandate was well intended, its hasty adoption led to the inevitable unintended consequences of making hasty decisions about technically and medically complex matters without debate or experimentation.

If fact, this experiment in public health has yielded considerable evidence that the costs of a mask mandate in medical and social terms far Socially, this mandate has led to an unintended level of civil unrest between the believers and the skeptics / people medically unable to tolerate this airway obstruction. Again, this suggests that the mandate should be ended, but with an accompanying attempt by the government to assure those who are fearful of unmasked citizens.

Therefore, all mask mandates should be eliminated, and all private organizations encouraged if not required to end their mandates on their employees, customers and patients.

Thank you for your kind attention to my thoughts,

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119859 2022/02/20 9:48:49 Pamela Matassa Ending the mask mandates for teachers I support a teachers right to make that choice for themselves. I agree ALL mask mandates should end effective immediately

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119860 2022/02/20 10:05:39 Jim Andrews Educator Masks The purpose of a mask is to provide what and to whom? This mandate to require educators to wear a mask should be an option not a requirement. There are plenty of real world experiences where educators in other jurisdictions do not wear masks and there are no adverse medical consequences. This is simply a waste of time, money and effort. If an educator wants to wear a mask fine. If not fine. Adults can make that decision for themselves.

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119861 2022/02/20 10:32:30 Anonymous Mask choice for teachers and staff There is no need to wait 30 days to make this decision. Studies have shown that the virus follows the same patterns whether people are masked or unmasked. Follow the science, examine the evidence, and then make the logical choice. Now that students and parents have a choice, it is imperative that masking be optional for all teachers and staff, effective immediately

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119862 2022/02/20 12:08:29 Elementary Teacher Time to move forward and unmask
Teaching with a mask at this point is unnecessary. ;It is extremely uncomfortable. As an older teacher I find myself short of breath while reading or doing movement activi;I see more communication among them as well. ;It is time to move forward. ;Covid is here to stay. We need to build our immunities.

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119863 2022/02/20 12:17:46 Jay Burkhart Remove the masks... Remove the masks in school for students and teachers. Anyone not feel safe then wear one.

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119864 2022/02/20 12:40:43 Helen Tower All mandates I am over all mandates. Ive been cleaning offices all through this and its not spread like was said. Its not airborne. Keep your immune system strong and your fine. Eat clean foods and educate yourself. Turn off main street media fear mongering. Its pathetic. And yes I got covid.i took Ivermectin the horse paste and it worked in 4 days.

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119865 2022/02/20 12:41:29 Anonymous End Mandates--Ensure Right to Refuse I love my (adjunct/non-tenured) job teaching for a state university.; Due to the vax and mask mandates on campus, I have not been able to meet with my students outside of Zoom, or set foot in an office, or even meet my bosses and coworkers

While I have been able to keep my job due to a religious exemption, the mandates still in place on campus are oppressive. I dont recall Virginians acceding their God-given rights to man-made mandates, and it is time we were made whole.

Frankly, I would love to add my name and email address to this posting, but because of the prevailing political views on campus, I fear adverse reaction if my Conservative views and general opposition to campus policy were made public. Yet another right that has been compromised, especially at universities with a decided liberal party line.

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The Virginia Standard does not mandate vaccines.

119866 2022/02/20 12:54:41 Anonymous They deserve to choose! It's been 2 years. Please give teachers the option to unmask.

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119867 2022/02/20 13:49:22 TeacherMake masks optional Masks may have had a positive effect at the beginning of the pandemic, but now that vaccines are out and those who wanted them received them, I see no more purpose of masking. The virus is here to stay, and it is weakened now.As a teacher, it inhibits my ability to communicate as needed with my students. I teach language, and because of the masks, my students can;t see the way my lips move as I pronounce, and each word is muffled by the

mask. I'm not able to fully express myself, and I find my students zoning out more due to not being able to read my lips. They can tune me out, because there is a lack of communication. ;It also does not make scientific sense to allow parents the choice to mask their kids or not, but force educators to. Please end these mask mandates, and let people choose whether they would like to wear one or not. Forcing us to wear them not only separates us more as a nation, but also makes us feel more isolated and hidden. We cannot live the rest of our lives wearing masks and living in fear.

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119868 2022/02/20 14:49:18 John Owens It's time to make masks optional I am writing to show my opinion that the state employee mask mandate should be ended immediately

Perhaps the mask mandate made sense at the beginning of the pandemic, but now with vaccines available for all that want them, and improved I personally find wearing masks annoying and uncomfortable. I do not wear a mask anywhere in life but in meetings with other state employees at my job at VDOE. We are all vaccinated. We also know that the Omicron variant seems to infect people regardless of masks and vaccination.

Now is the point to accept that COVID will be with us forever, but it is manageable. It's not an emergency. People should be free to wear masks if they want to wear one, but I shouldn't be forced to continue to wear one.

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119869 2022/02/20 14:53:29 CCPS parent Make masks optional for school admin/teachers
Everyone should have a choice.

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119870 2022/02/20 15:16:27 Michele Rogers It's high time to let people measure their own risk
With Omicron tearing through and infecting most and everyone being exposed if not ill, it's absolutely time for society to manage their own risk in whatever way they see fit without government interference.

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119871 2022/02/20 15:17:18 C. Williams Restore our rights Please restore our rights. We should not be required to wear a mask or be vaccinated. It is ludicrous for students to have the choice to wear a mask or not but staff be required to wear them. This makes absolutely no sense. The positive case numbers have decreased in our school since student;s have stopped wearing masks. Please allow adults to choose for themselves whether or not to wear a mask.

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119872 2022/02/20 15:32:52 Rob Make masks optional. The decision should be an individual choice Over the past 2 years viruses have shown not to care about face coverings or vaccines. It;s time to make covering your face optional for all individual Virginians, regardless of whether that person is in a business or a work environment.

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119873 2022/02/20 15:51:30 Anonymous Unmask the truth Its time for people to have the freedom to chose and not be dictated by a government that is severely overreaching their Constitutional powers.

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119874 2022/02/20 15:56:45 Anonymous End the mandates; all of them Stop the tyranny.

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The Virginia Standard does not mandate vaccines.

119875 2022/02/20 15:58:56 Anonymous Please stop masking on airplanes Please stop masking on airplanes. Airplane air purifying systems do a superior job of protecting.

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119876 2022/02/20 16:07:50 Eleina Espigh Stop Teacher Masking Teachers have been reaching out around our county and state as we have worked to remove masks for children. They want to be equally free. They can choose to mask. They can choose to vaccinate. They can choose their levels of risk. Lets let them make their own educated choices. Take of their masks!

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119877 2022/02/20 16:29:20 Anonymous Unmask the teachers!! Please give teachers the choice to wear masks. It;s is vital for our littlest learners and ESL students to see our faces. We are dealing with a huge uptick of speech delays with these masks!

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119878 2022/02/20 16:39:20 Sharlyne Fox Drop ALL Mandates No more mask and COVID-19 JAB for all schools (public/private), daycares, colleges, small and large businesses (LLC, private, corporations, etc).

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119879 2022/02/20 16:58:04 Mary Persinger Masks optional It should be personal choice whether or not a teacher or staff member wears a mask. Myself, I;m against masks. They have been proven to be ineffective. And you should;t be forced to take a vaccine to go maskless.

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119880 2022/02/20 17:10:59 cburgess Mask mandates Please lift ALL mandates now! Protect our young children by letting them breathe freely again.

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119881 2022/02/20 17:18:31 TeacherDrop mask mandate Please drop the mask mandate. This is most unfair to make teachers sit masked in a room full of kids unmasked.

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119882 2022/02/20 18:40:59 TeacherLet Teachers Breathe! Teaching in front of a classroom in a mask is miserable. It;s challenging not only to breathe but to connect with the students. Make masks optional for all teachers and staff!

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119883 2022/02/20 18:42:08 Karen Zirkle No teacher masks Please stop requiring teachers to wear masks in school. There are many students of all ages who need to be able to see our mouths when we speak. Our children have been through enough and too many have fallen behind. These are the ones who would benefit the most to have teacher with no mask.

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119884 2022/02/20 18:58:44 Annonymoud NO MASK MANDATE IT IS TIME TO STOP THE MANDATE OF MASKS! CHILDREN ARE BEING HARMED. COVID 19 IS NOT A SEVERE THREAT TO THEM. PEOPLE ARE BEING PSYCHOLOGICALLY HARMED. THE MASKS DO NOT SOLVE THE PROBLEM

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119885 2022/02/20 20:09:27 TinaQue END ALL MANDATES End all mandates - emergencies don't last for 2+ years.. ENOUGH.

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The Virginia Standard was not based on a finding of an emergency situation, but of the virus presenting a grave danger to employees.

119886 2022/02/20 20:24:45 Anonymous End mask mandate The mask mandate is ineffective and causes a false sense of security. Masks and lockdowns have failed to protect the public. We need to get back to work in a normal manner.

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119887 2022/02/20 20:28:10 Anonymous End mandates for Virginians Enough is enough. Power has been abused to the point that it quit making any sense and businesses suffered. So have our kids.

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119888 2022/02/20 20:31:08 Elizabeth End mandates! Stop forcing us to wear masks. It needs to be optional now. I work in a school where kids do not have to wear a mask. What good is it doing by making less than 10 percent of the building wear one?

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119889 2022/02/20 20:34:32 Rhoda Rose End Dictatorship in America Covid has been a brutal hoax! Follow the money. End the mandates and be Americans again. Only the Biden regime and Big Pharma has prospered. Americans have suffered under this regime. Act as if you have some sense and can detect the BS!

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119890 2022/02/20 20:34:36 Anonymous End ALL Mandates people breathe again. We need to get back to normal. People need to get back to work

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119891 2022/02/20 20:35:48 Anonymous End Mask mandate for employees End mask mandates for all employees

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119892 2022/02/20 20:36:51 Anonymous END ALL MANDATES

We are over all of the bullcrap mandates. Get rid of them ALL

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119893 2022/02/20 20:37:43 Anonymous Mandates

End all mandates

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119894 2022/02/20 20:38:19 Philip Newton In favor of masking mandates We will get back to something approaching normal if we follow the regulations that have been established by the CDC and NIH. Dropping mask mandates established by private employers is purely a political move and has no basis in science.

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119895 2022/02/20 20:40:56 Anonymous End all mandates! End all mandates!

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119896 2022/02/20 20:46:38 Amber Eades End all COVID mandates Virginia Please end all COVID mandates for Virginians

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119897 2022/02/20 20:51:01 S.Roberts End Mask Mandates wearing of a mask should be an individuals choice and use of common sense when in a large crowd or high risk infection area.

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119898 2022/02/20 20:52:08 Steve Puckett Masks should be optional and personal preference. Allow teachers the choice. Masks should be a personal choice and optional. Teachers should have the choice as we work away from mandates

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119899 2022/02/20 20:52:23 Travis Mullins Masks Should Be Optional Masks and vaccines should be optional for everyone. We should have the freedom to choose the best option based on individual circumstances

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119900 2022/02/20 20:54:00 BK End mandates for all It is time to end this debacle, we are free citizens, and can make decisions based on our health and well being.

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119901 2022/02/20 20:58:04 Anonymous End COVID mandates Covid is never going away. Let everyone make their own decisions concerning their health.

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119902 2022/02/20 21:04:04 D. L. Adams Revoke all mask mandates Revoke all mask mandates. Outside of the invocation of a State of Emergency, it is clearly unconstitutional

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119903 2022/02/20 21:06:59 Anonymous No mask Take away mask mandates. Let the choice be up to each individual.

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119904 2022/02/20 21:12:45 Anna Dean Covid mandatesEND the covid mandates

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119905 2022/02/20 21:14:09 Anna Dean Covid mandatesEND COVID MANDATES!!

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119906 2022/02/20 21:18:48 5th grade teacher Please eliminate Covid restrictions Virginia kids deserve to be able to be a kid and not live in fear. ;Our older generation would rather be with their families rather than dying in isolation

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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The Virginia Standard does not apply to non-employee children

119907 2022/02/20 21:22:23 Kathy Anderson. School staff No more mask mandate! Please end the mask mandate. Enough is enough. Its been 2 years. Ive been vaccinated, plus, worn a mask every day for 2years and still had covid. They don;t work. It is affecting my breathing.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119908 2022/02/20 21:26:29 Wade Dickenson End all mandates

End all mandates now!!!!.This is ridiculous!!!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119909 2022/02/20 21:26:43 Cynthia Clark NO MORE COVID MANDATE Government, employers and the like should not be able to tell individuals that they must take a vaccine.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119910 2022/02/20 21:31:47 Loretta Mays End all COVID mandatesIt;s beyond time to lift all COVID mask and vaxx mandates

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119911 2022/02/20 21:32:27 Anonymous End mask mandates End mask mandates.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119912 2022/02/20 21:34:10 Richard Rose End COVID mandates End COVID mandates

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119913 2022/02/20 21:34:55 Yvonne Rhodes No more masks! No government should be allowed to mandate the usage of masks, especially when its been proven that they are not effective.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119914 2022/02/20 21:37:09 Christopher Heath, BVPS END MASK MANDATES As a newer teacher, I have only been able to experience teaching in a mask. I am so tired of this pointless measure that is preventing me from doing my job to its full extent. Please remove all mask mandates!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119915 2022/02/20 21:37:32 Ryan Long Optional masks Masks should be optional for everyone. Vaccinated or not.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119916 2022/02/20 21:40:03 Anonymous Please discontinue the pandemic response mandates for employers >As we enter our second year of mitigating COVID-19 and having the burden of mitigation enforcement mostly fall on employers in Virginia, it is time to repeal the DOLI pandemic response standard and allow businesses to decide for themselves how best to keep customers and employees safe and healthy. Many businesses in Virginia - small businesses especially - are still recovering from the economic impacts of COVID, and the additional burdens of reporting, monitoring, and constant changes to mask and vaccine guidance is causing that much additional stress on employers. As an HR professional, the burnout I feel from two years of rapidly changing rules, regulations, and keeping up with vaccine status and positive cases cannot be put into words. Add to that the constant friction between trying to abide by state mandates and customers/employees who refuse

on various grounds to wear masks, keep distance or be vaccinated - there are no words. Even with all of the protocols and protections we put in place at work - we still have at any given time 5% of our workforce out with COVID because they are exposed at home or in social situations. Employers cannot keep bearing the burden of preventing COVID spread when individuals choose the amount of risk they are willing to take both at work and at home. Please consider discontinuing these burdensome and ineffective employer mandates and allow employers to focus on the aspects of the workplace they can control.

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119917 2022/02/20 21:44:30 Anonymous Remove all mask mandates and make requiring proof of vaccine illegal! Remove all mask mandates. Make asking for negative test or vaccine proof illegal for businesses and schools SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119918 2022/02/20 21:44:34 Samantha Allred End Covid restrictions My husband is a business owner. Covid restrictions and protocols have forced us to increase costs dramatically along with seeing fewer patients which decreases revenues. We are at a point where everyone age 5 and up can make an informed decision for themselves. Please end Covid restrictions, especially on business. Lets keep Virginias economy strong.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119919 2022/02/20 21:44:58 John McCormick COVID Mask Mandate End the mask mandate.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119920 2022/02/20 21:51:27 Anonymous Please end ALL mandates - both mask and vaccine mandates for EVERYONE! It is past time. Please end ALL mandates - both mask and vaccine mandates for EVERYONE! Everyone includes all workers, students, healthcare workers, state workers, general public, event attendees - EVERYONE! It is past time

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119921 2022/02/20 21:59:14 Donna Bullion Please remove all covid mandate restrictions Please remove all covid mandate restrictions

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119922 2022/02/20 22:02:36 Christin Claybrook End All Covid Mandates The highly politicized issue of the Coronavirus has been used by VA's previous Governor Ralph Northam and his administration to divide the people of Virginia. From the beginning, we have been given ambiguous and error-ridden information the has preyed on the fears of everyone as a whole while robbing every single citizen the right to choose. Remove these unlawful, freedom-treading, oppressive mandates and let Virginians think and choose for themselves!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119923 2022/02/20 22:06:19 Joseph Creed Mandates in n my opinion are unconstitutional. Please revoke all mandates. The science doesn't support them

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119924 2022/02/20 22:08:30 Terry Belisle End The Mask Mandate The mask mandates are unconstitutional, and must be repealed, otherwise, we are no better than a communist country

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119925 2022/02/20 22:17:58 Anonymous ABOUT TIME TO CEASE AND DISEST Stop VA from catering to the agenda and coffers of Big Pharma!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119926 2022/02/20 22:18:16 Anonymous End all covid restrictions End all covid restrictions and mandates

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119366

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119927 2022/02/20 22:23:12 Anonymous End all state workplace Covid restrictions You are not following the current science. We are all fed up and over all these Draconian restrictions. End all masking and distancing requirements in all state workplaces asap!!!!!!!!!!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119928 2022/02/20 22:29:32 Kathy L Branson COVID-19 Mandates COVID-19 mandates in the workplace should be removed! All mandates should be ended!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119929 2022/02/20 22:34:01 Gidget Reed Mask mandates This needs to stop. Masks do not work they never had. This pandemic is over and we are tired of the continued narrative. No more covid restrictions. Its like beating a dead horse

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119930 2022/02/20 22:42:04 Anonymous Mask mandates for teachers need to END ASAP! Please end the mask mandates ASAP, students learn easier, quicker and more effective when they can see their teachers faces! Teachers are having a hard time already trying to teach their kids with their masks on and we can't do our jobs! For the sake of all children, please end these mask mandates NOW don't delay any longer please, we are already at risk with development skills for all children in America

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119931 2022/02/20 23:09:21 Crystal Baker End mask/vaccine mandates work as a Frontline Healthcare worker and surgical masks have not kept employees from contracting Covid. The only thing that has worked is N95 masks. Please put an end to forcing Americans to wear masks and/or be forced to take a vaccine for fear of being fired. Yes, there are exemptions that can be filed, but we are a free America who should have the choice to make for ourselves. Thank you for your consideration on this matter

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119932 2022/02/20 23:11:29 Tanya Berresford (Bristol VA Utilities, Bristol VA) Team Lead of Billing & Cash Receipts Please end all mask mandates. It is not healthy to wear a mask all the time, breathing in your own carbon dioxide. This is making people more sick. If people want to wear a mask, they can. But no one should be under a mandate. It's past time to end all COVID mandates. Thank you.

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119933 2022/02/20 23:29:32 Anonymous End Mandates! End mask mandates

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119934 2022/02/21 1:26:52 Jon Copley End all Mandates End all Mandates

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119935 2022/02/21 3:29:31 Kevin W. Jerrell End covid mandates Stop government covid mandates

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119936 2022/02/21 5:16:41 Anonymous End All Mandates We have worn masks for two years now, vaccines are available, but nothing has changed? Where is the science in that?? People should have a choice as to whether they want to wear masks and get a vaccine or not. We need to get back to normal, and that will be done by ending all COVID mandates

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119937 2022/02/21 5:28:11 Danielle J Butler CDC Recommendations Why do we listen to the CDC Guidelines if we are not willing to follow them? These are trained doctors and medical personnel. I think recommendations from subject matter experts should be followed when done to save lives

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119938 2022/02/21 7:32:33 Anonymous Mask mandates End all Mask mandates!

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119939 2022/02/21 7:39:28 Noah Clark No mask no vaccine mandate It's been proven masks don't work. It's been proven you can still catch Covid even though you get vaccinated but it should be each person deciding for themselves to get the vaccine or to have their child vaccinated against a virus that has a survival rate of 98.2%

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119940 2022/02/21 8:22:04 Noah Smith End Mandates There should be an end to ALL COVID-19 related mandates, including mask and vaccine mandates

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119941 2022/02/21 8:23:35 Anonymous Remove all Covid Mandates The effectiveness of masks has proven to be minimal at best and vaccines only benefit the individual receiving them. All forced measures regarding the prevention of Covid haven't worked and need to cease immediately

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119942 2022/02/21 8:24:13 TeacherLiving normally with Covid I am a teacher and a parent of a student in Prince William County Schools. It has been inhumane to mask children and teachers at school. The masking and the unnecessary fear of Covid that has been instilled in our children, is criminal. Covid is a virus that has a 99.98% recovery rate and schools as well as the public need to be urged to live life as normal not in fear. There is no need for Covid mandates for the shot nor masking nor quarantine periods. It is time that move on and go back to living our lives normally. Please make Virginia free again!

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119943 2022/02/21 8:46:13 Anonymous End this madness the mask mandate

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119944 2022/02/21 8:47:01 Sarah End the Mandate Please end the workplace mask mandate. Those who want to continue masking can do so, but those who want to remove their masks should have the option. If not now, when?!

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119945 2022/02/21 8:47:03 Anonymous mSK REQUIREMENT
i believe that the deal to wear a mask or not as of today 2/21/2022 this deal should be up to the parents of the child. the parents should know what is best for each child the school should think about what is best for the child also but the parents should be first

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119946 2022/02/21 8:49:58 B. Sexton End the madness of mandates! I work with small children on a daily basis. The company I work for enforces masking on children 2 and up as well as staff, regardless of vaccination. These babies have gone 2 years without seeing emotions on our faces or seeing a smile from their teachers…two years of not learning CRITICAL social development skills. Enough is enough. Covid is here to stay. I am done with masks. The workplace is the ONLY place I wear one for fear of losing my job. It's time to live with this virus that has a 99.8% survival rate and move on with our lives!!

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119947 2022/02/21 8:53:23 Santana END MASK MANDATE!!! END ALL MANDATES!!
We have lived with this mess for 2 years and it is time to move on with our lives! Masks DONT work and if they did we wouldn't be spreading like we are. Let the people decide how they want to live their lives and stop controlling it. COVID is here to stay so let our bodies do what they were created to do and fight it off just like any other sickness

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119948 2022/02/21 8:53:39 Anonymous End all Mandates!
People are being treated like fools. Educate, don't mandate!

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119949 2022/02/21 8:55:04 Steve Shumaker Taxes
Are taxes being cut

No response

119951 2022/02/21 8:57:22 ELAINE End all covid mandates
Please end all covid mandates

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119952 2022/02/21 9:01:10 John Miller Masks Do Not Stop Viruses - End All Mask Mandates

Science never supported the use of masks to stop viruses. Over a dozen randomized Control Studies over the past 10+ years all showed no benefits to wearing a mask to prevent viruses. The most comprehensive study done by the Danes in 2020 showed no statistically significant differences between (surgically)masked and unmasked groups

Our government finally admitted cloth masks are a decoration. Surgical masks can filter out particles as small as 2 microns. That's effective for bacteria, but not for viruses (0.126 microns). Mask mandates did not prevent all the case surges we've seen over the past 2 years. Case surges were the same in states with and without mandates

It's been shown that masks reduce oxygen intake by over 15% and trap large particles like bacteria. We need a study to show the ill effects of reduced oxygen over time

Mask (and vaccine) mandates have no place in a free society

Many countries and U S states have ditched their mask mandates recently. It's time for Virginia to do the same

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119953 2022/02/21 9:04:22 Melissa R Remove all Covid Mandates

I support removing all Covid related mandates.
No more masks required, anywhere. No more vaccination requirements. No more proof of vaccination for events etc. Thank you!

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The Virginia Standard does not contain a vaccine mandate.

119954 2022/02/21 9:05:05 Emil Groth Remove all mask mandates

Remove all mask and political mandates related to the Wuhan flu debacle

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119955 2022/02/21 9:10:45 Jessica S. End all mask mandates

Please end all mask mandates

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119956 2022/02/21 9:16:31 Chris Faraldi Empower Virginians - Repeal Overbearing Mandates

Good morning,

I write to you supporting the proposed February 16th actions taken by the Department of Labor and Industry's (DOLI) Safety and Health Codes Board, that repeal overbearing, cumbersome, restrictive, and mandatory regulations

As one representative of the Lynchburg community, I hear far too often how it is past time working Virginians no longer be under the yoke of unelected bureaucratic policies. These professional women and men, and the organizations they work for, must no longer have these policies dictate their operations. Instead, properly recognize the responsibility of an individual to make decisions on their own behalf

I wholeheartedly support the actions proposed on February 16th, and ask you to do the same

Best,

Chris Faraldi

Ward IV Representative

Lynchburg City Council

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119957 2022/02/21 9:18:52 Fotini Restore Personal Freedoms and Choice

<p style=text-align: left;>Please end unnecessarily extreme mandates of any kind on the American people. Help preserve our freedoms

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119958 2022/02/21 9:19:51 Burns Stop Teacher Mask Mandates

Let teachers teach without constraints of mandates

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119959 2022/02/21 9:27:37 Anonymous Remove mask mandates

Remove mask mandates

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119960 2022/02/21 9:29:10 Kim It's time...

We have complied for two years and we've seen that doing so has done more harm than good and has not decreased the spread or death rates from COVID, which did not warrant these measures to begin

with . It's time to let people go about their lives again, as normal as they possibly can after being traumatized and manipulated by fear mongering for two years. Start educating people on how to be healthy, bring back personal responsibility, and restore our basic human rights

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119961 2022/02/21 9:32:35 Susan W. We no longer have a pandemic Since Covid 19 has become endemic rather than pandemic, it is time for us all to back to our normal lives and stop living in fear. Virginians need to be able to have the freedom to decide what is best for their own health and families once again

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119962 2022/02/21 9:38:45 Daniel Mais Burn your masks People should not be forced to wear a mask

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119963 2022/02/21 9:38:54 Anonymous NO COVID MANDATES-LET STUDENTS SEE THEIR TEACHERS! STOP WITH THE MASK MANDATES AND COVID RULES FOR EMPLOYEES AND TEACHERS! RESCIND THIS RIDICULOUS ORDER!

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119964 2022/02/21 9:39:17 Robert Talmage End state mandates It is overdue that state required mandates for Covid-19 be repealed. We the people of Virginia are well informed and able to make our own decisions without government mandates

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119965 2022/02/21 10:05:10 Shannon Coppedge-Teacher End ALL Masking and Business Restrictions I implore you to lift the mask mandate that has been placed on us for so long. At this point, people have the tools to protect themselves through vaccination and FDA proven treatments for COVID-19. It is no longer necessary to place the burden of protection on the community. It is apparent that we will have to learn to coexist with COVID just as we do with other diseases. We have been denied individual freedoms and have watched our communities crippled by business closures. We have complied with masking, as directed by guidance from the CDC, and told how protective this was and then told that the masks that were supposed to save us were really not effective unless they were medical grade. The CDC has not given clear guidance and the data they use to support their stance is flawed and does not take into account numerous variables that must be considered in order to have reliable and valid data. As a teacher, my students have suffered under masking conditions. They have been restricted and denied valuable facets of their education. They have been unable to learn social cues from facial expressions and masks have denied them the ability to learn basic letter sounds. They become frustrated when you cannot understand what they are saying and when they cannot understand what I am saying. Masks have been lifted from the faces of our children, although I fear with long lasting damage, and it is time to lift the rest. It is the responsibility of each individual to take the steps, they feel is necessary, to keep themselves safe

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119966 2022/02/21 10:07:03 Anonymous End all mandates Please end all mandates. We the people have a right to choose what works best for us as individuals. I'm asking for full dropping of mask and vaccine mandates.
Thank you!

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119967 2022/02/21 10:19:15 Tom McDonald communist china vrus mandates End all these mandates now and forever. It is up to each and everyone to make any decision regarding masks, vaccines and all other rules pertaining to these and any other so called pandemic, epidemic and any other demic bull. It makes me wonder about the letters dem found in said words

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119968 2022/02/21 10:22:07 Misc Time for Prudence Despite the crass manipulation of science for questionable (political and personal) motives, science can serve as a useful *guide* for policy. Take the science behind anti-smoking efforts as a good example. But if politicians use science as a true guide, then they will recognize that science changes, as it must. Otherwise, people will distrust science, as seems to increasingly be the case. Currently, science indicates that covid is waning and thus it is time to remove the onerous restrictions (bad science??) imposed by politicians. It is time for politicians and government employees to self-assess their motives as to why they imposed such draconian measures and penalties, at the expense of societal health, norms, and decorum. Anything learned? Protected freedom of choice (and speech) always trumps government mandates and over-reach. Repeal the COVID-19 restrictions and restore common sense and freedom of choice. That is what the majority of Virginians voted for

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119969 2022/02/21 10:24:39 Anonymous Remove mandates The only way to prevent or lessen the effects of Covid is crowd immunity. Remove mandates!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119970 2022/02/21 10:28:36 Tereasa S Repeal ALL CoVid 19 mandates. Mandates have been harmful to our citizens, or economy and our freedom.
Repeal now

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119971 2022/02/21 10:35:10 Mother of 3rd grader, healthcare worker Make optional, no mandates, FREEDOM of Choice Remove all mandates - folks have had the opportunity to be vaccinated if they so choose

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119972 2022/02/21 10:42:47 Jenni Dingus End mask mandate It is time to bring life back to normal and end the mask mandate. Please put a stop to having to work and do your job (that normally doesn't require a mask) with something covering your face all day

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119973 2022/02/21 10:47:52 Mom of 2 Mandates End all Covid mandates!!!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119974 2022/02/21 10:49:15 Jeffrey L. Zvengrowski No More Mandates! End all public health mandates, particularly those related to covid! The people can and should make their own medical decisions with doctors and governmental bodies merely providing advice

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The Department does not have jurisdiction over public health measures, only workplace exposures to COVID-19.

119975 2022/02/21 11:25:28 TAMMY PICKUREL NO more mandates Its time to stop torturing our workers, set them free. They have been bound long enough. It should be their choice. Its over quit trying to keep the power you never should have had in the first place. Its OVER

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119976 2022/02/21 11:36:40 Kirk Barley Eliminate all COVID Regulations COVID-19 is endemic like the common cold or flu. Virginians are well enough educated to manage their own exposure and preventative care

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119977 2022/02/21 11:45:30 Sam Neese Ending mandates I strongly support ending the mandates so we can continue to be the

land of the "free" as it was intended to be

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119978 2022/02/21 11:56:11 Audrianne Welborn End Covid Regulations Please end all Covid Regulations. I have been following the numbers and news for two years now, we are in our 70's, have avoided contracting Covid, have been watching the numbers for two years, it is obvious we are on the downward trend. Our daughters are teachers, the impact on our children has been enormous, time to end them

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119979 2022/02/21 12:13:20 Anonymous fully support ending this and other disease mandates
<p style=margin: 0in; line-height: 107%; font-size: 11pt; font-family: Calibri, sans-serif;>There is no such thing as an emergency that lasts 2 years. A virus isn't a workplace issue, it is simply a reality of life and efforts to mitigate it on the back of businesses in the commonwealth is a fool's errand. This standard has never been effective, was poorly implemented, unenforceable, on shaky legal ground, and completely unnecessary

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<p style=margin: 0in; line-height: 107%; font-size: 11pt; font-family: Calibri, sans-serif;>Like many small business owners and managers, early in 2020, I immersed myself in every piece of data I could to find out how to best make sure our business could continue to safely operate without risk to our 55 team members. Very quickly, it was obvious that the new virus circulating targeted people generally beyond working age (70 and older) and/or people who were overweight or had some other underlying health conditions. Generally healthy people in the cohort of employment age seemed safe from any serious issues including any hospitalization or death. Of the 13,518 confirmed deaths in VA as of reporting on 1/31/22, 81% of them were in people 70 or older (and VDH doesn't disclose if there were comorbidities). So, we're managing the entire state as if all citizens exist in that cohort even though that is nowhere near accurate. It has never made sense to me that businesses who had already been negatively impacted with revenue loss, capacity limits, etc would also be asked to bear the burden of mitigation for the most un-impacted segment of the population.

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<p style=margin: 0in; line-height: 107%; font-size: 11pt; font-family: Calibri, sans-serif;>Even with this obvious early data, VA decided to implement standards that exceeded the already ever-changing guidance from public health officials at the federal level. Schools were impacted which impacted employers who had to make accommodations for their employees to care for children. VOSH came up with this ETS, which was confusing and cumbersome, not to mention expensive. No real instructions were given and still some guidelines remain ambiguous. Example, floor to ceiling barriers between workstations if less than 6' apart, but how wide do the barriers need to be? Could they be a shower curtain or did it need to be plexiglass? We made sure no meetings lasted longer than 10 minutes, masks required in the offices, reduced the amount of chairs and tables in our lunchrooms, etc. For that we impacted the spread of the virus in our workplace exactly 0%. We still had cases, lost time, a few folks (who had the above comorbidities) hospitalized, but fortunately no loss of life. I hear this same story from the scores of other small to medium sized businesses I interact with weekly

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<p style=margin: 0in; line-height: 107%; font-size: 11pt; font-family: Calibri, sans-serif;>Fast forward to today. Across the country, even across the world, from the most stringent protocols to the most lax, the appearance of this virus is everywhere. We've had a year(2021) where after the availability of an injection and more and more interventions, more people have perished than before any of this was available. What is also now more known is that well over 99% of people who have or will encounter this pathogen have a positive outcome with no intervention at all.

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<p style=margin: 0in; line-height: 107%; font-size: 11pt; font-family: Calibri, sans-serif;>It also seems simple logic should be allowed to apply although it seems that concept has been tossed aside in the name of science (which has also been tossed aside). If I'm an office manager in Virginia, and my group of 8 or 10 folks comes in to their separated/distanced spaces, mask all 8 or 9 or 10 hours, wipe down every surface, then all decide to hit happy hour at a bar down the street after work, unmasked, un-distanced, what good did the previous 8-10 hours of mitigation strategy do? What if they each, one night during the week, have friends or family over for dinner and a game night?

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<p style=margin: 0in; line-height: 107%; font-size: 11pt; font-family: Calibri, sans-serif;>Tracing and reporting has now basically become just an act of checking a box. On Monday, Jan 31, we got a call from

VDH to let us know an employee had a positive test result. The employee asked that their name not be released. So, we asked the VDH rep what we were supposed to do with that information, they admitted they didn't know but were required to alert us.

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<p style=margin: 0in; line-height: 107%; font-size: 11pt; font-family: Calibri, sans-serif;>My guess is there was a desire to 'do something' when this standard was put out which got us to where we are today. That's honorable but it is misplaced in this case. Please rescind it in full.

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119980 2022/02/21 12:14:04 KH Masks for Teachers Please remove mask requirements for teachers and staff in all school settings

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119981 2022/02/21 12:17:11 Dara Hill End masks for teachers I'm a reading and writing teacher in a public middle school. Please allow me to take my mask off so I can be a better and more effective teacher!!
The masks are useless and hinder my ability to communicate effectively

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119982 2022/02/21 12:17:27 Anonymous Cdc recommendation suits their narrative and can't be trusted Initially the cdc recommended no masks, because it suited their needs. Then, cloth masks, because it suited their needs, then suddenly surgical masks, the n95. It was never beneficial to mask. If masks of any type really work, how can we still smell coffee, smoke, perfume etc through the masks? It's time to do away with the mask mandate for everyone, including medical offices. Vaccine is available. Do away with mask mandate

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119983 2022/02/21 12:33:42 Anonymous End the mandates Please remove ALL mask and vaccine mandates ASAP

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119984 2022/02/21 12:36:42 Substitute Teacher/Licensed to Teach UNMASK TEACHERS There is NO credible proof to support logical unmasking of children and NOT the teachers staff and administrators as well. Stop injecting politics and start empowering critical thinking. I will not step inside any school with a mask on my face or where my colleagues must be masked. I have not been in a classroom since early 2020 and will not subscribe to this farce. UNMASK TEACHERS

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119985 2022/02/21 12:47:22 Melanie T My students need to see my face! As a reading specialist who works with young students who are just beginning to read, it is essential that I be able to show them the shape of my mouth when I'm making various letter sounds. Wearing a mask makes it impossible for my students to see correct mouth positions for the letter sounds that I am teaching them. It also makes it difficult for all of my students to clearly hear me when I am instructing them, because wearing a mask muffles my voice.

As a parent I can choose whether masking is the best option for my school-age children. Just as my students and their families have been given the option to choose whether to wear a mask or not, I should be able to make the same choice for myself.

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119986 2022/02/21 13:10:52 Goose Creek Farm, LLC End mandates Covid 19 is a 1% vaccine resulting in 99.8 % of the subjects survive . This is not a Pandemic. Also masks are unhealthy because they increase blood pressure , inhibit Herd Immunity which results in more infections and Masks force

stale air back into the lungs which is unhealthy . The Amish communities did not lock down , did not wear masks , did not take the MNRa Vaccines . They had no deaths . Their infected people survived after 5 days at home . Now it is time to end the mandates and start living healthier. Better health , better business and a better economy in Virginia

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119987 2022/02/21 13:19:20 Verna Lamb Masks don't work You have been mandating masks and pushing vaccines and all that has happened is record numbers of absences of staff and students. You will have plenty of staff that will choose to wear a mask. Great for them. I choose to take care of my health through real food, exercise, reducing stress, hydration, and good sleep. That's what you should be mandating

Good day

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119988 2022/02/21 13:25:41 Glenn Randolph End all mask mandates If the mandates ever made sense, they no longer do. End this ridiculous farce

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119989 2022/02/21 13:32:11 Anonymous Unmask our school staff! With parents having the option to send their children to school masked or unmasked, please extend that same option to school personnel

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119991 2022/02/21 13:36:22 Malia King No masks for teachers Teachers are educated enough to make our own choices. We can make the correct choice for our own health. Teachers don't need to be told to wear a mask. We will do so if we feel it is necessary for our individual needs

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119992 2022/02/21 13:42:45 Anonymous Allow Employers to Make Decisions About Workplace
Allow Employers to Make Decisions About Workplace SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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119993 2022/02/21 13:45:58 Sandra Esposito Masks on Teachers and others The masking policies are so illogical. No one need to be wearing a mask unless you simply want to signal that you are sick. It is a well established fact that these masks do prevent transmission of a tiny virus and they are not good for anyone's health. Simple biology states you are more susceptible to things because you create the perfect environment for all sorts of bacteria and things to grow in warm moist areas especially close to you skin, mouth, and nose. Masks are a great way to weaken you immune system. Let's look at how unsanitary any of them are because there is no way you can keep your hands off of them, readjustment and simply touching them for any substantial length of time. The also prevent easy communication between people. You are muffled behind a mask. Please remove masks in schools and other public buildings immediately!!!!!!! End the hypocrisy and the idiotic rules that are simply nonsensical. Thank you!

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119994 2022/02/21 13:54:27 Mr. Phillips Masks should be a personal choice I will not judge someone who choses to wear a mask. Their choice does not infringe on me and my life, and it is none of my business why they choose to wear one. It would only make sense that if I choose to NOT wear a mask, my choice would be respected as well. This little theory of mine works for teachers AND students. Protect yourself with a mask if you choose to, or don't. While it may be wise for a teacher or students with multiple health problems to wear a mask, it makes little sense for a physically fit 35-year-old or healthy 6-year-old to be held to the same standard. The idea of one size fits all is an outdated theory in the classroom, and should certainly not apply to our current situation

Also, with student mask mandates coming to an end on March 1st, having one person masked (the teacher) among 20 unmasked individuals (the students), hardly seems to make sense. The only reason I can see for the continuation of teacher mask mandates is to keep the teachers safe. I do not feel that sacrificing personal choice for safety is a wise bet to place (it has historically worked out very badly for the little-guy). We are not doe-eyed sheep, we are adults and professionals who are capable of taking care of ourselves and making our own choices. Treating us as anything less is insulting

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119995 2022/02/21 13:56:55 Counseling Works, LLC Business DOLI Reporting Should you make any changes to the reporting of outbreak cases please amend the requirement but do not revoke. Being able to assist with containing outbreaks will help keep our community at a manageable level of safety if not help eradicate the problem in our communities. The latter which seems most likely not doable

How else if not in business and school locations can the health dept receive outbreak information in a timely fashion

Please think about the welfare of the people and not the politics of the matter. Thank you for this opportunity to give input on this public safety matter

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119996 2022/02/21 14:09:45 galen d masks I applaud lifting the restrictions on masking. Let the family leadership make that decision

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119997 2022/02/21 14:15:17 TIRED TEACHER END MASK MANDATES I am begging you to stop the mask mandate for teachers immediately. Please do not wait until after March 19th. This is madness. Our students deserve for their teachers to be mask free if they choose. I wish you could go into a school right now and ask students their thoughts on this. I can guarantee you they would tell you they want their teachers to have a choice just like they do. One said to me Teachers are the reason we are here at school, we learn from you. It makes no sense that you cannot go without a mask if you want to

We are losing more teachers daily. Please give us freedom

There is enough information in all of these comments so far to make a decision to drop this now instead of waiting another month

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119998 2022/02/21 14:41:38 Anonymous END MASK MANDATES It is past time to remove this restrictive and ineffective mandate.
The efficacy of cloth and paper masks were never worth the mandate in the first place

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119999 2022/02/21 14:41:47 Tired teacher Mask fatigue It is exhausting and adding to a depressive state of mind to have to cover half of my face every day walking into work

Masks may have had a positive effect at the beginning of the pandemic, but now that vaccines are out and those who wanted them received them, I see no more purpose of masking. The virus is here to stay, and it is weakened now. As a teacher, it inhibits my ability to communicate as needed with my students. I teach language, and because of the masks, my students can't see the way my lips move as I pronounce, and each word is muffled by the mask. I'm not able to fully express myself, and I find my students zoning out more due to not being able to read my lips. They can tune me out, because there is a lack of communication. It also does not make scientific sense to allow parents the choice to mask their kids or not, but force educators to. Please end these mask mandates, and let people choose whether they would like to wear one or not. Forcing us to wear them not only separates us more as a nation, but also makes us feel more isolated and hidden. We cannot live the rest of our lives wearing masks and living in fear

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120000 2022/02/21 15:24:12 Annonamas End the Mask Mandate End the Mask Mandate for all State, Federal, and Private parties

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The Department does not have jurisdiction over federal government workplaces.

120001 2022/02/21 15:30:11 Michael Riley Mask mandate in workplace I would please like to have the mask mandate in the workplace to be removed so that mask would no longer be required

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120002 2022/02/21 15:43:55 Anonymous End all mandates! Please end all mandates in the workplace and in businesses!

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120003 2022/02/21 15:49:36 Anonymous End the mandates!! Let the people choose It's long past the time when masking should have ended. No one should be forced to get a vaccine or to wear a mask!! It needs to be a personal choice

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The Virginia Standard does not contain mask mandate.

120004 2022/02/21 16:35:01 Katrina Kish End Mask Mandate Please end the mask mandate for teachers. As we have allowed our parents to make decisions for our children, let adults make decisions for ourselves in our classrooms

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120005 2022/02/21 17:03:31 Mark Hine Remove the mask mandate for workers Please let us breathe! It never should have been imposed in the first place. Covid went where it wanted regardless of your silly masks!

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120006 2022/02/21 17:07:30 anonymous Repeal Virginia Department of Labor and Industry's (DOLI) Safety and Health Codes for covid. It is my opinion that state enforced safety codes should be repealed. Not all businesses are the same, not all businesses need the same safety protocols. Each individual business should be able to utilize the knowledge of the past 2 years to implement protocols that best work for them, the community, their employees, and/or customers/clients

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120007 2022/02/21 17:07:54 Andrew Hicks End the masking of teachers, daycare workers End this ineffective measure, children need to serve the faces of teachers and daycare teachers to better learn language skills! It has been 2 years of bad policy and has caused long term harm to students

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120008 2022/02/21 17:08:35 Cathy Work End mask mandates for school staff Removing mask mandates for kids in school is a great first step but we must also remove mandates for school staff and visitors. The data has shown there is no difference in the spread of Covid in settings where mask mandates are in place versus those where there are no mandates. Also feel that mask mandates at our Universities needs to end immediately. Masks should be optional in every setting in my opinion and never mandated

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120009 2022/02/21 17:16:55 Sheryl Hicks End mask mandates End mask mandate for teachers/staff in schools/daycares

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120010 2022/02/21 17:30:41 Anonymous End Mandates End mandates for all!

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120011 2022/02/21 17:37:11 Anonymous END ALL COVID PREVENTION MEASURES It's time to return to normal. It is time to end all mandates, all contact tracing, all quarantine guidelines. EVERYTHING relating to stopping the spread of COVID-19 needs to end. It should be treated like we treat a cold or flu. Stay home if you are sick, otherwise live your life

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120012 2022/02/21 17:37:42 Madison T End vaccine mandates for nurses, and everyone for that matter! Please end vaccine mandates for nurses. There is already a shortage of nursing staff and vaccine requirements have put even more strain on hospitals and nursing facilities. Allow us to have our freedom back!

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120013 2022/02/21 17:46:14 CT End vaccine mandates Please end vaccine mandates, the push for the vaccine, and mask requirements. It is crazy how during this "pandemic" the NFL was still operating as normal. During those times most businesses who were not essential closed but the ABC store was working normal hours. People need to see how the media is attempting to push propaganda to the people, spreading a false narrative. During this "pandemic" people have been losing their first amendment right to speak their own opinions about Covid. Dr. Robert Malone has been shut down by the media yet he is one of the leading expert/ researcher behind MRNA vaccines. Please stop all this propaganda so people can move on with our lives and enjoy the freedoms this country was founded upon

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The First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution only applies to government action to limit free speech.

120014 2022/02/21 17:51:16 S. WmSon No More Masks! Masks should be an individual choice regardless of vaccination status!

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120015 2022/02/21 17:59:00 Beth Robertson DOLI REGULATIONS End Virginia DOLI regulations for employers related to COVID-19

Thank you

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120016 2022/02/21 17:59:25 TeacherRemove masks and all mandates Remove masked and all mandates!

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120017 2022/02/21 18:09:06 Anonymous TeacherTeacherSEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120018 2022/02/21 18:10:21 Anonymous NO MANDATES!!! Teachers shouldn't have to be forced to wear a mask!

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120019 2022/02/21 18:33:05 K. Bowman Freedom of choice—this is still America
End all mandates - from masking to vaccine requirements - including teachers, bus drivers, and ALL

healthcare workers. This virus is far enough along that we don't need to be babysat or told what to do—we know what the right choice is for us and our families

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120020 2022/02/21 18:39:04 Annette Pettyjohn End all mandates, including mandates for healthcare workers.

We should have a right to choose what we put in our bodies. This is especially true given the vaccine-related injuries that are coming from the Covid shots. Healthcare workers are no different. They should be able to choose whether or not they want the shots. Religious and medical exemptions should also be accepted

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120021 2022/02/21 18:43:04 Anonymous Mask
End mask mandates!

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120022 2022/02/21 18:44:07 Anonymous End mandate
End mask mandates!

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120023 2022/02/21 18:48:27 Claire End mask mandates

Please end all mask and vaccine mandates. They are an infringement on our constitutional rights. Masks have been proven not to work against any virus and studies are coming out that the vaccine and booster is lowering a person's immune system. This tyranny has to end!

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120024 2022/02/21 18:48:47 Sandra Weigand Covid mandates
Please repeal Covid laws placed upon businesses in VA

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120025 2022/02/21 18:50:54 Jason Wells Repeal Mask Mandate
It is time to move Virginia Forward. Thus far, Va has done the right thing to give parents a voice to decide what's best for their child when it comes to mask wearing in public schools. We need to make the change for employees, adults, and school staff in the public work place. Adults need to have the autonomy to make their own decision. End ALL mask mandates for employers and employees immediately!

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120026 2022/02/21 18:53:05 Greg King Stop regulations
People are fully capable of monitoring themselves. Masks are supposed to be worn in my work, most people don't. Those who do, have a right to do so if they feel that is what's best for them. Let people police themselves and their health

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120027 2022/02/21 19:00:36 Susanne F Mandates
End ALL mandates. Optional masks per individual preference

Keep masks in medical settings

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120028 2022/02/21 19:05:51 Robert Pyle end mandates
It's time to move on and put an end to the Covid mandates

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120029 2022/02/21 19:37:58 Melinda Misjuns, Kindergarten Teacher LCS Stop the Mask Mandate

Please lift the mask mandate. As a teacher, I have complied for two years. It's time to end the mandates and let us choose. ALL teachers have been given the opportunity to be fully vaccinated and boosted. We are all going about life unmasked outside of school. It is time to unmask our teachers and staff. ANYONE can continue wearing a mask if that is their preference, but we can't unmask until the ridiculous mandates are lifted

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120030 2022/02/21 19:42:15 Elementary Teacher End all masking mandates
All masking should be optional. There is not a single reason that school staff should still be mandated to mask when we can and do go everywhere else without a mask covering our faces. Should someone choose to mask, that is their right. It is also an individual's right to not wear a mask

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120031 2022/02/21 19:45:44 N Ward End all mandates
Please end all the mandates. Let people make their own decisions

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120032 2022/02/21 19:53:40 Jeff Sellers Ending mandates
End all Covid related mandates

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120033 2022/02/21 20:04:38 Erin Steenburgh End mask mandates
It is long past time to end mask mandates for all employees, especially teachers. Teachers, for any age student, rely heavily on facial expressions and tones of voice to effectively teach. With masks on teachers' faces, students cannot interpret either when their teacher is speaking, detracting from any given lesson. Permanently repeal all mask mandates

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120034 2022/02/21 20:08:32 Malissa McConnell Ending Mask Mandates
I whole heartedly support ending the mask mandates! When you already have breathing problems, the mask makes it harder to breathe. With mask on, you are not breathing back in fresh air, you are breathing old air that is not good for your lungs. I honestly belief that wearing the mask is causing people to become sick who were otherwise healthy. I've been vaccinated and went 2 years before getting COVID and I honestly think that having to wear the mask more is what caused me to get COVID

END MASK WEARING MANDATES NOW!!

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120035 2022/02/21 20:45:16 SEK No masks
Masks are hot, binding, and useless. It has been proven that only N95 masks have significant effect. Guess what-no one is wearing them. Oh that's right-the kids aren't wearing them too. How awful that we get to see the kids breath while the teachers can't!

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120036 2022/02/21 21:05:35 TeacherNo more masks

I am a language teacher. The mask mandate is preventing me from teaching effectively. Myself and the students are suffering from this

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120037 2022/02/21 21:11:39 Betty H. Stinnett end all mandates
we need no mandates

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120038 2022/02/21 21:13:22 Anonymous End mandates for masks and vaccinations for everyone.
End vaccine AND mask mandates for everyone, including health care professionals. We have been
forced to be vaccinated to keep our jobs. Please. No more. Masks are taking such a toll on morale and
mental health. Please. No more masks. It's time. Don't let employers make the decision and force
employees to vaccinate and mask

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120039 2022/02/21 21:54:34 Irene Mandates End all Covid related mandates

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120040 2022/02/21 22:28:52 KW for medical freedom End all Covid related mandates End all
Covid related mandates

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120041 2022/02/21 22:40:49 Tracy Hundley End all mandates Now Accomplish by education that which should be done. Mandates forcing vaccine or testing or masking are unjustifiable

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120042 2022/02/21 22:49:24 Kerry McClure Mandates

The handling of the pandemic has been based on figures the number of cases, deaths that were miscalculated. After 2 years the data shows that those figures were much higher than actual causes of illness and death

The masks has harmed young children more than any other age group. The CDC and FDA rushed to conclusions with emergency use of vaccines that have not be properly tested.
The truth may never been known yet the next 10 years will start to display the larger than Covid 19 health problems of mask mandates and vaccines

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From <https://www.politifact.com/factchecks/2022/jan/21/instagram-posts/covid-19-death-toll-has-not-been-overcounted/>:

385,460 people died from COVID-19 in 2020 and 452,707 in 2021, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Claims that the figures are inflated by counting those who died with, not from COVID-19 are premised on false assertions. And the post's math also depends on a false claim that 75% of COVID-19 deaths occurred in people with four or more comorbidities.

There is no scientific basis for excluding from the death count COVID-19 deaths that occurred in nursing homes. Though the residents are an already-vulnerable population, studies showed that their risk of dying increased during the pandemic.

Research shows overall deaths associated with COVID-19 have been undercounted, not overcounted, in the U.S. since the start of the pandemic.

120043 2022/02/21 23:49:31 Anonymous End All Mandates

Never should an individual or private or public spaces be subjected to any mandates when it comes to freedom to choose, work, play, pray, shop, eat, learn, entertain, visit, travel, exercise, or simply live the God given lives to the fullest that we have been gifted. These essentials are human needs that feed our ability to give sustenance to our mind, body and spirit. No more COVID or medical mandates

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120044 2022/02/22 3:36:46 Sharon Ramsey END ALL MANDATES!!
End all MANDATES!!! GET BACK TO NORMAL!!

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120045 2022/02/22 5:13:04 Southwest Virginia End All Mandates
End all mandates. It should be everyone's choice on shots or mask or testing

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120046 2022/02/22 5:39:47 Concerned Virginian End all mandates in Virginia

Please end all mask mandates in Virginia. The science has been proven time and time again that masks and vaccines do not stop the spread or rapid mutation of these corona viruses. These mandates are hurting our children and our adults. It is time for these mandates to be ended in our commonwealth. If not, we will see that the Youngkin administration is held accountable and WILL NOT EVER hold a second term in VA

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Virginia Governor's cannot run for office in consecutive terms.

120047 2022/02/22 5:55:59 Cindy End all COVID mandates End all COVID mandates

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120048 2022/02/22 7:01:41 Ben Dishman, Dishman Fabrications LLC Covid Regulations Good morning,

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the subject of Covid Regulations. Understand the need in the beginning to implement measures to protect our citizens against an unknown virus from China but now we know that it is no more potent than the seasonal cold or flu for most except for those in poor physical condition or other underlying health issues. Time for the overburdensome and unconstitutional mandates and restrictions to end period. These were all instituted by those who seek simply to have power over the people and have done little if anything to prevent additional harm to anyone. The masks and disruptive schedule of the schools have wreaked havoc on our kids who are already burdened by our failing schools in this state. Our kids are the least susceptible to the Chinese Communist Party Virus and therefore should be back in schools mask free and not required to have the vaccine that we have no idea of the true ingredients or the potential long term effects. In November I believe we the people of Virginia decided that this be the case going forward in the election of the new Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, and new House of Delegates members. Time to follow suit

Small businesses in this country and in this state have taken a beating thanks to these regulations and mandates. The deficit inflating spending over this overblown cold virus has put our country in worse condition as the economy is sputtering along with prices for everything skyrocketing outpacing the gains in wages for employees. Small businesses that were already just breaking even are gone especially restaurants as they have the steepest hill to climb to make money. The requirements in this arena during this pandemic have been blatantly ignorant and have done nothing but render losses to these places or close them down while big box stores, liquor stores, and other essential businesses were permitted to continue operating. Gyms, churches, and other places that actually improve people's well being were shut down plus the unwarranted paranoia of going to a hospital or doctor's office has caused and increase in preventable disease or conditions to rise. Please tell me again why the restrictions should continue

Thank you

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120049 2022/02/22 7:35:27 Rodney Chrisman End All COVID Restrictions I am writing to voice my support for the abolition of all COVID-19 workplace restrictions.

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120050 2022/02/22 7:36:04 April Swaim End Covid mandates End Covid mandates in the workplace

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120051 2022/02/22 8:02:42 KATHY H. COVID MASK MANDATES SINCE THE CDC CAN'T COME CLEAN ON THE DATA..... WHAT ARE WE DOING? MASKS DON'T STOP THE VIRUS. STOP THE OPPRESSION OF MASKS

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120052 2022/02/22 8:06:57 Kathryn B End ALL COVID mandates End all COVID mandates, guidelines, and restrictions for all VA citizens. End mandates for all employees including teachers and healthcare workers

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120053 2022/02/22 8:17:49 Burke Wills End mask mandates I am a teacher for Richmond Public Schools and I am 100% for ending these ridiculous mandates. Take off the masks

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120054 2022/02/22 8:42:56 Katie End all Covid mandates End all Covid mandates

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120055 2022/02/22 8:44:16 Randy Atkins Mask mandate. It is past time to end the mask mandate and let citizens of a free nation take personal responsibility for their health

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120056 2022/02/22 9:14:01 Tired teacher Fatigued End mask mandates

Masks may have had a positive effect at the beginning of the pandemic, but now that vaccines are out and those who wanted them received them, I see no more purpose of masking. The virus is here to stay, and it is weakened now. As a teacher, it inhibits my ability to communicate as needed with my students. I teach language, and because of the masks, my students can't see the way my lips move as I pronounce, and each word is muffled by the mask. I'm not able to fully express myself, and I find my students zoning out more due to not being able to read my lips. They can tune me out, because there is a lack of communication. It also does not make scientific sense to allow parents the choice to mask their kids or not, but force educators to. Please end these mask mandates, and let people choose whether they would like to wear one or not. Forcing us to wear them not only separates us more as a nation, but also makes us feel more isolated and hidden. We cannot live the rest of our lives wearing masks and living in fear

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120057 2022/02/22 9:20:36 Disgruntled Virginian Useless and outdated mandates for teachers and ALL employees It is time to rescind ALL of the useless and outdated mandates/standards as soon as possible because:

70,000+ people can attend a sporting event.

performers can sing maskless at these sporting events but the back-up singer/musicians (which are children) have to be masked.

celebrities can mingle maskless with NO distancing or plexiglass partitions BUT all the staff and assistants have to be masked and practice distancing.

VDOLI enforced these overreaching mandates and standards immediately, with the implementation the very next day and yet, here we are having to BEG for a month for them to be rescinded.

the blatant hypocrisy of the rules for thee but not for me policy is quite literally blowing up in people's faces, such as the DC Mayor, New Orleans Mayor, LA Mayor, CA Governor, failed politician Stacy Abrams, birthday boy Barack Obama and EVEN OUR VERY OWN Ralph Northam who paraded around maskless in Virginia Beach when masks were required I can decide for myself if I need to wear a mask while teaching. I can make the educated choice to protect myself when the need arises, which is most definitely not now and finally but most likely the most important, it is no longer anywhere near an emergency (if it actually ever was...) and certain people are wanting to hold onto the needless fear and give up their freedoms which I will not allow for myself.

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The current Virginia Standard was the subject of 60 day and 30 day comment periods and 2 public hearings.

120058 2022/02/22 9:29:23 Chris Dr Victor's statement

Dr. Victor should go practice in Cuba where the government can take away someone's freedom to breathe. That little cloth mask does not stop covid and offers very little protection. Florida is doing great without masks, and has been for sometime. If what the good Doctor says is true, Florida would be 80% infected and travel would have been suspended. Georgia schools have gone maskless and have not seen higher than normal transmission rates. This issue is about having the authority to cover and block someone's airway. Their right to breathe fresh air and the right to refuse medical treatment. When you tell someone to apply a band aid or wear a mask for their health and you are a doctor or Government official, you are offering medical advice, Advice in which Americans have always had the right to refuse

Our county has fought against this type of Government overreach since it's inception, we need our teachers back and we need them to be comfortable so that they can be productive

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As of March 8, 2022:

Georgia has experienced 337 COVID-19 related deaths per 100,000, 15th highest in the country.

Florida has experienced 331 COVID-19 related deaths per 100,000, 17th highest in the country.

Virginia has experienced 222 COVID-19 related deaths per 100,000, 37th highest in the country.
Virginia's COVID-19 related death rate is 34.1% and 32.9% lower than Georgia and Florida respectively.

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/1109011/coronavirus-covid19-death-rates-us-by-state/>

As of March 7, 2022:

Florida has experienced 27,225 COVID-19 related cases per 100,000, 10th highest in the country.

Georgia has experienced 23,267 COVID-19 related cases per 100,000, 34th highest in the country.

Virginia has experienced 19,282 COVID-19 related deaths per 100,000, 44th highest in the country.
Virginia's COVID-19 related case rate is 17.1% and 29.2% lower than Georgia and Florida respectively.

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/1109004/coronavirus-covid19-cases-rate-us-americans-by-state/>

120059 2022/02/22 9:39:21 MBL Suggestion for Guidance document - Remove all training requirements If DOLI and the SHCB is going to revoke the standard for COVID-19 then it should truly

be revoked and the emphasis placed on following CDC guidance. Even the guidance document that is in draft form has more unreasonable requirements that cause undue burden on employers.

Please consider removing the training element from the Guidance document. Employers have been expected to complete COVID training since June of 2020. Employers have had several trainings and several revisions of the trainings throughout the 2 years. Why do we need another training for COVID for employees, everyone should be aware at this point on how covid spreads and what its symptoms are and how to best protect yourself. This information has been relayed in so many ways and is very well known and another training does not serve to get employees to buy in to training in general as it keeps reiterating what is already well known.

This guidance document also stipulates training in policies and procedures for contractors and others that may visit your site or work onsite. This is unreasonable as they should be providing their own training and education to their employees. This should not fall on the Employer who is hiring the contractor. I can understand providing them with your company's policies and procedures on combating Covid-19, but to expect that employers provide them with actual training is not a feasible recommendation.

As long as the Employer has an IDPRP in place and has clearly outlined and defined their policies and procedures there should be no need for further training. COVID precautions are easy to take, requiring little more than common sense or your own feeling of self-worth to protect yourself and others.

Training employees is easy if your business is small and you only have a limited number of employees, however, as the size of the companies increase, training for the masses is more and more difficult to arrange and get into compliance with. Constantly (every 6 months since June) we are asking employees to retake a training that contains a majority of the same information that they have had in previous trainings it is redundant, duplicative, not cost effective and certainly places an undue burden on Employers in the Commonwealth.

The training created (at least at our company) averaged an hour of online training to meet the requirements of the standard. With about 15k employees at an hour per employee, per revision of the standard that required us to provide at the least 75k hours of training (estimating 5 revisions of the standard). This type of large scope effort was not included in any of the feasibility studies that were provided to DOLI. That estimate was based on smaller size employers in the commonwealth.

It is for that reason that I emphasize the need to strike any training requirement from any guidance document issued by VOSH as it relates to COVID-19. The Department has posted an updated Guidance Document at: https://www.doli.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/DOLI-Guidance-for-Employers-to-Mitigate-the-Risk-of-COVID-19-to-Workers-03.01.2022_FINAL.pdf

120060 2022/02/22 9:43:03 Patricia End all the mandates, we need our freedom back End all of the covid mandates, we need our freedom to decide for ourselves

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120061 2022/02/22 9:46:27 Anonymous End all Masking/Covid Mitigations
It's been 2 years. Our kids are mask optional our teachers need to be too. Many states are thriving around the country without Covid restrictions. We need to remove all Covid restrictions so the VA Economy, which heavily depends on Tourism, can come roaring back

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120062 2022/02/22 10:01:12 A Public School Teacher Please let us remove the masks!
I simply don't think that loosely worn masks on vaccinated kids make that much positive difference, but I deeply regret that my students cannot see me smile at them - particularly the ones with autism and emotional issues. I don't think it's worth it

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120063 2022/02/22 10:34:34 Rretta business mask mandates
Enough is enough!

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120064 2022/02/22 11:22:28 Lisa Watson Remove Mask Mandates
Remove mask mandates

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120065 2022/02/22 11:34:18 Tyler T. Stop Masking Teachers
As a student I believe that teachers and all other employees should be aloud to make there own decisions in regards to healthcare and health recommendations. Now that students no longer can be forced to wear a mask teachers also should have that ability

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120066 2022/02/22 12:28:38 Eric W Marx End ALL Mandates!

Follow the REAL science. Masks don't work. COVID is no worse than the flu. Most people have some level of immunity. Continue to allow those who are scared to wear a mask if they want, but don't require a mask or vaccination

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120067 2022/02/22 13:09:06 Shannon End Mask Mandates

I am for ending all mask mandates. People are tired of wearing them and most that I see wearing them are wearing them incorrectly anyway

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120068 2022/02/22 13:15:17 Anonymous Mandates

End all COVID mandates

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120069 2022/02/22 14:48:20 Enough is enough Enough with the masks

As a teacher in this county, in particular, a sped specialist that requires that my mouth be seen….it's absolutely egregious that I'm still wearing a mask considering I'm vaccinated!!! You all need to do better this is enough already

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120070 2022/02/22 14:52:27 Anonymous Remove masks everywhere, including medical offices. Medical offices have been forced into the difficult situation of being the enforcers of a mask mandate. Individuals who are not required to wear a mask anywhere else are becoming angry and aggressive when they have to wear one in a physicians office. All of the medical office staff and all the patients of that office can gather without a mask in a store, restaurant etc, so why put employees of a medical office in this potentially dangerous situation? Eliminate the mask mandate and the vaccine mandate for everyone , including medical offices

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120072 2022/02/22 15:09:51 Peter Ramsey End all mandates
I don't want government in private business but can anything be done about private schools who are not subject to SB739?

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120073 2022/02/22 15:34:58 Leah Time to END MANDATES
Government overreach is at an all time high. Do what's right, end mandates which clearly violate our bodily autonomy and therefore our individual freedoms

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120074 2022/02/22 15:45:52 Myra Flint Mask option for Educators
If the original goal was to protect the children and now they are fine to opt out of the mandate, then why can't their educators? As an SLP, I know the importance of clear well-articulated, intelligible speech to our co-workers, parents, and of course to our students. I also have worked with students with hearing impairments who need to read the lip movements of the speaker and the visually-impaired who depend on that clear articulation of spoken speech to better understand a lesson or a directive. My students with autism already havefacial blindness, so now all adults in the room look the same. How can educators teachallchildren and especially those with disabilities with cloth obstructions on their faces?

I appreciate the initial days when we were unaware of the dangers and masking up was the push to keep 'everyone safe', but we now know the masks do not work anymore than the multiple

vaccines do and continuing with this farce serves no purpose. There will always be people who wish to mask-up then not, but for those of us who understand the importance of real face-to-face teaching, want the opportunity to opt out in order to work, speak, and educate as we did before

Educators are leaving our school division at a rampant speed and I firmly believe providing an option to wear a mask or not, should be extended to everyone in a school building/division. I am unaware of the rationale for not providing this option. We were told this falls within the guidelines of the Virginia Department of Labor and Industry. Sounds like a power grab to me; we are educators

Why can't we be provided the same option as our students? How can we be effective communicators and educators for our students wearing these useless pieces of cloth? They serve no purpose but to hinder our ability to do our jobs-to the best of our ability

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120075 2022/02/22 16:03:03 Tracy A Zeke Anderson End All Mandates , trust the people
It's time elected officials listen to and trust those who elected them. The citizens of this state are smart enough and educated enough to use precautions when necessary, we do not need the government telling us to cover our mouth when we sneeze. Stop the mandates and open the state back up fully

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120076 2022/02/22 16:07:26 Anonymous Mask Optional
Make masks optional for teachers!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120077 2022/02/22 16:15:39 Sabrina Abbott End mask mandates
I support removing all emergency Covid-related regulations from the workplace, including hospitals and Doctors offices. There is little to no evidence that masks reduce the spread of Covid, and cloth masks dont work at all. It's important for people to be able to see faces again

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120078 2022/02/22 16:45:42 Anonymous Remove Masks From Teachers and Staff
Please remove all masking of teachers and staff

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120079 2022/02/22 16:55:33 Anonymous Masks are a valuable public health mitigation tool
Until all Virginia communities have reached a much higher vaccination rate and community spread is below 5% with hospitalizations declining, masks remain as a valuable public health mitigation tool to slow/prevent the spread of illness. Too many communities are not vaccinated. Too many communities have a high rate of COVID spread. Our hospitals are still stretched too thin caring for COVID positive patients

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120080 2022/02/22 17:22:50 Anonymous End all mandates
It is way past time to remove all mandates! All people have the right to choose what to do for themselves. The cloth masks everyone wear do nothing to stop the spread. If you feel safer with one on go ahead and wear one but people who choose not to should have the choice to do what they want as well. Children have suffered by not being able to see their teachers faces. It's time. Remove the masks!

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120081 2022/02/22 18:28:42 Kath Masks should be optional for all
Masks should be optional for all

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SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119366

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120082 2022/02/22 18:45:18 Anonymous Why wait until 3/19/22- END MASKS FOR TEACHERS NOW

Just a quick glance at these comments proves people DO NOT want masks or mandates - PLEASE end this window and stop making our teachers wait - END MASKS NOW

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120083 2022/02/22 19:30:35 Wanda Pinion No One should

I believe it should be left up to the individual. I think most people are intelligent enough to know when to have caution

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120084 2022/02/22 19:41:21 Brenda S Neese the Mandates

Remove all mandates. I feel they were placed on us against our legal rights.

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120085 2022/02/22 19:54:58 Liz O End mask mandates

As a teacher with 1100 students in school, I am firmly in agreement with those who are ready to end mask mandates. Those who feel safer with masks should be able to wear them. Those who feel safe without them should be able to leave them off. We all know our risk level. The children need to be able to see us as we speak. It is not conducive to their mental wellbeing to have all these masked adults with cloth masks that are not proven to prevent the spread of Covid. It's time to breathe and live again. Thank you!

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120086 2022/02/22 20:02:35 RP Stop the mandates

The only reason things are mandate is to exert power over the people. It is ridiculous that we have been made to wear a paper covering over our noses and mouths that stop nothing. Do you think that a chain link fence in your yard keeps out bugs? It doesn't! Our children are being forced to wear masks that stop nothing but being able to see each other's smiles and cause their speech to be adversely affected. We need to take our country back and stop the silliness!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

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120087 2022/02/22 20:29:03 Joe Cousineau End ALL mask mandates
End All mask mandates

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120088 2022/02/22 20:31:25 Cecil Waddell Mask Mandate
Put a end to all covid mandates

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120089 2022/02/22 20:35:07 Courtney Davis Stop covid/mask mandates
Stop covid/mask mandates

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120090 2022/02/22 20:39:30 Cheryl Cousineau NO MORE MASK
Stop mask mandates for all employers, employees, staff, students, EVERYONE!

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120091 2022/02/22 20:53:09 KP Free will, Pro Choice

There is an abundance of information readily available for individuals to make a choice on masking or not. I believe we should allow people to make the choice for themselves. This country's foundation is freedom and it's time to return to that.

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120092 2022/02/22 21:05:38 Anonymous End vaccine and mask mandate

Vaccines are no longer reducing, nor have they ever prevented the spread of infection. Stop requiring a vaccine that is not beneficial to the public both for businesses or healthcare workers. mRNA technology vaccines are too experimental and we do not know long term effects. Why require these for the staff who will care for the sick? you may be causing more sickness to harm people other than COVID killing them. No person should be forced to take a vaccine without long term research. This is cruel and inhumane. You will take the livelihood of Americans who actually pay taxes by forcing them to lose their jobs. Force the manufacturers to go back to the drawing board and make a normal old fashioned vaccine that works like the others throughout history. Not a vaccine for mere profit

Masks are doing more mental damage than good to people. Hiding the face sends messages of submission and low self esteem for people. Suicides rates have increased doing more deaths than COVID. If it is truly about saving lives, get rid of mask mandates

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The Virginia Standard does not have a vaccine mandate.

120093 2022/02/22 22:04:41 George T. End teacher/staff mask mandates

It's time to end these mandates and allow teachers to make their own choices. Teachers should be allowed to do their jobs in the way that they've done them successfully over the years. Allow them to teach our children correctly!

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120094 2022/02/22 22:06:15 Parent No more Mask
Our kids have had enough. NO MORE MASK

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119366

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119374

120095 2022/02/22 23:28:58 SD MASK MANDATE
PEOPLE DESERVE THE RIGHT TO MAKE THEIR OWN DECISIONS.THATS FREEDOM

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120097 2022/02/23 1:39:59 Kelly Jones End all mandates
End all mandates related to covid

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120098 2022/02/23 4:40:13 Anonymous End the mandate
End the mandate! Get rid of the face diapers

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120099 2022/02/23 7:09:01 Anonymous End mask mandates.
To whom it may concern,

It is well documented that mask do not work to prevent the spreading of covid-19. To continue to force people to wear mask is irresponsible and has wide spread emotional and physical harm to adults and children. As students have the right to choose so should every employee what is best for themselves.

Stay in your lane and rescind this mandate!!! There will be repercussions for the decisions made that very clearly show you are not following the science. The people will speak out on Election Day

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120101 2022/02/23 8:14:08 Anonymous Please end Masking for teachers and staff
At this time I do not understand why teachers are required to still mask when our students are not. Most of us are vaccinated and boosted. In addition as a KG teacher it is very hard for children to learn correct sounds, blend words, etc. without seeing my face. They cannot learn to read social cues from facial expressions. As a result we are seeing more social issues, especially between kids, because they don't know how to read social cues. Please consider removing the mask mandate immediately. It is outdated and no longer necessary. Any teachers or other adults that WANT to wear masks are certainly welcome to. But those of us that don't want to, should be allowed to make that choice. thank you

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120103 2022/02/23 8:27:06 Arnold DeWald Vaccine Mandates should be lifted
Education is key. Forcing someone to become a test subject is for new substance that could cause more harm than good is unethical and unconstitutional

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120104 2022/02/23 8:30:54 Anonymous End Masking for Early Childhood Educators
Good morning,
I am an administrator at a preschool in Richmond that serves 185 students. I'm thrilled with the governor's decision to make student masking a parental choice issue. Now it is time to make faculty masking a personal choice issue.
Our staff have worked throughout the entire course of this pandemic, barring the initial two week shutdown. Upon returning, there was no vaccine, no mask mandate, and not very much information about whether it was safe to return. Our educators showed up anyway, resumed their duties despite the risk, and continued loving the children they served. When the mask mandate began in all schools, I immediately observed a change in the quality of interactions staff had with the students. Children that once smiled at me in the hallway and greeted me by name seemed to no longer recognize me and had a hard time hearing me. Early childhood curriculum before this

pandemic always included teaching children to interpret facial expressions to aid in their growing understanding of others' emotions. Now we are told that children don't need to see our faces to grow and mature. This is wrong; it has been wrong since the beginning of the mask mandate. The scientific evidence has made it clear from the beginning that children are not at serious risk of harm from Covid-19. Experts across the political spectrum are now acknowledging that cloth masks are ineffective against the latest variants. It is time to stop sacrificing what is best for the children's development and emotional well-being for the peace of mind of the adults. The children deserve better

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120105 2022/02/23 8:51:51 Anonymous Mask Mandate NOW

it is a disservice to our community to end mask mandates in the workplace. I don't understand how my work email can go from the meeting found there is no risk for employees in the workplace anymore to 95% of VA is still considered high transmission. do you hear yourselves? I am not interested in getting a life-threatening illness for a job that won't give me health insurance or even allow me to work full-time

It is embarrassing to me to see so many grown adults begging to lift the mask mandate just because they're tired of wearing them. Hundreds of thousands of people are dead in this country ALONE. Hospitals are overflowing and kids are permanently stunted because of this selfish mindset. A mask is no different than wearing gloves to be sanitary. Is it more comfortable to not wear sweaty, sticky, latex gloves? yes, but it's better to be uncomfortable than to make someone else sick. If we had kept the mask mandate, transmission wouldn't be higher than it was when this all started

I have seen so many people buy into the dangerous mindset that if we stop wearing masks, the virus will pass over all of us and it will finally be over. Wrong. Most people have had it at this point and it's still evolving, not disappearing. The facts are right in front of us, I truly don't know why so many people are refusing to believe them. The politicians don't care if we all get sick, they have the best health insurance money can buy, but for many of us, getting severely sick would life-ruining. My mother is diabetic and I work with kids every day. I don't want to be responsible for them getting sick. We still don't know the full-scale effects of having COVID, but it's clearly affecting people long-term. I am not interested in getting a lifelong illness at 24 because some bored, wealthy people don't think it's a big deal. Are you all going to pay for my mom's hospital bills? For mine? No. I've even seen moms online saying they're intentionally getting their children sick with it. What kind of person does that? I beg all of you to try having a little empathy for people with less fortune than you

Mandate masks

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120106 2022/02/23 9:34:56 John Edwards End all mandates NO Mask Mandates
Please end all mandates as regarding masks. They are not effective. They have become a joke, and caused real division in the population, my 88 year old father in law will not go to a doctor due to mask mandates. This is unacceptable

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120107 2022/02/23 9:59:50 Anonymous End masks
END MASK REQUIREMENTS FOR TEACHERS AND STAFF

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120108 2022/02/23 10:20:18 Anonymous End masks for teachers
It is time to end the mask mandate for teachers. It is not logical for a teacher to be in a room with 25 students (none of which are wearing a mask) but the teacher does have to wear a mask. Is the one person (the teacher) out of 26 total people in the room really going to make a difference if the other 25 people are not wearing a mask

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120109 2022/02/23 10:26:18 L Stop trying to kill teachers
People are continually dying. There have been extreme increases in teachers getting covid, hence why the substitute teacher shortage is a huge issue. Schools are imploding as we speak. Morale is lower than it's ever been and 90% of teachers are ready to quit. Dropping the mask mandate is going to lead to more quitting and more dying. If you don't want to homeschool your children the way you had to in 2020 then keep the masks

I would sooner quit than allow you all to force me to work until I catch it and die

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120110 2022/02/23 10:30:21 Bonnie Webb Please stop all mask mandates, now. This is America!!Thank you

This is still America, please stop all mask mandates now. Thank you

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120111 2022/02/23 11:04:21 Garrett Hass End all Mandates

Mandates are tyrannical, unamerican, and must end now. The power to choose whether we cover our face, or seek medical treatment is something for an individual to decide for themselves. This decision should be made without coercion from any employer, business, or governing body. The US constitution clearly defines the role of government in America, and nowhere does it mention the power to coerce or discriminate against citizens for personal medical decisions. Mandates have already cost people their jobs, lively hoods, and untold amounts of stress. Mandates have destroyed lives. One more day with any mandates in place, is one too many. Do the right thing, restore freedom

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120113 2022/02/23 11:53:44 Sam Mask

Back to normal. Let freedom of choice be the rule

no mask no mandates

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120114 2022/02/23 12:33:14 Moira C. Free agency for teachers and faculty

Teachers and faculty are adults who are capable of choosing what mitigation strategies they would like to use to avoid sickness. There have now been numerous studies that have indicated that masking did nothing to stop the spread of Covid since it is a respiratory disease that is now endemic. I'm sure the students would love to see their teacher's faces for the first time, too. Give them the choice to make their own health decisions

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120115 2022/02/23 13:10:35 Kerry Puccio LET US BREATHE

Please remove the mask requirement for the teachers and staff in Prince William County

Fauquier County and Loudoun County both have masks optional for their students and staff- why is Prince William still controlling us??

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120116 2022/02/23 13:14:30 Kathy Anderson No more masks

No more masks in schools for staff too not just students!

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120117 2022/02/23 13:32:58 Anonymous This is America! End all mask and vaccine mandates. Never has there been a time in America that citizens have been forced to receive a vaccine without informed consent. According to the Nuremberg Code, it is illegal to mandate this experimental shot even when based on a 2 year Emergency Order. We, the people, have a government of the people, by the people and for the people based on the Constitution of the United States of America. ??? A few elite judges have no right to make a tyrannical decision to force the people to go against the law of the land!

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The Virginia Standard does not contain a vaccine mandate.

120118 2022/02/23 13:53:15 Nicole Lewis Southside Behavioral Health Southside Behavioral Health agrees to revocation of 12VAC25-220

<p dir=ltr>Southside Behavioral Health recommends the revocation of the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19, 16VAC25-220. The standard has taken time and money away from our normal operations and caused an undue burden to our Quality and Compliance Department. For example, we have had to maintain someone on call 24

hours a day 7 days a week to contract trace COVID-19 positive employees to determine if the agency needed to report the employees to DOLI within 24 hours. Before the standard was approved our agency was following all CDC and VDH guidelines. We feel that following those guidelines is sufficient for keeping our employees and clients safe

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The Virginia Standard contains a provision that specifically states that contact tracing is not required.

120119 2022/02/23 14:14:26 Tired teacher End the masks
End mask mandates

Masks may have had a positive effect at the beginning of the pandemic, but now that vaccines are out and those who wanted them received them, I see no more purpose of masking. The virus is here to stay, and it is weakened now. As a teacher, it inhibits my ability to communicate as needed with my students. I teach language, and because of the masks, my students can't see the way my lips move as I pronounce, and each word is muffled by the mask. I'm not able to fully express myself, and I find my students zoning out more due to not being able to read my lips. They can tune me out, because there is a lack of communication. It also does not make scientific sense to allow parents the choice to mask their kids or not, but force educators to. Please end these mask mandates, and let people choose whether they would like to wear one or not. Forcing us to wear them not only separates us more as a nation, but also makes us feel more isolated and hidden. We cannot live the rest of our lives wearing masks and living in fear

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120120 2022/02/23 14:25:21 Mike Allison End all mask and Covid vaccine mandates.
I am requesting that Virginia stop all mandates regarding the Covid virus

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120121 2022/02/23 14:50:44 Jackie Fox End all mandates
Mandatory mandates are contributing to our loss of Freedom. As a tax payer in the Commonwealth of Virginia, I demand that our freedoms remain and are protected by our government

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120122 2022/02/23 15:08:51 JACK FOSTER Follow Science for Once
Repeal all restrictions due to COVID. Read The Constitution may help!

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120124 2022/02/23 15:24:59 Anonymous End the Mandates
END ALL MANDATES FOR ALL

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120125 2022/02/23 16:30:16 Anonymous No more mandates
It's time to go back to normal with no more mandates

Thank you

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120126 2022/02/23 17:22:06 Greg Ray End all mandates
End all mandates !! We the people are free forever !

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120127 2022/02/23 17:31:03 Ron Watson End mask and vaccine mandates
End mask and vaccine mandates. State law should limit the use of executive mandates in the future

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The Virginia Standard is not an executive mandate.

120128 2022/02/23 17:55:17 Kristen Bell End the mandates!

These unconstitutional mandates have been in place for too long already. They need to be ended immediately. Take action and put an end to all mask and vaccine mandates

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120129 2022/02/23 18:09:34 Jennifer Sneller END MASK MANDATES FOR TEACHERS!!!

I a teacher assistant in Virginia and I have been vaccinated and boosted and I would like to CHOOSE whether or not I wear a mask - if my students have the choice I should too!

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120130 2022/02/23 19:16:00 TeacherEnd mask mandates!

End ALL mask mandates!!

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120131 2022/02/23 20:44:22 Arlington Public SchoolsEnd mask mandates for teachers!! This is insane!

The mask mandates for teachers in schools must end. We are perpetuating fear that is not warranted! These kids need to see smiles, and make connections with teachers AND peers. Look at the increase in teenage suicide. These kids are struggling, they are failing, and the teachers have had enough!!

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120134 2022/02/23 21:06:28 Julie End all mandates
End all mandates

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120135 2022/02/23 21:11:39 Manassas City Public School (teacher) End mandate
Let us decide

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120136 2022/02/23 21:43:49 Carol B End mask mandate for staff allowing it optional for those who choose based on their comfort level.
<p style=text-align: left;>End mask mandate for staff allowing it optional for those who choose based on their comfort level

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120137 2022/02/23 21:43:50 Cristal End mandate for faculty at Virginia Beach city public schools
End the mandate

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120138 2022/02/23 22:02:22 Middle School Nurse Remove all mandates
Please remove mandates for school staff, doctors offices, EVERYWHERE! Make them an individual choice for all. There are many that are terrified due to media hysteria, allow them to do what makes them feel protected. Mandates for vaccines for cruises and entering eateries in certain states should be eliminated as well. No one should have to show a vaccine passport to eat in a restaurant in Washington DC when I can eat in the same chain in Virginia Beach VA without a vaccine OR mask, utterly ridiculous! Also

natural immunity should be given the weight it deserves. I had Covid in July and as of January 23rd my immunity level is 1078 and anything over 80 is positive for antibodies....6 months after infection I have this level of antibodies and yet I can't get on a cruise ship because I'm not vaccinated

Makes NO SENSE

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120139 2022/02/23 22:05:41 Jesse Gilliam End the mandate/Make masks optional
Thank you!

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120140 2022/02/23 22:50:12 Teresa Bell Mandates
End masks and vaccine mandates!!

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120141 2022/02/23 22:54:20 Teresa Bell End masks and vaccine mandates
End Masks and Vaccine mandates

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120142 2022/02/24 3:35:18 Anonymous Please stop the mask mandates!
We have suffered long enough, and have finally made great advancement in giving our children some freedom back, now it's our turn. I saw so many smiling FACES yesterday, as children in my area went to school with NO masks on. It broke my heart to know that one little girl has a boy in her class that she's NEVER seen his face! She was so excited to go to school and be able to see the faces of all of her classmates. These masks are a hassle and a hazard to many people's health and well-being. Especially for people who suffer with allergies and asthma, the masks only make our symptoms worse. Please Virginia DOLI, let us breathe freely at work once again!

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120143 2022/02/24 4:36:19 Anonymous Mask mandates

End mask/vaccine mandates for EVERY organization! Make it optional and let the individual person make their own decision. We are made to wear a mask at work EVEN when vaccinated. ?? We really trust this vaccine huh?

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120144 2022/02/24 6:24:43 Anonymous End the Mandates

End the mandates and make everything a choice. People can decide what's best for themselves and their families. We need choices!

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120145 2022/02/24 6:31:35 Vicky Page End all mandates

End all mandates

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120146 2022/02/24 6:51:36 Anonymous End all Mandates

Please end the mandates. No more mask if you don't want to wear them if you do then do. It should be our choice

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120147 2022/02/24 7:01:30 Gi Wi; Public School Educator STOP mask mandates!

Allow me to make my own decisions regarding my health and assess my own risks. I am a healthy

adult who is fully capable of making my decisions and accepting responsibility for my own actions. I do not need or want a big brother government telling me how to live or what to do with my own body. End the mask mandates ASAP.

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120148 2022/02/24 7:12:09 Lara Casteel Mask Mandate

I support the rights of individuals to make a decision about their own health and body. Wearing a mask should be a choice of an individual, not dictated by the government, employers, or businesses

I feel the mask mandate leads to potential discrimination against individuals not wearing a mask. The mandate denies the individual access to employment, product and services, and potentially education

Individuals should be able to follow their own educated decision upon whether the mask is healthy or not

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120149 2022/02/24 8:06:04 Anonymous No More Masks!!!

Please end this ridiculous mandate. Masks don't work!!!

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120150 2022/02/24 8:11:22 Jeffrey Wrobel, Mutual Assurance Society of Virginia End Needless Workplace Restrictions

It is past time to remove the draconian masking restrictions for Virginia Workplaces. Our office has operated for two years now without a case of office-related transmission, including a period of eight months before Gov. Northam's administration enacted these burdensome restrictions. They are divisive and ineffective.

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120151 2022/02/24 8:29:00 Lisa Eckart Please lift all COVID restrictions

As others have stated, these restrictions are not necessary. Omicron is mild and has proven that neither masks nor the vaccine have any effect on its spread

However, the restrictions have had a negative effect on the workplace, creating operational difficulties and a less cohesive and productive work environment

Thank you for your consideration

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120152 2022/02/24 9:31:28 Samantha Please stop the masks...

At this point, the masks are just silly. Everyone that is going to be vaccinated and boosted already has been or has a plan to, therefore, masks are just unnecessary at this point. COVID is not going anywhere and it is time that we learn how to live with it and not live in fear of it

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120153 2022/02/24 9:38:38 JE Meador Time to move on

Virginia is behind the curve on this. It has been time to end mask mandates and treat this like the endemic virus that it is. We cannot force people to mask forever. If we aren't going to do this now, then when? It is sad and illogical that our children still can't see their teachers faces in the classroom

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120154 2022/02/24 9:39:26 Karoline K. Support of the Revocation

I fully support the revocation of the current standard. People should be allowed to choose for themselves whether or not they wish to wear a mask. Health-related decisions should not be dictated by the government, a government agency, or similar entity. The masks are extremely uncomfortable in any work environment. Please revoke the current standard and end the mask mandate

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120155 2022/02/24 9:59:51 Anonymous Why do I need to mask or vac?

I have had covid twice, I don't see why I should willingly introduce a foreign agent into my body when my body has already built up a resistance

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120156 2022/02/24 10:41:42 Lewis B Health mandates are illegal

Medical mandates are an unconstitutional breach of power and a stronger citizenry would not have let this happen in the first place. We now also have multiple peer reviewed sources that speak to the ineffectiveness of masks, lockdowns, and the vaccine. All efforts to enforce these are doing nothing but hurting more people and is increasing the likelihood of a massive class action lawsuit against the state on behalf of its citizens. The state can no longer play dumb to the psychological harm this is causing to developing children and it is time for the mandates to end

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120157 2022/02/24 10:44:03 Patricia Huntington End mask mandates for all Mask mandates were removed by our governor, Youngkin weeks ago! However, this dept. and school boards in Virginia are not following his order, but they did follow Northam's order immediately! Stop playing politics with the rights of Virginians! And this 30 day comment forum is a complete waste of time and just another political tactic this dept. and school boards want to use to continue to control us! We didn't have a 30 day comment forum when Northam made mask mandatory! No need for a 30 day comment forum to remove it! By the looks of ALL of the comments they agree to remove the mask mandates!

This should be done immediately to follow our governor's order he signed back in Jan. 2022

I'm a speech pathologist with VBCPS schools and it's extremely difficult to provide therapy speech sessions when the therapist is wearing a mask! The children need to see my mouth to learn how to say their sounds! Private schools have removed the mask mandates for both students and staff! So public schools should immediately follow suit!

Thank you,

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The current Virginia Standard was the subject of 60 day and 30 day comment periods and 2 public hearings.

120158 2022/02/24 10:48:22 Matthew Barkley End all Covid-19 mandates

The Covid Standard has put undue burden on Virginia's businesses. Its well past time to move on and let private business decide how to protect their employees

Covid is not a workplace hazard. It is a hazard that comes with everyday life. The mandates, masks, and lockdowns have done nothing to slow the spread. They have simply prolonged the agony and created a myriad of other problems

i 100% agree that all mandates on Covid-19 restrictions be lifted immediately

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120159 2022/02/24 10:58:46 Anonymous no more mandates.

All Covid-19 mandates need to be lifted immediately. The mandated have had little to no effect on Covid-19 in Virginia. vaccines and masks should be a freedom of choice issue

It's time for the state of Virginia to move on

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120160 2022/02/24 11:06:46 Anonymous Remove VOSH Standard

I think VOSH's standard was extremely helpful and necessary when it first was introduced, however, now we have reached the point where all the people who are willing to get vaccinated have and many who refuse to get vaccinated have antibodies from recently being infected. The people who are anti-mask seem to have reached a point where they just aren't going to wear them regardless, the standard just makes it more stressful on employers to try to enforce when people are simply refusing to comply

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120161 2022/02/24 11:06:53 Anonymous remove all covid-19 mandates
we are on year 3 of having unscientific and harmful restriction placed on businesses in Virginia. it's time to move along and get back to life

END ALL COVID-19 MANDATES IMMEDIATELY

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120163 2022/02/24 11:14:19 Anonymous repeal Northam's Covid Standard all covid-19
mandates on private businesses need to be repealed immediately.

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120164 2022/02/24 11:48:28 Anonymous No More MasksEnd the mask mandate for Virginia
now!!

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120165 2022/02/24 11:48:36 Anonymous remove all covid mandates For something intended
to slow the curve we are approaching year 3. The time has long passed to end all mandates and allow
individuals to make their own choices and not be further mandated or dictated

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120166 2022/02/24 11:51:56 Anonymous Masking in Public is Still Necessary COVID
continues to be a threat to public safety, especially in workplaces where employees work in close
proximity and where they work with the public

It is irresponsible to remove mask requirements at this time, especially as newer variants are more easily transmitted than previous variants, and the vaccines are less effective against newer variants. This will result in even more variants as the virus is spread more rapidly

Masking does not hurt anyone and is the easiest, most basic way we can get back to a normal way of life as COVID still continues to mutate and spread through communities. If a person has a legitimate medical reason not to mask they can get an exemption or stay home since they are in the minority and most people can mask safely with no consequence other than minor inconvenience

I will not feel safe in public or at work if the people around me are not masked. This is especially important when most employers do not offer adequate sick time or sick pay so that people who are ill can stay home.

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120167 2022/02/24 11:52:50 Josh Remove all mask/vaccine mandates. More and more studies are coming out that refute the bogus idea that masks work

Surgical masks were invented to keep BACTERIA at bay. NOT a microscopic virus. A good analogy is that wearing a mask to stop a virus is like throwing sand at a chain link fence. It does not stop anything

Vaccine mandates are just inhumane and I fully expect the rise of myocarditis and clotting cases will bring forward the Nuremburg trials 2.0. We are all part of the biggest vaccine study ever, we are the test subjects and we are finding out very quickly how bad this vaccine is

If someone is that scared of this virus (99.7% survivable), THEY can wear a mask and get a vaccine, the rest of the population should not be punished for those that scared to go outside. The fear mongering in the media and the cowardice of democratic governors (Northam), has ruined so many lives, and I hope to GOD they are all held accountable.

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The Department does not respond to political commentary.

120168 2022/02/24 11:55:06 Jessie End Workplace Segregation Please allow this standard to expire. It is antiquated and leads to horrendous segregation in the workplace. Requiring employers to treat the non-vaccinated (unclean) any different than the vaccinated (clean) is wrong no matter which side of the aisle you are on. All workers have a right to their own personal health mitigation strategies - employers should not have the final say. End the draconian rules that were implemented in a time of fear and allow our Commonwealth to begin her healing process

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120169 2022/02/24 11:58:20 Anonymous end the mandates, allow doctors to treat covid-19
on March 25, 2020 the health director for VDH, Norman Oliver, issued a memorandum to
doctors and pharmacies not to prescribe ivermectin, azithromycin, and hydroxychloroquine

now UVA Health is looking for participants to see if these drugs worked. why are they banning
potentially life saving drugs (FDA approved to treat various other illnesses) without knowing if they can
be helpful?

let doctors prescribe medicines to their patients that they feel will eliminate or reduce their symptoms
if doctors were allowed to treat covid, maybe sever death and disease could be avoided. Norman Oliver
has blood on his hands.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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The Department has no response to comments about VDH.

120170 2022/02/24 12:03:27 Nicole H Please lift ALL COVID-19 restrictions Please lift ALL
COVID-19 restrictions

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120171 2022/02/24 12:05:21 D Montgomery Please remove restrictions It is SO difficult to teach
all day, speak plainly, so that I can breathe comfortably while training our staff. I am at a distance, but
this is so hard.Please remove the restrictions.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120172 2022/02/24 12:07:44 Kyle E REMOVE ALL COVID-19 MANDATES Evidence has proven time and time again that the majority of COVID-19 mandates were not effective at preventing COVID deaths. Those that are scared of being exposed because mandates are lifted should take some personal responsibility and avoid situations where they are uncomfortable. The days of controlling the masses just to pacify the few need to stop. America is suppose to be the Land of the Free but lately it hasn't felt that way.

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120173 2022/02/24 12:09:32 Arlington Public SchoolsArlington Public Schools MASKS Please lets end the mask mandates for teachers! Give teachers a choice, just like the students, to make their own health decisions. I feel like the ones who want the mandate lifted are the silent majority as we do not want negative repercussions of speaking out since this is our place of employment. As an employee I have never been asked once what my opinion is

When will this madness end?

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120174 2022/02/24 12:15:40 J Basham DOLI mask requirement Based on the fact that masking is not effective unless you are wearing a N95 mask at all times and never spending anytime around other individuals the DOLI mask requirement needs to be removed. When the term "endemic" began to be used by those leading the White House effort all mandates locally, at the state level and federally should have been rescinded immediately. Please remove this requirement IMMEDIATELY

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120175 2022/02/24 12:34:26 LH Support Ending Covid19 Restrictions in Virginia Because we have known for some time now that the impact and severity of Covid19 (all variants, but now...especially Omicron) is both age-stratified (primarily the elderly) and those with certain preexisting conditions at any age..

I am in support of removing all vaccine and mask mandates across the Commonwealth of Virginia and allowing the individual to make their own health decisions in consultation with their doctor.

The VDH should promote an age-stratified wholistic approach to caring for those who become sick with the virus. The wholistic approach should include:

Robust early/home treatment options and protocols

Clinically proven inpatient hospital protocols

Do not restrict doctors from treating their patients in any way they see fit. They are sworn to do no harm. Let's trust them to think critically, understand medical science and advise their patients accordingly.

Do not restrict pharmacies from filling physicians prescriptions. Pharmacists are not the treating physician

Give all business types and sectors across Virginia the freedom to drop mask and vaccine mandates.

Here is an example of why the mask mandates should end: My wife and I recently visited our favorite restaurant on a Friday evening. We gladly waited 45 minutes for our table because we were delighted to see how busy they were. All the tables were filled...the bar had no seats available. It was very crowded. When we were seated at our table...we observed that virtually no one was wearing masks...except for the servers. It made no sense to require the servers (who were working very hard) to wear masks that only restrict their breathing and impair their ability to clearly communicate with patrons... while everyone else sat, laughed and enjoyed both their food and company.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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The Department has no response to comments concerning VDH.

120176 2022/02/24 12:44:56 C. Morland COVID isn't over just because you're over it! The spread is still out of control and it IS a serious threat when emergency rooms and hospitals have less resources for normal emergencies and scheduled surgeries are being postponed. People might not be dying of covid as often, especially if vaccinated, but there will be deaths as a result of removing laws to mitigate the spread!

+E818

Honestly, masks in a medical setting should be required forever and it is crazy they were not before

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120177 2022/02/24 13:03:28 Family Physician Remove mandates and restrictions Please remove all mandates and restrictions related to COVID-19. Please remove the emergency rules and regulations in both the public and private sectors, and remove all the emergency authorizations that were put in place.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120178 2022/02/24 13:15:06 C. Clark Please end mask mandates Please end the mask mandates in our public schools. I am a special education teacher in a public school and the masks are no longer needed. Everyone in my school is vaccinated and boosted. Most of the children are vaccinated yet some come into the school wearing double masks. We sometimes can't hear each other speak and it impacts the work I do with students. We are all exhausted and we need to stop this insanity SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120180 2022/02/24 13:28:32 Anonymous No more workplace mandates! At this point, they are divisive and unscientific. No more workplace mandates! At this point, they are divisive and unscientific.

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120181 2022/02/24 13:29:51 Anonymous No more mandates for the workplace. It's not an administrative remedy people thought it would be No more mandates for the workplace. It's not an administrative remedy people thought it would be

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120182 2022/02/24 13:30:18 Andre Please End Discriminatory Vaccine Mandates I am a black American and I'm being discriminated against because I choose to dare make my own free personal medical choices. Please end these discriminating mandates. All I want is to go to work handle responsibilities and leave be in freedom an alienable right

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120183 2022/02/24 13:30:27 Anonymous Please no more required testing for unvaccinated employees. Doesn' Please no more required testing for unvaccinated employees. Doesn'

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120184 2022/02/24 13:36:53 DEAN DAVID END MASKING END MASKING!!!! LET'S MOVE ON NOW!!!!

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120185 2022/02/24 14:22:54 TeacherEnd masks now End mask mandates

Masks may have had a positive effect at the beginning of the pandemic, but now that vaccines are out and those who wanted them received them, I see no more purpose of masking. The virus is here to stay, and it is weakened now. As a teacher, it inhibits my ability to communicate as needed with my students. I teach language, and because of the masks, my students can't see the way my lips move as I pronounce, and each word is muffled by the mask. I'm not able to fully express myself, and I find my students zoning out more due to not being able to read my lips. They can tune me out, because there is a lack of communication. It also does not make scientific sense to allow parents the choice to mask their kids or not, but force educators to. Please end these mask mandates, and let people choose whether they would like to wear one or not. Forcing us to wear them not only separates us more as a nation, but also makes us feel more isolated and hidden. We cannot live the rest of our lives wearing masks and living in fear.

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120186 2022/02/24 14:26:59 Emily H. Need Protective Legislation Partnered With These Choices Good Afternoon!

Is there a plan to draft state laws that protect employees with high-risk health conditions or who are caregivers of someone with a high-risk condition (e.g. children under 5, a partner with diabetes, an elderly family member or person under their legal guardianship) from retaliation-through things like hourly work reductions, pay reductions, or firing- by employers when there is a need to work from home or to quarantine from ill coworkers? More, is there a plan to protect those workers' pay should they need time off to pursue vaccination, fall ill, or care for an ill family member/member of their household? Next, is there any companionate proposed legislation that subsidizes small, local businesses so they can provide paid leave options to employees? Workers with vulnerable medical health and/or with family members with vulnerable medical health risk becoming disabled or risk death with covid infections. It is not only cruel to put the lives/livelihoods of workers with medical conditions at risk, it is also economically unsound to put Virginia's already vulnerable workforce at risk for shrinking

The wHaT AbOuT tHE fLU? crowd has a point. Can this legislative move be partnered with paid medical leave and other worker protections for covid and other illnesses?<

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The Commenter's question concern legislative action outside the control of the Department.

120187 2022/02/24 14:30:30 Anonymous Remove Mask Mandates Each person should have the right to decide if they want to wear a mask or not. It is not up to the government to decide that for us.

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120188 2022/02/24 14:33:56 Paul Mask Requirments Please end the mask mandate SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120189 2022/02/24 15:33:59 Darlene JacksonI'm Over It
Virginia no longer needs the precautions associated with the Covid-19 virus. We have followed CDC guidelines for two full years and hopefully avoided 1,000s of deaths, but it is now time to reopen the Commonwealth of Virginia. This includes mask mandates for the workplace

Thank you!

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120190 2022/02/24 16:07:34 Max Kreutzer I lean HARD liberal/leftist, but eventually, we must draw a line.

Scientific data no longer supports that masks have a significant effect on the health of those who wear and those around them. Scientific data no longer supports that masks have a significant impact on the spread of the virus. Either of these cited factual evidences are googlable- and supported by a vast majority of States' health departments. For a long time, there was a reason for these masks. They protected us- and for many, helped us feel safe. The data is no longer there. Facts over feelings. Feelings before facts. End the mandate

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120191 2022/02/24 17:36:28 Kayla End the Covid-19 mandates

As if life isn't stressful enough, trying to remember masks (and clean ones for that matter) everywhere we go with 3 small children is no small feat. Worrying about finding time to fit in the required weekly Covid tests because I am unvaccinated is not productive. Not only is it taking up my time, but it's proven to be ineffective

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120192 2022/02/24 18:13:00 Anonymous Masks

Masks need to go for students and staff. With options to wear

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120193 2022/02/24 19:14:40 Anonymous End the mask mandates

To whom it may concern,

Please end the mask mandates. I know people who had contracted COVID-19 that always wear masks and who have been vaccinated as well

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120194 2022/02/24 19:26:16 Anonymous End the mask mandate

Being a person who has had COVID three times two of which I was wearing the mask everywhere it's completely useless and makes work more of a pain all mandates of masks and vaccines need to be ended

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120195 2022/02/24 19:27:20 Anonymous Mask mandate requirement for workers VOSHA

End the mandates . In my workplace environment it does no good wearing the mask, most of the time we don't have any soap or towels in the restrooms to even wash our hands. Company doesn't sanitize work areas so the masks are of little help

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120196 2022/02/24 19:38:29 Ryan Reeves End All Workplace Mask Mandates

Workplace mask mandates accomplish nothing. End All workplace and business mask requirements and Covid-19 related restrictions for ALL employees

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120197 2022/02/24 19:45:09 Gregory Pfaff Masks are PROVEN not to protect against Omicron

It's time to stop the madness and end mask mandates for all employees. There's no reason to continue this mandate

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120198 2022/02/24 19:59:07 Anonymous Lift the mandate

It has been proven that masks do not protect anyone. There is no reason for us to wear them anymore

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120199 2022/02/24 20:03:00 Richard Ponton Lift the mandate

End the mandate for employees!

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120200 2022/02/24 20:13:30 Anonymous Mask mandates

End the mask mandates for everyone

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120201 2022/02/24 20:23:19 Anonymous End all workplace mask mandates, including medical offices and teachers. End all workplace mask mandates, including medical offices and teachers.

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120202 2022/02/24 20:27:59 David CDC Guidelines

This shouldn't be a political matter. It's a medical issue. I would urge you to follow the guidelines of experts at the CDC and remove mask mandates when appropriate. You'll be doing what's best for Virginia to the best of our knowledge. Everyone gets a say, the ignorant and the knowledgeable; the whiny and the expert. Don't let people who claim they can't breathe through masks sway you. Obviously, they are still alive after all this time, so their inconvenience is more important to them than their responsibility to their fellow citizens. But, there will be a time for this to pass as well. So, weigh the options and do what's best for Virginia

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120203 2022/02/24 20:43:19 Taylor End mask In work place

END MASK MANDATE! If you want to wear one you can but don't force others to

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120204 2022/02/24 21:30:23 Jane Get Back To Normal!!!

Covid is over in and it is time to lift all Covid-19 mandates. End the mask mandates, EVERYWHERE!!! End all vaccines mandates and let people get back to work!!! Lift all Covid restrictions and mandates and let's get the Commonwealth of Virginia back to Normal!!

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120205 2022/02/24 22:49:28 Educator Masks Off

If the masks can come off students on March 1, they should also come off of the Educators. Why must we be smothered for another 19 days?

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120206 2022/02/25 1:27:48 Anonymous END MASKS! NO MASKS!

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120207 2022/02/25 2:02:21 William simpkins Remove masks Remove the mask mandate

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120209 2022/02/25 3:24:36 Angela Collins Masks are pointless Even the box of the masks provided at work state it will not protect you against the Rona. Masks do nothing. They are completely utterly pointless. So just get rid of the mandate

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120210 2022/02/25 4:31:25 Donna End Mask Mandates in all work places It's stupid ro have a mask mandate I'd your not practicing social distancing and sanitizing in the work place. It's getting hotter which is making it difficult for us to breath. The masks so not work so why should we wear them

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120211 2022/02/25 6:19:48 Stephen Hudson Mask mandatesMask mandates are a pointless abuse of power. End them now!

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120212 2022/02/25 6:27:09 Atlantic Builders Drop standards Drop standards - there is no need to protect anyone at the point from COVID19. Those who want vaccines will get them. Those who don't will not. Individuals should protect themselves as they see best

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120213 2022/02/25 6:54:32 Holly Support of Revocation I completely support the revocation of the mask requirement. I work in a school and children have the option to takeoff masks. We've even been told that visitors coming into the school have the option of not wearing a mask. It's time that we have that option as well!

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120214 2022/02/25 7:14:56 Brandon Roth End mask mandates Unmask our teachers. The damage caused by them outweighs the the close to zero benefit. Our children need facial feedback from their teachers, and our teachers jobs are difficult enough without reducing their oxygen

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120215 2022/02/25 7:56:37 Eric R Harrell - Great Bridge Mechanical, LLC End mask mandates
To whom it may concern,

The current mandate concerning masks and/or face coverings in the workplace do not line up with the common sense approach currently taking place in the schools. Make it optional for everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to comment

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120216 2022/02/25 8:24:28 Anonymous End the mask mandate! End the mask mandate

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120217 2022/02/25 8:26:47 Anonymous Mask Mandate Please end mandates on masks. There was never proof that they work in the first place. Thank you!

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120218 2022/02/25 8:43:31 James E GordonMask's I want My employer to follow the guidelines that the governor has set forth. Give everyone the option to wear a mask if they want to, and allow people to make a choice. Masks should be up to the event individual. It's our choice

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120219 2022/02/25 9:08:36 D Barr NO MORE MASK let us live free and make our own choices
Lift all restrictions and let each citizen of this state decide his or her own mind up weather to mask up or not. The government overreach has to stop

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The Department does not respond to political commentary.

120220 2022/02/25 9:10:18 Anonymous End the mask End this mask update or you will have a state strike on this matter. We the people have had enough of mask. We are tired of getting our job threatened about a mask that does not work! We are tired and getting ready to take action in our own hands. Enough is enough

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120221 2022/02/25 9:17:57 Curtis Vick Why? This is the most ridiculous thing I have ever seen! The people elected these offices to make these calls! That's what happened. STOP PLAYING POLITICS WITH MY KIDS AND MY FAMILY! The mask have done little to no good to stop anything Covid! If so this mess would not be running 2 years and going. End the political play in the schools. I have written the Governor and I'm requesting the names of the ones who made this decision. If they were an elected official I will ensure that my vote will not be cast for them! If appointed I will ensure that the

person that appointed them will not get my vote. STAND DOWN! My children are not your vote puppet/hostages!

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120222 2022/02/25 10:20:17 Dawn Espelage Individual Freedom vs Others' Safety As someone who works and lives with a vulnerable population, I have seen first hand deaths from COVID - including those who were fully vaccinated. I don't enjoy wearing a mask - worse is the idea that I might infect someone. As the mask restrictions have decreased, my freedoms and funds (i.e., grocery delivery) have decreased as I have to reduce the risk of carrying an infection. I will continue to mask regardless of mandates; however, those that don't want their freedom infringed upon by not wearing a mask are endangering others. I always thought that's where freedom ended and the greater good began. There is another variant, considered more contagious making it's way across the world and no one knows yet what that will look like in terms of another surge. Even during this down-trend, reportedly over 100,000 people are infected daily and over 2000 die every day due to COVID. Mask wearing is not about Republican beliefs vs Democrat beliefs; it's not about individuals right vs government intervention; it's about caution and caring for one's neighbor

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120223 2022/02/25 10:38:16 Anonymous Masks for Adults in Schools It is time to remove the mask mandate for employees. If masking is optional for public school students, masking for employees of school divisions should be a personal choice as well. Adults in school settings can easily be in a room of 30+ non-social distanced, non-masked students for hours a day. Keeping only the adults in masks is not protecting us from disease transmission. Plus, having the teachers and school leaders in masks has made and continues to make verbal communication in the classroom, which is of high importance in education, yet one more challenge for public educators to figure out. Right now, there are 8-year-olds making the decision not to mask (well in theory, parents' decision but, no shocker, they don't always listen to their parents when they are out of their sight) so why are public educators, as adults, not allowed a choice?

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120224 2022/02/25 10:39:36 Anonymous complete removal of Covid standard the entire Covid Standard by comrade Northam needs to be repealed. masks, reporting, etc. its time for personal choice and responsibility private business will protect their employees

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The Virginia Standard was adopted by the Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board.

The Department does not respond to political commentary.

120225 2022/02/25 10:40:44 Anonymous Increase mask mandates and vaccine requirements
Thousands are dying every day and thousands more will continue to die due to people not currently respecting mask requirements and not being vaccinated. Mask mandates should be reinstated in areas that are on the uptick and vaccines should be required for employment

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120226 2022/02/25 11:16:42 Deb all health matters must be personal choice Our government has no right to make health decisions for any individual. There is much science that shows the value of any health mandates is questionable at best and more likely harmful.

To be truly free we must protect the rights of each and every person to make health choices for themselves and their families, and make it illegal to discriminate based on personal health choice. It must be illegal to require any health intervention for participation in any form of employment or public access to any business

Every person has the ability to choose to protect themselves and keep themselves healthy, no government organization can make the best decision for any individual

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120227 2022/02/25 12:15:16 Anonymous Remove all mandates for ALL At present, there is no state of emergency. People are getting on with their lives as is evidenced by the Super Bowl and other

events whereby people are not wearing masks. Accordingly, all mandates should end. Children are not able to properly learn when they can't see the mouths of their teachers, and cannot hear their teachers properly because the mask muffles their voices. Covid has become a malady that people must learn to live with. Those who wish to be vaccinated or to want an extra layer of protection may wear an appropriate mask to get that protection, but all other people should not be subjected to vaccinations or masks or other measures they choose not to follow. Freedom and choice matter. Personal responsibility matters too: those who wish to continue wearing masks may wear masks. Those who do not feel the need for the protection of a mask, should not be mandated to wear them

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120228 2022/02/25 12:27:16 Garnette Owens Time to end the Amended Standard It is time to eliminate the Amended Standard for COVID-19 as soon as possible!

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120229 2022/02/25 12:56:56 Anonymous Remove the mask Summer is approaching quickly those of us who work

In a factory where it is impossible to have air are miserable

In the summer wearing the mask all of us stay sick

And many have passed out end the mask mandate!!!

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120230 2022/02/25 14:18:54 Teresa Van Ness Stop this 30 day comment period nonsense/stop all mandates Just STOP. Enough people see through all of the nonsense related to Covid. Stop ALL mandates to include mask mandates. Stop the fear-mongering. Start making decisions based on highly credentialed docs who provide peer reviewed data supporting the opposite of what gov't agencies stand for

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120231 2022/02/25 14:49:20 Anonymous END ALL MANDATES Please remove the mask mandates! Our rights have been infringed on enough!

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120232 2022/02/25 14:50:04 Sarah Sprinkle End the Mask Mandates!! Please put a stop to mask mandates, allow for personal choice

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120233 2022/02/25 16:03:31 K Whitley VBCPS End it all Why wait for 30 days of comments when one week shows that out of 800+ responses maybe 5 ppl want them to remain??? It should be personal choice and should have ended about a yr ago. I predict that years from now there will be studies done on young adults who are having health problems due to years of breathing in the same thing that environmentalists claim are killing the world.....carbon dioxide. Who knows what this is doing to developing brains. And I hope, IF this was ever to be put upon us again, everyone puts their foot down and just say H E double hockey sticks if everyone just said no then that would be that

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120234 2022/02/25 16:08:00 State Employee and Parent of 3 Revoke the VA Standard As a citizen and employee of the Commonwealth, I can appreciate the government wanting to maintain a certain level of safety and caution in the workplace and schools when it comes to viruses such as the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that causes COVID 19. However, when it comes to any other medical decision, the safety and caution taken to maintain one's health has always been up to each individual person and if under 18, up to the parent / legal guardian of that child. This should include the use (or lack thereof) of mask wearing.

I urge the DOLI to revoke the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19. Allow individuals to decide on their safety; on whether or not masks are a good option for them and their children. Allow students in daycare facilities and public schools the ability to learn from their teachers by being able to see their faces. For the youngsters in daycare,

learning to speak, learning to read and learning to communicate in general needs the ability to view facial expressions.

Please allow the mask mandate to end for all state employees, teachers, daycare workers and students. Masks should never be a requirement by a government agency!

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120235 2022/02/25 16:15:29 William Stewart COVID-19 Mandates All mandates must be lifted

Instead, the VDH and regional health districts must publicize known COVID-19 preventive measures such as Vitamins C & D, etc., as promulgated on the flccc.net website

Furthermore, all Virginia hospitals, clinics and the like must permit any medical doctor licensed in the Commonwealth with privileges in that facility to prescribe any FDA approved medications that they feel appropriate for the prevention and treatment of COVID-19, whether on or off label. Examples are Ivermectin and Hydroxychloroquine. Medical doctors who are officers and directors of institutions failing to do so shall lose their licenses to practice medicine in the Commonwealth

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120236 2022/02/25 16:19:13 TeacherTired End mask mandates

Masks may have had a positive effect at the beginning of the pandemic, but now that vaccines are out and those who wanted them received them, I see no more purpose of masking. The virus is here to stay, and it is weakened now. As a teacher, it inhibits my ability to communicate as needed with my students. I teach language, and because of the masks, my students can't see the way my lips move as I pronounce, and each word is muffled by the mask. I'm not able to fully express myself, and I find my students zoning out more due to not being able to read my lips. They can tune me out, because there is a lack of communication. It also does not make scientific sense to allow parents the choice to mask their kids or not, but force educators to. Please end these mask mandates, and let people choose whether they would like to wear one or not. Forcing us to wear them not only separates us more as a nation, but also makes us feel more isolated and hidden. We cannot live the rest of our lives wearing masks and living in fear

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120238 2022/02/25 17:22:16 School Staff Member Freedom to Choose I work in a public school. Recently, our students were given the option to mask or not in school. We as staff must still mask though. It seems silly that the children and their parents have more rights to choose what is best for them than the adults in the building. End all mask mandates now

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120239 2022/02/25 17:56:10 Anonymous Keep the mandate in place Laws are in place for safety. I'd like to continue to be safe. Thanks

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120240 2022/02/25 18:17:08 Tired Teacher Enough Already I've had to learn to be a teacher, from my house. I don't know what nearly any of my colleagues actually look like, aside of their eyes. Same with most of my students. Collaboration is minimal, because everyone was actually told to stay away from each other and our school office was actually locked, to all teachers, last year

I am tired of wearing a piece of fabric over half my face, in order to visually satisfy people who are afraid. It is forced, against my will, on a daily basis. I either do this or not be able to keep a roof over the heads of my family. I know it does absolutely nothing. It's a piece of fabric that has become a political statement. There is no scientific support for its effectiveness. I have seen disabled students, who cannot move independently, forced to wear masks that end up in their mouths and they can't even tell us they're miserable

It's been 2 years. Enough, enough, enough. I don't need the fake protection. Our health should be our own responsibility. The mental health toll has been astronomical. We will be seeing the fallout for years. I am tired of having to talk myself into entering the building and spending my day feeling smothered, while dealing with kids who have severe behavior problems. My glasses fog up. I feel overheated. And, I got a cold from a student, last year, wearing this useless piece of fabric. Every staff member in our room caught the same cold. Because...these masks are useless and everyone knows it. They're security blankets. Nothing more. It's time to face the what if's and move on. We're adults. Let us make our own choices. Teachers have paid a heavy price. We, at least, deserve to be able to choose whether or not we feel the need to protect our health or breathe freely

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120241 2022/02/25 18:33:23 Jonathan Bottoms Return to Normalcy It is time for Virginian's to take responsibility accountability for themselves - and themselves, only. Thank you for your hard work through these trying times, but revoking this standard is the next logical step in the right direction. Let's all move on, together

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120242 2022/02/25 19:35:06 Nick End all mandates Please end all mandates cause it's doing way to much damage mentally than the threat of COVID ever did to me

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120243 2022/02/25 19:48:10 Sick and Tired VBCPS Teacher No More Masks...Read My Lips I'm a second grade teacher in Virginia Beach. I have my vaccines, my booster, and I have had Covid 19. Why am I still being forced to wear a mask? Enough already! My students need to see my face. They need to see my lips when I'm teaching them how to read. Please

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120244 2022/02/25 20:26:47 Dana Enough. End all the Covid mandates. It's time to end it the mandates and move on. Many of our children are now afraid if they leave the house without a mask they will die. This is what these policies have done

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120245 2022/02/25 21:42:12 Primary K-1 Teacher End Masking for Educators It is time to stop masking educators. My K1 children are missing out on crucial phonemic instruction because I'm masked. It is impossible for little ones to distinguish similar sounds when one cannot see my mouth. Virginia is going to see an increase in articulation errors and a need for SPED intervention for this reason. The greater good is NOT MASKING their teacher, it's letting children and their teachers interact normally for the first time in 2 years. They need to see the joy in my face when they've done a great job.

They need to see my expression as I read a story. The whole situation has been heartbreaking, but you can do the right thing and remove the excessive restrictions of masking employees of VA

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120246 2022/02/25 23:41:03 Lebrina Quesenberry End all covid-19 Mandates!!!! No Mask !! No vaccines!!! Free to choose!!! No mandates!!!

We're Americans FREE TO CHOOSE!!! STOP MANDATED MASK AND VACCINES !!!

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120247 2022/02/26 6:57:14 Anonymous CDC SAYS NO MORE MASKS For those still wanting to follow CDC guidelines (which are NOT law) - it says people should "wear masks in areas where covid is straining the hospital systems. And as that is not happening (remember, hospitals need to operate at 95% full in order to turn a profit) and omicron is basically the only strain running around (and it is a cold) - it is clearly time to stop the overreaching mandates and standards.

Masks are not bringing the numbers down.

We know this because they did not stop the numbers from rising!

Wear a mask IF YOU WANT - stop projected your fear on everyone else.

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120248 2022/02/26 7:50:28 Primary Teacher End Mask Mandates for Teachers

Children have held the weight of this pandemic on their shoulders for long enough. I am proud of them for stepping up to keep their community safe when it was necessary, but that moment has passed and continuing non-sensical mitigation strategies is absurd at this point. I am a first grade teacher and mother of two young children in public schools. My students and my own children have done everything asked of them. They have missed their own birthday parties, field trips, field days, missed a family wedding out of town, and received both vaccines among numerous other things. Are these things worth it to keep people safe? Absolutely. But science and simple math are proving that

these sacrifices are no longer necessary. Neither of my children have seen a normal school year yet. They have no memories of seeing a teacher smile at them. Think about that. I fear that we are far underestimating the impact of social interaction, facial cues, speech/articulation and language issues as a result of children being masked for years. I am CERTAIN that we are far underestimating the impacts of reading and language instruction as a result of masks. It is well-proven fact that an extremely important part of early phonemic awareness and phonics acquisition (the most important building blocks of reading and strongest indicators of future reading proficiency) is hearing the nuances in sound and seeing the position of the mouth when making sounds. My students need to see my face. They need to see me smile. They need to see my expression as I'm reading aloud to them. You cannot have legislation for the science of reading making its way through the house and senate (finally!) and ignore the science behind these facts. DOLI regulations are completely out of line with current research and recommendations from the rest of the country. Teachers are exhausted. We have stepped up to do an already difficult job in a nearly impossible way and we deserve to take our masks off. Do not let a small group of teachers who are "scared" be louder than those who want to put our children first. If anyone thinks germs are new to primary teachers, they are sadly mistaken. There are several childhood diseases that can be dangerous if given to pregnant women (fifth disease, etc).. I assumed those risks when I worked with 20+ children every day throughout both of my pregnancies. I did not refrain from hugging and teaching my students to the best of my ability because of that risk to my personal safety. I challenge anyone to explain how this is different. It's time to move on. I've done my part - if people want to continue to wear KN95s to protect themselves, they can do theirs. This is urgent for our schools and should not be put off a moment longer

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120249 2022/02/26 7:50:30 Anonymous Protection for Hairstylist As this workplace standard is reviewed, please consider all types of workplace situations. Hairstylist and personal care staff are in as close contact with clients as medical staff are to patients. There should be guidance in place for the protection of hairstylist and personal care providers and their clients

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A draft Guidance document is available at: https://www.doli.virginia.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/DOLI-Guidance-for-Employers-to-Mitigate-the-Risk-of-COVID-19-to-Workers-03.01.2022_FINAL.pdf

120250 2022/02/26 9:01:15 Richard W. - Police Officer End it Masks were never necessary. The 6-foot rule was as made up as the food pyramid. Millions of people were marketed a lie that those supposed mitigation measures would save lives. They bought the lie in good faith, ingrained it, and became fearful of death from a virus that had pretty specific overall targeting of its victims. The people were not informed how to reduce their risk of health issues via proper wellness techniques and

behaviors. I could go on, but this has been over for more than a year and the only thing that changed is people's propensity to vote against the corrupt politicians who brought us to this point

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120251 2022/02/26 9:02:27 Matt Mask mandate Get rid of the standard and drop the mask mandate! Let's get back to some normalcy here!! This standard has been a largely expensive and cumbersome undertaking for businesses. Enough is enough

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120252 2022/02/26 9:10:36 TeacherNo more masks for educators The vast majority of teachers are vaccinated. It's time for children to see our faces. This is unfair to children and teachers. Time to move on

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120253 2022/02/26 9:21:29 Elementary Teacher Enough. The rest of the world has moved on. Children and teachers are being held hostage by political nonsense. End mask mandates in schools/for teachers

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120254 2022/02/26 9:39:05 Anonymous Masks OFF for teachers Unless you have been inside an elementary classroom day in and day out for the last two years (spoiler alert - I have) you have no idea how much masks are impacting student education, especially in literacy. If children cannot see teachers mouths and understand them clearly to achieve a strong foundation in reading and language, we will have a much bigger issue on our hands then the small risk of Covid. Get your vaccine and take your masks off. Let teachers take our masks off so we can do our jobs effectively. This is no longer an

emergency. Keep up and do something about it; NOW not in 30 days. We, and our students, have been waiting two years. Where is the urgency to follow CDC recommendations immediately now?!

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120255 2022/02/26 10:06:42 Anonymous Teachers Choice! If masks are optional for everyone else, teachers should also have the right to choose! It is difficult to teach all day in a mask and causes headaches! In the elementary level, teacher e facial expressions are so important also!

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120256 2022/02/26 10:17:15 Wanda Bailey End mask mandates Cloth and disposable masks are not effective in curbing virus spread. Masks inhibit communication and effective workplace practices. Please eliminate this burdensome and ineffective mandate. Employees who are vulnerable can protect themselves with KN95 masks as one way masking has been shown to work with proper fit and diligent proper wear. Our teachers, staff, and children have suffered long enough!

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120257 2022/02/26 10:26:49 Tracy Bugg End workplace mask mandate Children deserve to see the faces of the teachers who teach them

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120258 2022/02/26 10:40:41 Jacklyn Clinedinst It's time for us to choose Masks are not allowing teachers to properly teach their students. Students cannot see our lips and mouth formation for words and phonics building. If parents have the choice to choose for their child to wear a mask, then why can't I choose whether I am masked or not. Let it be my choice. Let me go back to teaching like normal. Let me work on closing those gaps that these masks and COVID have created

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120259 2022/02/26 10:41:30 Teresa Van Ness What is the point of this 30 day comment period? More game-playing? Enough! Stop the game-playing. Stop all illegal mandates. ALL means ALL

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120260 2022/02/26 11:20:16 Anonymous Masks off of elementary teachers These masks need to come off immediately so we can get to work of closing all of the gaps created from 2 YEARS of not being able to teach reading/spelling/phonics/vocabulary effectively with muffled voices and no view of our faces. Not in 30 days ;now! I thought we listened to the CDC for guidance?!

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120261 2022/02/26 11:46:14 Greg Quesenberry NO MASK !!!! NO MASK !!! PERIOD!!!

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120262 2022/02/26 12:14:27 Vcu health employee Exhausted medical workers say stop It's been so long now that I couldn't tell you how long it's been but us medical workers have been pushed and shoved and mandated for so long that large majority of us are counting down to March when we will be granted mental health days because we all need it. We all may have different reasons but they are all related to working in a profession beat down by COVID. Not all of us could stand it, as we have lost a monumental portion of our staffing and many others are still considering leaving it behind. As for

myself I'd like to tough it out, at least for a little bit longer but these regulations looming over our heads, keeping us in a state of fear and uncertainty have to go. Every week for over a year I had to test 3 times to keep my job and if I ever forgot or if a test got lost I'd be reprimanded. A couple of months ago, one of my test that I have to pick up and drop off myself got lost in fed ex and my job was threatened and I was warned another missing weekly test then I will no longer have a paycheck to keep my daughter under a roof. This week I find out, because my employer changed insurance providers, that my insurance is being charged for these, unnecessary and personally unwanted tests but still they are falling on my tab. I am tired governor. And I'm sick of being punished for have concerns over my body pertaining to newly made concoctions. And as we all sit back and learn of changing recommendations, side effects and deaths pertaining to these mandates I and many of my coworkers stay riddled with fear that these testing mandates and vaccine mandates are going to put us in the streets. Please governor end the testing and vaccine mandates, I am tired and I want to try and open a nice fresh chapter in my loved and chosen career and try to enjoy some normalcy again at my workplace. Thank you,

Your dedicated but exhausted and mentally taxed medical providers

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The testing and vaccine mandates referenced by the Commenter are not part of the Virginia Standard.

120263 2022/02/26 12:22:57 Blaine D'Amico Keep the rules The rules are mostly about genwral sanitation requirements that control the spread of many communicable diseases. Regarding the masks although there is no enforcement from the state at least a customer has the law on their side when asking an employee to put their mask on. The anti mask mandate crowd is also the anti mask mandate crowd and they are shouting down the true majority who actually agree with these rules being kept

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120264 2022/02/26 12:34:41 Amanda Marshall Ending all mandates It is against the law to mandate an expiremental shot that cannot even be called a vaccine! A virus with a 99.8% survival rate didn't warrant a need for a vaccine. There are proven medications for this virus. Masks restricts oxygen and does nothing for the spread of the virus. Our economy has suffered enough from this disaster that should have never happened to start with!! End all these unconstitutional mandates Do what's right for the ppl of this country . Thank you!

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The Virginia Standard does not contain a vaccine mandate.

120266 2022/02/26 13:53:18 Donna Rogerson stop mandates, including discrimination against those without the shots It is time to live with this virus as being endemic - something we will all have to live with from now on, and responsibly as individuals to get treatment early. It is time to stop all the mandates and live our lives normally without constraint. While it is their right to run their business as they will, employers should be highly encouraged to not discriminate against those who have chosen not to get the shots due to medical or various reasons, and they need to be deprogrammed and educated that those without the shots are not more infectious or likely to spread disease, as we now know this is not the case

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Most people who currently get infected with the virus are unvaccinated people and are therefore more likely to spread the virus to others than fully vaccinated people.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/effectiveness/why-measure-effectiveness/breakthrough-cases.html>

120267 2022/02/26 14:31:59 Steve Mask No Mask at all

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120268 2022/02/26 14:39:37 Anonymous End The Mandates! I am pro-vaccine, anti-vaccine mandate. Masks should be OPTIONAL. Period. No one is stopping anyone from masking if that is what they choose to do. No one should be forced to wear a mask either. Freedom...what a concept

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120269 2022/02/26 14:45:22 Allison Remove all mandates! People of this state and all others should be free to make their own choices. We should not have mandates that effectively reduce our freedoms. Our biggest one is supposed to be the freedom of choice, choosing to mask or not and vaccinate or not are personal choices we should each be free to make on our own. And people are being

criminalized because of these mandates, it has caused families to separate and friends to become strangers. The government put people in a position to either stand by what they believe in and loose these friends/family or follow the blind science. Stop making it seem as though we have no free will, that as Americans has always been our best freedom and should have never been stripped away

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120270 2022/02/26 14:45:47 Robin Wilson MASKS KEEP RULES

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120271 2022/02/26 14:51:57 Dan Fogazzi Remove all mask where we work at!!! We need to have all masks off and remove where we work at employers need to know we have our rights to wear them or not... remove all mask

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120272 2022/02/26 15:01:24 Natasha No more masks!!! Remove all masks in business, public transportation, everywhere. Masks don't work!

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120273 2022/02/26 15:30:50 Teresa End it End ALL mandates!!!!!! No masks. No social distancing. No vaccine mandates or recommendations!!! We want our GOD given rights back NOW! You had NO right to do what you've done. I work for the school system and these stupid useless masks are doing nothing but harm!!!!!! The vaccines are useless!!! We've been lied to! Deceived! "I can't breathe";. Can't hear my children when they talk. They can't understand me half the time!!!! End it!!!!!!

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120274 2022/02/26 16:00:43 Anonymous Masks are obsolete Masks don't work for COVID (scientifically proven- actual real science). Vaccinated can spread, unvaccinated can spread and honestly our covid symptoms were the same as the flu we had in 2019, 2018 and 2016. He positive covid we had was exactly the same. Scientifically proven that the tests don't work, so what are we trying to prove? If ya wanna wear the masks, vax and continue to test, be my guest but it should not be mandatory as that data is PRIVATE and these decisions were DISCRIMINATORY in nature.. it was MEDICAL APARTHEID and all involved should be held accountable.. Especially made mandatory by those who don't have the authority to do so. It was irresponsible of Virginia to make knee-jerk decisions based on fraudulent and inaccurate data and wreck our lives. The numbers were falsely inflated

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120275 2022/02/26 16:12:13 Bonnie Cartwright/ VBCPS Teacher Unmask me please! I am a high school ESL teacher. Masks have been extremely detrimental in my students' language acquisition process. Teaching in a mask has been a horrible nightmare. Now, my students are able to make the decision for themselves, yet I am not. In addition, adult visitors to the building can unmask, but I still cannot. It is demeaning and insulting. Please remove this requirement immediately!

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120276 2022/02/26 16:35:23 Anonymous Time to move on It is time for these mandates to end. They are not supported by science or common sense. There is overwhelming public support to end them

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120277 2022/02/26 17:15:03 Anonymous Shameful and Reckless It seems to me that some businesses are more concerned about their pockets than doing what's right for the sake of humanity. More than 800,000 lives have been lost in this pandemic and now we, the citizens, argue about masks, vaccinations, etc. It seems that some would rather blow caution to the wind and don't care about who gets sick and die. In my opinion it is shameful!

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120278 2022/02/26 17:22:21 Ginny No new normal- We want the old normal Allow people to live freely again! Remove all vaccine, mask and distancing requirements! This has gone on long enough!

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120279 2022/02/26 17:35:37 Anonymous End the restrictions End the mask and Covid restrictions now

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120280 2022/02/26 17:46:59 Anonymous Proposed Revocation of the Virginia Standard of the SARS CoV2 that causes Covid 19 End all mandates for employees and businesses. Too many freedoms have been taken away and need to be restored to Virginians immediately. Medical decisions should be made by individuals not government

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120281 2022/02/26 18:26:03 Anonymous Drop Mask Mandates Considering that the CDC is saying masks aren't necessary, it's really time to drop the mandates. Furthermore, it's ridiculous that in

school, students don't have wear masks but teachers do. How is this based on science? It should be done now and not in mid-March

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120282 2022/02/26 18:29:44 Working member of society Freedom of choice If children can choose to wear masks in school, adults can choose if they want to wear one in the workplace

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120283 2022/02/26 18:38:14 Anonymous End mandates End mandates

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120284 2022/02/26 18:38:45 Zoe Byer End all mandates, restrictions and mitigation efforts
It. Is. Time. Move on. There is no need for mask mandates, quarantine time lines, testing, obsessive cleaning, or vaccine mandates or questions. Put public health back into the hands of the public. Put individual health, religious freedom and the right to prosperity back into the individual.

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120285 2022/02/26 18:39:34 Anonymous End all mask mandates Please remove all mask mandates for everyone immediately. Thank You

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120286 2022/02/26 18:42:27 Anonymous End all mandates now! If someone wants to wear a mask or two or take a vax or a dozen vaxes, go for it and help yourself! Don't force masks or vaxes on anyone else! Freedom of medical choice!

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120287 2022/02/26 18:46:16 Anonymous Unmask the teachers Unmask the teachers

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120288 2022/02/26 19:01:58 Lorie Jones Remove Mask Please remove mask!!

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120289 2022/02/26 19:19:01 Anonymous Teacher Choice Please give our educators the child to wear a mask!!

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120290 2022/02/26 19:32:07 Anonymous Remove COVID shutdown In the world we are in it is time to let people get back to normal activities and let them handle their own lives as far as protecting from sicknesses of other people. Open the businesses, government and schools so that we can be social and do our jobs

NO MORE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION. FREEDOM FOR ALL!

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120291 2022/02/26 19:32:08 Anonymous Remove COVID shutdown In the world we are in it is time to let people get back to normal activities and let them handle their own lives as far as protecting from sicknesses of other people. Open the businesses, government and schools so that we can be social and do our jobs

NO MORE GOVERNMENT INTERVENTION. FREEDOM FOR ALL!

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120292 2022/02/26 19:47:05 Anonymous Masks? If masks work, then why do we still have to wear them ? If you believe they work then why do you care if the person standing next to you isn't wearing one. If you think they work then wear one, two or six. But don't tell me I have to wear one !

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120293 2022/02/26 19:50:22 Anonymous Make Masks Optional for All Masks need to be optional for all immediately. -A teacher in Virginia Beach

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120294 2022/02/26 19:59:35 Anonymous Mask nonsense The pores on the masks are 3x the size of the virus particles . We have been wearing them for 2 years now. Isn't it obvious they don't work? I didn't get vaccinated to wear a mask the rest of my life !!!!

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120295 2022/02/26 20:12:45 Anonymous To mask or not mask that is the question. If you like wearing masks, then you should wear 10 !!! If you scared then stay home and hide under your bed wearing them. My body my choice. None for me thank you

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120296 2022/02/26 20:14:27 Anonymous A Mask for me As a sub, I will continue to wear a mask (yes I am vaccinated and boosted) but elementary schools are full of unvaccinated kids!

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120297 2022/02/26 20:24:19 Anonymous Masks Still ? Is it not ridiculous that masks are optional for students but not for staff ?? We don't count ?? What are we, just the hired help ??? Don't we have rights ??? Everyone call the attorney generals office and make your voices heard!!

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120298 2022/02/26 20:26:24 C G NO MORE MANDATES OR REQUIREMENTS, or INVASION OF MEDICAL PRIVACY END ALL COVID related restrictions and mandates NOW!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120299 2022/02/26 20:31:27 Anonymous Masks Still ? Since when does the Department of labor and Industry over ride the guidelines of the CDC ?? Wear all the masks you want to. I choose not to

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CDC Guidelines do not have the force and effect of law. The Virginia Standard has the force and effect of law.

120300 2022/02/26 20:35:53 Anonymous End all Covid restrictions Please lift all Covid restrictions, including mask wearing.

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120301 2022/02/26 20:42:48 Anonymous Attorney General's office number Call the Attorney General's office to end this mask stupidly!!! 804 786 2071

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The Virginia Standard can only be revoked by action of the Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board or the General Assembly.

120302 2022/02/26 20:57:21 Anonymous Enough is enough This idiotic idea of having to wear face diapers and test when you feel great is ridiculous. One seriously has to go for weekly testing to find out if they are sick or not. OMG, what did society do before the geniuses put this idea in motion. Yes, it may have killed people but so does Cancer every single day. The fear mongering is enough. I've had it and you know what,? I've been sicker with menstrual cramps!

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The Virginia Standard does not require weekly testing.

The Department does not respond to political commentary.

120303 2022/02/26 21:00:57 Anonymous Enough With the Masks! Enough is Enough!!! Data has been clear, rather crystal clear that masks do not work. Now I hear that it is ok for students not to wear masks, well then, What about us teachers?? I personally have been diagnosed in the past with not one, but two upper respiratory Medical conditions. Recently, I battled a cold and it was scary how difficult it was to breathe thru a mask. End this nonsense, VA!!! We citizens are aware that it is all about control, not our health

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120304 2022/02/26 21:05:20 Anonymous Visible Enunciation is Key When Teaching Language!

I am a language teacher, and the progress on my high school students has been so depleted due to me wearing a mask! It is pivotal for students to see mouth movements and enunciation when learning a foreign language. Hence, End The Mask Mandate for Teachers. They DO NOT Work!

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120305 2022/02/26 21:11:23 Anonymous End Mask Mandates Now! The world has existed for thousands of years with viruses of all kinds coming and going. I don't ever remember reading about a time in which so many lies were used in order to subdue people's rights. It is sad, rather scary to see how many people have been brainwashed and continue to believe that masks work. Masks should NEVER be the new normal, Ever!

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120306 2022/02/26 21:47:48 Tammy Vass Mask mandates End all Covid and mask mandates now! Enough is enough!!

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120307 2022/02/26 22:14:58 Anonymous End mask mandates for everyone End the mask mandates. Science from day 1 has proven masks do not work. It's now proven even the so called vaccines do not work. It's time to end the unlawful mandates. Let each individual go back to making his or her own medical decisions. Parents FINALLY have their rights back to their own children and the medical decisions regarding them. Let teachers and staff have their rights back regarding their own medical decisions

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120308 2022/02/26 22:25:17 Anonymous No proof masks work and no more restrictions. Enough is enough and the science does not support any of this

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120309 2022/02/27 1:30:48 Chris Morris Stop the mandates for masking, testing and required vaccines Stop all of the masking requirements for everyone! Stop mandated testing and mandated vaccines. People should be free to make choices for their own health. Masks do not work and currently some school divisions all visitors and students in with no masks but require them if employees. Stop it. We are sick of the ridiculous mandates

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The Virginia Standard does not contain a vaccine mandate.

120310 2022/02/27 7:08:58 Anonymous CDC just took the wind out of your sails It is time to get rid of ALL Covid standards and mandates

Not sure why we are having to wait out this process since the mandates and standards are all based on CDC guidelines and those have fully changed. End the mandates and standards now. People can wear one IF THEY WANT but it must be their choice

Although I'm not sure what all these mask-loving people did before Covid when germs were going around. Somehow they survived back then…

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120311 2022/02/27 7:12:49 Anonymous Unmask teachers
Unmask us teachers before we all walk off the job during SOLs! Continue to hold us hostage and we'll hold you hostage!! High stakes testing will not happen without us!! As the kids say E941BET!!

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120312 2022/02/27 7:22:39 Becky End all govt/ work place interference with our body autonomy. This is a personal choice period.
No government agency, political entity or work place employer should have any day in our health. No matter what into our bodies or not. Our medical decisions are our own. End all mandates for everyone including our children. Teachers should have the right to decide what they wear on their faces.

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120313 2022/02/27 7:33:44 Anonymous Unmask school Staff
Why continue to mask the school staff when students are optional. It makes no sense! Make masks optional not mandatory

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120314 2022/02/27 7:40:35 Teacher of Kindergarteners Mask choice
Parents can now choose for their children to wear or not wear a mask, so trust adults to make choices for their own bodies, as well. Children are not able to learn to read without learning sounds which is done by seeing mouth shape and enunciation. Masks in teachers and students have created a 2 year lag in phonemic awareness

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120315 2022/02/27 7:56:17 Winifred Midkiff, RN, BSN, CCM No More Healthcare Mandates!! No more ANY mandates!!

Over the past two years healthcare workers have put there hearts and souls into saving lives during this so-called pandemic. Yet thousands of healthcare workers have been fired for not taking a forced experimental, non-FDA approved injection. We have been forced to tests against our will multiple times weekly. We have been forced to wear a mask that has been proven scientifically to not prevent the spread of COVID. We have watched loved ones die alone because families were not permitted into hospitals to be with them in their last moments on this earth. We have seen the government dictate treatments that don't work in healthcare systems, big pharma medications that cost billions. However, doctors are not allowed to prescribe life saving, scientifically proven, inexpensive medications that will stop COVID and save lives with early treatment. Remdesivir shuts down your kidneys, liver, and eventually will cause multisystem-organ failure. We have GOD given rights, Constitutional Rights, civil rights, and Virginia Constitutional Rights, and the government is committing crimes against innocent citizens but not allowing us the freedom to choose what we will and will not allow into our bodies. Forcing shots, forcing masks that don't work, forcing expensive treatments that don't work and preventing treatments that do work is genocide!is illegal!!! This must stop immediately!! Those who continue to force these mandates will pay for there crimes! VAERS.org is only 1 percent of actual injuries caused by the shots. Thousands are disabled for life, thousands have died, thousands have had blood disorders such as hemorrhages, blood clots, pulmonary embolisms, GI bleeds, cancers, HIV syndrome, strokes, heart attacks, myocarditis, infertility, stillborns, and miscarriages. Enough! Everything being done goes against the Nuremberg Code. We The People will not allow this to continue. Remember who elected you! Remember who you work for, the citizens!!! Now go do what is right and end this tyranny against Virginians! Lastly, I will not apologize for my passion and my beliefs, that's my right too

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The vaccination and testing mandates referenced by the Commenter are not part of the Virginia Standard.

120316 2022/02/27 7:57:40 Becky Mask choice for teachers/staff in schools

We expect so much from our teachers and the pandemic has been an especially demanding and stressful time for them. Now, when others have the choice to mask or not in schools, our teachers and staff are not afforded the same choice. Masking has made it harder for teachers to communicate with their students. They have to speak louder and enunciate more, especially for younger students. Facial expressions are critical in communication and teachers do not have that tool to use when they are masked

Our of respect and consideration for our teachers/staff who work hard to educate our students, please give them the choice to mask or not while in school. We have made them into lesserstakeholders by not allowing them the personal autonomy that our students and school visitors have

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120317 2022/02/27 8:12:06 Teresa Mandates
End the mandates, freedom of choice

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120318 2022/02/27 8:17:09 Anonymous End masks
Masking should be the rights of individuals to decide not for you to decide. Please end your standard now! Covid numbers are in the decline too

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120319 2022/02/27 8:32:34 Anonymous End masks for school staff!!
Kids and visitors do not have to wear masks in schools, but staff are still required to. What kind of logic is this. This makes absolutely no sense. Kids need to see their teacher's entire face

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120320 2022/02/27 8:33:43 Anonymous Our choice Not Yours
How is it everyone that enters the school has a choice to not wear a mask but not the employees. This is wrong!!!! Please change this NOW!!

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120321 2022/02/27 8:59:51 Anonymous Masking is a choice
I work in the public school system and have been vaccinated. I believe that as staff we should have the choice to wear a mask or not. I find it ridiculous that those who followed the recommendations and received the vaccine are the last ones to be able to remove their masks while in the work place. It should be a choice

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120322 2022/02/27 9:44:35 Doug Stop the madness

The masks are useless in most cases. They may stop a sneeze from traveling across the room but they're not going to stop a virus which is microscopic and passes through almost all masks. A fitted and filtered full face mask is not 100% guaranteed to stop viruses. Stop forcing these regulations on people. If someone chooses to wear a mask and get injected with a "vaccine" that doesn't work it should be a choice not forced by government at any level

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120323 2022/02/27 9:58:10 Anonymous Call the Attorney General's office tomorrow !!!!

They have no right to go against the Governors ruling or the recommendations of the CDC !!!! Everyone call the Attorney general's office tomorrow 804 786 2071

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120324 2022/02/27 10:12:35 Anonymous Masks

I am forced to wear a mask at my job when the customers aren't forced, they are simply asked. Why does someone have to wear them but not all people? I'm fully vaccinated and boosted, always get my shots when I was social distancing before it was even a thing. I just don't like being around alot of people. That being said, while at work I'm forced to wear a mask to protect myself? Makes no sense at all since all the people I interact with don't wear one. It's taking the fun away from being there. It's putting stress on me when I definitely don't need any extra

I've worked the whole pandemic.

Im tired of wearing my mask.

Make it optional.

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The Department does not have jurisdiction over non-employees.

120325 2022/02/27 10:19:22 Anonymous Do it now. Can we follow other states and end the masking mandates? Not let;s review this for 3 months. Not we are considering the next steps. Do it now. Me being forced to wear a mask as a part of my job is unconstitutional. If I see 1k worth of people pass through my small store every day and I;m the only one wearing a mask what is the point? END THE MANDATE

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120326 2022/02/27 10:21:30 Anonymous No More Masks I am for the lifting of requirements for teachers and staff to wear masks. Requirements for students have already been lifted, so why should the teachers and staff be required to wear masks? The teachers and staff are far fewer than the number of students. It makes no sense to continue requiring teachers and staff to wear masks.

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120327 2022/02/27 10:24:57 Natalie Goulet End mandates for buses as well as teachers I throw away 20+ masks a day that kids leave on my bus. They don;t want to wear them, I dont want to wear them. Let there be CHOICE!

The waste, the trash I see everyday is unbelievable. Discarded masks littering my bus, the schoolgrounds, the roads... End the mandate please. We are over it.

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120328 2022/02/27 10:28:36 Anonymous No Masks Teachers should no longer be required to wear masks in the classroom. The CDC has changed their guidelines and masks should be removed immediately. There is no need for a 30 day window for public comments. There was no 30 day window for public comments when this rule was placed.

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120329 2022/02/27 10:35:10 Anonymous Masks optional for teachers too! Please and thank you

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120330 2022/02/27 11:09:09 Declan Daly, Citizen VA Rescind all COVID rules/mandates As the COVID 19 virus is in both the general population and workplace

As the most recent variant, Omicron, was able to infect those vaccinated or previous infected.

As the medical community, has three or more modalities of treatment, anti-viral perscriptions, anti-viral infusion, and robust in hospital medical protocols.

Therefore, all government mandates, statutes, and executive orders relate to COVID health emergency should be rescinded. Return the citizens to the pre COVID regulation/legal environment in all aspects of life. (Individual Vaccination Decisions, Home, Community, Employment, Travel

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120331 2022/02/27 11:14:44 Anonymous No more masks I feel that masks should be optional for teachers and staff effective immediately

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120332 2022/02/27 11:22:36 Ryan , High school teacher in CCPS End mask mandates NOW!

My name is Ryan and I am a high school teacher in CCPS. Today, I would like to share my comments of my public support for ending all mask mandates in our school system.;We, as teachers, need to lead by example and show our students we are no longer in fear of this virus. Many children are

only wearing masks because all of their teachers are wearing them; the fear has to stop. The last two years have been crippling for the mental, verbal and emotional development of our students. With the recent CDC recommendations of most adults no longer needing to wear masks and the recent study out from John Hopkins on mask wearing, shutdowns and their overall effect on the health of our children and adults, you will understand how important it is to end all mask mandates right now.

We need to build relationships with our students again and when teachers wear a mask, we send signals of anonymity and disconnect.;Communication with our students is usually misconstrued, confusing and often repeated behind a masked and muffled mouth and face. Some teachers find it very difficult to make genuine human connections with their students; it is easier just to put assignments online and tell them to watch videos and answer the questions online.

End the mask mandates for all people in the Commonwealth NOW! Let us be free again to make decisions on our own health, for every Virginian. Thank you for the opportunity to share my thought on this important matter. May God bless the Commonwealth of Virginia and God bless the United States of America!

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120333 2022/02/27 11:35:24 Anonymous Keep protections in place to save lives People matter more than freedom when it comes to life-threatening contagious diseases.Do NOT end Covid-19 protections while the disease is still active and killing a substantial number of Americans

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120334 2022/02/27 11:49:30 Anonymous End masks End masks for school staff!!!

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120335 2022/02/27 12:25:04 Anonymous Parent Remove mask requirements and make optional everywhere including teachers/ staff at schools Please remove mask requirements and make optional everywhere including teachers / staff at schools. Anyone can now get vaccinated and can wear masks if they choose. It is time to allow everyone including teachers and staff to have the choice to wear a mask or not.; Masks did not prevent my kids from getting covid at school and spreading it to me. Schools

should never close again due to covid.; There were so many negative ramifications as a result. Personally we are dealing with mental health issues with one of our children now including thoughts of taking her own life. It is time to end this madness, free our kids, and allow them to learn in a mask free (optional) environment. The covid school shut down is the worst thing that happened for our family. We witnessed directly how far behind our kids have fallen as well as the mental health problems as a result.; PLEASE make masks optional and never shut down a school completely again.

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120336 2022/02/27 12:25:30 Anonymous Keep the mask!! Save Life's!!!! Keep the mask!! Save Life SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120337 2022/02/27 12:26:19 Anonymous Keep the mask! Save Life SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120338 2022/02/27 12:28:26 Anonymous Wear if you want Wear if you like but not mandatory

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120339 2022/02/27 12:47:59 Patricia Zurawski Optional masking People say follow the science... Yes PLEASE. Survival rate is 98%+. The CDC said 75% of patients that died had other issues that made them at a higher risk.; REMOVE THE MASK... Give the CHOICE to wear or not to wear back to the PEOPLE.; LET FREEDOM RING!

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120340 2022/02/27 13:33:13 Public School Employee, VBCPS Optional Masking for AllTo whom it may concern,

I respectfully am writing to provide my input for your consideration.

At this time, and at all times, it should be each individual;s right to determine what protective strategies he/she uses throughout the day. For over two years, teachers have complied with the protocol set into place regardless of their personal choice or belief. It is now imperative that you revoke mandatory masking and allow individuals to regain their personal rights.; While others may say this endangers others, it does not prevent others from continuing to mask themselves or add in additional mitigations if they personally feel they are needed. It does however, allow each individual the choice to decide what is best for their own needs.

Thank you for your time. I appreciate your consideration to end mandatory masking for all!

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120341 2022/02/27 13:52:13 Anonymous No mask rules for all Teachers and Staff need to choose. ;Just stop this madness that makes no sense and is not even close to evidence based. You look ridiculous.

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120342 2022/02/27 14:11:27 Anonymous End all Covid mandates, no more masks Please end all Covid mandates. Masks should be illegal in Virginia. The crime rates are up because people can hide behind a mask. Most of the masks people are wearing aren;t protecting them anyway. They need to build up their immunity which will also help stop this virus from being so harmful. Masks are harmful to children and their development. The CDC has made them optional for students, but the school employees and bus drivers have to continue to wear them? That;s just crazy! The masks and other Covid restrictions are just causing harm to our society. This madness needs to end!

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120343 2022/02/27 14:53:27 Anonymous So everyone can remove masks, but teachers???

It is absolutely unfair that teachers have to wear masks still and not anyone else! Masks are doing nothing and teachers should have been some of the first to have them removed. Take them off for ALL!!! No wonder you are having such a teacher shortage!

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120344 2022/02/27 14:59:43 Anonymous No More Useless and Controlling Mandates I am NOT a slave of the government. The mask mandates are worthless as viruses can pass through the masks, and the huge amount of mask waste I see in parking lots is an ecological nightmare. End the experimental Vaxx mandates, as they dont keep you from catching or transmitting Covid. I lost my job due to the over-reaching mandate and zealot for a boss. I have natural immunity and no one recognizes that. End the medical tyranny!

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The Virginia standard does not contain a vaccine mandate.

120345 2022/02/27 16:21:10 Felicia H, Department of Defense No more senseless mandates

The COVID mandates are unfounded and provide no value. They are a form of segregation and government overstep of their authorities

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SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119371

The Department does not respond to political commentary.

120346 2022/02/27 16:35:55 Anonymous Masks if you choose Masks should remain for those who need to wear them or when area get to a higher transmission rate. We should not say we are never mandating them again as we cannot predict the future. Thank you.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119366

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120347 2022/02/27 16:41:43 Anonymous No more mask mandates masks if you feel the need to wear one!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120348 2022/02/27 16:43:24 Anonymous No more mask mandateIt is unfair that staff still have to wear masks while students and visitors do not

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120349 2022/02/27 17:52:29 Lori C End the standard The standard should be ended.;There is no basis for keeping such a health and safety standard for all businesses in the Commonwealth. This standard was flawed as it assumed all businesses were the same If you have workstations that are 6 ft or more apart, and staff are immunized, the standard said masks are required.The only carve out was if you were in a room alone.;There is no science to support that the immunized who are sitting 6 ft apart indoors must have a mask on unless they are in a room alone

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120350 2022/02/27 18:12:27 Anonymous End mask mandates EVERYWHERE Workers consumers ;everywhere should be free to choose whether it be in a school, drs office, grocery store, or restaurant.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120351 2022/02/27 18:17:51 Anonymous End all Covid mandates End the illegal mask mandates everywhere! They don't work...never did

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120352 2022/02/27 18:44:59 Anonymous End all mandates Let people make their own decisions. Enough with the masks already. Do not make my child wear one on the bus or anywhere else.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119366

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119374

The Virginia Standard does not apply to non-employee children.

120353 2022/02/27 19:13:18 Anonymous Why are we still waiting? CDC has changed their guidelines! As a sign language interpreter in a school system, these masks for staff have to go! So much communications happens on the face, whether its expressions or the movement of our lips, which means our deaf kiddos have been missing out on SO MUCH! Even the face shields we're sometimes allowed to wear instead are still creating a barrier. We can;t sign properly, the kids can;t see our faces properly, and they are falling further and further behind. Since the CDC has now changed their own guidance, can you please skip this additional 30 day period and end this now?

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120354 2022/02/27 19:16:46 Ellen Covid End all restrictions for covid weve had enough

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120355 2022/02/27 19:17:33 Enemies Covid And all restrictions for covid we;ve had enough

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120356 2022/02/27 19:34:54 Anonymous Option for teachers to wear mask Please, Allow teachers to have the option to choose to wear a Mask or unmask. It would be wonderful for students to see the smile of a teachers face that they haven't seen for 2 years. There is no reason to force them to mask if they don't want to after new guidelines from CDC saying no need to mask indoors in regions with low rates. Give teachers a choice.

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120357 2022/02/27 19:49:27 Penney End mask mandates End mask mandates immediately

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120358 2022/02/27 20:00:11 Anonymous End all mandates End all mandates

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120359 2022/02/27 20:12:10 Anonymous End all mandates Mandates are unconstitutional and should have never been enforced for a political plandemic.. At no point was there any proof of the effectiveness of these Mandates to protect ourselves or others.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120360 2022/02/27 20:16:40 Anonymous ENOUGH!!! Take the masks off of our kids AND teachers!!!!

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120361 2022/02/27 20:20:21 Teacher Unmask the teachers Unmask the teachers

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119366

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120362 2022/02/27 20:29:30 Random Stop the mandate I;ve been wearing a mask at work for years on end and it does no good. Time to stand up and fight for what is right! FREEDOM!!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120363 2022/02/27 20:30:01 Anonymous Please end the mandates and let us free of emergency decreesIt is never good for a people to live under an emergency forever. There comes a time where either the we learn to live with it or its no longer a problem. In either case the emergency portion must end. This shouldn;t take 30 days to do. It took no time to implement. Now it should take the same short period of time to remove. The emergency is over. Please end the restrictions and allow the intelligent people of Virginia to once again make their own decisions.

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120364 2022/02/27 20:50:55 Anonymous Flatten the curve ?? Two weeks to flatten the curve , remember? It's now two years later ! End this nonsense. If they worked then why are people still getting it???

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120365 2022/02/27 21:04:06 Anonymous Mask nonsense If you really think they work ,then why do care if the people around you aren't wearing them? Maybe you should wear ten and hide in your closet!!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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The Department does not respond to political commentary.

120366 2022/02/27 21:31:27 Anonymous Unfounded Mandates There is not a shred of scientific evidence that supports this mask mandates. Hence, they must be terminated immediately. What is the reason to continue with this absurd mask mandate? It;s obviously political and VA should be better than this! We elected our new governor precisely to END the nonsense. We are intelligent individuals and cannot be fooled by your nefarious motives!! End this at once!!

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SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119366

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The Department does not respond to political commentary.

120367 2022/02/27 21:35:48 Anonymous Covid forever They want to keep this going so they can have another cheat by mail election!!!
The Department does not respond to political commentary.

120368 2022/02/27 21:59:23 Anonymous No more masks! I am required to mask at work. I;m a teacher and talk all day. It;s exhausting and miserable to teach through a mask. Some days I can barely make it through the day. If someone wants to wear a mask then go right ahead. Im not in favor of being forced to wear one.

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120369 2022/02/27 22:22:36 Anonymous This is no longer an emergency, please revoke all emergency authorizations. This is no longer an emergency, please revoke all emergency authorizations.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119366

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The current Virginia Standard was not adopted under an emergency authorization.

120370 2022/02/27 22:54:06 Anonymous Stop the masking and government overreach Hello, I am appalled by the Virginia Health department telling everyone how to live during the past two years. We do not live in a single medical care state. The Virginia Health department is not elected officials and do not make laws. This is blatant overreach of power. I also feel that this department was poor in its approach to voicing positive Healthcare actions for families. Why did we hear things such as go outside with your kids and play for 2-3 hours, eat vegetables, fruits and multivitamins. This is how you handle these types of situations. Not by telling everyone how to live in fear of a virus that has a 99.98 survival rate. I hope your department is held responsible and accountable for your actions including suicides and mental health for the lower generation. No Masks!

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The Department has no comment on issues raised concerning the Virginia Department of Health.

120371 2022/02/27 22:59:47 Aware of Reality The Consequences If you read the comments, when FCPS finally announced they were complying, you will see the consequences of forcing this for 2 years.

There are people who truly believe that they are due a guarantee of protection from illness. A guarantee. These people truly believe that a piece of fabric is protection and they are relying on it. They also believe that all others, including children, should indefinitely (permanently) wear these pieces of fabric on their face, to make them feel protected. They feel that it is okay to place the burden of their health on the backs of children, indefinitely.

The mask debate has nothing to do with science. People who voted for Biden believe that all people wearing masks and arguing for masks are members of their political party. They believe that anyone who voted for Youngkin is anti-mask and, therefore, their political enemy. It's truly that simple. This never should have been allowed to drag on and trap people. You put school staff in the middle of a political battle and violated our 1st Amendment rights, by forcing us to wear a political symbol to work, every day.

This has gone on too long and people are divided on lines having nothing to do with health and everything to do with signaling their virtue by complying. Innocent students have been caught in the

middle, along with helpless school staff who have to drag themselves into a building, surrounded by irrational fears.; It's time to stop it and never, ever do this again.

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The Department does not respond to political commentary.

120372 2022/02/27 23:13:33 Moving Forward Time to Let it Go The mandates need to come to an end. They have done more harm than good. They are also a joke.

I've been forced to do weekly testing since November. My workplace moved from the unreliable rapid tests to the ones that are sent in and take a few days for results. Since that has occurred, I have received one result. I strongly suspect those tests are not even processed. When the last one was performed, the woman told me I would receive the results in 2-5 days. I told her I doubted it. She clarified, hadn't I been receiving emails or texts. I told her no, not since the first one. Reality clicked in. She looked at me and said she was sorry. Every week, I've been forced to sit in a parking lot, like a pariah, and have an invasive procedure performed in order to punish me for making a necessary decision for my own health. I've been treated like I am contaminated. But, the last few weeks, those same people have started to see what a wrong thing they are participating in. They've started to apologize to me, after asking me if I have any symptoms. I've never been sick, any of the times these last 2 years. I took care of myself. I took supplements. I eat right. I wash my hands before eating and after interacting with students.; I've never been sick and there's never been a reason to force me to prove that.; This is an abuse of power. Stop the mandates. End the 2 year emergency. Never again.

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The weekly testing mandate referenced by the Commenter is not part of the Virginia Standard.

120373 2022/02/28 7:59:21 Jen Why wait? The science has changed. Why do We The People have to beg during this 30 day public forum?

All of the VDOLI standards and mandates which were strong-armed onto Virginia citizens were based on CDC recommendations and guidelines and yet all of those recommendations and guidelines have completely changed

Listen to We The People and the sainted CDC - get rid of the standards and mandates now.

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120374 2022/02/28 8:00:46 Anonymous Public Safety In the interest of public safety the additional measures should stay in place. As a citizen I can personally say that the removal of these measures will reduce my patronage of businesses.

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120375 2022/02/28 8:03:36 Anonymous END THE MANDATES!!! End all mandates.....over it!!!

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120376 2022/02/28 8:26:36 Anonymous Unmask the Teachers Unmask the Teachers SEE
RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120377 2022/02/28 8:39:04 Anonymous Calling all patriots !!! Its time to stand up for our rights to end this . Call the attorney Generals office today and make our voices HEARD !!!!! 804 786 2071
If you want to wear a mask the rest of your life go ahead. Maybe you should wear a space suit and never leave your cave. Not me !!!!! Stand up Patriots !!!!! SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120378 2022/02/28 8:40:25 Anonymous Stop all Mandates The CDC came out with new 'guidelines' to end mandates and that masking is no required regardless of vaccination status. So, what are we doing here?

This is why so many people have distrust in government entities. One, they cannot get on the same page at the same time. It always seems like you are playing catch up with one another. If the CDC says we are done, we are done. And, I say that with little to no faith in the CDC to begin with. I have not been following their guidelines anyway, they are just that guides. Mandates are NOT LAW.

We are also testing people in certain areas who are unvaccinated but if we are truly following the science then we should be testing everyone or no one.

It is time to move on with our lives. COVID is not going away and why wait 30 days? What difference will that really make? This is all a political move and it is sad to see how each department and county is playing the people like pawns on a chess board. We are not your pawns. Stop treating us as such.

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A legal mandate adopted either as a statute or regulation does have the force and effect of law.

120379 2022/02/28 8:48:52 Anonymous Attorney General's office number 804 786 2071 Flood the AG office today with calls today to end this !!!!! 804 786 2071

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120380 2022/02/28 8:51:01 Anonymous Freedom of choice Let the people choose

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120381 2022/02/28 8:53:12 tax payer End the unscientific political mask mandates Why are employers still being forced to make everyone mask when even the CDC has admitted it is a scam and masks don;t do anything, the latest guidance says not to wear masks indoors but I guess you only follow that guidance if it aligns with your political dogma?? End the mask mandates you disgusting tyrants

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120382 2022/02/28 8:58:58 Anonymous Revoke 16VAC25-220 I;m a safety manager in the manufacturing sector. It is becoming very clear that the type of masks required by 16VAC25-220 are not effective in preventing the spread of SARS-CoV-2. This is an endemic disease and is becoming increasingly difficult for companies to comply with the standard. Also, the requirements set forth in the standard have not controlled the spread of SARS-CoV-2. I recommend the revocation of the Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus

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120383 2022/02/28 9:11:21 Don R, Hanover Schools End Covid Restrictions! Please put an end to these ineffective, unnecessary covid restrictions. Omicron proved that our mitigation strategies dont work, and everyone has had the chance to get vaccinated at this point. It is incredibly uncomfortable to wear a mask while working, and nobody should be forced to breathe their own hot air all day, regardless of any perceived benefit.

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120384 2022/02/28 9:16:47 Anonymous Enough is enough People should be free to makes choices for their own health especially when it comes to masks and injections into their bodies. End all mandates. Wearing a mask or getting shot MUST be personal choice and no one else's business.

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120385 2022/02/28 9:23:24 TP STOP POLITICS IN POLICY! This board did not offer a 30day comment period when putting this politically motivated standard in place. Now they need one to DRAG IT OUT more? Even the CDC has unmasked us. This board is full of a bunch of political appointees who put in a standard that is not right sized or marked by business segment. Lets force everyone, even the vaccinated to wear a mask. FIRE THE BOARD!

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The current Virginia Standard was the subject of 60 day and 30 day comment periods and 2 public hearings.

The Department does not respond to political commentary.

120386 2022/02/28 9:25:53 Anonymous End ALL Covid restriction policies All emergency powers, emergencies declarations, mandates - everything to do with imposing rules about Covid - need to be revoked. And never returned.

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120389 2022/02/28 9:45:10 Anonymous Remove mask mandates for all school employees!

Its absurd that this mandate is still in place! Most of us have already gotten sick with Covid, given the shot or not. Most of us are immune. We can;t stay masked forever. Children don't have to wear them, why do employees? Please remove the mandates and allow us our freedoms to decide for ourselves.

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120390 2022/02/28 10:12:50 Anonymous follow the new guidance If we're not going to listen to the governor, at least follow the new CDC guidance. Even the CDC has recently said that areas

of high risk are the only ones who need to wear masks at school. I am in a low risk county. Why are teachers STILL the only ones who have to wear them? It's unnecessary and miserable to teach in.

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120391 2022/02/28 10:34:48 Anonymous STOP THE MADNESS! Please, please stop mask-wearing for all; my staff have all either been fully vaccinated or have gotten the virus

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120392 2022/02/28 10:37:40 Martha School Employee Make masks optional for staff

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120393 2022/02/28 10:50:17 Abbie Platt Stop all mandates! allow choice!

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120394 2022/02/28 11:00:46 Karen Choice In our general area and in our industry, it seems the masks have helped very little as people still pull them down to talk even when required to wear them while in the building at work. I spend wasted time reminding people to pull up your mask please, wear the mask properly, stay out of others bubbles, etc. when most employees are either vaccinated or had COVID. Those that are unvaccinated by now are adamant that they will not take the vaccine and 92% of those employees had COVID over the past 6 months and contracted it outside of work. I feel the mask mandate was partially effective when this first started and we had stronger strains as it helped to keep the spread at a lower number at work. Now I feel that the mask mandate is ineffective as people are getting out and being exposed more in public than in the workplace. Help us keep moral up in these trying economic times by lifting the mandate and allowing everyone to see the smiles (or frowns that can be made in to smiles if we can see they are there) one again. A positive attitude goes along way to help people heal both physically and mentally.

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120395 2022/02/28 11:03:08 Rhonda Ogden Masks are ineffective and in many ways they harm

My findings raise significant concerns, both medically and legally, of the current mask policy in place. Masks are ineffective for the purpose claimed by the mandate, potentially harmful, and only authorized for use by an EUA. Masks are ineffective and in many ways they harm It's a myth that masks prevent viruses from spreading. The overall evidence is clear: Standard cloth and surgical masks offer next to no protection against virus-sized particles or small aerosols.

<div>Wearing a mask to prevent catching SARS-CoV-2, or similarly sized influenza, is like throwing sand at a chain-link fence: it doesn't work. There has been one large randomized controlled trial that specifically examined whether masks protect their wearers from the coronavirus. This study found mask wearing "did not reduce, at conventional levels of statistical significance, the incidence of Sars-Cov-2-infection. All parties mandating the use of facemasks are not only willfully ignoring established science but are engaging in what amounts to a whole school clinical experimental trial. This conclusion is reached by the fact that facemask use and COVID-19 incidence are being reported in scientific opinion pieces promoted by the CDC and others.

The fact is after reviewing ALL of the studies worldwide, the CDC found "no reduction in viral transmission with the use of face masks.

The right to avoid the imposition of human experimentation is fundamental, rooted in the

Nuremberg Code of 1947, has been ratified by the 1964 Declaration of Helsinki, and further

codified in the United States Code of Federal Regulations. In addition to the United States

regarding itself as bound by these provisions, these principles were adopted by the FDA in its regulations requiring the informed consent of human subjects for medical research.

The law is very clear; It is unlawful to conduct medical research (even in the

case of emergency), unless steps taken to … secure informed consent of all participants which was not done!

PLEASE LIFT THESE MANDATES!

THANK YOU! SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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The Department does not respond to political commentary.

120396 2022/02/28 11:11:38 Anonymous Stop mask mandates for state employees. When Covid started, state agencies were quick to implement mask mandates. In fact after Governor Northam signed his executive order (EO) mandating masks in state offices and workplaces, state agencies were tripping over themselves to mandate it. Yes, at the time this was the right thing to do.

Now that Governor Youngkin has signed an EO removing mandated masks and encouraging vaccines, the state and its agencies are dragging their feet to remove masks. Government is always great at implementing policy to disallow something, but never quit to re-allow it.

If the state can implement something so quick and on the fly, we should just as easily be able to remove it. Don't pick and choose which governor and which EO you want to agree with and which one you don't; They are both valid.

Now we have schools not wearing masks, the rest of the public not mandating masks, yet state employees still have mask mandates. It's time to move on..

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120397 2022/02/28 11:12:17 Jennifer Dennison - VBCPS unmask teachers/staff INSANE that students and visitors can walk into school buildings with the choice to wear a mask or not but teachers and staff can't make that same choice. Nothing like sending your 5 kids to school without a mask but here I sit in the SAME building as one of my kids FORCED to wear one! This is nothing but CONTROL at this point! You want a 30 day comment period on removing masks...I don't recall having a 30 day comment period when we began wearing them! Not that I care or believe anything that the CDC or media says but the CDC said wear them you enforced it now CDC says we don't need them so why are we still forced to wear them?

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120398 2022/02/28 11:17:07 Amy Simpson - VBCPS unmask teachers/staff Enough is enough!!! Visitors in our schools buildings are not required to mask, students are not required to mask, and extra curricular activities are not masking children and spectators.....to me this feels like communism at its finest!!

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120399 2022/02/28 11:17:28 A School Nurse Time to take the off ramp There was a time when the mask regulations on employees served a great purpose to help reduce the spread of COVID thus reducing the strain on the various public and private systems. As the CDC has adjusted their guidance, it seems fitting that the VA DOLI should also adjust the metrics and measures used to determine risk. We are in a different situation from when the regulations were first written. It;s time to relax the rules and give more freedom and choice to employers and employees.

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120400 2022/02/28 11:26:21 Anonymous STOP THE MANDATES Please stop the mandates for County employees....let us make the choice if we want to wear it or not. Regardless of vaccination status it should be our choice.

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120401 2022/02/28 12:16:13 Anonymous Stop the mandates Its time to move on and stop the mandates. They are doing nothing for us at this point

SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119359

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120402 2022/02/28 12:45:33 Realist! Stop All Mandates!!! Stop the mask mandates. Masks dont work.Absolutely NO ONE should be wearing these bacteria and disease filled face diapers! Is anyone

aware of the risks of wearing a mask all day, every day? Do you really think they are protecting you???
Stop the mask mandates ASAP! We should not have to wait 30 days!

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120403 2022/02/28 12:57:25 Anonymous Call call call AG office 804 786 2071 Call AG office today and speak up to end this 804 786 2071 !!!!

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120404 2022/02/28 12:57:30 Anonymous Business Owner Point of View As a multi-business owner and an employee of a major corporation, we have witnessed/experienced that many businesses have followed the mandates and Virginia COVID-19 standard requirements the best that they could, but the employees and the public during their personal time (vacation, family gatherings, holidays, travel) would not always follow the requirements outside of work/company. Businesses had to endure the results of this. Employee turnover, continuous training updates, providing masks/gloves to employees and customers, backfilling employees, keeping open or having regular hours, tracking/reporting of covid cases, and continual cleaning/sanitizing. All with costs. We have also witnessed several of our business friends to go out of business due to not being able to meet all the requirements and being able to make money too. In addition, we are seeing the emotional trauma that it is causing people of continually living in fear, not knowing what is really accurate or what is false information, anger and depression, not being able to feel comfortable around others, and not seeing people's faces and their true emotions. Many children are being affected by all of this. Children see and hear what their parents/adults are going through, what is on news/social media, and not being able to be a normal child with normal childhood experiences. Majority of people that have chosen vaccinations have already done so. Those that are set in their decision/viewpoint or have religious or health reasons to not get the vaccine will not budge or be persuaded. In the end, mandates have made both vaccinated and unvaccinated suffer for way too long. It's been stressful on everyone and everything. It is time to end it all. Thank you for your time and consideration

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120405 2022/02/28 13:04:15 Anonymous Cristin Bernhardt 804 7862392 Call call and call Cristian Bernhardt 804 786 2392 and tell them to end this !!!!

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120406 2022/02/28 13:12:00 Anonymous End masks for school staff Should be optional

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120407 2022/02/28 13:25:21 anonymous Teachers Can take off thier masks Teachers should have the choice to wear a mask or not. This should be a personal choice.

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120408 2022/02/28 14:11:30 Business Owner Revoke the VA Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19 COVID-19 is not a unique workplace issue but a public health issue. COVID-19 should addressed as such. The Virginia Standard for Infectious Disease Prevention of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus that Causes COVID-19, 16VAC25-220 should be revoked.

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120409 2022/02/28 14:39:33 Nathan Guaderrama Stop the mask mandates Stop the mask mandates.

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120410 2022/02/28 14:44:35 Tara Guaderrama Stop complying and we end the mandates!

These mandates are illegal and should never have been used to begin with. If the mandates are not withdrawn people will stop complying on their own after waking up to the endless carrot on the stick. Might as well take the credit for something that will happen anyway!

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120411 2022/02/28 15:41:53 Anonymous Mob rule What happened to follow the science ?
CDC which is based on science says no masks. So why has it now come down to mob rule ???

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120412 2022/02/28 15:44:50 Anonymous CALL CALL CALL Make your voices heard Call the AG
office at 804 786 2071 and Cristin Bernhardt office at 804 786 2392 Speak out !!!

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120413 2022/02/28 15:45:33 Brendan No More Mandates!! Masks do not work. Many
studies show this. The only science involved is political science. They are nothing more than a political
symbol that you are forcing people to wear. End the mandates now!!

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120414 2022/02/28 16:06:03 Anonymous Stop the Mask Mandates Wearing that piece of paper/cloth has done nothing to help us, yet people have been to such a state of fear and isolation that some cant even sit in their cars without wearing it. Not to mention forcing children to wear it even though they dont want to and it fails to protect us from something that;s barely worse than the common cold. So stop enforcing the mandates and let us be rid of what weve been forced to wear for 2 years too many.

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120415 2022/02/28 16:29:07 Grandmother/Mother/Gov't worker STOP ALL MANDATES-We are taking our lives back! Two short weeks to flatten the curve of a virus and its impact on society has morphed into two LONG Years of political coercion to threaten our jobs and our own or our childrens ability to attend school or college if we dont comply with a medical procedure (vaccine) we absolutely object to because of personal or religious reasons. Two LONG years I have been forced to wear a mask in my workplace and children were forced to wear them all day at school (Thank you Gov. Youngkin for stopping THAT madness)! YEARS of our lives stripped from us even though the novel virus died out LONG ago, only to be replaced by a variant that has symptoms so MILD it would make a Flu laugh!! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!! THIS MUST END!!

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Over 400,000 Americans have died directly due to or died prematurely because of COVID-19 since March 7, 2021.

<https://covidtracking.com/data/national/deaths>

https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#cases_casesper100klast7days

120416 2022/02/28 16:36:38 Heather We're taking our lives back! Medical freedom. God bless! Let us continue to strive towards our God given freedoms. No more mandates!

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120417 2022/02/28 17:03:11 Bret L NO MASK MARCH What should have been stopped a year ago, can finally happen. Welcome to reality folks...Vax doesnt work, boostah doesn't work, and these stupid face diapers dont work.The curve is done, so get out of your basement and be productive for your society!

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120418 2022/02/28 18:27:56 Charged with Trespassing for not wearing a mask at the Restore in JCC
I was arrested by James City County Police for not wearing a mask in the Restore The manager of the Restore in Williamsburg Va trespassed me for not wearing a mask with a religious exemption in hand, which I had previously shopped with weeks before. He then lied about it and said he never seen me shop there using my religious exemption but he;s the one who allowed me to check out. The cop was on a power trip (Officer Sawyer) and he had me arrested at my house 5 days later after the incident. While leaving the Restore he assaulted me and I filed a written complaint against him the day it happened!They are out of control in James City County and Williamsburg with the mask mandates and the cops are used as thugs to do businesses dirty work.There;s just not enough crime for all these cops so they go after Christians who refuse to wear a mask. Another great reason to end the mandates!

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The Virginia Standard does not apply to non-employees.

120419 2022/02/28 19:17:08 Anonymous keep it coming !!!! Keep it coming folks. Get all your friends, colleagues and relatives to post to end this !!! No response.

120420 2022/02/28 20:05:39 Anonymous End the mandates Stop forcing masks on kids and teachers in public schools.

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120421 2022/02/28 20:14:36 Anonymous End mask mandate End the masking everywhere.

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120422 2022/02/28 20:35:30 Middle School teacher End mask mandate No more mask on teachers please!

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120423 2022/02/28 21:18:57 City Employee Go away mask mandate! As a city employee that deals with the public on a daily basis, we need to stop the mask mandate. It has done nothing but impede my ability to do my job in order to help the citizens that seek our services on a daily basis. At the end of the day, this has all proved to be based on science which is constantly changing and has proven that masks have done absolutely nothing positive for our community, our businesses, and our children. It about time to start paying attention to logic.

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120424 2022/02/28 21:20:22 Rachel Scott No more COVID mandates It is time to give Virginians back their freedoms. And the Commonwealth should go further and make it unlawful to restrict freedoms especially in a health pandemic or emergency. If our freedoms can be taken in an emergency, then we are really never free as the government could decide there is a new emergency that requires restrictions again.

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120425 2022/02/28 21:47:54 Alexandra Walge No more COVID Mandates No more COVID mandates.

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120426 2022/02/28 22:41:49 Anonymous Never again dumbasses. End all mandates. It is very clear that masks never worked and vaccines were only proven to be 21% effective. Blanket mandates have the complete opposite effect on Americans. Ive completely sworn off all vaccines after seeing what the medical community finds acceptable. I;ve decided that my immune system that God gave me is what will keep me protected.

Good job dummies. Youve created a whole society of anti-vaxxers by lying to us. I;d love to see the flu shot numbers after two years of jeeking us around for your political purposes. Get bent doctor.

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120427 2022/02/28 23:07:55 Public school teacher Long overdue It is long past time to end the mask mandates! It always should have been personal choice. Masks have been proven ineffective anyway. Let people be able to breathe.in more ways than one!

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120430 2022/03/01 1:50:08 Marlin Brandysd EUA's require informed consent, mandates are illegal! EUA's require informed consent, mandates are illegal!

Masks are ineffective and, in many ways, they harm.

It's a myth that masks prevent viruses from spreading. The overall evidence is clear: Standard cloth and surgical masks offer next to no protection against virus-sized particles or small aerosols.¹ The size of a virus particle is much too small to be stopped by a surgical mask, cloth or bandana. A single virion of SARS-CoV-2 is about 60-140 nanometers or 0.1 microns.² The pore size in a surgical mask is 200-1000x that size. Consider that the CDC website states, surgical masks do not catch all harmful particles in smoke. And that the size of smoke particles in a wildfire are ~0.5 microns which is 5x the size of the SARS-CoV-2 virus! Wearing a mask to prevent catching SARS-CoV-2, or similarly sized influenza, is like throwing sand at a chain-link fence: it doesn't work. There has been one large randomized controlled trial that specifically examined whether masks protect their wearers from the coronavirus. This study found mask wearing did not reduce, at conventional levels of statistical significance, the incidence of Sars-Cov-2-infection.³

Consider also, that the existence of more particles does not mean more virus. Research shows less virus does not mean less illness. Dr. Kevin Fennelly, a pulmonologist at the National Heart, Lung and Blood institute debunked the view that larger droplets are responsible for viral transmission. Fennelly wrote:

current infection control policies are based on the premise that most respiratory infections are transmitted by large respiratory droplets- i.e., larger than 5 [microns] – produced by coughing and sneezing, ...Unfortunately, that premise is wrong.⁴

Fennelly referenced a 1953 paper on anthrax that showed a single bacterial spore of about one micron was significantly more lethal than larger clumps of spores.⁵ Exposure to one virus particle is theoretically enough to cause infection and subsequent disease. This is not an alarming thought - it simply means what it has always meant, that our immune system protects us continually all our life.⁶

There have been hundreds of mask studies related to influenza transmission done over several decades. It is a well-established fact that masks do not stop viruses. Part of that evidence shows that cloth facemasks actually increase influenza-linked illness.⁷ Bacteria are 50x larger than virus particles.⁸ As such, virus particles can enter through the mask pores, yet bacteria remain trapped inside of the mask, resulting in the mask-wearer continually exposed to the bacteria.

Related to the 1918-1919 influenza pandemic, there was almost universal agreement among experts, that deaths were virtually never caused by the influenza virus itself but resulted directly from severe secondary pneumonia caused by well-known bacterial pneumopathogens that colonized the upper respiratory tract.⁹ Dr. Fauci and his National Institute of Health studied pandemics and epidemics and concluded, the vast majority of influenza deaths resulted from secondary bacterial pneumonia.¹⁰

All parties mandating the use of facemasks are not only willfully ignoring established science but are engaging in what amounts to a clinical experimental trial. This conclusion is reached by the fact that facemask use and Covid-19 incidence are being reported in scientific opinion pieces promoted by the CDC and others.¹¹

The fact is after reviewing ALL of the studies worldwide, the CDC found no reduction in viral transmission with the use of face masks.¹²

Any intervention, especially one that is prophylactic, must cause fewer harms to the recipient than the infection. The cost-benefit of mandating an investigational face-covering with emerging safety issues is especially difficult to justify. Anthony Fauci was very clear that asymptomatic transmission was not a threat. He stated, in all the history of respiratory-borne viruses of any type, asymptomatic transmission has never been the driver of outbreaks. The driver of outbreaks is always a symptomatic person.¹³

Wearing respirators come(s) with a host of physiological and psychological burdens. These can interfere with task performances and reduce work efficiency. These burdens can even be severe enough to cause life-threatening conditions if not ameliorated.¹⁴ Fifteen years ago, National Taiwan University Hospital concluded that the use of N-95 masks in healthcare workers caused them to experience hypoxemia, a low level of oxygen in the blood, and hypercapnia, an elevation in the blood's carbon dioxide levels.¹⁵ Studies of simple surgical masks found significant reductions in blood oxygen as well. In one particular study, researchers measured blood oxygenation before and after surgeries in 53 surgeons. Researchers found the mask reduced the blood oxygen levels significantly, and the longer the duration of wearing the mask, the greater the drop-in blood oxygen levels.¹⁶

Moreover, people with cancer will be at a further risk from hypoxia, as cancer cells grow best in a bodily environment that is low in oxygen. Low oxygen also promotes systemic inflammation which, in turn,

promotes the growth, invasion and spread of cancers.¹⁷ Repeated episodes of low oxygen, known as intermittent hypoxia, also causes atherosclerosis and hence increases all cardiovascular events such as heart attacks, as well as adverse cerebral events like stroke.¹⁸

Informed consent is required for investigational medical therapies.

Regardless of the lack of safety and efficacy behind the decision to require employees to wear a mask, it is illegal to mandate EUA approved investigational medical therapies without informed consent. Mask use for viral transmission prevention is authorized for Emergency Use only.¹⁹ Emergency Use Authorization by the FDA, means the products are investigational and experimental only.²⁰ The statute granting the FDA the power to authorize a medical product of emergency use requires that the person being administered the unapproved product be advised of his or her right to refuse administration of the product.

This statute further recognizes the well-settled doctrine that medical experiments, or clinical research, may not be performed on human subjects without the express, informed consent of the individual receiving treatment.²²

The right to avoid the imposition of human experimentation is fundamental, rooted in the Nuremberg Code of 1947, has been ratified by the 1964 Declaration of Helsinki, and further codified in the United States Code of Federal Regulations. In addition to the United States regarding itself as bound by these provisions, these principles were adopted by the FDA in its regulations requiring the informed consent of human subjects for medical research.²³ The law is very clear; It is unlawful to conduct medical research (even in the case of emergency), unless steps taken to ... secure informed consent of all participants.²⁴

Furthermore, by requiring employees to wear a mask, you are promoting the idea that the mask can prevent or treat a disease, which is an illegal deceptive practice. It is unlawful to advertise that a product or service can prevent...disease unless you possess competent and reliable scientific evidence... substantiating that the claims are true.²⁵

The FDA EUA for surgical and/or cloth masks explicitly states, the labeling must not state or imply... that the [mask] is intended for antimicrobial or antiviral protection or related, or for use such as infection prevention or reduction.²⁶

Illegally mandating an investigational medical therapy generates liability.

There are proven microbial challenges as well as breathing difficulties that are created and exacerbated by extended mask-wearing.

Requiring employees to wear a mask sets the stage for contracting any infection, including COVID-19, and making the consequences of that infection much graver. In essence, a mask may very well put us at an increased risk of infection, and if so, having a far worse outcome.²⁷

The fact that mask wearing presents a severe risk of harm to the wearer should – standing alone – not be required for employees, particularly given that we are not ill and have done nothing wrong that would warrant an infringement of our constitutional rights and bodily autonomy. Promoting use of a non-FDA approved, Emergency Use Authorized mask, is unwarranted and illegal. This mandate is in direct conflict with 21 U.S. Code Section 360bbb-3 (e)(1)(A)(ii) (I-III), which requires the wearer to be informed of the option to refuse the wearing of such device. Misrepresenting the use of a mask as being intended for antimicrobial or antiviral protection, and/or misrepresenting masks for use as infection prevention or reduction is a deceptive practice under the FTC. It is clear, there is no waiver of liability

under deceptive practices, even under a state of emergency. As such, forcing employees to wear masks, or similarly forcing use any other non-FDA approved medical product without the wearer's consent, is illegal and immoral.

This letter serves as official notice that I do not consent to being forced to wear a mask. I will not fail to take the maximum action permissible under the law against your organization, and against you personally. Accordingly, I urge you to comply with Federal and State law, and advise employees they have a right to refuse or wear a mask as a measure to prevent or reduce infection from Covid-19. Any other course of action is contrary to the law. I am willing to testify as to the veracity of the contents in this document. Please confirm no further pressure will be exerted upon me to follow this illegal mask mandate, and that I will not face any retaliatory disciplinary action.

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<https://townhall.virginia.gov/L/viewcomments.cfm?commentid=120430>

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120431 2022/03/01 3:39:42 VA tax payer No more mandates End the mandates! No more mandates for masks, no more mandates for getting the vaccine. Let WE THE PEOPLE make our own choices for our medical care. My body, my choice!

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120432 2022/03/01 5:59:11 Anonymous 30 day comment period? Outrageous! END IT NOW!
I dont recall you heroes asking for our comments before you adopted this masking baloney.
Now we have to sweat out another 3 weeks before it can finally end.

I wish I could bring every one of you responsible for this along with me for a shift doing real, physical work to show you what an unnecessary misery you inflicted on us.

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The current Virginia Standard was the subject of 60 day and 30 day comment periods and 2 public hearings.

120433 2022/03/01 6:55:41 Anonymous Give people a break It is absolutely ridiculous that mask mandates continue in schools for staff, while students have the option to breathe freely. At this point, masks are causing more negative mental health effects than they are protecting from illness. If you want people to willingly wear them if community transmission spikes, you have to get rid of them when levels are low.

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120434 2022/03/01 8:21:01 Anonymous Guidelines have changed THEREFORE the standard is void CDC guidelines have changed making the Virginia Standard on Covid-19 put fourth by Virginia Department of Labor and Industry completely outdated, making it null and void. Business is no longer have to comply with this standard in most of Virginia.The standard clearly spells out when we no longer have to mask up. We are in that time now.>Masks should be fully optional

No one is telling anyone they may not ever wear a mask.

If you believe masks work, by all means wear one.

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120435 2022/03/01 8:26:18 Anonymous Stop the Mandates The lockdowns, mask and vaccine mandates should never have been implemented. ;Let the citizens of Virginia breathe freely, and respect their individual medical decision. One size does not fit all. We should not be judging our neighbors ill until proven healthy.

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120436 2022/03/01 8:57:43 Anonymous NO MASKS!!! Even the CDC has gotten its act together. Whats up w/ VA trying to overreach!!

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120437 2022/03/01 8:58:25 Anonymous remove mask mandatesno longer needed as per CDC

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120438 2022/03/01 8:58:46 State Employee Masks Please end the mandate for indoor masking for employees. Much of the USA is already doing so along with Richmond and chesterfield. Please. One for all, all for one. Equal rights.

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120439 2022/03/01 8:59:03 Anonymous rescind mask mandates NOW they dont do any good

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120440 2022/03/01 8:59:59 Anonymous why are we still using masks must stop now

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120441 2022/03/01 9:00:39 Anonymous masks to not work CDC even acknowledges this

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120442 2022/03/01 9:01:09 Anonymous masks - cancel the mandates they don;t work

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120443 2022/03/01 9:02:01 Anonymous really? why have mask mandates not been stopped in
VA they do nothing to prevent COVID

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120444 2022/03/01 9:02:18 Anonymous hurting our kidsstop the masks

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120445 2022/03/01 9:03:06 Anonymous MASKS SHOULD BE STOPPED IMMEDIATELY enough
already

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120446 2022/03/01 9:03:45 Anonymous MASKS ARE NO GOOD stop pretending they work.
remove the mandates

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120447 2022/03/01 9:18:15 Anonymous your overreach is staggering this mask madness has
to stop

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120448 2022/03/01 9:18:32 Teresa Van Ness NO Mask or Vaccine Mandates - EVER AGAIN!
Follow the science provided by highly credentialed physicians scientists practicing in the field
verus; following political science

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120449 2022/03/01 9:32:16 US Citizen Masks & Vaccines Do NOT work Masks and vaccines do
not work, it has been proven by science; both give a false sense of security. Hence, breakthrough cases.
And, vaccines do not reduce the severity of the disease; take a look at influenza medical articles.
Government entities love control, once it has been consumed they want more.

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120450 2022/03/01 9:33:35 Norfolk Sheriff's Office Employees Update the Policy We should be following all of the new CDC requirements. Masks for staff in jails should also be eliminated. Most of us are vaccinated and have complied with all of the demands. Allow us to follow the guidelines that all other employers allow.

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120452 2022/03/01 10:06:03 VBCPS teacher Make masks optional for educators Why are teachers in masks when students and visitors are not? Why is it ok to end the mandate in Chesapeake yesterday, but not in VBCPS?

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120453 2022/03/01 10:16:50 richard Ingram teacher masks Teachers should have the option to wear a mask or not wear a mask. Wearing a mask is not conducive to teaching

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120454 2022/03/01 10:19:09 Anonymous End masks for physicians offices. It;s time to end mask mandates for physicians offices. Medical office staff are being put in a dangerous situation of being enforcers. When the same staff and patient group can gather in a restaurant, grocery store or most any other location without a mask, what purpose does it serve to force these same people to wear a mask in one certain building. For those individuals who choose to mask, allow them to continue.The employer, owner, physicians and government should not mandate masks any longer. Please remove all mask mandates, including medical offices.

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120456 2022/03/01 11:13:45 Anonymous teacher masks We were asked to follow the science guidelines so teachers wore masks. CDC and other credible scientific sources are saying masks are no longer necessary but keep them close. Please give teachers the option to wear masks.

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120457 2022/03/01 12:12:32 Dr. James Shea (retired) Drop employee mask mandates. Mask wearing is a personal decision based on personal risk. For many decades we in the health professions have had multiple studies showing that masks have next to no value with airborne organisms like viruses in non-splatter situations. This is why we in the US in modern times have not worn masks in flu season. If we can breath through the mask, the virus - which is smaller than the breathing openings - can go right through the mask. Masks are useful to protect against wet splatter as in the dental professions where work on patients involves frequent splatter back toward the dentist and the dental hygienist. This is why the dental staff wears masks year round, but take off the masks when they stop the patients treatment.

The key protection with viruses, that should be emphasized, is improving one;s immune system or, if already at a high level, maintaining that high level. People should make a serious effort to reduce obesity, eat a nutritious diet, get proper amounts of sleep, and get regular exercise.

Promoting masks helps to raise fear among the less medically education public raising the level of stress hormones which, in fact, decrease the immune system. So the unintended result is increasing the risk of lowering ones immunity against the viruses while the mask can't stop breathing the virus through the small openings required for breathing through the mask.

People with severely compromised immune systems can wear a mask if it may make them feel safer even though it is not likely to provide any practical level of protection, to compensate for the potential decrease of their own immune system from the likely rise of the stress hormones that cause the decrease in the immune systems capabilities. But for the general public of any age group, wearing a mask should be based on personal choice, after assessment of ones own level of risk.

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120458 2022/03/01 12:18:44 Anonymous End the Teacher Mask Mandate Many of my coworkers have noticed the same problem I have noticed-- I cant get rid of this sinus infection. I have been various stages of sick from a sinus infection since mid-December, and every time I kick it thanks to antibiotics, it comes back after a week or so of constantly wearing a mask. PLEASE make it personal choice to wear

masks for teachers and END THE MASK MANDATE. The CDC has said they don't actually do what we want them to do anyway, and at this point it is causing more harm than good, at least in my sphere. Thank you for your time and attention to this.

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120459 2022/03/01 12:39:47 Anonymous End staff mask mandates Masks should be optional for all staff!

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120461 2022/03/01 13:33:11 Anonymous End Employee Mask Mandate I work in a preschool in Richmond and the students need to see our faces!! This should be personal decision not one that is mandated.

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120462 2022/03/01 13:35:12 Anonymous End Mask Mandates End the mandates. Let individuals make their own decisions.

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120463 2022/03/01 13:44:43 Kripa Patwardhan Normalize telework, vaccine mandates, and masking We have found out how much work CAN be accomplished just as well, if not better, when remote rather than in-person. The vast majority of white collar jobs would have done well to be remote even pre-COVID. Pre-COVID, days of productivity were constantly lost due to colds, flu, etc., things that masking prevents. Vaccines also prevent terrible things, and flu shot mandates should have been a thing even before COVID, but at least now, we need mandates for ALL requisite immunizations, including for COVID and seasonal flu.

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120464 2022/03/01 14:02:11 Leslie End mask mandates!! Even CDC acknowledges its not necessary!

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120465 2022/03/01 14:55:28 J Hall End mask mandate Please end mask mandates for everyone!

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120466 2022/03/01 15:08:24 Anonymous End the Mask Mandate and Possible Public Shaming...
line 560

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120467 2022/03/01 15:31:18 Tyler parker END MASK MANDATE IMPEACH JOE

By ended mask mandates lifting rediculus (ALL) restrictions the public agenda would switch its attention to more important tasks THE IMPEACHMENT OF SLEEPY JOE !!

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120468 2022/03/01 16:39:11 Winchester Mask Mandate End the Mandate as it is a safety issue with the masks and not proven to halt the spread of the virus.

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120469 2022/03/01 16:49:52 Anonymous Allow individuals to choose Please allow individuals to choose for themselves.

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120470 2022/03/01 16:54:01 David, Construction End all Covid-Specific Workplace Rules The time has come to abandon any mask mandates of any kind. They have been proven ineffective. It is time to allow the workers of Virginia to move on with our lives.

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120471 2022/03/01 17:40:03 Brent Esenberg NO MORE MASKS Please stop suggesting infringing on the civil liberties of the people of the commonwealth of Virginia! The research evidence that cloth masks dont work is plainly evident for all to see on; The actions taken by this department have severely damaged the citizens of Virginia and their trust in government. It is past time to end this evil debacle being perpetrated by the Department of Labor and Industry against the people of Virginia. END ALL MASK MANDATES IMMEDIATELY!

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120472 2022/03/01 17:49:09 Anonymous No masks, No mandates! A majority of the world is tired of the mask/ vaccine mandates. It should be an individuals choice if they want to wear a mask or not... anywhere! Please allow individuals to make their own choices of masks and vaccines. Please allow the citizens of the United States to be free to make choices again! Follow the lead of Britain and Israel and end Covid mandates. There aren;t any news stories about Covid ramping up or hospitals being overloaded since those countries have ended mandates. They are living life like many of us wish we could. Let;s get on with it already!!

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120473 2022/03/01 18:02:56 JoAnn Sydnor Please end mask mandates NO MORE MASK
im so over the extreme OCD ; Contolling people

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120474 2022/03/01 18:13:27 Julie End mask & vaccine mandates for all educators and health professionals End mask mandates and vaccine mandates for all educators and health professionals, and for all patel kenya entering healthcare facilities immediately and put a law on the books so it doesn;t happen again.

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120475 2022/03/01 19:23:31 Anonymous what about vbcps ??? Chesapeake just ended yesterday mask mandate. What VBCPS ?????

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120476 2022/03/01 20:31:33 Faith End Mask Mandates for Businesses My job is still requiring its employees wear masks. If its now optional for our children in school, regardless of vaccination status, why can;t it be optional for us at work?

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120477 2022/03/01 20:32:45 Sara F. End vaccine and mask mandates! Repeal all vaccine and mask mandates for ALL Virginians!

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120478 2022/03/01 20:42:02 Anonymous TeacherThis mandate is null and void. End the mandate now if you want to keep teachers.;You allow students to, parents and visitors to make that decision and not the teacher????? Outrageous.????????

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120479 2022/03/01 20:56:37 Anonymous Masks for teachers Please end masks for teachers. Why do they have to wear them when students and volunteers/visitors do not? Its not fair!

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120480 2022/03/02 0:05:13 Jason Johnson Endemic Not Pandemic. Time for Mandates to End
With around 75% vaccinated and untold numbers post infection, we have likely reached sufficient herd immunity. The curve has been flattened and its time to move to endemic management.Covid prevention measures such as universal masking, vaccine mandates, and constant testing served their purpose, but came with a cost that can;t be simply counted in lives saved. There are very real social, mental, and economic costs that we will be bearing for decades that are the unintended casualties of these measures.; We are past the point of diminishing returns and it;s time to get back to normal for the sake of our sanity, children, and economy. End mask mandates, end non vaccinated discrimination, and time to recognize prior infection as equally protected

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120481 2022/03/02 7:14:04 R Lindsay We have the data about risk, its time to end this.

We have the data, and the risk profile is so different today than at the beginning of the pandemic, especially with vaccines and now Omi. Please end the Covid Permanent Mandate.

Note for the next pandemic - Can we not rush out to declare a ;Permanent; standard so fast? Perhaps starting with a ;Temporary or Emergency; standard for an ever changing virus coupled with ever changing treatments and vaccines?

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Virginia did adopt an emergency standard which was in place for 6 months, followed up by adoption of the current Virginia Standard.

120482 2022/03/02 7:26:08 Todd Cooper Freedom for both sides of the matter I feel it;s not the governments place to tell it;s constituents how to run their businesses. If a business owner feels safe to allow customers into their business with or without a mask, they should be free to do so. Likewise, if one feels the need to require masks for their customers, they should be free to do so as well. Its their private business, and I will respect it as if it were their home that theyve invited me into. To me, there's no need to even go into the science or data about cases. This principle alone, that is freedom, should have priority. Thank you for your time.

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120483 2022/03/02 7:34:41 Jeannie Sylvia End all mandates. Freedom of choice We are not free when we are fired for not taking a vaccine that is not fda approved. We are not free if we are mandated to wear a mask over our face prohibiting fresh air in our lungs. Everything should be optional. Stop being tyrants. But Im sure you will, just in time for the midterms;. People are smart. We recognize the democrats locked us down, closed our businesses and mandates masks. We wont forget at the polls

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120484 2022/03/02 8:24:04 Anonymous End the mandates! There is no justification to continue these overreaching mandates. Let people manage their own health!

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120485 2022/03/02 8:47:21 Anonymous / VB Teacher Choice for teachers Give teachers the choice to mask or unmask!

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120486 2022/03/02 8:52:26 Gainesville Mom Freedom and Liberty - End all mandates!
People must have the personal freedom to make choices regarding their health care. Wearing a mask or getting an injection is a personal decision. Get the government out of our health care decisions.

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The Virginia Standard does not have a vaccine mandate.

120488 2022/03/02 9:37:26 Anonymous Mask ??? Optional for students and visitors but not staff ???? RIDICULOUS !!!! Call AG Office @ 804 786 2071 Cristian Bernhardt @ 804 786 2392

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The Virginia Standard was adopted by the Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board and can only be revoked by action of the Board or the General Assembly.

120489 2022/03/02 9:41:11 Anonymous Are they wearing masks ??? Are all the staff members of the dept of labor and industry wearing masks ???? Department personnel are complying with the Virginia Standard.

120490 2022/03/02 9:42:13 Anonymous Keep posting Keep posting and crash this site !!!!!

No response.

120491 2022/03/02 9:50:28 Scott Kalis Importance of Remaining Prepared with Valuable References/Resources to Guide Good day - I am writing to you as a practicing Environmental, Health and Safety Professional regarding 16VAC25-220-70 Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response Plan which is a component of the Final Permanent Standard (FPS) 16VAC25-220;

Please consider requiring affected employers to maintain an Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response Plan so when new and emerging threats to the health of the workforce arise - the employer has a solid Plan from which to refer, and operate. Many organizations had Plans for H1N1 (swine flu), MERS, SARS, H5N1 (avian flu), etc and some of those historical Plans were dusted off and revised to form the necessary Infectious Disease Preparedness and Response Plan COVID19 required from us.

This type of a working Plan should be maintained by responsible employers as a resource that addresses the organic or standard measures employers and employees should remain aware of. It will help to identify, address, and respond to health threats in their individual workplaces and should remain a living document that adapts or scales either up or down as needed to manage each unique situation.

I request that you consider text-decoration: underline; continuing this requirement for employers to have a written Plan (not unlike those for Respiratory Protection or Hearing Conservation) and maintain it as needed for their industry and assessed risk of exposure. Due to COVID19, this Plan should already be incorporated into most large workplaces currently. It would simply (now) require a review to make it more applicable across the various health threats (some noted above) as well as help to mitigate the more common or seasonal viral impacts (e.g., Cold, Influenza, Gastroenteritis, Strep Throat, etc).

The standard practices for mitigation and response are very similar across many pathogens.

Thank you for all you've done to help protect the workforce (and their families indirectly) during the past two years of this Novel and rapidly changing situation. Nobody could have known the full impact of this Virus, and nobody had a clear playbook with all the answers.

We have learned a lot from this Virus, and I hope we can keep the focus on prevention and mitigation now, by capturing good practices as lessons-learned while documenting them for a value-added tool or resource from which to refer when this happens again

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120492 2022/03/02 10:11:38 Anonymous NO THANK YOU We would like to opt out of COVID protocols.

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120493 2022/03/02 10:29:22 Anonymous no masks!!! stop them now

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120494 2022/03/02 10:36:53 Anonymous How much longer? Comment period ends 19 March, then's there;s a hearing, then a vote..

Dragging this out that long is ludicrous. You should be ashamed of yourselves.

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The public hearing is schedule for March 14, 2022.

120495 2022/03/02 10:37:01 Alex End all mandates I have had friends, family, and employees that swore the mask and vaccine was the end all be all. Just about everyone of them have had COVID. We are robing our immune system to do what it is designed to do. Those that have been unfortunately hospitalized, many were due to other health conditions. For those that have died, it was their time to go and God called them home. None of us are leaving this world alive and non of us will leave until it is our time to go. No matter if it;s from COVID or a heart attack.

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120496 2022/03/02 10:43:35 DR. C.Moore Butz NO MASK End it now. The local county employees dont have to wear mask but I do at My job still.

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120498 2022/03/02 12:16:50 Anonymous No masks

Please remove all mask mandates, effective immediately. This is madness. Although some people are more apt to get the virus than others, it should be each individual's personal decision about whether or not to wear one

I have seen people wearing face shields, masks, plastic gloves, long sleeves, and long pants. A man at the airport about one year ago had duct taped dry cleaning bags to himself, from head to toe. (He did not make it through the TSA checkpoint and was mad when they made him take off his plastic wrap.)

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120499 2022/03/02 12:45:09 Anonymous Mask recommendations - NO mandates - provide proof of effectiveness as incentive If these masks were medically sealed they still would not work as COVID 19 is transmitted airborne and is easily 70x smaller than the mask. That's like trying to stop a mouse with an open garage door. Get serious - it might help for bacterial, but has little effect on viral.

CDC is a more authoritative body on these subjects, and they only provide guidelines, as they should, considering the reality of the matter.

It makes sense to make recommendations for people to use them IF you support the argument with tangible, verifiable evidence, but that's it. Anything beyond that, in the face of the increasing, self-immunized population (herd immunity) status and inversely proportional risk of outbreak, is something other than truth. Anyone who wishes to wear them is free to. Why do you wish to take freedom away from people with unnecessary mandates; without even quantifying the necessity clearly? Take a hint from all these voices. Even better, study this issue in depth (the physical & biological science) and be honest; I'm certain you will find, as a body, you have greatly overreached your mastery and authority on this issue - possibly with good intentions...

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120500 2022/03/02 12:45:10 Anonymous Mask recommendations - NO mandates - provide proof of effectiveness as incentive If these masks were medically sealed they still would not work as COVID

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120501 2022/03/02 12:53:29 Anonymous Stay consistent - do you follow CDC guidelines or not?

The regulations were quick to follow CDC guidelines as they locked down everything. Now that the CDC has (appropriately!) removed many of the mandates, the regulatory agencies have been dragging their feet to follow. Either follow them or don;t. If it was sufficient to follow the guidelines in one direction but not in the other then neither has credibility. Why does the Virginia Dept. of Labor have to check and recheck the lifting masking and vaccination recommendations when they had no problem accepting it as full truth when they were implemented

I am generally against any mandate for masking and vaccination, but the level of inconsistency and general bias toward lockdowns by Virginia regulators contrary to CDC guidelines is appalling.

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120502 2022/03/02 13:00:29 VB Teacher Last in the nation? Mask mandates are ending everywhere will we really be stuck wearing these in schools through March?

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120504 2022/03/02 13:58:51 Jessica Ruff Support decision It is my understanding that the Va DOLI is going to make some updates regarding Covid in the workplace and there is a 30 day public comment period. I thank you for this opportunity. ;Schools and businesses are removing mask mandates which I feel is warranted. I am a healthcare provider in a primary care office. I have been wearing my surgical mask and using appropriate PPE for 2 years. As we see higher vaccinated rates, higher history of Covid infection and low active infection rates, I strongly feel that healthcare systems should simply return to our pre-Covid infectious disease protocols and implement standard precautions, contact precautions and airborne precautions only when needed. I am having patients cancel appointments because they are fed up with being told at our doors that they must have a mask to enter. We have found that N95 and KN95 masks help protect the individual and don't significantly slow the spread. People are mature enough to make their own decisions on mask wearing and you can't make someone NOT wear a mask. Mandates are only sparking controversy and retaliation. Not only that, people are confused as to how our U.S. Covid rates spiked as high as 800K cases a day when schools and businesses still implemented the mask mandates. Workforce shortages in healthcare and education still occurred despite mitigating measures of screening, testing, PPE, social distancing, hand washing and isolation. You could argue that if those measures weren't taken, rates could have been even higher but then ask yourself what else could you have done? The answer is nothing. This virus does not care what you do. People are not fearful of death from Covid anymore. They are optimistic of therapeutic treatments and recognize majority of symptoms are mild at best. I want my patient and provider relationships to return to normal, not the new-normal. I want to see their faces if they choose to show me theirs. Coming to my office to see me without my mask on is not a Covid infection waiting to happen. Its time to rely on our infectious disease protocols that existed before Covid, ones that recognized from the start that airborne diseases required N95 masks and respirators to mitigate exposure and infection-not cloth or surgical masks.hank you.

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120505 2022/03/02 14:18:09 Anonymous Stop the nonsense! Why is there a 30-day public comment period to lift the standard, but there was no opportunity to comment when our rights were being systematically stripped away two years ago? Read that again: TWO YEARS ago. The level of abuse and government overreach we have witnessed is stunning. Covid restrictions, mandates, and lockdowns have been nonsensical and politically biased since day 1. Covid never posed a grave danger and the continued restrictions are insane. End this immediately!

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120506 2022/03/02 14:50:14 Anonymous NO MORE MASKS My employer is still requiring a mask be worn due to your government overreach, while the State of the Union can be held with hardly anyone wear a mask!?! Stop with the politics and let people work live in peace!

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120507 2022/03/02 15:00:43 Anonymous We are so done! PLEASE end the mask mandate. Its beyond ridiculous at this point. Thank you.

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120509 2022/03/02 15:11:16 Hollie Cave No More Mandates Mandates are an unconstitutional and unconscionable violation of our freedoms as Americans. ;We will not comply with this tyranny any longer!

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120510 2022/03/02 15:13:30 Melinda L. Tennis, LLC End the mandates Be realistic, thoughtful and intelligent. End the mask mandate

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120512 2022/03/02 15:56:41 Anonymous End the mandate. Let it be a choice to wear one or not.

We've been wearing masks at work since fall last year due to the mandate for businesses. Please rescind the mandate.

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120513 2022/03/02 16:05:10 Anonymous Masks I think mask mandate should end. We need to build our immunity to Covid. This could be something like the flu. We have different flu strands each year and a vaccine based on years before. Any vaccine doesn't stop you from getting a virus, it just helps symptoms not be as bad. I think throw away masks build immunity and keep getting vaccine as new strains arise or yearly like flu vaccine. We now have businesses with customers that refuse masks. Let people who follow rules go maskless also

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120514 2022/03/02 16:18:18 Sharon Ream UNMASK I work at a 100+employee business. We are still required to wear masks because of high transmission in Lynchburg. Students who wear no masks all day have to mask up as a student worker because they work at a 110+employee business. Can COVID discern if they are wearing a mask or not? Look at the stats for Lynchburg. We are not overrun with COVID cases and the local universities have small numbers (under 10) per week as well. I suspect someone is not updating the records and is causing the rest of us breathing problems because we are still wearing a mask all day. There are multiple studies showing cloth masks do not prevent COVID, vaccines don't prevent Omicron or Omicron hospitalizations, natural immunity protects better than the vaccines, and therapeutics when given as early intervention work as good or better than vaccines. When do we start using common sense and stop blindly following protocol? END THE MASK MANDATE!

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120515 2022/03/02 16:31:00 Anonymous VBCPS Wasn;t this standard built around the fact that the CDC labeled all of Virginia as high transmission risk?

If so, please explain why VBCPS is still forcing all staff members to stay masked? Virginia Beach is no longer high transmission risks and yet here we are, forced and wearing these \$2.50 pieces of cotton on our faces! ; You are either in compliance or not in compliance with the Virginia Standard - Virginia Beach Schools is NOT in compliance!!!

Email them atSuperintendent askthesuperintendent@vbschools.com

Chief of Staff Donald.Robertson@vbschools.com

School BoardVBCPS SchoolBoard@googlegroups.com

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120517 2022/03/02 16:51:05 Anonymous Great posts !!! Make some NOISE !!!! No response.

120519 2022/03/02 17:22:07 Anonymous End Mask Mandate Virginia Beach students and visitors now have the option to choose whether or not to wear a mask. Give the same freedom of choice to staff members!

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120520 2022/03/02 17:52:55 Anonymous End all vaccine and mask requirements The people that were willing to get the vaccine or were able to be coerced into getting it, have already.

Its obvious the masks are theater.Just do it. End the mandates

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120521 2022/03/02 18:28:23 Teach at the Beach We want a choice! Students/families have a choice. Visitors have a choice. But teachers don;t. I want my freedom of choice whether I wear a mask or not! End this regulation and give us our liberty back!

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120523 2022/03/02 20:05:37 Anonymous Teacger End mask and vaccine mandates Please stop the mandate madness.; Our children are going to be social and intellectual illiterates. You cannot teach children to read when the teacher is masked. They cannot see your facial expressions and they cannot hear what you are saying.; I have many students that are trying to read but are way below grade level. When you are in 3rd grade you should not be reading on a Kindergarten level. In addition, if you cannot see someones face you cannot read social cues. The children are suffering at the hand of adults who are afraid. Emotion is the enemy of good judgement. Stop this lunacy.

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120525 2022/03/02 23:55:02 Christopher T Brown End the mask I believe with the widespread availibly of vaccanes that mask should be removed form all work places such as the Amazon Fullifullment center in center and thru out the state

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120526 2022/03/03 7:00:48 Anonymous Stop ALL mask and vaccine madates Mask do not keep you from getting or spreading ANY virus, which included COVID-19. Even the manufacturers who make the mask has it on their boxes.

The so call COVID-19 vaccines are not TRUE vaccines, its a SHOT, like the Flu shot. It does not prevent you from getting the virus.>STOP ALL MANDATES ON MASK AND THE JAB!!!

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120527 2022/03/03 8:02:41 David Ream CCP Virus Mandates According to Yale epidemiologist Dr. Harvey Risch, the covid-19 pandemic has been one of fear, manufactured by individuals who were in nominal positions of authority as the virus began to spread across the globe last year. I say the fabricated medical emergency is over. End medical tyranny. Drop the mandates and hurry up about it. Thank You

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120528 2022/03/03 8:03:05 Anonymous It's about control now It is ridiculous that VBCPS is still requiring masks when NO ONE else is

It is now just about controlling us. Get rid of this stupid mask mandate

That hasn't helped at all.

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120529 2022/03/03 8:14:14 Anonymous Mask and quarantine for non-vaccinated/boosted
We work with very young students, all under 5 years old. None of them are vaccinated. For the protection of all, we would like to recommend masks to be continued if people are not vaccinated or not boosted. Masks might not be the silver bullet, but it certainly helps!

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120530 2022/03/03 8:48:11 Stephanie O. Please stop the mandates; promote healthy living instead!!!
Mandates bring division in and outside of the workplace. Period.

Science has now proven that the masks are not the be all and end all of staying/being healthy.; Instead of mandating things that folks are pretending help, why not encourage (NOT mandate) things that actually help, such as exercise and cutting out the excess sugar and prepackaged / processed foods

made with all kinds of unhealthy ingredients and, instead, eating real foods (veggies, fruit, non-processed meats, eggs, nuts/seeds, etc.).Support the publics desire to get healthy so they don;t have all these co-morbidities and also so their immune system can be supported. People cant afford to buy organic or grass fed or to buy a juicer, etc. Put some money where it will actually help your citizens - help people to eat healthy, exercise, quit smoking, etc.!!!!!!Instead, we encourage places like Krispy Kreme to give out free donuts to people who get the vaccine... WAIT!; WHAT?; How does that make any sense????

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120531 2022/03/03 9:20:29 Anonymous Masks no longer makes sense My childcare is the only place my staff wear masks, and the only people that wear masks. This is silly. 12 people out of 70 wearing masks is not going to stop anything.

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120532 2022/03/03 9:35:19 Anonymous END MASK MANDATE/ TIME TO GET ON WITH OUR LIVES!/ FREE COUNTRY FREE CHOICE! We need to end this mask mandate! This is a free country and we should have the freedom to choose! We have already been bullied into getting vaccinated to keep our jobs when we LEGALLY didnt have to! Our LAST Govenor put this into place its time for our NEW GOVENOR to take it AWAY! The ONLY way we are going to end this is to TAKE THE MASKS OFF!!

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The Virginia Standard was adopted by the Virginia Safety and Health Codes Board, not the Governor. The Virginia Standard can only be revoked by action of the Board or the General Assembly.

120533 2022/03/03 9:52:58 Anonymous Private Schools Private schools are not obligated to adhere to the law passed in the recent mask policy. I want to see all school staff have the option to unmask. My son with speech delays does not get the facial interaction with his teacher he needs to make the progress he otherwise could have had if his teachers weren't masked up

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120534 2022/03/03 10:19:32 Janet END ALL MANDATE NOW

The inconsistency among organizations just within our great state of Virginia is ridiculous. K-12 now can choose whether or not to wear a mask, but at a local college where I work in Lynchburg, students are not required to wear them, but faculty and staff are, along with students as soon as they punch in as an employee. Once they punch out, they can ditch the mask. Who is this helping?

If the vaccine works, then those who fear covid are safe, or can continue to wear the oxygen-inhibiting masks. But do not continue to force those of us who do not believe this is scientific, or who are immune from having suffered for 3 months with the Delta variant. Our immune systems are working fine, thank you.

It is about time for Americans to go back to living truly FREE, able to make our own informed decisions about our bodies. Good grief - folks want 13 year olds to be able to mutilate a preborn baby without parental consent but we are all forced to do this, which has already been proved ineffective - is shameful.

Thank you!

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120535 2022/03/03 10:33:24 Melody Morton REVOKE 16VAC25-220 End mask mandates for all employees in Virginia and revoke 16VAC25-220

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120536 2022/03/03 10:41:29 OVER ITOVER ITI dont remember there being a 30 day waiting/comment period before these ridiculous mandates went into place. Enough already with these over reaching, draconian policies. If a kindergartner has the freedom to choose, so should everyone else. ENOUGH!

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The current Virginia Standard was the subject of 60 day and 30 day comment periods and 2 public hearings.

120537 2022/03/03 10:50:24 Portsmouth Teacher Make Masking Optional I have done my part working with all of the guidelines, social distancing, and got vaccinated as soon as possible. Now that students are unmasked and there has been no data yet showing any kind of surge in positive cases, it is time for teachers to do what they feel is best. I plan to unmask as soon as possible so my students can clearly hear my instructions and feedback

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120538 2022/03/03 10:51:55 Elizabeth Bale End DOLI COVID standards including mask mandates
I operate a childcare center which has been operating throughout the pandemic. We have had cases over the past two years and have seen no difference in transmission between the classrooms with masks on children and without. The DOLI standards made caring for the children very difficult. Masking teachers is harmful to child development, especially speech. Children need to see faces for social, emotional and language development.;Please revoke 16VAC25-220, Proposed Permanent Standard.

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120539 2022/03/03 10:55:21 Anonymous I need to see my doctors! I would really like to go to my gynecologist for cancer screening and my GP to check my cholesterol to evaluate my risk for heart disease. it;s been two years and I am unable to wear a mask-help;How can this be in the best interest of my health, if I die from something other than Covid because I cannot go to my appointments unmasked?

The Virginia Standard does not apply to non-employees.

120540 2022/03/03 11:07:19 Denise Nunez Stop the mandates for everyone masked and unmasked!!!!!! It is clear masks nor vaccines work! If you continue to abuse citizens with masking and vaccinating you will have a destruction of Americans and American business!!! Stop the narcissistic relationship with the people at the work place, schools and any place indoors and outdoors!!! Enough is enough

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120541 2022/03/03 11:13:59 Dave End The Mandates Now It is more than time to end all Covid related mandates. They are not longer needed, they never really worked in the first place and everyone knows that - no one had the guts enough to say it. Masks are not for show, they have been a huge detriment to children and they really didnt do much at all to protect anyone from Covid. ;I wholeheartedly support the end to all mandates immediately. ;Yes, Covid is here to stay but it;s not a pandemic anymore and it is not a huge threat anymore

Like Gov. Desantis said yesterday - end the Covid theater...end it in Virginia and end it across the country. It 100% ineffective and unnecessary.

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As of March 8, 2022:

Florida has experienced 331 COVID-19 related deaths per 100,000, 17th highest in the country.

Virginia has experienced 222 COVID-19 related deaths per 100,000, 37th highest in the country. Virginia's COVID-19 related death rate is 32.9% lower than Florida.

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/1109011/coronavirus-covid19-death-rates-us-by-state/>

As of March 7, 2022:

Florida has experienced 27,225 COVID-19 related cases per 100,000, 10th highest in the country.

Virginia has experienced 19,282 COVID-19 related deaths per 100,000, 44th highest in the country. Virginia's COVID-19 related case rate is 29.2% lower than Florida.

<https://www.statista.com/statistics/1109004/coronavirus-covid19-cases-rate-us-americans-by-state/>

120542 2022/03/03 11:16:50 Chelsea Abolish masks mandates everywhere It;s been 2 years. Weve had enough. Please allow people to make their own decisions regarding masks, especially in the workplace. My body, my choice.

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120544 2022/03/03 11:56:26 Anonymous revoke 16VAC25-220 immediately
revoke 16VAC25-220 immediately

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120545 2022/03/03 12:06:04 Mother Wife Daughter of tortured family members End the mandates. Businesses are too scared to remove them without the DOL blessing
Get rid of these ridiculous mandates. It's all theater at this point and is a joke when you see someone wearing a mask. It's just abuse to human beings to block your airways, distance yourself from others and drown your skin in 100 proof alcohol numerous times a day

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120546 2022/03/03 14:08:23 vbcps Mask BS

If you really really really really really think the that masks work and your wearing your six , then why are worried if the person next to you isn't wearing one ??? Explain that to us !!!! If your that scared wear your masks and hide under your bed and never come out!!!!

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120547 2022/03/03 14:12:54 Anonymous Germs

There's germs everywhere . In the air we breathe, the food we eat , the water we drink and everything we touch. Its up to God as to what will kill us !!! So wear your muzzle and leave the the rest of us alone

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120548 2022/03/03 14:45:47 LisaS Stop the Tyranny: End ALL mandates

It is Tyranny, abusive and misuse of power to keep these mandates in place

There is absolutely NO justification, atleast not any supported by REAL Science

The Gene therapy injections don't work to stop the Covid spread, infection, and neither is it safe(VAERS database and based on adverse vaccine event data from UK, Israel). Yet, we are FORCED to test for Covid or get fired if we don't vaccinate. The tests are faulty, yet it is being forced on us. ENOUGH!

I don't see any information on Natural Immunity, when it is much more robust than the brief immunity provided by the covid injections

Time to follow real Science! Why do you need 30 days to end mandates?

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120549 2022/03/03 15:52:40 Martha B Conti NO MORE MANDATES

Plain and simple- NO more mandates. We live in a FREE country, or what is left of one. We can make educated choices for ourselves. We do not need your input, or regulations. We were born into this world, FREE by almighty God. You are not responsible for us. Maybe your agency will be dismantled, and you can join our FREE society. Go and find yourselves a new career, where you actually have purpose in life, and are productive to our society

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120550 2022/03/03 15:58:57 Seeing Clearly Now The damage is done!

The mandates and policies have broken the back and often the bank of many a business, small large. The fear spread by lack of knowledge has made China rich selling masks and medicine. The goverment handouts further hurt business and have destroyed work ethic. Inflation rages not only because of poor leadership from Washington but also because of the many shutdowns, restrictions and masking

requirements. As an above average wage earner and therefore tax payer of 62 years age I can say the last 2 years has been the biggest news political fraud as well as waste of Virginia and US tax dollars, aside from random war efforts in my lifetime. No one is forced to have a flu vaccination and in our country mask use has been rare before this. COVID deaths are unbelievable as a person can have multiple issues at the time of death and COVID was probably the least severe of the concerns. The information from 90% of media is untrustworthy and unreliable, the same from the CDC and because of that Virginians have the same thought of the messages of our former Virginia Government leaders. Masks stop spit not the unseen micro organisms in the air. It makes no sense to allow people to eat unmasked but not work together. When You eat your mouth has to be open and you intentionally put things in and out. Why has it been safe to eat without a mask but not walk in the park, ride a bus or go to work. People that want to wear masks can continue as others do around the world long before COVID

End the Mask Mandate and stop wasting tax payer time and money. It is time to go to work America and Virginia. No more excuses, no more tax waste and handouts. Virginia is late to recede due to being attached to D.C. and the out of control National Government. Vote them all out of office!

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120552 2022/03/03 17:06:16 P.s Drop the mandates and stop discrimination

At work now, mask mandates dropped for vaxxed employees only. On what basis are such discriminations allowed. Is there civil law in this state?

What science are you using- fringe science?

Because the vaxxed STILL spread covid, get infected. What is the difference between vaxxed and unvaxxed and WHY the discrimination??

People with natural immunity have better protection than that provided by the speedily waning protection of the covid injection

Shame on you for pushing discrimination

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The Commenter is incorrect about mask mandates tied to vaccination status if their employer chooses to follow updated CDC guidance: SEE RESPONSE TO COMMENT 119357

120553 2022/03/03 19:22:43 Anonymous optional for everyone else except staff ???
How asinine !!!! Masks optional for everyone except staff !!! This is why you can never trust government to take care of you. Remember hurricane Katrina ? Look what's going on in Ukraine !! They had 8 years to strengthen their military and their alliances. Now the people are getting slaughtered because they thought their government would take care of them and protect them!!! Wake up people, SPEAKE UP !!!

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120554 2022/03/03 19:44:41 Anonymous No more masks in medical offices
Masks should be optional in medical offices for staff and patients. Front line hospital is a different situation. Physicians office staff should have the option to wear or not wear a mask, and the practice administration should not be able to force masks to be worn either

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120555 2022/03/03 19:47:10 Anonymous Remove masks in medical offices.
Medical office staff have been wearing masks for two years. Every day, for 2 years. We're weary, tired, and morale is at an all time low. We're vaccinated....to keep our jobs. It's time to get us, and everyone else out of these masks. Please, please help us

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120556 2022/03/03 19:55:04 Anonymous Masks not effective.
Unless EVERYONE is wearing a properly fitted N95 mask, they are worthless. Neither masks or vaccines are 100% effective despite what we were less to believe. It's simply theater at this point. It's time for everyone to have the option to wear a mask or not weat a mask...EVERYONE.....teachers, medical office employees, restaurant staff, retail...ALL of us. And, it should not be an option for an owner or manager to dictate otherwise

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120557 2022/03/03 20:00:56 Anonymous End mandates for masks, and screening, in medical offices

End mask mandate, temperature screening and covid related measures in all medical offices for both staff and patients

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120558 2022/03/03 20:02:25 Anonymous thank you

Thank you all for making our voices heard !!!!

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120559 2022/03/03 20:04:52 Anonymous Please don't wait, end mask mandates now.

Recent guidance should be enough to move forward with removing mask mandates for everyone now!

Is our state really going to lag behind the rest of the nation on this? Get rid of all mandates for everyone!

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120560 2022/03/03 20:24:13 Anonymous End Mask Mandates

Please end ALL MASK MANDATES

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120561 2022/03/03 20:52:34 Anonymous End mask mandate

It is time to end mask mandates for everyone, even those in healthcare. If someone wants to wear a mask they should be allowed to do so but no one should be forced to wear one. Employers should not be allowed to force vaccines or mask on their employees. End the mandate now!!

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120562 2022/03/03 21:11:20 Resident Drop all mandates and for employees
Please drop all COVID Permanent Mandates in public facilities including Fairfax County Buildings and Schools. These have been in place for almost two years and it is absolutely ridiculous. We should have a choice to be vaccinated or not we should have a choice to wear a mask. These mandates has been a real nuisance seeing my coworkers afraid of dealing with the public and conducting normal business. So working with local Fairfax County and public buildings; these include restrictions from: plexiglass around our public desks and private desks inside buildings, the unnecessary cleaning of office and desks, the fear of dropping masks because of COVID, the fear of just shaking hands with a coworker and or customer! This has ruined our society and the fear mongers that drive it. Please enforce normal daily activities and support the benefits of being normal again! Thank you so much!!! Very glad we have a Republican in the office again!!!

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120563 2022/03/03 21:14:40 Anonymous End the mandates
I work in a physicians office. For 2 years we have been forced to wear a mask every day. At this point, we all wear a mask at work but the first thing we do at the end of the day is remove the mask and go about our lives outside of the office without a mask. We go out to eat, we go shopping, we visit with friends, we go to church, parties and we do whatever we want "maskless" until we have to go back to the office. Why should we still have to wear a mask at work? It's time to stop forcing people to wear a mask, including healthcare. Give people the option and allow us to make our own choices about our health

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120564 2022/03/03 21:45:02 Anonymous End the Mandate
I live in Loudoun County, which recently removed the mandate for county workers, with the exception of the unvaccinated and medical workers. As I am unvaccinated, I must continue to wear a mask and submit to weekly testing while the patrons for our libraries are free to come in without a mask, whether vaccinated or not. Where is the equality in that? Please revoke the mandate for ALL Virginia county employees, regardless of their vaccination status

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The weekly testing mandate referenced by the Commenter is not in the Virginia Standard.

120565 2022/03/03 22:07:16 Resident Why do we have to wait until 3/21??
Why do we have to wait until 3/21 to drop all mandates in the workplace? So that means our CEX of Fairfax County and all the directors of each department will have to talk and take their time ripping down all the plexiglass and over abundance cleaning, social distancing, daily employee health check ins, proof of vaccinations, meeting room limits, those lucky employees that can telework while we have been in the public for two years. Also having in the back of our minds to keep mask signage for just in case??? No more just incase!! It's done over with!! Smile with your mouth not your eyes. Why can't the meeting be held sooner? Why wait 30 days? Why? These directors, managers are going to take their sweet time with this , while is employees suffer until when April? This should have never been in place ever

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120566 2022/03/03 22:12:21 VA RESIDENT No more mandates ever!
Let's end all mandates forever! This has ruined our society, economy, children and the control of big Government and egos. Why wait???? Please reconsider and close this commentary ASAP!

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120567 2022/03/03 22:12:21 Anonymous No more mandates
No more mandates!

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120568 2022/03/03 22:15:29 Let's make VA great again!!! Let's make VA great again by stopping forever mandates!

Mandates have ruined society and gave us fear of death, the unknown and just even living life.

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120569 2022/03/03 22:22:13 Angry resident Angry at this state

I am so angry right now because of the tyranny behind this mandate in the workplace for almost two years. Local government/Schools/Transportation/Health care facilities/businesses will take their sweet time removing mandates in the workplace and you must tell them effective immediately that all mandates have been revoked and will never be in place again. So throw out those signs, plexiglass glass etc and be fully back to normal ASAP and give 48 hours to do so for the sake of employees! We suffer the most. Thank you

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120570 2022/03/03 22:30:05 Anonymous Mask mandate has been lifted but why wait for employee/employer mandates to be lifted

Why do we have to wait until 3/21? The mask mandate has been lifted on 3/1 in workplace, but why wasn't the whole DOLI Mandate Article revoked?

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120571 2022/03/03 22:45:50 Anonymous Have 3/21 the meeting earlier please!!!!

Let's end these mandates now!!!

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120572 2022/03/03 22:47:56 Anonymous This should be an emergency revocation now!
So why was this an emergency to have mandates immediately and now we have to wait until 3/21/2022
to discuss mandate revocation?? Why not stop this and say no we are no longer doing mandates ASAP!

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