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Lake County Board of Supervisors

Re: Re-opening comment

Dear board members,

I'm submitting a comment regarding the re-opening of Lake County businesses and services during the Covid 19 pandemic.

I'm in favor of slowly and carefully opening businesses and agree that it is a desperate hardship for the small and large business owners here.

However, I request that mask wearing (face covering) be mandatory in businesses. I will not go into a business that does not require the employees and customers to wear masks. No mask, no service. It shouldn't be that hard. I have several friends who, like me, spend a lot of money here in Lake County but are now traveling to Ukiah to shop because of the mask issue or simply ordering more items on the internet. I would think business owners would want to be able to say: "Masks required," because it takes it out of their hands. At the very least, businesses can require their employees to wear masks. I just spent close to \$300 at the grocery store nearest me but I will not go back there because not even employees were wearing masks.

I know I have the "right to stay home," if I don't like the policy. This is true, but I think businesses and services here will be better off in the long run if all of their customers feel safe. Many residents here are older adults and have plenty of money to spend locally, but they won't if masks are not required.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Roberta Lyons

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