## To: Lake County Board of Supervisors

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Subject: Drop the stupid requirement for wearing masks

Would the Board of Supervisors please rescind the wearing of face masks in Lake County, and other draconian measures associated with the Coronavirus. The CDC has acknowledged that masks, which most people use, are not effective in preventing the spread of Coronavirus. Many virologists suggest that masks contribute to the spread of the virus.

If masks are effective it means they trap the virus. Then we touch the masks, and fiddle with them so they fit right and take them off and put them on. All the while transferring the virus from the mask to our eyes, nose and mouth. Then we put the virus-laden mask in our pocket or purse and take it home to spread more viruses around our home.

The best masks we can buy at the local stores are only approximately 97% effective for particulates like smoke. But the openings in these masks are approximately three times bigger than a virus, offering no protection from the airborne virus. If the virus emanates from a sneeze and is joined to a mucus droplet, the droplet would be trapped in the mask until it dried and then the virus would be exhaled or inhaled through the mask. Again offering no protection to anyone. Many masks worn by our citizens are homemade and completely invective.

So with no recent, new cases in Lake County, why continue to dictate that people must wear masks and endure yet another inconvenience at best and detriment at worst on our citizens. It may look like you are doing your job as supervisors, but for many of us, it is just another tyrannical political violation of our civil rights.