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**To:** [Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Please Enforce the County and State Mandatory Mask Orders  
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Dear Lake County BOS,

As I understand, the condition for re-opening was to do it safely by following public health officer and state guidelines. In other words, for the privilege of being able to do business again, certain businesses could re-open but only if done safely.

All across our county, numerous businesses are non-compliant.

For example, shortly after re-opening, the manager of a Middletown restaurant boasted for taking in \$5,000 over a holiday weekend. However, the employees either were not wearing masks, or wearing them under their nose. May I be so bold to say, this \$5,000 should be taken from them for being non compliant.

I complained about this restaurant but they are still in business, have suffered no fines, employees continue to be non-compliant with face coverings, and are possibly spreading the COVID-19 virus.

When will the Lake County BOS step up to-the-plate and follow the lead of other counties where face covering orders are enforced?  
For example in Mendocino County where people without face coverings can be fined \$100 to \$500 for non-compliance, and where at least one business was fined \$10,000 for non-compliance.

In a recent article, Mendocino County Sheriff Matt Kendall compared the utilization of an infraction citation for eschewing facial coverings to those issued when seatbelt ordinances were first enacted. He said the "fines and fees are a little stiff but it gets the point across" and protects Mendocino County's District Attorney's office from increasing the county's already-backlogged court system.

When is the Lake County BOS going to step up to your duty by enforcing the mandatory mask orders, and start issuing citations and fines for non-compliance?

I'd like an answer to the above question, please.

Regards,  
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We are each of us angels with only one wing,  
and we can only fly by embracing one another.  
- Luciano de Crescenzo