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**I like to keep things simple. When you are sick, do you call a plumber for advice on what medicine to take or what steps to take to best address your health problem? When your sewer backs up or your pipes burst, do you call your doctor for assistance or advice? When it comes to the pandemic and dealing with COVID, we have hundreds of health experts in our community, state, and country, including doctors, infectious disease experts, public health professionals and scientists who study viruses. These experts are in almost 100% agreement - our children should be wearing masks in school. Let's use a little common sense. We must rely on the experts. Any other approach to this issue is nonsensical.**

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It is time for the county commission to also use some common sense. You are not experts on the subject and need to publicly acknowledge that fact. Do not take the bait and allow others to try to make this a political issue – it is a health care and medical issue. Do not allow the small minority of misinformed, simple thinkers in the community (who continue to deny the existence of COVID, suggest it is not a serious problem or cry about perceived intrusions into their liberty) make this a political issue. You must show some bipartisan solidarity and leadership and say what needs to be said – we are not experts and we will rely on the experts. Period. Nothing further should be said on the subject.

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