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I support the health department mask order. It will surely mitigate viral spread among the K-12 children and the teachers. The main purpose of the mask is to prevent infected persons from transmitting the virus to others. At any one moment, none of us can know if we have been infected, so it is important for everyone to wear a mask in an enclosed setting and especially where distancing is difficult. The virus is spread mainly thru respiratory droplets. Wearing a mask blocks many of these, thus decreasing the viral load. It's not a perfect solution; just one layer of protection we should be using. The medical literature, science if you will, is full of articles supporting the benefit of mask wearing.

To those who think a mask restricts breathing, think again. Surgeons operate on patients for hours wearing a mask to avoid spreading disease. And, avoiding spreading disease is exactly what the mask order is all about.

Our children are more susceptible now than the adults are...let's take good care of them.

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