We applaud Mayor Lambert’s emergency health order mandating masks to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our community. Our cases have recently spiked dramatically, and wearing masks has been shown to slow the spread. When we talk, sing, yell, raise our voice, cough or sneeze, liquid droplets encasing the virus come out of our mouth and nose. Simply blocking them reduces the risk of spreading the virus. Recently, huge gatherings of people have occurred without following recommended precautions. It appears that the honor system of abiding by guidelines is not working.

To those who say, “Masks are only good for sick people,” it’s hard to know who is sick. People can be infected and not feel sick, inadvertently transmitting this virus without even knowing it. In fact, the most infectious period is 48 hours before symptoms appear! To those who say, “Wearing a mask takes away my freedoms,” remember, our freedoms and rights come with responsibilities, as with getting a driver’s license, insuring a car, wearing a seatbelt, following speed limits, etc. The right to take actions comes with the responsibility to assure others’ safety. Our U.S. Constitution offers the freedom of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for ALL.

Wear a mask because you care about your health and the health of others. Wear a mask because you have freedoms and accompanying responsibilities. Wear a mask because economic viability will NOT be possible if COVID-19 cases continue to increase! Mayor Lambert’s emergency order is well reasoned, follows recommendations of knowledgeable epidemiologists, and offers flexible and reasonable, situation-specific guidelines to diminish the spread of COVID-19 in our community without excessively limiting our interactions and businesses. The order is also within the jurisdiction of the Mayor’s governing power and is a measure that hopefully can prevent additional, more restrictive, orders.

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