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To: Glenda Wiles; Greg Chilcott; Chris A. Hoffman; Jeff Burrows; Chris Taggart
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Enforce the Mask Mandate

Dear Commissioners,

As a former resident of Ravalli County and someone who will be moving back in 3 weeks, I am dismayed by your lack of support for the mask mandate in Montana. I will be returning to Hamilton after 10 years in Vermont and due to Ravalli County's response to Covid-19, I am frankly nervous to do so. Even though Vermont is close to large population centers and has considerable tourist traffic in the summer, we currently have the lowest rate of Covid infections in the country. The reason is simple. We respect social distancing, we wash and/or sanitize our hands and we have a very high rate of compliance in regards to wearing masks.

Community spread is a real threat and it is such an easy thing to stop. Encouraging others to wear masks, enforcing the mask mandate and leading by example would stop community spread. We all want to feel safe sending our children to school. No one wants businesses to shut down again. Please do your jobs and support the Health Department and the Governor's directive. Our lives, quite literally, depend on it.

Thank you,
Marisa Neyenhuis

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