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!. I would encourage the Ravalli County Board of Health to convince Dr. Calderwood to stay on as our Public Health Officer by committing to encourage Ravalli County residents to mask up! And to follow all the safe practice guidelines to combat the Covid-19 virus. The county sanitarian already has a full time job and should not be expected to take over this position.

2. I am convinced that current scientific evidence supports the wearing of masks in public spaces when 6 foot distancing cannot be maintained. (most particularly indoor spaces)

3. I understand that this is an inconvenience and that some people are resistant and claim that their rights are being violated. I believe that my right to stay healthy is more important than their right to not be inconvenienced.

4. As a state we have handled this health emergency better than most - mostly due to quick shutdown at the beginning. Now that we realize this virus is going to be with us for a long time, we need strategies that don't require shutting down again. At this point, masking is our best bet.

5. My husband and I care for his 96 year old father and we are both pushing 70. We have been careful for the duration of this ordeal. We are finding it more and more difficult to find safe shopping in Ravalli County. We actually feel safer in Missoula County because the mask mandate is being respected.

6. The "anti-maskers" are very vocal and I am sure your stance to not support the mandate is based on fear of not being reelected. Now is the time for you to do what is right for all your constituents.

I personally know several people who have contracted this virus and it is not fun, even if you do not die, it is NOT JUST THE FLU!

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