

## Chris Taggart

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**From:** Kelsey Coty  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 2:11 PM  
**To:** Chris Taggart  
**Subject:** FW: [EXTERNAL] Comment on Ravalli County Public Health

Hi Chris, Should I forward this to BOH members? It sounded like it was directed at the commissioners only but wanted you're opinion.

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Kelsey

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**From:** Laura Merrill <laura.merrill@bhhsmt.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, July 27, 2020 2:08 PM  
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Dear Commissioners,

I think we are all feeling that the mask issue in our state and country, probably around the world, has become a political issue.

Covid cases are on the rise in Ravalli County and statewide. I think it is prudent to wear a mask, keep a respectable distance from people, and wash thine hands! Easy to do. And I do so in order to do what I can to reduce the spread and protect others. I want businesses to remain open! I want to be able to visit my loved ones at the Living Center again in person! I want to hear a live music performance in the near future, and look forward to some fall football! That is why I choose to wear a mask...for the greater good. I think it is unfortunate that the Commission is not following the Governor's mask mandate. If we just all pulled together for 5-6 weeks, wouldn't we all feel better about sending our kids back to school? Then parents could continue to go to work as well, and would not have to pay for expensive child care. It is all interconnected...but we have to reduce the spread of this virus first as we hopefully gain ground on a vaccine.

I am writing to submit my opinion to you, to reconsider your position.

Thank you for your time.

Laura Merrill

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