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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Safety during COVID 19

I have been a resident of Ravalli Co. for 39 years and owned and operated a small business, in Hamilton, for most of them. I support your decision to cancel the fair. I am aghast that you are not following the guidelines recommended by our public health officer.

Our safety is your number one duty and you are failing us. We only have three things that we know that we can do to prevent the spread of COVID-19: wear a mask, socially distance and wash hands frequently. Dozens of nations have proven this fact, yet you are refusing to use medical evidence to protect your citizens from each other and enforce the Governor's Masking Directive.. People who don't wear masks should be given a written warning (like traffic tickets). If they repeat offend, there should be a stiff fine, because they endanger my life, no less than driving drunk.

At 73 years old, I only go out for essential items but I do have to go to public businesses at times and have been exposed to people coughing and sneezing who are not wearing a mask. Business will pick up if everyone is wearing a mask because we citizens will feel safer to shop. Please support the Governor's Masking Directive.

Thank you, Darlene J. Golas

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