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Ravalli County Commissioners:

Please adopt the common sense public health policy of public masking. Also please encourage folks to maintain social distancing and frequent hand washing. This is a matter of public health not of politics.

History shows us that during the 20th century our country saw an increase of life expectancy of around 30 years. This allowed us correspondingly to become more productive and well off when compared to other nations. This increase was due in part large part to the adoption of wide spread public health measures such as ensuring clean water, public sanitation and food regulations such as milk pasteurization. The other part was due to the scientific, and then, public acceptance of the fact that germs cause disease. This recognition spurred the development of vaccines and antibiotics which combined with public health measures led to our increased longevity and productivity.

As a baby boomer I remember well the fear of polio and the sadness of seeing a friend's father, a proud veteran of WWII, confined to a wheel chair for life after being stricken. Like all Army veterans, I was given a standard battery of inoculations. While hardly enjoyable, I recognized the necessity and importance of having them as well as the precautions taken at times to ensure meningitis didn't sweep through our barracks.

Our country's bout with Covid-19 dictates that we should all step up and do our duty to our country. We are one people. While politics at times will separate us intellectually, we all have an obligation to our fellow citizens to keep one another physically safe.

Please do your part.

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