

I am a small business owner of two restaurants and two fitness clubs. As the owner of the restaurants, I am appreciative social distancing was not put back in, but as the owner of the fitness clubs the mask mandate is killing the fitness industry. We are there to make people healthy which combats COVID. A large amount of people will not come in to workout with a mask especially cardio which is our main thing. I find it ironic that people can sit shoulder to shoulder at the bar with no mask, but if they are working out far apart they have to mask up. I feel you all should be looking not only at the number cases, but also the positivity rate which we are in a low transmission state. Obviously if we test more we will have more positive cases, but if the positivity falls what are we talking about here. We are the highest vaccinated county in the country and it is time for us to move forward unless numbers go up considerably and people are dying which is not happening any different than the flu at this point. For today please vote that the positive cases has to be above 50 7 days in a row to go back to the mask, but also start reviewing your overall way you all look at this as you are doing permanent damage to the fitness industry and many of us will not make it. Thanks for the time and consideration.