

The county's current policy dictates that the mask mandate can be reinstated after a single day of "substantial" COVID transmission.

However, in order to have the mask mandate lifted, COVID transmission has to be under the "substantial" amount for 7 days. To be consistent and fair, it makes sense to me to have a 7-day time period, the transmission would have to stay in the substantial range for 7 days in a row, to go back to the mask mandate. A single day is not a trend, and will create quick swings back and forth.

A seven-day period (of transmission trends) provides a more accurate picture of public health trends related to the virus and eliminates quick swings back and forth on indoor masking requirements.

I would like to see a seven-day period used to mandate masks, and lift the mask wearing mandate. Consistent, logical.

Thanks for thinking this through logically, and vote to change the current policy surrounding reinstating the mask mandate after a single day of "substantial" COVID transmission.

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