

Please reinstate the mask mandate and KEEP IT IN PLACE for the foreseeable future. Have we learned nothing from previous precipitous lifting of protocols, when we knew for example that the Delta variant was rising, and sure enough then we had to back track and reinstate masks.

Now, we know the Delta Plus variant is already in Washington, D.C. according to news reports, and could be even more infectious than Delta. We are heading into the flu season. And we are opening our borders to the world and it is highly likely that more variants are coming.

Please keep the mask mandate and REVISE your metrics to include not only case numbers but also those additional factors that can contribute to rising numbers - like flu season and Delta plus and likely other variants, and opening of borders. Masks and social distancing along with vaccinations help to keep the numbers manageable and the majority of people in the county safe.