

Bristol Town Administrator

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Subject: Mask Mandate - experience

Today I went to a local laundromat

I wore a mask

I was the only one and there were around 10ish other people there This facility has a policy that masks are required and it's clearly posted everywhere

I went to my car while it was in the machines When I went to go re-enter a group that was not wearing masks decided to block the entrance and I asked them if I could get in and they didn't move, just gave me a look.

I snuck through when one moved

I was followed in by one female who decided to stand prob 6 feet away and loudly vent about how she hated mask wearers and how stupid they are.

I'm assuming a confrontation was wanted

One of the men had a gun on his waistband I wasn't inviting confrontation so I did the laundry I went there to do and left

I text the company what was happening and a while later got a text that the owner went there and was screamed at by this group.

I'm not mad at the company

It was uncomfortable though

And why?!? Because I choose to wear a mask to protect them? Because even if they don't care about me I care about them?

Unfortunately I don't feel safe going there anymore and will be taking my business to Vergennes Or Greers because they have a mandate.

I know others including local business owners who have had similar experiences and while I want to support local to our little town it just became obvious to me yesterday the risk included in that choice.

I was chatting with another friend who owns a main st shop who said she is making an emergency plan on how to handle if this happens in her shop.

Please do the right thing, support the health of our community members and the safety of our businesses and their owners.

Kelly

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