

**Bristol Town Administrator**

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**To:** Bristol Town Administrator  
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– Ian

Ian Albinson, Selectboard Vice-Chair

Town of Bristol

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**Subject:** Mask Mandate

To the Town of Bristol Select Board,

I am writing in regards to the Vermont Legislature session to pass a law authorizing each town to decide whether to mandate mask wearing. As a resident of Bristol I implore all of you not to mandate this policy for the town of Bristol and to let people decide for themselves if they want to wear them or not.

Until April 2020, World Health Organization COVID-19 guidelines stated that “[c]loth (e.g. cotton or gauze) masks are not recommended under any circumstance,” which were updated in June 2020 to state that “the widespread use of masks by healthy people in the community setting is not yet supported by high quality or direct scientific evidence.”

Enforcing a mandate will do nothing other than further erode our rights as Americans, and I am not putting my rights above the public's safety, I am putting my rights above people's fear. Please find the link below regarding studies of the effectiveness of mask wearing.

<https://www.cato.org/working-paper/evidence-community-cloth-face-masking-limit-spread-sars-cov-2-critical-review>

Best Regards,  
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