

Governor Inslee,

We urge you to implement a statewide facial covering (mask) mandate to control the explosion of COVID-19 infections.

The urgency of the current COVID-19 surge compelled health officers in all 35 local health jurisdictions and 39 counties to speak with one voice on Thursday, August 12, 2021, to recommend all residents wear facial coverings when in indoor public settings.

Many health officers support stronger action up to a mandate. King, Snohomish, Kitsap, San Juan, Thurston, Jefferson, and Clallam counties have already issued directives or mandates and others are in the process. Rather than a hodge-podge, time consuming process for 35 local health jurisdictions, we believe it would be most effective and expedient for a statewide mandate.

Please take decisive and effective action to implement a statewide mandate consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and your recommendations: for all residents to wear facial coverings when in indoor public settings or outdoor settings when physical distancing is not possible.

Thank you for your partnership!

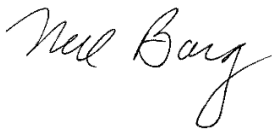
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