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Re: Proposed mask mandate

Richmond Select Board,

Richmond Rescue has been on the front lines of the COVID-19 pandemic since it began nearly two years ago. We continue to treat patients, both vaccinated and unvaccinated, for COVID on a weekly basis. We have seen firsthand the devastation that the virus brings to individuals and families. We are currently at an all-time high for COVID cases in Vermont. The public health tools at our disposal must change and adapt just as the virus changes and adapts.

One of the most powerful tools available is indoor masking. Schools have been incredibly successful in slowing transmission by instituting mask mandates. Schools have remained open for much of the last year with very little in-school transmission.

Richmond Rescue strongly supports an indoor mask mandate in the Town of Richmond.

Do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Michael Chiarella Director of Operations Miles Lamberson

President