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Subject: Submission from Joint Rules Committee

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Date: 11th December 2020 20:57

Your Full Name:

Bert Lindler

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blindler@montana.com

Subject Line:

Please Require Masks for Everyone Entering the Montana Capitol

Your Comment:

The health of legislators and members of the public wishing to meet with their legislators in the Capitol requires that everyone in the Capitol wears a mask covering their mouth and nose at all times. Please do not force legislators or members of the public to place their health at risk by entering a building where everyone is not required to wear a mask.

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Your Full Name:

Jesse Lassandro

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Subject Line:

Covid procedures

Your Comment:

Allow remote participation by legislators, stop the arrogance, the disregard for your constituents and population of Helena's health, and your willful disobedience of the CDC and wear masks and socially distance during the session!

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Your Full Name:

cindy garthwait

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Subject Line:

COVID-19 safety policies and rules

Your Comment:

I have learned from Sen. Mark Blasdel that there are a number of COVID-19 safety measures being considered, including use of rooms, cleaning, virtual sessions if legislators require them, and so on. I did not hear about the use of masks, which is one of the simplest and most effective measures. I strongly recommend that masks be worn during sessions and committee meetings, and I have seen photos and videos of Democratic legislators wearing them and Republican legislators not wearing them. I believe that those refusing to wear masks put the full burden on those who want or need to wear them. SAying that you can participate virtually puts the burden on those wanting to use masks and absolves those who do not wear masks from any responsibility of transmitting the virus other than distancing. It is a matter of courtesy toward colleagues, staff and the general public. It is not about forcing people to do somethins....rather it is about inviting people to do what is right and helpful to others. I have read one account of a legislator who is tired of listening to others cry about this and also that he feels that Republicans have cow-towed to Democrats on this. Let's do better than that. Treating others in a pandemic with a virus that kills people is not cow-towing, it is respect.

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Your Full Name:

Jim Sayer

Email Address:

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Subject Line:

Coronavirus and the legislative session

Your Comment:

I concur with all of the comments submitted urging the legislature to abide by the rules set forth by Lewis & Clark County to protect legislators, staff, and capitol employees -- plus the thousands of Montanans who will interact with them -- from the spread of Covid-19. Further, I urge you to maximize the use of virtual meeting technology to further reduce the potential sickness, and yes death, that will result from failing to do everything in your power to minimize the spread of this dangerous virus. If you have any doubt about the harm Covid can do to a legislative (and human) body, look no further than today's news from New Hampshire, where the newly elected Speaker of the state house just died of Covid-19. <https://www.wmur.com/article/late-new-hampshire-house-speaker-dick-hinch-covid/34932776#> Please be conservative, take no chances, and do the right thing by minimizing in-person interaction and the spread of Covid-19 through public health safety measures.

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Your Full Name:
Margarita McLarty

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Subject Line:
Corona Virus in Legislatures

Your Comment:

PLEASE CONSIDER: The New Hampshire State Legislature was already fiercely divided over the coronavirus when the new Republican speaker of the House of Representatives, Richard Hinch, died suddenly on Wednesday. Then came the news on Thursday that the cause of his death was Covid-19. Mr. Hinch, who was 71, died just a week after he was sworn in as speaker — and about three weeks after an indoor meeting of his caucus that led to several members contracting the virus, an event that Mr. Hinch had tried to play down in public remarks. It was not clear whether he, too, had caught the virus at the caucus meeting. The news will undoubtedly heighten tensions among state lawmakers, who have been at odds over the refusal of many Republican lawmakers to wear masks or take other pandemic precautions seriously. Splits have opened not just along partisan lines but also within the Republican ranks. William M. Marsh, a Republican state representative, said the responsibility for Mr. Hinch’s death lies on the shoulders of a group of Republican members who refused to take precautions like wearing masks and maintaining social distance, and who leaned on others to do the same. “The peer pressure from colleagues is the root cause of what happened to my friend,” Mr. Marsh said of Mr. Hinch. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/12/10/us/richard-hinch-nh-covid.html>

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Your Full Name:

Jean Woessner

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Subject Line:

Take precautions during Pandemic

Your Comment:

Dear Montana Representatives and Senators I'm writing to urge you to meet remotely for this legislative session, which will protect not only YOUR health but also the health of the inhabitants of Helena and that of your constituents as you return to your home districts. That you would object to this in the middle of an uncontrolled pandemic is an affront to all who hold life sacred. Your hypocrisy is showing. Sincerely, Jean Woessner Missoula

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Your Full Name:

Julie Kleinert

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Subject Line:

Holding the legislature remotely

Your Comment:

I believe that the legislature should be held remotely to prevent a surge of Covid in Helena. The other acceptable option would be to hold it after a vaccine is available.

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