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As Mayor of Wickenburg, I want to share with you why we have not taken a public position regarding the use of masks. While I personally do believe masks are helpful and I strongly encourage those who can wear them to do so, I also believe in a person's individual rights. Wickenburg has always looked at the health and welfare of our community and know our residents will want to do their part to keep us all safe.

The number of cases in the 85390-zip code has increased over the last month. We are now at 20 cases.

This past Thursday Maricopa County passed a proclamation requiring all residents of the County to wear masks in enclosed public spaces (where 6 feet of distance cannot be maintained). This only applies to indoor spaces. No mask is needed outdoors or in your home. There are exceptions for the use of these and I would encourage everyone to read their proclamation. You can find it on their website at www.Maricopa.gov. I have asked our legal counsel to review the County's proclamation to determine if Wickenburg is required to take their same stance as a public agency.

My hope is that we can take a hybrid approach and do what is best for Wickenburg. I hope to have their legal opinion soon and will release a statement as soon as I can.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

Mayor, Rui Pereira