



April 2, 2021

Bethany Wait, M.D.
Elkhart County Health Officer
608 Oaklawn Ave.
Elkhart, IN 46516

Dear Dr. Wait,

We are writing in support of your request to extend the current mask ordinance that is in place. With the State of Indiana recently lowering the eligibility for the vaccine to anyone 16 years of age or older, we believe that it will be important to give those interested in receiving the vaccine additional time to do so.

We have also recently seen an increase in the positivity rate and in hospital admissions. This concerns us and gives us pause on having the mask ordinance removed as we know that social distancing and masks will help us prevent the spread of the virus.

Thank you for your recommendation on this important matter and for the leadership you have shown. Your important actions have certainly helped Elkhart County and have saved lives.

Sincerely,

Carl Risk II
President

Michelle Bache, M.D.
Vice President of Medical Affairs