Purpose of mask mandate

What is the mask mandate? The mask mandate is the mandating of wearing a mask out in public to avoid the spreading of Covid-19. People all around the world have been wearing face masks for a while now, the US is one of the only countries who just recently started doing the same to prevent the spread of diseases such as the one we are facing today. However, many still argue about the effectiveness of wearing a facemask in general, while others support it wholeheartedly. Whichever side you may be on we can’t run away from the fact that it is a mandate, and we need to follow it whether we like it or not. However, there are exceptions to these rules, according to Wikipedia children that are under 2 years old don’t have to wear a mask and neither do people with any kind of respiratory problem and or someone is unable to remove a facemask from their face.

The evidence, according to University of California San Francisco, to wear a facemask is the following, after doing some laboratory studies on face masks and droplets to see how many would be caught vs not caught, they found that nearly all droplets were blocked from leaving the mask. This further backs the claim of the importance of wearing a mask to prevent the spread of disease. They later go into detail about the percentage decrease of Covid-19 spread with a facemask mandate, it showed that after just five days it dropped in .9 percent and after two weeks more than 2 percent. The website later stats that a man who tested positive for Covid-19 was on a plane with 25 other passengers but because he we forced to wear a facemask none of the passengers in that plane got Covid.

Sometimes all we may need is a lawful enforcement for our own good, according to Jama Network mask mandates are enforced not just to defend the wearers of the mask themselves but also the people around them. The website also states that when we all have facemasks on, we’re safe and run a lower risk of anyone getting sick. They, later, go on to state on a positive not that no matter what may come out of this, one way or another this will help us further control any future pandemics and learn about the mistakes from the past and current situations and the importance of mask mandates.

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| **Project Portion** | **Ideal Criteria** | **Overall Feedback** |
| Introduction | * Engaging * Shows importance of question * Indicates major parts and content |  |
| Background | * Uses credible, neutral sources * Effectively and sufficiently explains essential information * Written objectively in own words * Well organized and focused paragraphs with transitions * Minimal error | Remember that this is not an argument part of the project. It’s just basic FYI about what the mask mandate is/was, when it went into effect, for whom, what counted as a mask, how it was supposed to be worn, and then a little about the debate. |
| Analysis | * Smooth transition from background * Summarizes accurately and in own words two opposing answers and one objective answer to the question * Recognizes and shows bias * Reasonable observations about how all sources make their arguments impactful * Well-organized and focused paragraphs with transitions * Minimal error |  |
| Response | * Smooth transition from analysis * Incorporates strong points from sources * Draws a reasonable and well-supported conclusion, answering the question * Provides satisfying conclusion to the project * Good transitions between focused paragraphs * Minimal error |  |