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It can be argued that mandating mask usage may have been somewhat helpful during other waves of Covid variants; however, the omicron variant is so transmissible that the majority of masks that people will wear will not prevent its spread. Also, even if an appropriate mask is worn, they are often worn improperly. Science is showing that wearing masks is not stopping the spread of omicron, and in truth forcing mask usage may actually give people a false sense of security and spread the disease faster since masks don't actually stop the spread. In a medical setting, with staff trained in use of proper masks, I am in favor of masking. In other public areas, I am in favor of each person making a choice of whether to wear a mask or not. The best way to avoid contracting covid is to avoid people altogether, and there are many virtual options (livestreamed worship services and Sunday School for example) and curbside pickup options for people who fear contracting the disease.

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