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Thank you for allowing the public to weigh in on the possible mask mandate extension. Although KC's Covid statistics are still incredibly high, I believe there are two things that have kept our numbers from continuing to surge in the metro area - an increase in the vaccination rate and the mask mandate. I think it is critical to extend the mask mandate in hopes that the numbers will decline. The sole reason, even though I am vaccinated, that I feel somewhat comfortable going into places of business, like grocery stores, is because of the mask mandate. Covid is spreading in schools and places with no mandates. Many places in the country require proof of vaccination to enter any place of business. The least we can do is extend the mask mandate.

Many thanks,
Barbara Foster