

Hello,

I am a college student at the University of North Dakota, and I am in support of HB 1323. The mask mandates may have done nothing to stop or slow the spread of COVID. In fact, the argument could be made that it has helped the spread of it. After all, if the “anti-maskers” aren’t getting tested, then it’s the people wearing masks who have contributed to nearly all the cases. Furthermore, there is no scientific evidence showing that masks work for stopping a virus like this, but there are countless journals and studies showing that masks don’t work and do more harm than good.

Almost all my classes had been in person up until these past two semesters at UND. And I can genuinely say that I have learned drastically less now that classes are online. All my friends and other students that I talk to say the same thing, it’s an absolute joke. Even for the hybrid classes it is frustratingly difficult to pay attention while wearing a mask. Hot humid air is constantly going up into your eyes while you breathe makes you tired and mentally foggy. I’m in the aviation program and it has even caused safety issues for me while flying, and I’m not the only one. You can choose to put your sunglasses on and be blinded by the fog from wearing a mask or take off the sunglasses and be blinded by the sun.

Lastly, wearing a mask should be up to the individual. This virus has a 99.9% survivability rate, once you take out all the deaths that the hospitals labeled as COVID deaths to get more money from the government. If you are scared of this virus then stay home, and don’t tell me how to breathe the air.