

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Among all the ways we can end up with more people - everyone!-wearing masks indoors and closer than 6 feet outdoors I would like to suggest building education and cooperation in the community. You may remember my letter re Outdoor Teams. It is not too late to get these going, on a volunteer or partial pay basis. At this point, State Parks of our district has begun a pilot program, integrating covid education, masks, etc into their volunteer program. We are only at the Ford House right now, but I hope that withing a couple of weeks we will be recruiting and having volunteers re covid at as many State Parks as possible. For other places, the Teams would not be State Park volunteers, but local citizens affiliated with the Public Health Dept, BOS, Sheriff Dept... all agencies willing to partner in this endeavor. The teams could give info re health directives and any tickets, fines, etc, that may be levied. I do not think they should be enforcers of those fines. At the Ford House , thus far, at a table outside, all tourists were cooperative and interested in our information. It was all tourists because of our location. On public streets there will be many locals, in any case the meet, greet, educate, distribute masks and information is, I believe, the way to go and will engender less hostility and effectively protect all immediately and long term.

Thank you, Zo Abell