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News Release

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We would like to clear up some confusion that may have been caused by the news release issued late Friday.

The recommendation for wearing masks when entering local businesses did not come from any change in conditions "on the ground" in Uvalde or Uvalde County with regard to COVID cases or the spread of the virus. So far, Uvaldeans have done a good job of limiting COVID spread as shown by the numbers that continue to be updated by the Uvalde Health Authority. (uvaldehealthauthority.org)

Rather, the recommendation was the result of recent renewed emphasis from state and national health officials on the need for citizens to wear masks in public, and the fact that several other jurisdictions have made this mandatory. We are not proposing to make mask wearing mandatory here yet, but that could change if conditions locally change, that is, for the worse.

So, please everyone, continue to stay home as much as you can, and when you go out, be diligent in observing social distancing. Wear masks when you go into a building like a grocery store or other business. Follow all the other hygienic practices that have been recommended since the outbreak began. Let's keep up the good work.

Don McLaughlin, Mayor
Vince DiPiazza, City Manager
Bill Mitchell, County Judge