

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

ROOM 5, CITY HALL
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

December 17th, 1918.

To The Honorable, The Mayor,
and The Common Council,
City of San Diego,
California.

Mr. President and Gentlemen:

The Board of Health is of the opinion that the Ordinance making mandatory the wearing of gauze masks, should be continued until the number of cases reported each day are consistently small enough to deem it safe.

A tabulated report of cases for the past seven (7) days, when the mask was worn, and the seven (7) days preceding, when not worn, follows:

<u>WITHOUT MASKS</u>			<u>WITH MASKS</u>		
	<u>CASES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>		<u>CASES</u>	<u>DEATHS</u>
Dec. 4	166	4	Dec. 11	98	17
" 5	200	6	" 12	78	4
" 6	154	7	" 13	76	15
" 7	160	10	" 14	47	2
" 8	135	0	" 15	41	0
" 9	173	14	" 16	41	29
" 10	179	3	" 17	29	8
	<u>1167</u>	<u>44</u>		<u>410</u>	<u>75</u>

The Board of Health, upon investigation, feel that the increase in deaths, during the period that the masks have been worn, is due to cases where Influenza was contracted before the Ordinance was adopted.

The Board believes that at the present time it would be both unsafe and unwise to discontinue wearing masks until an appreciative and continuous decrease was shown. This view is held by other physicians who have watched the steady decrease in the number of cases reported each day.

Very truly yours,

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THE BOARD OF HEALTH,
BY Geo. H. Sieverling
SECRETARY

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City Clerk

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Deputy

COMMUNICATION

FROM

Board of Health
recommending that
wearing of gauze
masks be continued

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