

James Rabe ([00:00](#)):

Thank you for taking the time to answer this, this question that I think I already know the answer to, but, uh, Minneapolis St. Paul just said, Hey, you have to have proof of vax or proof of negative tests to get into bars, restaurants, wherever food is served inside. Do you see anything like that happening in Rochester? Anytime soon,

Mayo Kim Norton ([00:18](#)):

We're still working on trying to get at masking, so I don't see that as, um, being fast tracked here in Rochester. I will say I experienced this in Europe when I traveled. Um, it's kind of standard procedure, if you will, for bars, restaurants, and even other businesses that you go in. So, it was simple and easy to do so in my experience was positive with it, but I know we have a little different attitude here. I also saw, at least on social media, that Hawaii has implemented this as well. So the state of Hawaii has done it as far as I could tell from the post anyway.

James Rabe ([00:56](#)):

And that's paradise for crying out loud. So obviously if you have paradise and warm sun here, we gotta do the same thing.

Mayo Kim Norton ([01:03](#)):

<laugh> Well, I just have to say we are still discussing masking as you know. I prepared and actually wrote and did an emergency order right at the very beginning of September. It was not upheld by the city council. And in fact, it was rescinded after two days and it could have been then effect three. And, we still are with that same kind of, I guess, split or a variety of opinions on the city council about whether it's the right thing to do. How far do you go? How do you enforce such a rule? There's still a lot of variability between the seven members about the direction to go. So, if we can't decide on that, I don't see that next step being likely.

James Rabe ([01:49](#)):

And honestly, you know, that's the way the system works. We set it up to work this way, and people are represented by their, their folks. You have your points of view, they have theirs, and we try to come to agreements.

Mayo Kim Norton ([01:59](#)):

Absolutely. And there's been some interesting discussion and we'll just see where it goes. I think we are probably going to peak in the next couple weeks. And we'd like to try to control that as best we can. I know emergency rooms and our healthcare providers are absolutely overwhelmed and we still have friends and family getting ill, and sometimes very ill, with COVID. So, you know, there are disagreements on what's the right thing to do, but I think we are all on the city council taking COVID very seriously and all of us are recommending masking, whether it's an order or not.