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Dear Dr. Pour and the Douglas County Board of Health,

As physicians serving in the Metro Omaha area, we have been watching with concern as the infection rates and cases of Covid-19 in our area increase despite current control measures.

In light of no definitive cure or vaccine being presently available, we recommend the public follows the available scientific evidence of wearing a mask to protect our citizens and attempt to control the spread of this virus in our community. We are supportive of a mask mandate that has been adopted in some form or fashion by 41 states. The effectiveness of wearing a mask has been cited by experts at various institutions, including the University of Nebraska Medical Center, the Mayo Clinic and Stanford University, as a way to limit the spread of Covid-19.

We continue to support the Douglas County Health Department in the effort to ensure the health of our community.

John D. Peters, M.D.  
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