

Chapter Masking Policy Resolution

Oklahoma City Democratic Socialists of America

WHEREAS

1. The COVID-19 pandemic is an ongoing public health issue which the population largely ignores, while people continue to get sick frequently and spread viruses to the most vulnerable in our community.
2. Other respiratory viruses are also highly active in our area, and such illnesses are worsened by the long term effects of COVID.
3. Masking is an easy and effective way to prevent the spread of such viruses.
4. Masking demonstrates our Chapter's commitment to advocating for and protecting vulnerable populations.
5. Failing to prioritize masking indicates a lack of care for the harm that COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses cause, not only to those most vulnerable to severe illnesses, but to the community at large.
6. We as socialists should be concerned with this issue because we seek to maximize the safety and wellbeing of our community however possible.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. The Mutual Aid Working Group will create an internal masking policy for the Chapter, to be voted on by Chapter members no later than August 2025. The masking policy will be guided by best practices based on available scientific data.
2. The Chapter will allocate \$200 to start a fund for purchasing masks to be made available at in-person events. This fund will be stewarded by the Mutual Aid Working Group.

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Outcome: Adopted