Sheriffs Refuse to Enforce Face Mask Mandates

Some sheriffs are refusing to follow or enforce face mask mandates. In Florida, the sheriff of Marion County forbids his deputies or anyone entering his offices to wear masks. Deputies can only wear them in certain facilities or when dealing with people suspected of having COVID-19 or at high risk from the disease. His priority is clear communication and he says there are as many professionals that say the public should not wear masks as those that say the public should.

In Wisconsin, most sheriffs are also refusing to enforce the mask mandate. As one sheriff said, “Health exceptions make the mandate unenforceable.” He too says there are people on both sides of the issue and he expects everyone “to show personal respect and personal responsibility.”

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