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There has been a great deal of debate about the use of masks as they relate to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Village of Wales has been contacted by residents who want the Village to mandate the wearing of masks in public places within the Village. Like many other Waukesha County municipalities, the Village of Wales does not have its own health department and utilizes the Waukesha County Health Department for this service; as such an order from the Village to wear masks in public would not be enforceable. Any such order would need to come from the Waukesha County Health Department.

The Village fully supports the County "Stay Safe to Stay Open" campaign to promote four concepts that will protect the health and economy of Waukesha County:

- Protecting the Vulnerable
- Stay Home if you are Sick
- Practice Social Distancing (If Social Distancing is not possible, wearing a mask to help stop the spread of respiratory illness)
- Follow CDC Best Practices

More information on this campaign is available at www.waukeshacounty.gov/safeopen.


In addition, if you personally are concerned about or in a higher risk category of contracting COVID-19 you need to take whatever steps you believe will best protect you and your family. Individuals need to avoid situations that they think may put them at risk. If you cannot avoid these situations, the CDC and the Waukesha County Health Department recommend wearing a N95 mask which, if worn correctly, will reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19.

Information about Waukesha County's response to the COVID-19 pandemic may be found on the County's website www.waukeshacounty.gov/COVID19.

The Village understands that this topic in bringing out strong emotions for people on both sides of the debate. I ask that no matter which side you are on you respect others' choices on this issue. This includes businesses that make the operational and health choice they feel is best for their customers and their establishments.

Sincerely,

VILLAGE OF WALES


Jeffery A. Flaws, President



The Red Dragon is one of the national symbols of Wales and is seen on the Welsh flag. Merlin the magician is reported as telling his King, on finding two dragons fighting, "The white dragon is the Saxon, the red dragon is Cymru, and so they will fight, the red against the white, until at last the dragon of Wales is triumphant over the dragon of the Saxons." Others say the Welsh Dragon is directly descended from the griffin of the Romans and the Welsh national flag is therefore the oldest on earth. It should be noted that the Welsh dragon has three feet on the ground, while the English dragon stands on two feet.