

Papers of Mayor James Rolph

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CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH
 CENTRAL OFFICE
 1085 MISSION STREET

*See memo
 that
 approved
 request. Mayor
 for Dec. 7, calling
 marks. Enclosing
 copy of
 memo. for
 H.S. records*

December 7th, 1918.

When replying quote subject:-

To His Honor James Rolph, Mayor, and
 The Honorable Board of Supervisors,
 San Francisco, Cal.

Gentlemen:-

Your attention is directed to the fact that there is an alarming increase in the number of cases in this city due undoubtedly to the large number of people coming from infected centers outside of California as well as cities and towns within the State. Further, the changed weather conditions and the consequent crowding indoors with improper ventilation, probably bring people in close contact with those who have had Influenza, all of which is responsible for the re-opening of the epidemic, but which we believe can be brought under perfect control by again resorting to the mask, and we therefore respectfully ask His Honor, the Mayor, and the Board of Supervisors to re-establish the ordinance compelling the wearing of masks. By so doing, the Board of Health believes it will not be necessary to place any restrictions upon business or to resort to any closing of activities within this city and county. We further believe that by preventing a high incidence of the disease at this time, we will not only save human life but also prevent large economic loss to the Nation and the State.

That you may have before you the reason for this communication and the request therein contained finds itself in the following figures.

Date	Cases	Deaths
November 30	76	5
December 1	116	2
" 2	115	6
" 3	150	2
" 4	169	7
" 5	117	10
" 6	110	6
" 7	137	3

Respectfully,
 Board of Health,
 per

Wm C Hassler Jr.
 Health Officer.