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The League of Women Voters of Dane County has recently learned that there are no plans to supply each polling place in Dane County with a few masks for voters who may need one. We believe that the focus has been on making sure there will be enough masks for poll workers, but not enough to offer to any voter who comes into a polling place without one.

Dane County has an indoor mask requirement in any public location. Masks will make it safer for all voters and poll workers. We understand some voters should not wear masks for medical reasons, and that no poll worker should imply that wearing a mask is a requirement to vote. Offering a mask is not the same as requiring a mask.

The League urges you to assist municipalities in obtaining enough masks that a few can be supplied to each polling place for voters who do not have one but are willing to wear one that is provided.