

FREEDOM TO NOT WEAR A MASK?

This is a sarcastic text that appeared on social media on whether wearing a mask in a pandemic is a matter of freedom.

1 Fill the gaps in the text with the correct choice.

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Welcome to the Freedom Cafe!

We trust you _____ your own choices if you want _____ a face mask. And, in the same spirit of individual liberty, we allow our staff to _____ their own choices about the safety procedures they prefer _____ as they prepare and serve your food.

We encourage employees _____ their hands after using the bathroom, but understand that some people may be allergic to certain soaps or may simply prefer _____ wash their hands. It is not our place _____ them what to do.

We understand that you may be used to chicken that _____ to 165 degrees. We do have to respect that some of our cooks may have seen a meme or a YouTube video _____ that 100 degrees is fine and we do not want to encroach on their beliefs.

Some servers may wish to touch your food as they serve it. There is no reason that a healthy person with clean hands can't touch your food. We _____ take their word for it that they are healthy and clean.

Water temperature and detergent are highly personal choices, and we allow our dishwashing team _____ how they'd prefer to wash the silverware you will put in your mouth.

Some of you may get sick, but almost everyone survives food _____. We think you'll agree that it's a small price to pay for the sweet freedom _____ told what to do - and especially not for the silly reason of keeping strangers healthy.

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2 Find in the text words or expressions that mean:

- a. Personal decisions (1)
- b. Personnel (1)
- c. Inspire/stimulate (2)
- d. Some (2)
- e. Business (2)
- f. OK (3)
- g. Intrude (3)
- h. Believe them (4)
- i. Very (5)
- j. Permit (5)
- k. Forks and spoons (5)
- l. Nearly (6)