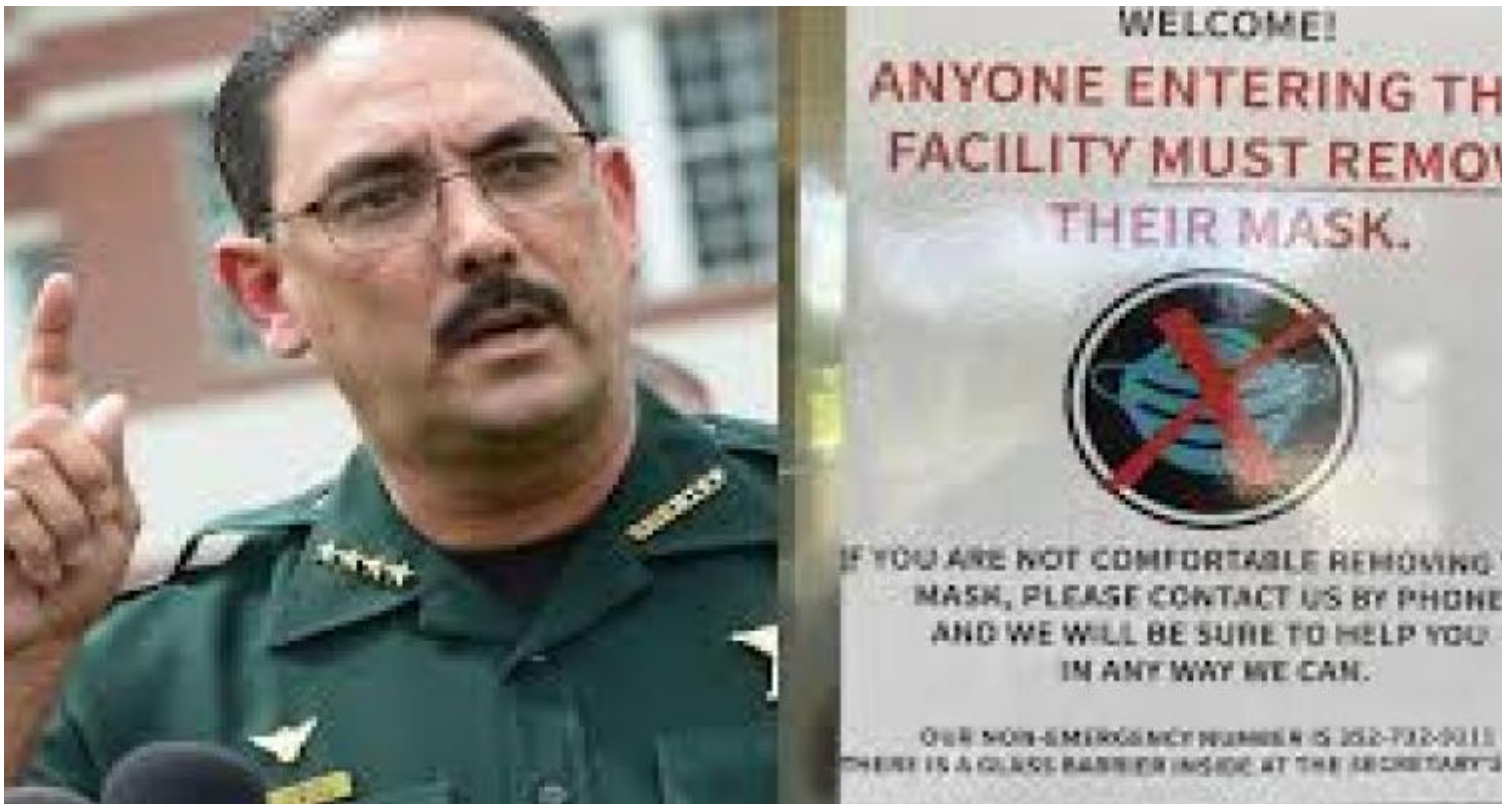


# *Florida sheriff bans deputies from wearing masks as coronavirus cases increase*

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Miami, August 14 (RHC)-- In the U.S. state of Florida, Marion County Sheriff Billy Woods has ordered his deputies not to wear masks on the job — and barred visitors to the Sheriff's Department from wearing facial coverings.

In an e-mail message to employees, Sheriff Woods falsely claims that there's no consensus on whether masks stop the spread of the coronavirus.

Meanwhile, a New York Times analysis of federal data shows more than 200,000 more people have died than usual across the United States since March — more than 60,000 higher than the official coronavirus death toll.

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