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I spoke at the Board Meeting of Tuesday May 12. My concern was extremely specific. I requested that the daily status report include recovery by geographic area.

The status report May 13 (1 day later) included enhanced information regarding recovery data. That is a positive improvement. However, it seemed to be specifically aimed at dealing with the impact of the Lompoc Federal penitentiary. It did not address my request.

Let me be clear. I will continue to pursue this information as part of the daily status report. The recovery data is available. It is clearly part of a relational data base that could be easily manipulated into the report, as was the change to the May 13 report.

I tried to address this issue with the Mon/Weds/Fri 4:30pm County reporting on Cable 20. I was informed that the public is not authorized to ask questions. Thus, the weekly County Board Meeting is my only available input.

My question is for Director Van Do-Reynoso and Chairman Hart. Why is the recovery data by geographic excluded from the daily Status Report ?

I will pursue this through the press, and be here every Tuesday until this data is included. I will not hesitate to pursue this through a FOIA, but that is so cumbersome.

In summary, when will recovery data by geographic area be included in the daily Status Report ?

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Dear Clerk of the Board,

I request that the following comments be read into the record as part of public comment on Agenda Item D1 at the May 19, 2020 Board of Supervisors Meeting.

Thank you.

Dr. Lee Heller

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Chair Hart and Members of the Board,

I applaud everyone who put so much effort into this Guide.

Unfortunately, a good bit of the Guide relies on outdated data. Specifically, many of its source conceptualize disease transmission in terms of visibly sick individuals – whereas we now know that many infectious people are asymptomatic.

The RISE Guide's failure to require face coverings in congregate settings reflects this outdated understanding. One of the references is OSHA's Guidance on Preparing Workplaces for COVID 19, which instructs employers to "Take steps to limit spread of the respiratory secretions of a person who may have COVID-19. Provide a face mask, if feasible and available." As we now understand this virus, anyone may have COVID 19 and thus everyone in congregate settings should wear a face mask to protect others.

Another outdated perception is the notion that face coverings are only necessary where physical distancing is difficult. But 6 feet may not be enough. This is especially true where individuals may cough or sneeze -- both of which generally happen without time for protective action. Even speaking forcefully may project aerosols further. This means that people in enclosed indoor spaces need more protection than simply staying 6 feet apart. Yet the RISE Guide does not address this.

I urge the Board to request that the RISE Guide reflect the latest understanding of COVID 19 transmission, and include more and stronger language in support of wearing face coverings in congregate settings as an important added measure to reduce transmission and thus enable safer reopening to economic activity.

Thank you for your time.

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