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Public Comment - Group 1

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To: sbcob
Subject: 22-00142



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Dear Supervisors of Santa Barbara County.

I am resubmitting my comment from last week in the hopes that someone on the Board (perhaps my representative Supervisor Nelson?) will please ask these questions of the representatives of the Santa Barbara Health Department:

Dear Supervisors of Santa Barbara County,

As you continue to discuss the current "state of emergency" and whether to continue with the measures that have not worked to keep us out of a "state of emergency" after 2 years, I hope you will consider the impact that focusing solely on attempting to contain a clearly uncontainable virus is having on our community. Masking in particular is very damaging, we are very social animals and facial communication is vital to all of our social and psychological wellbeing. This is especially true of babies and small children who are learning to speak and read facial cues.

I am asking for one of you to please ask Dr. Ansorg and Ms. Do-Reynoso what scientific basis and risk-benefit analysis they use for requiring children as young as 2 years old to wear a mask indoors? Not what the CDC guidance says, because they are not required to follow that, the vast majority of counties in this country do not, but what is the basis for their personal decision for this requirement?

I don't know if you are aware but, as far as I have found, the US is unique in requiring children younger than 5 to wear masks. In fact many do not require it for under-12s (<https://www.msn.com/en-us/news/us/the-true-cost-of-masking-young-kids-forever/ar-AATggwy>). The CDC gives no reason for masking children this young, even the WHO is against requiring masking for children under 5 (<https://www.who.int/news-room/questions-and-answers/item/q-a-children-and-masks-related-to-covid-19>). So why are children as young as 2 in Santa Barbara County required to wear masks? Most other US States don't even require masking for children at all (<https://www.usnews.com/news/best-states/articles/these-are-the-states-with-mask-mandates#dc>).

There is no evidence that young children are spreaders of Covid-19. When my child is in an indoor environment with me she is either breathing on my legs from the shopping cart seat or breathing less than 3 feet from the ground. To suggest this spreads a respiratory virus to the rest of us is laughable. Especially if you have ever seen a toddler try to blow the seeds off a dandelion with all their might. They can't, they have different lung capacity than us, that is why masks are dangerous for them. Not just an inconvenience, but dangerous. Not only to their social, psychological and linguistic development but to their actual breathing.

I have been so heartbroken by adults. I really thought that protecting children in their own right was a priority and innate in most of us. I find it almost inconceivable that so many would use children as a shield to (theoretically) protect themselves. Even if it worked it would be immoral and unethical. We are doing our most innocent and voiceless community members a disservice by allowing this to go on. Where are the child psychologists, pediatricians, teaching community and other child development specialists of Santa Barbara County? Do they all agree that the cost to toddlers is worth it? Who will give voice for the voiceless?

I am begging you to help. Stop the damage from continuing. Is no one on the Board concerned for the wellbeing of our small children? If you are, please be brave and raise the questions that need to be asked. We are too far into

this for them to remain unanswered. We need our elected public servants to stand up. Our future voters need to know we were there for them when they needed us most.

Thank you,

Karen Murphy

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From: S T <tsbecker069@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 13, 2022 11:46 AM
To: sbcob; PHD WEB WebMaster
Subject: Public comment, item D5, BOS meeting of 2/15/22, letter to Van Do-Reynoso, County PHD
Attachments: Stay Up to Date with Your Vaccines _ CDC.pdf

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To: SBCBOS
Van Do- Reynoso, County PHD

This email is a public comment for item D5, BOS meeting of 2/15/22.
The attachment to this email is intended as a public comment for D5.
This letter was also sent to Van Do-Reynoso, County PHD.

On October 1, 2021, a vaccination or weekly testing requirement began for Santa Barbara County employees. The Board of Supervisors imposed those requirements in a 4-1 vote. At the time the 4-1 vote was taken, the BOS was informed, and had full and complete knowledge, that strong scientific evidence existed showing that the ability of the vaccines to prevent infection and transmission of the COVID-19 virus significantly deteriorated 3-6 months after a complete inoculation regime was administered to patients. Those patients with reduced COVID-19 protections will be referred to as "out-of-date vaccinated". With full and complete knowledge of that fact, the BOS appears to have intentionally excluded "out-of-date vaccinated" persons from the weekly testing requirements that were imposed on unvaccinated county employees, even though the BOS had every ability and power to include "out-of-date vaccinated" in the weekly testing requirement.

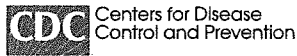
On February 9, 2022 the SBCPHD modified its mask requirements, and aligned its mask policy with the new state policy, which eliminated the mask requirements for vaccinated persons, while keeping the mask requirements for unvaccinated persons. SBCPHD was not required to align with the state policy. SBCPHD could have kept its all-inclusive mask policy, or could have required unvaccinated and "out-of-date vaccinated" to wear masks. Instead, SBCPHD intentionally, and willfully, excluded "out-of-date vaccinated" persons from the new February 9 masking requirements. SBCPHD had full and complete knowledge of strong scientific evidence that vaccine protections against infection and transmission of the COVID-19 virus are significantly reduced in "out-of-date vaccinated" persons.

Attached to this email is a notice from the CDC, dated January 16, 2022, describing the need for booster shots due to the deterioration of the vaccine's abilities to protect against infection and transmission of the COVID-19 virus. The CDC notice, and its contents, was widely known, was known by the BOS, and was known by SBCPHD. In spite of the knowledge of the January 16 notice, the BOS appears to have continued excluding "out-of-date vaccinated" county employees from the weekly COVID-19 testing requirements imposed on unvaccinated employees.

With full and complete knowledge of the January 16 CDC notice, the SBCPHD intentionally, and willfully, excluded "out-of-date vaccinated" persons from its February 9 mask update, while continuing to impose the mandate on unvaccinated persons.

In order to prevent unlawfully discriminating against, and violating the civil rights of, unvaccinated county employees and unvaccinated members of the general public, the BOS and/or the SBCPHD should, at the very least, impose the same restrictions or requirements on "out-of-date vaccinated" persons that are imposed on unvaccinated persons.

Thank you
Tom Becker
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COVID-19

Stay Up to Date with Your Vaccines

Updated Jan. 16, 2022

Get Vaccinated and Stay Up to Date

Up to date means a person has received all recommended COVID-19 vaccines, including any booster dose(s) when eligible.

Fully vaccinated means a person has received their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.

COVID-19 Vaccines

COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are effective at protecting people from getting seriously ill, getting hospitalized, and even dying. As with vaccines for other diseases, people who are up to date are optimally protected. CDC recommends that everyone 5 years and older get their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines, and receive a booster dose when eligible.

When Are You Up to Date?

You are up to date with your COVID-19 vaccines when you have followed the current recommendations listed below. The recommendations will be different depending on your age, your health status, and when you first got vaccinated.

Many people who are immunocompromised may need an additional dose as part of their primary vaccine series.

Note that booster shots are not recommended for everyone at this time.

Pfizer-BioNTech ^[1]

Ages Recommended

5+ years old

Primary Series

2 doses^[3,4]

Given 3 weeks (21 days) apart ^[5]

Fully Vaccinated

2 weeks after final dose in primary series

Booster Dose

Everyone ages 12+ should get a booster dose at least 5 months after the last dose in their primary series.

- Teens 12–17 should only get a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine booster
- Everyone 18+ should get a booster dose of either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines)

When Boosted

A person is considered “boosted” and **up to date** right after getting their booster dose.

Moderna ^[1]**Ages Recommended**

18+ years old

Primary Series

2 doses^[3]

Given 4 weeks (28 days) apart ^[5]

Fully Vaccinated

2 weeks after final dose in primary series

Booster Dose

Everyone ages 18+ should get a booster dose of either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) at least 5 months after the last dose in their primary series.

When Boosted

A person is considered “boosted” and **up to date** right after getting their booster dose.

Johnson & Johnson’s Janssen ^[1,2]**Ages Recommended**

18+ years old

Primary Series

1 dose

Fully Vaccinated

2 weeks after 1st dose

Booster Dose

Everyone ages 18+ should get a booster dose of either Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna (mRNA COVID-19 vaccines) at least 2 months after the first dose of J&J/Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine. You may get J&J/Janssen in some situations.

When Boosted

A person is considered “boosted” and **up to date** right after getting their booster dose.

¹ If you had a severe allergic reaction after a previous dose or if you have a known (diagnosed) allergy to a COVID-19 vaccine ingredient, you should not get that vaccine. If you have been instructed not to get one type of COVID-19 vaccine, you may still be able to get another type.

² CDC has updated its recommendations for COVID-19 vaccines with a preference for mRNA (Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna) vaccines. Learn more about the updated guidance on the use of Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccine.

³ The primary series of these vaccinations includes a third dose for people ages 18 years and older with moderate to severe immunocompromise. This third dose occurs 28 days after the second dose in the primary series.

⁴ The primary series of this vaccination includes a third dose for people ages 5–17 years with moderate to severe immunocompromise. The third dose occurs 28 days after the second dose in the primary series.

⁵ You should get your second shot as close to the recommended 3-week or 4-week interval as possible. You should not get the second dose early.

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From: rajkchaklashiya@gmail.com
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 2:31 AM
To: sbcob
Cc: Hart, Gregg
Subject: Please Read this comment into the record regarding COVID-19 in the County

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Hello,

My name is Raj Chaklashiya, and I am a graduate researcher at UCSB who is concerned about the lifting of the mask mandate by the county this week. I would like to request that you have my comment below read into the record at the upcoming county supervisors meeting this Tuesday at 9 am, under the COVID-19 agenda item discussion. Thank you.

“Our freedom is being threatened by a failure in public health policy in Santa Barbara county. This is because instead of acknowledging that 7% of people in the county still test positive for a dangerous virus that can potentially give us long-term health problems and for which our kids under 5 have little protection, the county is instead prematurely removing basic health protections. Masking works to protect our health from a virus that can increase our risk for heart disease, permanent brain damage, and diabetes. Most of us are at risk here—when you combine those of us who are immunocompromised, have kids under 5, who have comorbidities like being overweight or depressed, or who simply cannot afford big medical bills, that’s a large portion of our community. And future variants can be even worse than Delta and Omicron, we have no idea what evolutionary rollercoaster this virus has in store for us next. Masking is a basic public health tool that is critical to keeping us healthy and free to continue our lives with lower risk, and I am dismayed that the state has decided to drop the mask mandate and even more dismayed that our county does not have the courage to keep it. Sociologists predicted the unvaccinated would drop masking last time we tried this in Summer 2021, leading to the mass infection from Delta and forced us to bring back masks. I urge the county to reconsider the decision to lift the Mask Mandate this week.”

Best,

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The county's updated mask mandate is scheduled to begin on February 16, 2022.

Thank you

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Mandates aren't laws. Mandates based on false information are null and void. Since the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department and many others did not follow the science or data, there must be consequences. I'm urging the Board of Supervisors to do the following:

Require Dr. Van Do-Reynoso and Dr. Henning Ansorg to go to each elementary, junior high and high school in Santa Barbara County and apologize to the students for not following the science or data when it came to masks. Based on the data from the Santa Barbara County Public Health Department, masks did nothing to prevent deaths or hospitalizations.

After the apologies have been made, the Board of Supervisors must fire both Do-Reynoso and Ansorg for medical malfeasance. The mask mandates were based on falsehoods. After 2 years, neither doctor has been able to point to how masks helped in any way. Constituents, parents and business owners were either ignored or mocked when it came to challenging the effectiveness and rationale for these unconstitutional mandates.

Many people need to be held accountable for the destruction that has been done to our community, the state of California and the United States of America. We have to make sure that this never, ever happens again and that starts with firing public health directors/officials that failed to follow the data that was right in front of them.

Sincerely,
Alissa Jesle