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Public Comment Group 22

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From: Randy Wise <wiseguy2256@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 3:17 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Support of Splitting Southern Calif Region



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Dear Board of Supervisors- Santa Barbara County

Please accept this e-mail (along with many others I'm sure) to formally submit a request to the state asking for a separation from our current Southern California Covid Region. Based on the geographic population numbers, I think that it would be more fair to our residents and local businesses to form a sixth region that would encompass Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo and Ventura Counties. This would result in a program that would be more manageable and the Tri-County teamwork would be more effective in hopefully managing or eliminating the Covid virus in the very near future. As a business owner, this would at least give us a fighting chance to stay afloat and hopefully succeed.

Thank you for your time and consideration regarding this matter. I sincerely appreciate it.

Randy Wise
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Cell: (805) 264-6142.

Please submit my personal name and/or business name to any formal petition that may be in the process of assembling.

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From: Carrie Jordan <carrie@babefarms.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 3:47 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Board of Supervisors meeting 12/8/2020

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Dear Supervisors

In regards to: File# 20-00281 1) COVID

The new mandate put in place by Governor Newsome is ridiculous. The fact that he is again changing the outline of the shutdown, moving the goal post again, if you will is not okay. He has continued to use his office as a dictatorship and not a leader who is doing what it best for the people. The pandemic is over. Our hospitals are not full, and neither are the ICU units. The medical field is better equipped now than they were in March and the vaccine is said to be out soon. Lockdowns are now doing more harm then good. You have young children committing suicide, teachers over worked and stressed that they can not reach the students that are struggling, children are giving up as they have no real goal to look forward to. Kids need to be in the classroom, playing sports or doing other normal activities outside the home. The mental stress that is being put on adults and children is doing way more harm then COVID. People are losing their businesses, their jobs and will no longer be able to support their families or employees.

We can be smart about it. As individuals we can decide whether to stay home or go out, if we want to go to the gym or a restaurant then that is on us. We want to continue to protect the elderly and those that are compromised. As the leaders of our community, you need to step up and let the governor know enough is enough. He is violating our constitutional rights and we are tired of it. Something must be done. I am no longer confident that the numbers and the information put forth by the governor's office and the public health department are true and real numbers. We have been lied to before, I do not have the confidence to believe in the governor's office any longer. He is not going by the science he is implanting mandates to continue to control the people of California and it is not right.

It has been proven that other states are open and doing well, yes there will be flare ups, but we can not lock everyone in their home when it happens. Staying at home only lowers your ability to build up your immune system, so of course you will see a surge when you continue to close and open and close and open again, again.

It's time we stand up for ourselves and stop this tyranny. We have to be the change, not the sheep. Open our county.

Best Regards,

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From: Galina Lindner <agentgalina@gmail.com>
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To: sbcob
Subject: Public Comment Pre-Meeting 5 pm Dec 6

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Honorable Chairman Hart and Members of the Board,

As a resident of Santa Barbara County, I am very concerned about the continued unwarranted lockdowns, ostensibly intended to prevent the spread of Covid 19. However, doctors do not all agree that lockdowns are the best way to address the spread of coronavirus. On October 4, 2020, a group of 47 American doctors signed The Great Barrington Declaration, which states:

'As infectious disease epidemiologists and public health scientists we have grave concerns about the damaging physical and mental health impacts of the prevailing COVID-19 policies, and recommend an approach we call Focused Protection.

Coming from both the left and right, and around the world, we have devoted our careers to protecting people. Current lockdown policies are producing devastating effects on short and long-term public health. The results (to name a few) include lower childhood vaccination rates, worsening cardiovascular disease outcomes, fewer cancer screenings and deteriorating mental health – leading to greater excess mortality in years to come, with the working class and younger members of society carrying the heaviest burden. Keeping students out of school is a grave injustice.

Keeping these measures in place until a vaccine is available will cause irreparable damage, with the underprivileged disproportionately harmed.

Fortunately, our understanding of the virus is growing. We know that vulnerability to death from COVID-19 is more than a thousand-fold higher in the old and infirm than the young. Indeed, for children, COVID-19 is less dangerous than many other harms, including influenza.

As immunity builds in the population, the risk of infection to all – including the vulnerable – falls. We know that all populations will eventually reach herd immunity – i.e. the point at which the rate of new infections is stable – and that this can be assisted by (but is not dependent upon) a vaccine. Our goal should therefore be to minimize mortality and social harm until we reach herd immunity.

The most compassionate approach that balances the risks and benefits of reaching herd immunity, is to allow those who are at minimal risk of death to live their lives normally to build up immunity to the virus through natural infection, while better protecting those who are at highest risk. We call this Focused Protection.

Adopting measures to protect the vulnerable should be the central aim of public health responses to COVID-19. By way of example, nursing homes should use staff with acquired immunity and perform frequent PCR testing of other staff and all visitors. Staff rotation should be minimized. Retired people living at home should have groceries and other essentials delivered to their home. When possible, they should meet family members outside rather than inside. A comprehensive and detailed list of measures, including approaches to multi-generational households, can be implemented, and is well within the scope and capability of public health professionals.

Those who are not vulnerable should immediately be allowed to resume life as normal. Simple hygiene measures, such as hand washing and staying home when sick should be practiced by everyone to reduce the herd immunity threshold. Schools and universities should be open for in-person teaching. Extracurricular activities, such as sports, should be resumed. Young low-risk adults should work normally, rather than from home. Restaurants and other businesses should open. Arts, music, sport and other cultural activities should resume. People who are more at risk may participate if they wish, while society as a whole enjoys the protection conferred upon the vulnerable by those who have built up herd immunity.'

More information can be found at GBDeclaration.org

Covid is not the only cause of illness or death in Santa Barbara County. As the President has wisely stated, "The cure cannot be worse than the disease." The First Amendment of the Constitution protects our God-given rights to freedom of speech, religion, and to peaceably assemble from laws written to infringe them. Besides, there is no provision in the Constitution that nullifies our freedoms identified in the Bill of Rights during a state of emergency, public health or otherwise. We must stop the lockdowns and open up the churches, businesses and schools. As Supervisors, you represent the people and you must protect our Constitutional rights.

As a resident of Santa Barbara County, I care about the spiritual, mental and physical health of my family, friends and neighbors. And as a citizen of the United States of America, I demand that you stop the lockdowns.

Sincerely,

Galina Lindner
Goleta Resident

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Garth or Kathy Nobis <gknobis@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 3:54 PM
To: sbcob; van.do@sbcphd.org
Subject: Concern re ICU "stay at home order" for Dec. 8, 2020 SB County Supervisors meeting

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December 7, 2020

To: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors and Van Do-Reynoso, MPH, PhD, Director Public Health Department

Subject: Objection to Governor Newsom's stay at home order based on ICU capacity, Santa Barbara County vs "Southern California" region

Reference SB County dashboard <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/030e625c69a04378b2756de161f82ef6> , accessed December 7, 2020 at 1:20 pm. Data copied to the end of this email.

Summary and our request to SB County Supervisors and Health Department:

- It is not appropriate for the "stay at home" order to the Southern California region to apply to Santa Barbara County due to significant differences in ICU capacity, with capacity being favorable in SB County.
- The SB County supervisors and Health Department should cancel the Governor's order for SB County and work with the Governor for fair treatment of Santa Barbara County based on our current hospitalization and ICU utilization.

Explanation:

State of California, led by Governor Newsom, has "changed the goal posts" again and has placed SB County in the "Southern California" region which has a current ICU capacity of 10.3 percent and hence has been required to issue a "stay at home" order. It is not obvious that this region's size, geography, and ICU utilization are applicable to SB County.

The governor's "stay at home order" for three weeks is to apply to any California region when the region's ICU capacity is <15 percent.

However, Santa Barbara County, per County dashboard of Dec 7, 2020 (1:00 pm) has 38 percent (38 bed) ICU capacity, which is well above the 15 percent criterion.

Trends of hospitalization and ICU utilization in SB County are fairly stable, since June 2020 and similar to the present situation.

Shutting down the economy is not healthy for individuals (e.g. poverty, hunger, substance and family abuse, suicide increase, loss of education) and has a human/economic/health cost far exceeding that of potentially reducing the direct health impacts of Covid 19 where characteristics of health impact to the vulnerable are known.

Therefore, it is not appropriate for the "stay at home" order of the Southern California region to apply to Santa Barbara County.

We ask the Supervisors and Health Department to not require Santa Barbara County to comply with the Governor's shut down order and let business resume as before December 6, 2020.

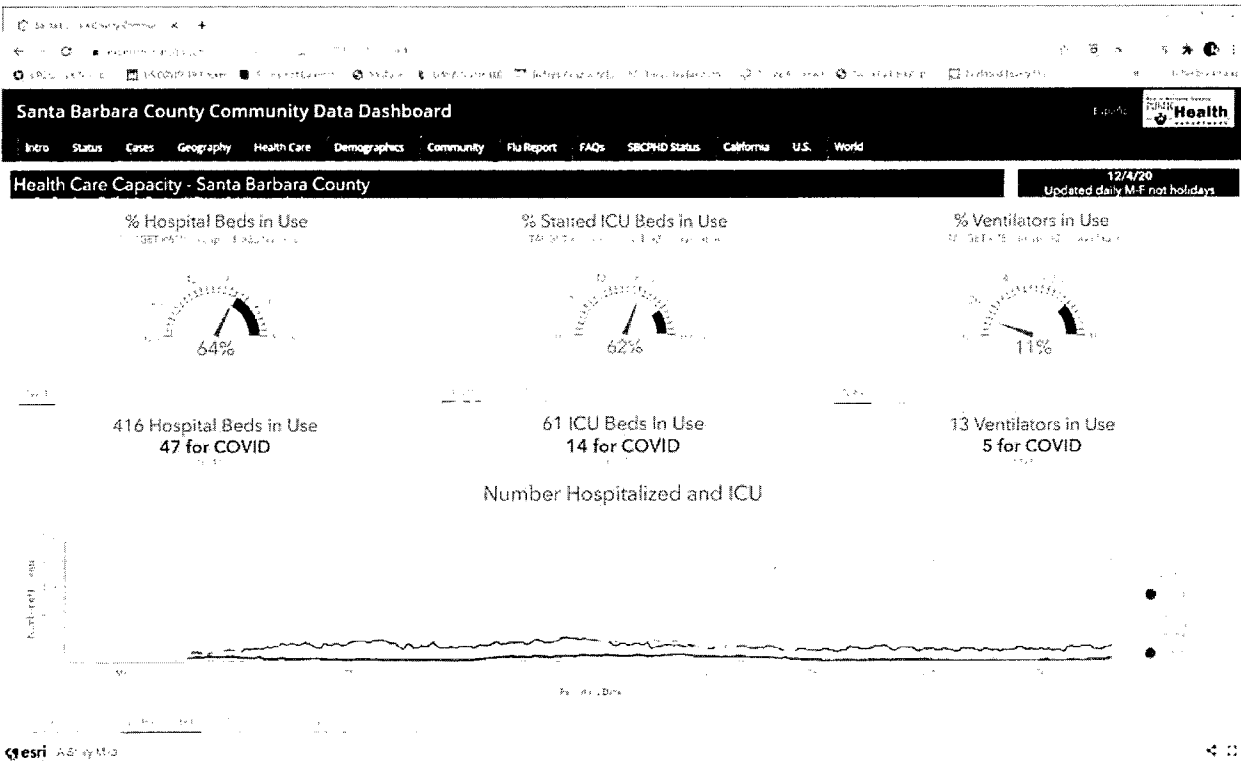
As an example of the harmful impact on SB businesses, we quote "Restaurant Guy", November 30, 2020 "The local restaurant scene has been decimated from restrictions brought about because of COVID-19 concerns. The total number of closures this year has reached 50 as of the end of November." Some of these restaurants had clearly and publicly indicated their closures were due to government required Covid 19 closures.

We look forward to your comments and advocacy for fair treatment of Santa Barbara County residents and businesses.

Sincerely

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From: Rhonda Huesgen <huesron@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 3:56 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: covid restrictions

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County Board of Supervisors,

Please override this mandate from the Governor. Santa Barbara County does not need to be lumped in with the other counties as our local ICUs are not overwhelmed, they are doing just fine. Our small businesses cannot survive much longer and this new restriction will be the last straw for some to remain in business, especially local restaurants, hair salons etc. Let not the Cure be Worse than the disease!

Rhonda Huesgen

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From: Maria Kaestner <dutchessmariasb@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 4:23 PM
To: Do-Reynoso, Van; Ansorg, Henning; sbcob
Subject: Topic: Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors: agenda Item #1 Coronavirus Update

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To Whom it may concern,

Here is a list of **initial questions** that are **in urgent need** to be answered by our local government **representatives** and appointed government Health Officials.

Question nr 1)

Where does the County of Santa Barbara derives it's legal authority under the US Constitution and especially the Fourteenth Amendment and the Equal Protection clause, to determine if a person's occupation, which provides an income to put food on the table, to pay for a roof over their head, to pay for essential utilities as heat , running water and electricity, to pay for health insurance and care, is non-essential and thus should be shut down by local government order?

Question nr 2)

What is the Mathematical Risk Factor on the total population in Santa Barbara County, for a severe reaction to Covid 19? What data and research studies (age/comorbidities/underlying health conditions) is this number based on?

Question nr 3)

Which studies does the County of Santa Barbara use in order to determine and justify it's Covid 19 BLANKET policies of mask wearing, social distancing . lockdowns and stay at home orders?

Question nr 4)

In order to be more effective and less devastating, **will the County of Santa Barbara consider to transition to targeted policies** that protect and cater to **High Risk Groups** rather than using **blanket policies** that have **devastating effects** on our economy, and which create more mental and physical health problems for everyone including Low Risk Groups?

Question nr 5)

Can Santa Barbara County officials confirm and make a public statement that under our system of constitutional checks and balances, local government has the ultimate authority and that State and Federal Government can solely make 'recommendations' in case of a pandemic and/or emergency?

Question nr 6)

How does Santa Barbara County justify the official **legal definition** of the words '**pandemic**' and '**emergency**' in relation to the current Covid 19 virus?

I have many more questions to ask but am looking forward to our representatives answering the public's urgent questions.

Sincerely,
Maria Kaestner

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From: tstrickin@aol.com
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 4:28 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Governor's new "regions"

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Board Members:

I have written and spoke before the board many times the past 6 months, during this Covid ordeal. And many times have spoken about the "moving of the goal posts" by our Governor, and your board's going along with whatever he outlines.

But this new "metric" is absolutely insane and I certainly hope to hear you tomorrow morning speaking loudly and clearly that you are as outraged as your constituents!

Lumping our County in with these other counties is a travesty. This region consists of HALF THE POPULATION OF THE WHOLE STATE! You must push back, by whatever means possible. State Assemblyman has lead the way with his press release the other day. Please join him!

Terri Stricklin

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From: Mark Preiser <mpreiser@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 4:30 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: covid restrictions

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County Board of Supervisors,

Please override this mandate from the Governor.

Santa Barbara County is not LA, and our local ICUs are not overwhelmed.

You are killing our small businesses with these new restriction.... Where are you going to get tax revenues when the majority of SB businesses are bankrupt and a large percent of employees are not working?

Deaths due to financial factors will far exceed those due to Covidand CA mandates will be responsible.

Mark Preiser

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From: Blair Mott <BMott@Kirbymorgan.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 4:34 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Santa Barbara County is Unique

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7, December 2020

Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

Please consider keeping Santa Barbara County is Unique ! We all know how special this county is and how different it is from, say LA county. I kindly ask you to consider enforcing unique COVID-19 restrictions to our county and to not follow LA, Riverside, Orange and SD counties in lock down/stay at home orders.

It is my understanding that we are not as bad off as those fore mentioned counties. Plain and simple we have less people and I believe we are doing our best and keeping the numbers of infections down.

Please consider keeping more businesses operating in a higher capacity than asked by our Governor and making our restrictions UNIQUE to our county.

Thank you for this consideration!

Sincerely,
Blair P. Mott

Explore your BackYard!

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From: drp@petechiro.com
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 4:37 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Written Comment

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I am writing you today to urge your objection to the Governor's current placement of Santa Barbara County into the Southern California Region when it comes to stay at home orders and changes in business. Our county is nowhere near the 15% remaining occupancy in our ICU's. To be lumped with a Region with a high number of cases and ICU space that is limited is ludicrous. I am a small business owner and object to the Governor's current plan. Small business has suffered the most due to this pandemic and he continues to make doing business in California even more difficult. I know many other small business owners in our county, and this could be the last straw for them on whether to stay open or close the doors for good. Please save our small businesses that make up most of the business in this country. Object to the mandate and refuse to agree with his tactics.

Sincerely,

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From: John Furlong <jdfurlong@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 4:48 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please do not shut down SB again

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The data shows we are not even using a quarter of our ICU capacity for COVID. There is significant damage done by having lock down, while there is not significant enough benefit. Please keep businesses and jobs open.

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From: Gail Lovell <glovell@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 4:50 PM
To: sbcob
Cc: Gail Lovell
Subject: Covid Restrictions

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I am outraged by the new Covid restrictions affecting Santa Barbara County. By Newsom lumping Santa Barbara along with Los Angeles and all other distressed areas the governor is single handedly taking away the citizens of this countries inalienable rights. Ruining lives by destroying businesses; keeping children from an education which includes the socialization that is part of that education; causing mental health problems brought on by the stress of taking away our lives as we have known them being part of this GREAT COUNTRY called AMERICA!

Stop the governor before more people are destroyed.

Gail Lovell

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From: Philip Shields <philhasmail311@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 4:50 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: [DO NOT CLICK, Likely malicious content, contact your Departmental IT] Departmental Item #1 Covid Update 12/08/2020 Testimony submittal

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Dear Santa Barbara County Supervisors,

In regards to Departmental Item #1 Covid Update slated to be discussed on 12/08/2020 I respectfully request to include my short testimony.

I was very disappointed, although not shocked at our Governor's most recent knee-jerk response to some of the most recent disturbing numbers related to our standings related to Covid cases and hospitalizations in certain areas of our state. This new mandate is including our Central Coast region within the blanketed area to include Los Angeles, Riverside and other counties hundreds of miles from us that are experiencing an entirely more severe situation, while our numbers here are nowhere close to representative of warranting such actions against our struggling businesses and citizens in general. These restrictions will cause more harm than good and will not improve our situation, they will only put further strain on businesses, families and local and other government agencies with already depleted resources. The Covid numbers will not be affected by this or further mandates, that can only be accomplished by individual attempts of citizens willing to steadfastly and responsibly take every measure of caution to be sanitary, wear their masks, social distance and avoid any gatherings where others refuse to do the same.

I vehemently condemn and oppose Governor Newsom's mandate, I am very concerned with it including the Central Coast with areas non-representative of our numbers and fear for the sakes of our businesses, community and our government's ability to financially cope with any further restrictions on our movements and ability to conduct business. I pray you all feel the same.

Thank You so much for your time.
May God Bless us all.

Respectfully,

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From: Sydney Tredick <sydney.tredick@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 4:56 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: #1 Covid Update

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Why in the world aren't you lobbying Gov. Newsome to separate Santa Barbara County from the Southern CA counties? We have totally different stats and should not be lumped in with L.A. County, et al. Shame on you for not taking care of business. Your salaries/livelihoods should be taken away like your inaction is doing to so many small businesses. Sydney Tredick 761 El Rodeo Rd Santa Barbara, CA 93110

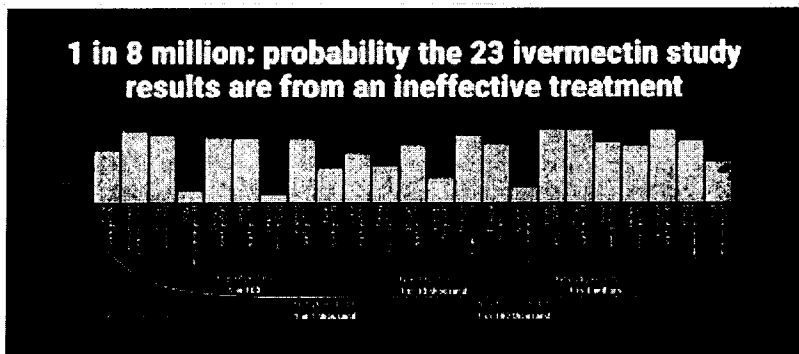
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From: David Madajian <madajian@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 5:07 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Covid prevention

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There is lots of data now that vitamin D can help prevent getting the virus in the first place. There is more data to support vitamin D than the lock downs. Anyone who gets it should take 12mg Ivermectin to be cured. Here are all the studies from around the world. There is a good reason the USA has the most deaths: We are just telling people to stay at home until they are very sick and sending them to the hospital instead of prevention and early treatment.

Ivermectin is effective for COVID-19: meta analysis of 22 studies



Ivermectin is effective for COVID-19: meta analysis of 22 studies

The probability that an ineffective treatment generated results as positive as the 22 studies to date is estimat...

Vitamin D:

Second Vitamin D clinical trial, positive results

Randomised, placebo-controlled.

Participants

Asymptomatic or mildly symptomatic SARS-CoV-2

RNA positive vitamin D deficient (25 OH) D < 20 ng/ml



Second Vitamin D clinical trial, positive results

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From: Karen Miller <drkmiller@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 5:15 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: lock downs are not constitutional

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Honorable Board of Supervisors,

Please open our county and stop the suicides and other repercussions of these draconian lockdowns. There is no science to support this response to a virus that is no worse than the flu!

Respectfully,
Dr. Karen Miller

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Diana <dianawark@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 5:58 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Item number: No 1 covid update

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I see the statistics and the hospitalizations and how many beds are being used and I don't see the reason to shut down the SB community of small business owners that make up are great city. They can't recover and the government won't bail them out. It's disgusting to do this to our community right before Christmas. Easy for you to make this choice when our taxes pay for you. When you work for the government you don't understand how much blood sweat and tears go into maintaining a small business in an expensive town. Please fight for the community. Look at our community and see the risk of income being lost is worse than the .01 percent chance of death over age of 65. Please consider the truth and fight for the business owner. Wear and mask and open up the economy.

Warmly,
A concerned citizen

Sent from my iPhone

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Tony Calhoun <calhounconcepts@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 6:27 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please Keep Small Businesses Opeh

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In light of the pending Santa Barbara County Supervisors meeting, I implore you to please push back on these **unwarranted** state mandates to stay at home and to close any business. There is no such thing as an essential and nonessential business. These actions are unlawful and groundless. They lack empirical data and are often based on nothing but modeling which continues to mislead decision making. Time and time again, the reasoning behind these actions are found to be without merit. Why are our schools still closed when it has been shown for six months that children are not transmitters of Covid-19. Please, be courageous and do not be afraid to stand up for the small business community, citizens and their children within your county.

Sincerely,

Tony Calhoun
Owner/President



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From: Darryll Dewan <dedewan10@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 6:48 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Why?

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To whom this may concern:

Why was Santa Barbara inserted into the zone with Los Angeles and San Diego counties in the recent state 5 area zone selection.

Did anyone in our city government lobby for a more rationale alignment for example with the Central Coast region?

We are included in a much larger and diverse region having more tragic #s unfortunately than our area and the result is damaging to our local population and business people.

I don't expect a reply, but getting one would make me feel like the leaders in this county want to share information about this topic.

Darryll

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From: Esther Ruth <estherruth1@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 7:46 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Santa Barbara county close down

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I live in the Santa Ynez valley and find us having to shut down again unnecessary. We have a very low rate of covid here in the valley so are not in the same situation as LA.

People are going to lose their livelihoods but it seems nobody cares about the working population, while the elite appear to do whatever they want. Let's stand up for ourselves and our communities and push back against this mandate.

Thank you, Esther

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Tony Calhoun <calhounconcepts@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 7:57 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Personal Impact

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I have been reluctant to speak about the personal impact of these state mandates to close, to limit, to stay at home. While I maintain that they are unlawful and without merit, made from a position fear—I should also share that these actions have had a grave impact upon me, my wife, my children and grandchildren. We have had deep roots in the Santa Barbara and Goleta area for five generations. I have been involved with business ownership here and the employment of hundreds of people and the payment of many hundreds of thousands of dollars in taxes since the early 80's.. Eight years ago we opened a new business intended to be run largely by our family, plus six part-time employees. At the beginning of this year we were serving 3,500 members. That was the effort and investment of eight year of work. We are now down to about ½ of that number with the very real likelihood of losing our business entirely, which means not only my current occupation, but also my retirement along with the loss of jobs for my children. After five generations they are now looking to relocate out of state with their children—and we may close behind them. And our remaining members will be without a very important means of maintaining their health and wellbeing.

If there was valid evidence that closing saved lives, at least we could feel there is a reason. But we now know there is no ethical or real medial reason. That has become abundantly clear. In the words of Kevin Kiley: *If our liberties are a function of ICU capacity, all a would-be strongman needs to do is close a few hospitals and he can rule with an iron fist. The better approach, of course, is to expand capacity if it's needed.*

Just today yet another study was published stating that children are not transmitters of the virus. That information has been out there for six months, but no one acknowledges it.

The truth surrounds us for those who want to read the data and think critically. But we seem to be living in a time when common sense has given way to personal agendas, media hysteria and narratives to “reshape California” as Newsome shared back in April. Please don't let our home continue to be victimized and ruined by unethical, hypocritical politicians. Please don't let small businesses and the lives they touch be destroyed. Please don't let our schools continue to be closed, or our churches restricted.

Sincerely,

Tony Calhoun
Owner/President



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From: Stefani Taliaferro <stefanitaliaferro@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 8:10 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Do NOT shut our businesses down!!

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Board of Supervisors

You are here for the sole purpose of representing this Community of Santa Barbara county. NOT LOS ANGELES or any other area ! You are not here as supervisors to appease an oblivious governor.

Protect our community and the men women families who live and work here! And SERVE ALL hard working members of our county/community that you represent because we trust you to represent US!!!

ABSOLUTELY NO SHUT DOWNS for ANY business!!!

Our hospitals areNOT over run!!!

Sent from my iPhone

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Lorin Cuendet <lorin.cuendet@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 8:26 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please stop supporting deportations!

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to demand that the Sheriff Department and the Board of Supervisors stop all ICE notifications and transfers, and put an end to the painful separations this causes to communities and families.

While I do not support the Sheriff's Office notifying and transferring to ICE in normal non-pandemic times (Why do immigrants need to be punished twice?), I am extremely upset that this is continuing to happen given that we all know by now that the spread of COVID-19 in jails and detention centers disproportionately hurts Black immigrants and immigrants and refugees of color.

Please do the right thing and stop supporting deportations now!

Best regards,

Lorin Cuendet

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Fern Sikich <fsikich@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 8:29 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: No 1 - Covid update

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Dear Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors,

I would strongly urge you to send a letter to Governor Newsom, asking that our county seek removal from the SoCal Region for Covid-19 restrictions. I drove through Camino Real Marketplace tonight and was horrified to see very little activity. My husband and I supported Kyle's Burger nearby so that we can help them make it through this season. Our low numbers in this area do not warrant this stay-at-home order. My acquaintances who may be getting Covid are experiencing very mild symptoms and are bouncing back as if they had a cold or the flu.

Thank you for your consideration!

Sincerely,
Fern Sikich
7606 Rochester Way, Goleta, 93117

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: BRETT MARYMEE <brett.marymee@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 8:40 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Santa Barbara County needs to make COVID-19 Decisions that make sense for Santa Barbara County

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Recent action by the CA Governor to order Santa Barbara small business closure in the guise of a COVID-19 response, is a direct threat to the livelihood of Santa Barbara County small businesses that have remained open in Santa Barbara County to close 2020. It makes far more sense to group Santa Barbara county with San Luis Obispo county, rather than the large counties to the South such as Orange, Riverside, San Diego, or LA County. Our Santa Barbara hospitals have the capacity to handle the few cases incurred in Santa Barbara County of late.

Prefer the CA Governor rely on each of California's 58 counties to determine what makes sense at the local level to combat COVID-19. It is very important for Santa Barbara county retail and restaurants to remain open leading up to the end of year holiday season. Those same businesses were impacted by the Thomas Fire and Montecito mudslide that essentially closed tourism to Santa Barbara County a few years ago.

Help our local retail and restaurants recover financially in 2020 by keeping Santa Barbara open and isolated from the COVID-19 policies employed in the larger counties to the south.

Best Regards,

Brett Marymee
Santa Ynez, CA
(805) 688-5842

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: alma rose middleton <armiddleton22@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 9:37 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Covid closures

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Please, please reopen our local businesses. We are not at high risk in Santa Barbara.

Before Covid, my sister worked in ER for 16 years and it's not unusual to be over crowded between thanksgiving day and New Years. It's typical every year! Please don't misconstrue one problem for the other.

We know the problem is not so much in Santa Barbara as it in Santa Maria so why close our local businesses here? 60% of businesses on Yelp have closed due to these ridiculous closures. These speaks volumes! As a previous business owner on State street, I feel their pain. It's not just the restaurants and the businesses but their suppliers are feeling the pain too.

As a small county we should not be lumped together with LA as we are worlds apart in many ways. The guidelines should be different for us. What are you thinking playing by the same rules? It's not fair to them and to us.

Every business is essential because they have families they need to feed too. Isn't that essential? How can you sleep at night knowing you are ruining families? Please, paleeeeeeze open our businesses. You are only adding fuel and Miracle Grow to the problem by closing them. Again, this is not fair to them and certainly not to the consumer. Not every one is an Amazon shopper. I would rather patronize our local businesses than shop online and make Jeff Bezos even richer.

During the pandemic in 2009-10 61,000,000 people were infected with the H1N1 in the US alone. No closures then, so why now? Let the young people go back to work for God's sake.

Please reconsider as we are dying here and not from Covid!

Best regards,
Alma Rose Middleton

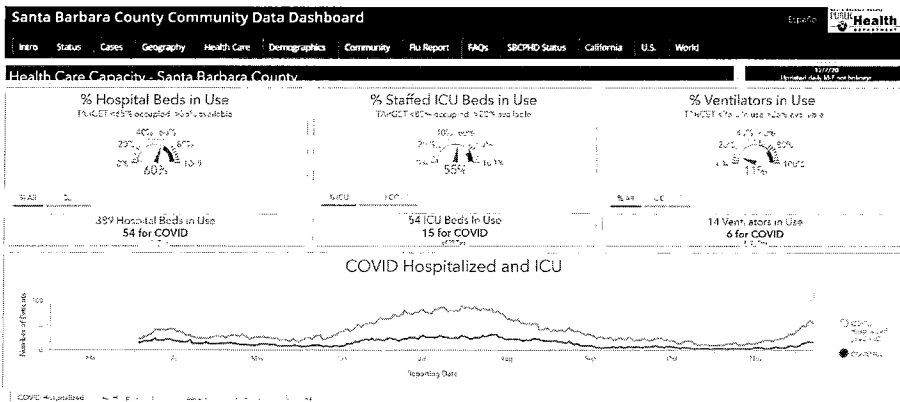
de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Michael English <moe4jesus@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 9:51 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Stop the increased lockdown!

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This message is regarding the recent order from Governor Newsom to further lockdown Southern California due to a lack of ICU beds. It may be true that Los Angeles is struggling with ICU bed availability, but the numbers in Santa Barbara County are not in range of that level of concern. I have attached a snapshot of the current [Santa Barbara County Community Data Dashboard](#) which shows that 55% of all staffed ICU beds are being used and that only 15% of all ICU beds are being used for COVID patient care. 60% of all hospital beds are being used, and only 14% of all hospital beds are being used for COVID patient care. Respirators are even more available than beds, with only 11% total use (4.6% use for COVID patient care). These numbers do not qualify according to Governor Newsom's 85% ICU bed-use trigger. Additionally, even if there was a shortage of hospital or ICU beds, the numbers clearly show that the problem is not driven directly by COVID, so locking down further will not help the situation -- in fact it may make it worse. There are many horrible side-effects of the lockdown that may be driving the non-COVID use of hospitals up due to the stress of dealing with the lockdown. Please consider this carefully and oppose the increased lockdown due to Governor Newsom's grouping Santa Barbara in with the rest of Southern California!

Sincerely,
Michael English
534 Tepic Pl., Santa Barbara, CA 93111



de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Holly Malmsten <mtnmom4@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 10:18 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Open Santa Barbara

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To whom it may concern -

I urge you to do your job, as elected officials of our city and support your community first and foremost. You work for us, not the other way around.

As a local Santa Barbaran, business owner, tax payer, parent, and community member, I am not going to stand by passively while we loose our right to earn a living. At this point, you know as well as I do that the hospitals are practically empty, the city of Santa Barbara has such a low number of cases, and I just read today only 15 in ICU. This is an outrage to harm, deprive, manipulate, discourage, treat us like we are in a communist country for a virus that has a 99.9% survival rate.

You need to do better for us. Our country was founded on the principles of liberty and justice for all! It is wrong to use a virus that technically does not have a death rate to be considered a pandemic, to take away our freedoms.

I ask you ton please support your community instead of supporting Gavin Newsom. His bogus mandates are becoming a turn off for many people.

He is no longer trusted to have our best interest in mind.

Blessings,

Holly Malmsten

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Es Es <wavesunstar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 5:22 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Save our people and keep SB County OPEN!

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To the County Board of Supervisors

I will keep this very short...

Gov Newsom's new regional districting and putting Santa Barbara and SLO counties with Southern California is completely arbitrary and not based in any kind of medical science. My understanding is that S.B. county is far above the 15% icu limit for closure.

He was ordered to stop making illegal mandates by a judge last month because he overstepped his role as governor; unfortunately because his case is under appeal, he's free again to make nonsensical mandates that he himself doesn't even follow. Remember French Laundry! If he can dine indoors then why shouldn't we? And the fact he and those doctors there did show that they feel safe. To have our county close and go back into a lockdown when there is no need is outrageous.

I live downtown and to walk downtown and see all the businesses that have closed is heart wrenching, along with all of the efforts of restaurants survive. Our town has been devastated socially and economically for a disease that has a 99.9something % survival rate. Our restaurants and business will not survive another lockdown and we will be a ghost town. IS THAT WHAT YOU WANT FOR SANTA BARBARA and her residents?

The governor has said essential businesses can stay open and that list is nonsensical. How can a liquor store be considered essential, as if our lives will end without liquor stores? All businesses are essential—they are essential to someone's life.

Let me just randomly add that while I know no one who has died of COVID, I know of 6 suicides as a result of this lockdown, including a teenager and a married father of one. Until the lockdown the last suicide I knew of was back in 2012. So I'm not just talking about financial devastation.

Literally the choices you make are affecting people's lives

You were voted into office with the people's trust that you would do right for our county and have our best interests at heart. Newsom clearly does not care about the people of SB. Please I and others beg you to keep our county open.

Sincerely,

Esther Kim

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: CAXIT <peaceinthecity2000@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 6:18 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Item 1 - Covid 19 Update

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Dear Board,

There is no reason Santa Barbara County should be shut down. SB County has a population of 446,599 people. We are currently using only 5 ventilators, 47 beds and 14 ICU beds. The only reason we are shut down is because Newsom lumped us in with Los Angeles County. While he dines indoors with 22 people unmasked. This is wrong and unfair.

How long will you force citizens to live in fear when there is nothing to be afraid of? People die every year from the flu. Why didn't you shut down the county in 2018?

Give us your recommendations and LET US DECIDE what is the best course of action for ourselves, our family, and our particular health situation. If you want people to stay home, give them the means to do so. Pay them. But if people want to go about their daily lives normally, it is our Constitutional Right to do so.

If you want to turn Santa Barbara into a communist county, then by all means continue as you are. Just realize that you are playing God with the lives of over 400,000 people. Now is not a time for fear. It is a time for courage. How will you stand before God and explain how you stole the livelihoods of hundreds of thousands of people? All in the name of a disease with a 99.9% recovery rate.

Your actions are irrational. You can sit in a restaurant without a mask, but you can't stand without a mask. You can walk on the beach, but not sit. Which is it? Your rules make no sense. You're playing God. You're sliding into a communist territory and you don't even see it, or you're just too afraid or paid off to stand up for the people of Santa Barbara.

Be a hero. Do the right thing. End the shutdown.

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Sarah Mazzilli <sarahmaz13@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 6:53 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Please do not close small business

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I urge you to keep small businesses open! Small businesses are the backbone to our community. If you close them down right before Christmas there is a good chance that they will never reopen. There is no reason why small businesses can't safely remain open. How can you say that Costco and Target are safe but other businesses aren't. It is easier for small businesses to implement protocols that really keep people safe. Please don't destroy our town and the people living in it by not allowing them to put food on the table for their families.

Thank you, Sarah Mazzilli

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Justin Shores <j_shores@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 7:04 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: BOS Meeting 12/8 Item 1 Covid Update

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Thank you for taking the time to discuss this critical issue for our community.

As a community we have sacrificed for months to allow for the government to prepare and prevent this virus from overwhelming our medical system. Our government has failed us and instead of providing relief they have lined the pockets of political lobbyists and special interest groups with trillions in “stimulus”. We cannot trust either side to do the right thing after what we have seen.

Santa Barbara Unified did not submit a waiver to allow children to have the option to have in person learning. What happens when the flu comes and children start to die from it? Will flu deaths also warrant school lockdowns? Why didn't this happen in the past?

You cannot expect businesses who have not spread the virus for months to stay closed while everyone who has allowed it to spread is still open. People who catch Covid in a jail, nursing home or assisted living facility should not be counted against the business community.

Justin Shores

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Linda Foster <swanlake101@cox.net>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8:20 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: Santa Barbara county shutdown!

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Is it possible that the Board of Supes would have the guts to do the RIGHT THING, and DEFY the governors required shutdown?

The pain monetarily, socially, and other ramifications are being felt on a much larger scale than the virus now.

Do what's right, and stand up for our community! WE ARE PAYING YOU TO DO THAT!

Linda Foster

Sent from my iPhone

de la Guerra, Sheila

From: Es Es <wavesunstar@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 8:21 AM
To: sbcob
Subject: p.s., keeping our county open

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Dr. Mike Yeadon is the former VP and Chief Scientific Officer (Allergy & Respiratory Research) with Pfizer. In an article entitled “Pandemic is Over” he says “Second Wave” is Faked On False-Positive COVID Tests.

<https://healthimpactnews.com/2020/pandemic-is-over-former-pfizer-chief-science-officer-says-second-wave-faked-on-false-positive-covid-tests/>

It is a compelling article if you would take the time to read it. We have likely reached herd immunity—for every 1 death at least 400 people have had it and survived. So you can see there truly is not much to support a lockdown, given that the testing is inaccurate as well.