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Public Comment - Group 18

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Cc: Hart, Gregg; Do-Reynoso, Van; Ansorg, Henning
Subject: Question for Board of Supervisors Hearing 8/25/20 - Departmental Agenda Item #2 - Covid-19 Update



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Dear Chair Hart, Supervisors, Dr. Do-Reynoso, and Dr. Ansorg,

Would you please address the following questions during the 8/25 hearing.

It is my understanding that the percentage of confirmed positive tests in a given week depends on who's being tested. If the population being tested consists mainly of people with Covid-like symptoms and people at higher risk (e.g., first responders, health care workers, and potentially exposed people), the percentage of positive cases would be higher than it is for the general population. Conversely, if a higher percentage of people being tested are asymptomatic or at low risk for infection, then the percentage of positive cases would be lower.

Over the past months, testing of people who are asymptomatic or at low risk for infection has increased, decreased, and then increased again in recent weeks. That is because testing has been prioritized for people who are symptomatic or at high risk of infection, during periods when testing was in short supply.

Therefore, it would seem, that the County's performance on the Testing Results Metric may be driven, in part, by who's being tested. In particular, the decline in positivity rate during August may be driven to some degree by the opening up of testing in recent weeks to anyone who asks for a test.

So, my specific questions are:

- 1) Has the PHD analyzed how much the variations in who's being tested have affected reported positivity rates? And if so, what have you found?
- 2) Has the County or State considered correcting the positivity rates to account for who's being tested?
- 3) Are there any plans to test residents of the County in controlled, stratified random sampling program to accurately estimate and track the incidence rates in different demographic groups and regions of the County?

I would appreciate your attention to these questions at the hearing. I believe they are of general community interest.

Thank you,
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Thank you for reading my comment! I am not political really but this..... oh my!

My name is Kim Casazza (I am a California credentialed High School teacher),

Does history repeat itself? Yes, it does because people and behaviors don't really change through the ages.

MY POINT:

After the French revolution a really great guy named Maximillian Robspierre was appointed to the COMMITTEE OF PUBLIC SAFETY.

Under the banner of PUBLIC SAFETY he took away French citizens' basic civil liberties, citizens reported on fellow citizens and the reign of terror was born.

He became what he fought against all under the guise of PUBLIC SAFETY. Not a great guy anymore.

Wanting to fine people to wear masks under the guise of PUBLIC SAFETY will set a very dangerous precedent. Beware!

How did Mao, Pol Pot, Hitler, Stalin, Il Jung Kim start out? They were popular, promised the world and then slowly took away liberties and citizens began to police each other.

Under the banner of Public Safety you may start something that sounds good but turns into something more terrible than anything you can imagine.

Please learn from History! Don't repeat it! You hold the power to not repeat history.

Sincerely and Respectfully,

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