

Shockley Tina

From: Stephania dougherty <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:49 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] NO masks for school children

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I am asking that you take into consideration the mental health and safety of our children. Mandatory masks for them in school is not necessary. COVID 19 particles still seep through masks....this isn't going to stop a virus. We will always have this virus. I am not willing to put my child through more mandated mask wearing while in school. Both of my girls are currently in counseling to deal with this past year. One of the girls also wears glasses and yes we have tried all anti fog products yet she still struggles with fogging glasses. Our family has already had COVID....we have natural antibodies to this virus. We are able to go into restaurants, shop in stores and go to events all with out masks.....yet we are mandating our children to wear them all day in school. We are having firefly where people will be sharing drinks, drugs and whatever else they do while intoxicated....all without masks. Please look at the actual data....how many adults throughout the state that work/volunteer in our districts....how many actually tested positive.....how many actually survived. Likewise for our students....same questions. Our children are exactly that...ours...not the states to mandate what they need to do. Make masks optional.

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Shockley Tina

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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] 6.0 COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention

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To Whom It May Concern,

When does the mask mandate expire? When it does parents should have the right to now make decisions for the children on whether to wear a mask in school. My child who has a language disorder is consistently negatively impacted by wearing a mask. The mask has affected her right to learn. There should be an open meeting which is our right. Leaving the mask mandate open ended, is outrageous. The language within this proposal is vague and leave way too much room for abuse of our children. If this passes a lawsuit will be pursued against all involved. Parents are mobilizing to fight this. Remember that all of those involved are elected officials and should speak for the parents not their own agenda. Thank you for your time

Sincerely
Denise Weston

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

Shockley Tina

From: Rick Birch <birches5@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:29 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Permanant masking in schools

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Dear DOE members:

Initially through the first half of 2020, the wearing of masks in enclosed common areas such as shopping centers, grocery stores, and government buildings including public schools, made sense. Now, however as we've approached herd immunity due to vaccines and folks who have natural immunity after surviving COVID-19, it no longer makes sense to wear masks.

First of all, cloth masks have little to no effect on preventing the transmission of the virus since most of these masks are far more porous than the >5 micron size of the virus. Secondly, children do not contract the virus as less than 700 children under the age of 18 even got the virus in Delaware which is statistically insignificant. And third, the physical and psychological implications that children endure by having to wear cloth masks for 8 hours a day, are significant (i.e. breathing problems from inhaling too much CO2, bacterial infections and inability to properly process learning through muffled voices by wearing masks).

Please reconsider the efficacy of such a mandate that the DOE is proposing in that a 'one size fits all' approach is impractical and intrusive into the lives of private citizens.

Regards,

Rick Birch
Concerned tax-paying resident of the Brandywine School District

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From: Adam Golden <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No mask mandate

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Based on the statistics, COVID-19 is NOT a disproportionately dangerous disease for children. Research on the efficacy of masking to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among children is not conclusive. A growing body of research suggests that long-term masking of children may have serious negative effects on them physically, developmentally, socially, and academically. We do not believe these risks have been adequately considered by the DOE, especially when weighed against the data regarding the actual risk of COVID-19 complications for children. Masking of children should be a decision made by parents/guardians in conjunction with their family's healthcare providers. Whether it's thousands at DE's Firefly festivities, chanting sports fans that fill stadiums, or hundreds of thousands of Covid positive people pouring into this country monthly at the southern border, mask requirement inconsistencies are not only contradictory but irrational. Students are more and more aware of these contradictions as the school year wears on. Enforcement is extremely difficult and the mandate is impossible to defend. The time and effort devoted to mask enforcement should instead be going to caring for the emotional and academic well-being of our students, who have suffered tremendous set-backs in their education and emotional development since March of 2020.

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From: Ashley Collins <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:20 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] We need to see their smiles!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I teach a lot of ELL students in my school. As teachers we need to show them the correct forming of diphthongs and digraphs. In turn, we need to see their mouths and if they are forming them correctly. Learning the English language is very difficult, then throwing masks into the mix makes it 10 times more difficult. We also need to be able to breathe! Teaching all day long with masks is so very hard, especially when you have glasses as well. The kids are breathing in all the germs that are on the masks since their families are not always able to wash them. Please take away this mask mandate immediately! Thank you for listening to our concerns.

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Shockley Tina

From: Jena Anderson <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Our Children belong to us!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

My family and I are in total opposition of the Proposed Regulation to Title 14 in Delaware Code. Leaders have gone from 2 weeks to flatten the curve to downright tyranny. Masking of children should be a decision made by parents in conjunction with their family's healthcare providers, PERIOD. Based on the statistics, COVID-19 is NOT a disproportionately dangerous disease for children and if there is a Teacher at risk, it is their responsibility to take precautions and their choice to wear a mask. Research on the efficacy of masking to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among children is not conclusive, so WHY would we as adults place this irrational burden on our children! Enforcement is exhausting and the mandate is impossible to defend. The time and effort devoted to mask enforcement should instead be going to caring for the emotional and academic well-being of our students, who have suffered tremendous set-backs in their education and emotional development since March of 2020. I would hope the Department of Education has the children's long term best interest at heart and this is not a grab for power or "Funding" because this makes no sense. Freedom is the right choice, ALWAYS!

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Shockley Tina

From: Margaret Morris <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:03 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] NO MASKS ON OUR KIDS

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

PLEASE stop the ridiculous mandates on our children. Take the masks off our kids so their natural immune to do its job. We are told to follow the science and this is not what it says! This crap has to stop, especially with our children.

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Shockley Tina

From: lisa miller <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] NO PERMANENT MASKS IN DE SCHOOLS

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I am a concerned parent who is OPPOSED to the proposed Regulation to Title 14 in Delaware code. The DOE is not responsible for my child's health.....I, the parent, am. Masking of children should be the parent's decision. The masking mandates are inconsistent across the state and country and the numbers are showing that masks aren't the answer; not to mention, statistically speaking, COVID-19 is NOT a disproportionately dangerous disease for children.

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Shockley Tina

From: Nancy Petrucci <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 10:55 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Please Stop Masking Our Kids!!!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Please do not impose permanent masking regulations (and forced COVID vaccines) for students K-12 and childcare centers. Based on the statistics, COVID-19 is NOT a disproportionately dangerous disease for children. Research on the efficacy of masking to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among children is not conclusive. A growing body of research suggests that long-term masking of children may have serious negative effects on them physically, developmentally, socially, and academically. We do not believe these risks have been adequately considered by the DOE, especially when weighed against the data regarding the actual risk of COVID-19 complications for children. Masking of children should be a decision made by parents/guardians in conjunction with their family's healthcare provider NOT the DOE or Governor. Please don't implement the proposed changes and say No to permanent masking and forced vaccines.

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Shockley Tina

From: Sarah Bradley <snd1024@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:36 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No to Regulation 815

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I am opposed to the proposed regulation 815. More specifically, I oppose the addition of section 6.0 which requires mask wearing by all students and staff in K-12 schools. without any qualifying language. As currently worded, the proposed Regulation 815 is not limited only to public health emergencies, nor does it provide the authority to require masks to the Secretary of Education or to the school district administration/Board. The proposed regulation 815 supersedes the doctrine of local school board authority and requires mask wearing with no end date or qualification only during public health emergencies.

I respectfully request the proposed regulation 815 be withdrawn from the register of regulations and section 6.0 be removed in its entirety, or qualifying language be added to limit the application of mask wearing requirement only during public health emergencies.

Sincerely a concerned parent of a student!
S.J.Bradley

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From: Davis Crystal <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 1:09 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] NO PERMANENT MASKS!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I 100% disagree with the use of permanent mask in Delaware schools, A growing body of research suggests that long-term masking of children may have serious negative effects on them physically, developmentally, socially, and academically. We do not believe these risks have been adequately considered by the DOE, especially when weighed against the data regarding the actual risk of COVID-19 complications for children. Masking of children should be a decision made by parents/guardians in conjunction with their family's healthcare providers.

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Shockley Tina

From: Justin chupp <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 1:03 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask mandate for kids

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I appreciate the concern of my kids health but the mask mandate should be lifted. I believe it is causing are kids to not be able to learn as quickly as they should. The casue is that they cannot see there teachers mouths and how they form words from there mouth. Also the face cannot be as expressive when it is covered so kids do not understand what the teacher wants. The easy solution is to get rid of the mask. Also masks do nothing to prevent a virus because the particles of a virus is to small so a mask does not prevent the virus from spreading. Thanks for reading my concern.

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Shockley Tina

From: Elizabeth Simpkins <elizabethsimpkins@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:58 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Unmask our children!

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Dear Representatives of taxpayers,

The science does not support wearing masks (see detail below). Please vote no to mask mandates, regulations and save our children's healthy, productive lives including brain development without the horrendous side effects from hypoxia and other serious effects conditionally contributed to and caused by wearing masks!

<https://ratical.org/Pande.../MasksAreHarmful-Meehan2020.html>

What's it going to take in order for our children to be unmasked at school like the rest of our country?
What "conditions" will it take?
Where is exactly the data that you're basing your decisions on?
You're NEEDLESSLY SMOTHERING OUR KIDS!
#ShowMeTheData #ParentsChoice

Signed,
A Concerned Parent!
Elizabeth Simpkins
302-561-0255

Shockley Tina

From: Bunting Susan
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:57 PM
To: Moffett-Batty Angela
Subject: FW: [External] Mask Mandates

Susan S. Bunting
Susan S. Bunting, Ed.D.
Secretary of Education
Department of Education

-----Original Message-----

From: Joann Yasjejko <joann.yasjejko@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Sweeney Whitney <Whitney.Sweeney@sbe.k12.de.us>; Fifer Candice <Candice.Fifer@sbe.k12.de.us>; Lofink Vincent <vincent.lofink@sbe.k12.de.us>; Brittingham Shawn <Shawn.Brittingham@sbe.k12.de.us>; Noble Audrey <Audrey.Noble@sbe.k12.de.us>; Powell Provey <provey.powell@sbe.k12.de.us>; Rushdan Wali <Wali.rushdan@sbe.k12.de.us>; Turner Wendy <Wendy.Turner@sbe.k12.de.us>; Sampson Elise <Elise.Sampson@sbe.k12.de.us>; Bunting Susan <Susan.Bunting@doe.k12.de.us>; Ahner Jenna <Jenna.Ahner@sbe.k12.de.us>
Subject: [External] Mask Mandates

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I am against any permanent masks in our schools, or even a 4 month extension of such. Enough is enough! Give our schools back to our children and teachers. No longer any need for mask mandates in our schools! Check the science and the stats.

NO MORE MASKS!!

Sincerely,
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Sent from my iPhone

Shockley Tina

From: Kimberly Clark <cfamily3@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:02 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Attn: Regulation Review 14 Delaware Code Section 122(b)(2) (14DEL.C -122(b)(2))

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am a parent of child in the Appoquinimink School District and I am opposed to the regulation amendment. As a parent, working individual, and a tax payer of the First State of Delaware, I do NOT support the mask mandate. Mask should NOT be permanent and should be repealed and lifted immediately.

Please do to move forward with this amendment and allow children to remove their masks, breath fresh air and live a normal life at school.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Kim Clark
Townsend, DE

Shockley Tina

From: Karen Krise <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:03 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] END MASK MANDATE

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

We need to end the mask mandate. Unmask our kids and let kids be kids.

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Shockley Tina

From: Michela Robins <michelarobins@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:03 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Child Mask Mandate

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The fact that the public in the state of Delaware can go into an over packed Walmart or event without masks vs our children going into school fully masked is quite problematic. Remove these masks from the children and let's begin healing our state and country the proper way without muzzling the children. The masks are disgusting and very unsanitary even after being washed. This is silly and a lack of responsibility on the state and DOE for Delaware. REMOVE THE MASK MANDATE!

Shockley Tina

From: Ruby Cahall <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:05 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No to masking our children!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

A mask mandate for our children will have irreversible consequences for their futures. This is traumatic for them to be masked and not be able to read expressions on others faces, there is no medical reason to mask our children. Masks do not prevent the spread of the virus, a virus I will remind you that it's 99.7% survivable no greater risk than the flu. So why, why??Unmask our children now!!

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Shockley Tina

From: Tami Pusey <tamipusey@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:10 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask Proposal

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To whom it may concern,

The proposal to make masks a permanent requirement in public schools is ludicrous. I am 100% opposed to this proposal. Masking children is suppressing their immune system, inhibiting their ability to learn, and creating a withdraw of social skills. There is no proof of medical benefit and much more evidence of long term emotional harm.

This proposal needs to be removed from consideration!

Tami Pusey
Appoquinimink School District

Shockley Tina

From: Joann Yasiejko <joann.yasiejko@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:20 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask Mandates

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NO MORE MASKS!!

Sincerely,
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Shockley Tina

From: Randy Deamond <rwdeamond@cs.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:40 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask Mandate

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Good Afternoon,

As a property owner and someone who has supported the Red Clay school district with ever increasing property tax hikes, I would like to register my opposition to the current mask mandate in Red Clay Schools. Many people have said listen to the science, which I agree. But when the science, regulations, "studies", CDC guidelines, continually contradict the last one it is hard to take that seriously. It is more of a "What has the study of the week shown"? Oftentimes it contradicts what the same authorities had mandated before. Given this statement from the Mayo Clinic:

"While all children are capable of getting the virus that causes COVID-19, they don't become sick as often as adults. Most children have mild symptoms or no symptoms".

I understand that children that are compromised must be protected. So virtual classrooms should be set up, and any and all arrangements made for their continual learning. I had neighbors who had a child who was in a class room where another child had been around a relative who was positive. The child had no indication of Covid of any kind, and tested negative. The result was a two-week quarantine, with the Mother missing two weeks of work, and not getting paid. As a wise person once said "The cure should not be worse than the disease"..This type of over reaction was absurd. The risk to children is minimal. I think virtual learning for those who feel at-risk should be the solution. Not forcing children to wear masks, sit 6 feet apart, which not only contributes to an atmosphere of lack of normality, but is borderline child abuse. And just so there is no misunderstanding, I have been vaccinated. One woman who I totally agree with has said at a School Board Meeting:

Christina Pala was one of the night's more emotional speakers.

"COVID is a virus that will never go away. There will be new variants, new guidelines to follow. Are you going to mask our children forever? Are we going to keep complying? That is what this is really about control!"

I urge the Department to rescind the mask mandate, so we don't have a generation of children growing up thinking this abnormal environment is normal.

Rand Deamond
Pike Creek

Shockley Tina

From: James Mandel <jamrmand@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:56 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Unmask Our Children Now!

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I write to you today with grave concern for my child's current state of well-being. I believe that my daughter, her classmates and other students under your care, or specifically within the Smyrna School District, are being abused and taken advantage of with the forcing of mask wearing.

By now, most schools throughout our country have already lifted mask mandates, or better yet, never enforced them to begin with. Why in Delaware are we behind on this?

These restrictions are being forced without any proven science that exemplify positive effects of mask wearing. It goes against our will as parents and our rights as U.S Citizens to make free choices for ourselves and our families. It's wrong and unjust for educators to enforce this.

Bottom line, masking of children should be a decision made by parents or guardians in conjunction with their family's healthcare providers – Not enforced by someone behind closed doors who makes arbitrary decisions that a majority of our community disagrees with.

I strongly believe that long-term masking of children or any human for that matter, has serious negative effects on them physically, developmentally, socially, and academically. Children with masks covering their faces are less engaged with teachers, other students, and themselves.

Mask wearing or face covering most certainly interrupts my child from breathing freely and showing a smile on her face.

Fact: Myself and thousands of other families will and have already united on this issue and will fight relentlessly until you work to rescind these ridiculous mandates.

Enough is enough.

Unmask our children NOW!

--
James R. Mandel

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From: Barbara Baker <yaiserbaker@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:21 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Masking

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Dear Sir/Madame,

I am writing to express my opposition to the permanent masking of students in the Delaware schools. I believe it is detrimental the the children and unnecessary.

Thank you

Barbara Baker

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From: Joe Cozzoli <joec4025@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:27 PM
To: DOeregulations comment
Subject: [External] Feedback on Change of State Education Guidelines

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Hello,

I saw on the DE DOE's website that there is a new proposal to change the State Education Guidelines (Title 14, 815, Section 6) to include a provision for masks that would not have an expiration date.

As an independent voter and as someone who see's usefulness in masks in helping to stop the spread of COVID-19, I'm against this change for the following reasons:

- COVID-19 is NOT a disproportionately dangerous disease for children.
- Research on the efficacy of masking to prevent the spread of COVID-19 among children is not conclusive.
- Children are not negatively effected by COVID-19 in the same way that seniors and other high-risk adults are effected.
- This change could lead to developmental issues in children.
- The decision of whether children should wear masks is a decision that the parent's of the children should make, as the parents know the situation of their children much better than the state.

Respectfully, I ask that you drop this entire section 6 of the proposed change.

Thank you,

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Shockley Tina

From: Jessica Piccolo <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 6:22 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Stop the mandate against Children

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From: Kasey Phillips <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Please unmask our kids

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Please unmask our children! There are private schools that have been unmasked this whole time doing amazing things!

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Shockley Tina

From: Stephanie Vodvarka <steph81305@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 5:46 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Section 6 of Regulation 815

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Stephanie Vodvarka

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From: Kim Swanstrom <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 5:35 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Parent Choice

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Masking of children should be a decision made by the parents! Show us the science. These masks are preventing our kids from haven't "normal" socialization. End this PLEASE!

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Shockley Tina

From: Erin Chronister <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] End school masking

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Remove the masking from any and all regulations. Unmask our kids.

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Shockley Tina

From: Bethany Chambers <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 5:29 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No more mask mandates

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

These mask mandates need to end. I've seen first hand how horribly they affect the children in schools. I used to see their smiling faces in the cafeteria. Now they're scared to talk in fear of being yelled at by teachers or other enforcers that their mask is down. Some are scared to eat, and will not eat their lunch at all. We know this virus doesn't affect them like adults. This is not normal. How would you like to look back on your own childhood pictures and never see your face because it's covered by a face mask? No more mandates. Take these masks off our children.

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Shockley Tina

From: Bunting Susan
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 5:23 AM
To: Moffett-Batty Angela
Subject: Fwd: [External] Masks

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Benjamin Humes <brhumes83@gmail.com>
Date: October 31, 2021 at 10:13:40 PM EDT
To: Sweeney Whitney <Whitney.Sweeney@sbe.k12.de.us>, Brittingham Shawn <Shawn.Brittingham@sbe.k12.de.us>, Bunting Susan <Susan.Bunting@doe.k12.de.us>, Turner Wendy <Wendy.Turner@sbe.k12.de.us>, Rushdan Wali <Wali.rushdan@sbe.k12.de.us>, Sampson Elise <Elise.Sampson@sbe.k12.de.us>, Powell Provey <provey.powell@sbe.k12.de.us>, Ahner Jenna <Jenna.Ahner@sbe.k12.de.us>, Fifer Candice <Candice.Fifer@sbe.k12.de.us>
Cc: "Shupe, Bryan" <bryan.shupe@delaware.gov>, "Wilson, David L" <david.l.wilson@delaware.gov>
Subject: [External] Masks

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Good Evening,

Please don't force our children to wear masks while in school! Its an unfair punishment that does not protect our youth from a virus that statistically does not hurt or harm them! No State of the Emergency, no justification, masks are optional in public let it be the same in schools! PLEASE LET THEIR SMILES SHINE!!!!

Sincerely,

The Humes family
[20210908_145448.jpg]

Shockley Tina

From: Michelle McDowell <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 5:21 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Unmask our kids

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Good morning, I am imploring upon you today to not extend the mask mandate past the December expiration date. I wholeheartedly feel that IF any such issue arises where they are needed after that, then our local school boards and officials are fully capable of making that decision. There is NO data backing the forced mask wearing and it is time for our children to have the ability to breathe and learn while in school as opposed to the masks creating anxiety, loss of focus, mental health issues, the inability to fully learn and understand what is being taught. It is unfair to both the teachers and the children to have the priority in the classroom be whether a child is wearing their mask correctly rather than actually teaching a full lesson, which we all know the children need since they are so far behind in their learning already. Again, we the parents want to see the data behind the decision to force the mask mandate to be extended. Thank you for your time and attention and I hope you make the best decision in the interest of the children and their future based on DATA and not political pressures.

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Shockley Tina

From: Petters Kim <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 4:57 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No more mandatory masks

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I would like to see the Delaware specific data in which forced masking of our children was decided on. I also want to know what "conditions" must be for our children to take the masks off. Please provide actual numbers. What is the goal? Last, I'd like to know what will happen to me and my children when come December they no longer go along with these mandates, which are not forced on more than half the rest of the country. Will you call the police on me like the Smyrna Superintendent did to a mother? Will you kick my children out of school? What's going to happen when we refuse? Please advise.

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Shockley Tina

From: Cyrena Dickerson <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 3:22 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No to permanent masks in schools

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Please vote no to permanent mask in school. There needs to be an expiration date on this mandate. My child is fully vaccinated and up to date on all vaccines. It is time to get back to normal life for our children. It's not healthy to wear the same mask for hours at a time!!!

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Shockley Tina

From: J huddlestone <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 2:06 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] We will not bow to Nazism

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

You are not God. You have no right to abuse us or our children anymore. This county is not going to let you and your elite lying comrades take our freedoms away from us. Covid is nothing but the flu. It has a 99% survival rate. You and comrad rattay have been lying to us. We will not be part of your communist agenda. This is America not Nazi Germany. Leave us alone.

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Shockley Tina

From: Maureen Hoffman Ernst <livesimply1024@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:40 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mandatory Mask in Public Schools

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I hope you do not proceed with this proposal. Let's hope and pray that the COVID 19 issue becomes history real soon. When it does, there will be no need for children, teachers, or staff to be wearing a mask. Let teachers and students be able to see each other's faces, so visual communication will be able to take place. Let those in a school environment be able to breathe normally and exhale without restriction.

Please make a logical decision, do not consider the permanent mask proposal.

Maureen

Shockley Tina

From: Jen Fanning <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:08 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No to permanent masks in Delaware

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Ongoing masking of children in schools is creating more harm than good. Other than medical facilities, school is the only other place they are required to wear them. This choice should be made at the parent level and not the schools. Respectfully request you to NOT mandate masks at will or independently of the State's requirements.

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Shockley Tina

From: Rachel Dolores <rach7831@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 10:59 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External]

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To whom it may concern,

A permanent mask mandate is ridiculous. The masks do not work and kids should not be wearing them at all! I have 3 kids in Delaware schools, one is in 1st grade and this is all she knows of school between last year and this year. This is abusive and unfair, she needs to be able to see her teachers mouth and face to be able to learn visual cues and language development. Stop the mask mandate altogether.

Rachel,
Concerned parent of 3

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Shockley Tina

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To: DOEregulations comment
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My kids have been negatively effected from having to do school virtually last year and from the masking regulations. We as parents should have the right to choose whether we want our kids to wear masks or not. The "science" shows that masks do not work and having a mask mandate doesn't make sense, period. So why would it continue? I am fully ready to pull my kids from public school and homeschool. Think of how many of us are ready to make that decision. Remove the mask mandate!!!!

Parent of 3

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Shockley Tina

From: Rachel Dolores <rach7831@gmail.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
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To whom it may concern,

I have 3 children in the Smyrna school district. The mask mandate needs to end, not continue. The masks do not work and are more harmful to the children. My kids complain of headaches and cause them anxiety. Parents should have the right to make this decision for their kids. You should be more concerned about the kids education(which you are doing a poor job of anyway) than delving into public health matters. I am fully prepared to homeschool my kids if this complete government overreach continues. They honestly would be better off anyway. My youngest is in 1st grade and needs to be able to see her teachers face to learn properly. STOP the mask mandates!!

Concerned parent of 3-Rachel
123 Let's go Brandon way!
Smyrna DE

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Stop the masks!!!!

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Shockley Tina

From: Mark Monahan <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:31 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask Mandate

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I'd like to know the specific scientific research used to make this decision.

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Shockley Tina

From: Megan Scott <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:34 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Stop the madness

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I come to you as a concerned Mother. I want to believe in the care for the students through the education department, but watching the continued mandates that are impacting our children in a negative manner is not something any of us saw coming in DE. My oldest has headaches daily, dizzy spells, and doesn't want to drink water too much because they have turned off all the water fountains. Yet - they can purchase waters and get free lunches and breakfast. I want her miserable heading to school, knowing she has several hours where she is unable to breathe. She is healthy, she is not a threat to the teachers (even though they indicate the children are daily when they remove the mask to breathe), and lastly she is stuck in the middle of the madness. Do the right thing!

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Shockley Tina

From: FalconFan <falconfan62@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:35 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Delaware State Face Masks Mandate

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I wholeheartedly agree with and applaud Governor Carney and his administration's actions to ensure public school face mask mandates are able to be enforced beyond February 2022, if necessary.

Shockley Tina

From: Amanda DiGati <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:37 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No more masks !! Unmask our kids !

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Good evening,I just read your proposed mask mandate for children in the state of Delaware and I am highly opposed to it. Unmask our children. You have zero data that provides insight that shows mask mitigate any risk of the spread of this "so called" pandemic. You are going to cause more problems then you solve with the utilization of masks. You will hinder a child social skill and their innate ability to understand facial expression at a young age.Also, I am a mother of 2 special needs children. Both on the autism spectrum. They refuse to wear masks and it is hurting them socially and academically to not see their peers, teachers or therapists faces and emotions ! They should not be punished for not understanding a mask mandate . They have been exposed to covid more then once in our home and in school and have been able to fight it with their immune systems. You are going to cause long term effects psychologically on our children.You will cause long term breathing problems from the prolong use of masks that will collect numerous amounts of bacteria.I demand that you do not pass or even include anything to do with masks in the DOE update to your health code.Let our children's immune systems build themselves up!! Do not impose a mandatory mask mandate!!! This has gone on far enough!! Cancel the masks all together! We are healthy people!Thank you for your timeAmanda DiGati

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Shockley Tina

From: Dan Beaver <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:38 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mind your business

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Stop abusing parents, and children. Mind your business. You should resign immediately, and turn yourself over to federal authorities for violating Nuremburg codes, the Bill of Rights, and numerous crimes against humanity. You are traitors to all Delaware citizens, and should hang your heads in shame.

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Shockley Tina

From: Rachel Hall <rachel@bayshorecc.org>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:50 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Pending Regulation Change

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SPLASH has existed and served our community for the last 18 years and we have NEVER had the kinds of shortages and difficulties we have faced in the last two years. We are understaffed (to the point of shortening our hours) and do not often have the resources necessary to keep us at our standard.

Regulations like the new proposed mandatory mask wearing with an undisclosed end date only hurt our chances of finding employees who are willing to stay masked for 8+ hours a day indefinitely.

We are asking that this be changed to reflect the sentiment of 'this regulation takes effect in the event that another health-related pandemic is established, providers will continue to follow DPH/CDC guidance in regards to current efforts to mitigate the pandemic's effects. Leaving a blank ending date is detrimental to the administrative duties of our already weakened workforce, requiring us to continue to be mask-police for anyone within our buildings, when our attention should be focused on the education of children.'

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Sincerely,
Rachel Hall

Executive Director



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Shockley Tina

From: Maher Nashed <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:56 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask mandate

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Life is in continuous change. Nothing that was there yesterday is true today. If it is so, how can we predict the future!!! understand the need for Masks when there is flare up in Covid but why to keep it forever. I think limited time, in which Masks are required is reasonable but definitely , not forever. Dr. Nashed

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Shockley Tina

From: Carly moletress <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 11:58 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No permanent mask mandate

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

No permanent masks in Delaware public schools!

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Shockley Tina

From: Patricia Lester <Blessed37@comcast.net>
Sent: Monday, November 1, 2021 12:08 PM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] "No" Real Science For Masks In Delaware Schools (See Real Science Against Masks)

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The science does not support wearing masks (see detail below). Please vote no to mask mandates and save our children's healthy, productive lives including brain development without the horrendous side effects from hypoxia and other serious effects conditionally contributed to and caused by wearing masks

Patricia Lester
Georgetown DE

<https://ratical.org/PandemicParallaxView/MasksAreHarmful-Meehan2020.html>

1. Medical masks adversely affect respiratory physiology and function.

- **Masks inhibit air flow into and out of the lungs.**
 - For people with asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), and many other chronic lung diseases, face masks are intolerable to wear as they worsen breathlessness.[R]
- Medical masks lower blood oxygen and raise carbon dioxide such that respiratory rate and depth of breaths are increased.[R]
 - Decreasing oxygen and increasing carbon dioxide in the bloodstream stimulates a compensatory response in the respiratory centers of the brain. These changes in blood gases result in **increases in both frequency and depth of breaths.**
 - As masks increase both the frequency and depth of respirations (breaths), they increase the likelihood that each respiration will contain a larger amount of infectious viral particles. This may worsen the community transmission of CoVID-19 as infected people wearing masks exhale respiratory plumes loaded with greater levels of infectious viral particles. These infectious plumes readily move around the sides, bottom, and top of masks.
 - This may also increase the severity of CoVID-19 as the **increased tidal volume delivers the viral particles deeper into the lungs.**
 - These effects are amplified if face masks are contaminated with the viruses, bacteria, or fungi that find their way or opportunistically grow in the warm, moist environment that medical masks quickly become.

2. Medical masks lower oxygen levels in the blood.[R]

Wearing a mask for more than a few minutes causes a significant reduction in a person's blood oxygen level.

- Beder, A., U. Büyükköçak, H. Sabuncuoğlu, Z. A. Keskil, and S. Keskil. 2008. "Preliminary Report on Surgical Mask Induced Deoxygenation during Major Surgery." *Neurocirugia* 19 (2): 121-26.

DOI: [10.1016/s1130-1473\(08\)70235-5](https://doi.org/10.1016/s1130-1473(08)70235-5)

- This study of 53 surgeons evaluated the effect of surgical masks on oxygen saturation of hemoglobin in surgeons performing surgery.
- The study revealed the surgeons experienced a significant decrease in the oxygen saturation of arterial pulsations (SpO₂) and a slight increase in pulse rates after one hour. The decrease was more prominent in the surgeons over the age of 35.
- Given that **a small decrease in SpO₂ reflects a large decrease in partial pressure of oxygen in the arterial blood (PaO₂)**[R], the findings of this study suggests that surgical masks worn more than one hour may lower arterial oxygen enough to induce physiologically detrimental effects.

Here are two cases of the tragic consequences of forcing children to wear masks: Two Chinese boys drop dead while wearing face masks during physical exercise classes.[R][R]

Two boys from two Chinese cities died of sudden cardiac arrest within a week. The first boy, 15, collapsed after jogging in PE class while wearing a face mask on April 24. The other boy, 14, reportedly died during a running exam while wearing a mask.

Why would healthy boys drop dead while wearing masks and running in gym class?! To answer this question, we must consider how mask induced deoxygenation and increased oxygen demands of heart muscle during exercise could have precipitated heart attacks in otherwise healthy teenagers:

- **Point #1:** Heart muscle needs oxygen to survive. And the harder the heart works, the more oxygen it requires. The American Heart Association says this about heart attacks:
- "Your **heart muscle needs oxygen to survive**. A heart attack occurs when the blood flow that brings **oxygen to the heart muscle is severely reduced** or cut off completely." [R]
- **Point #2:** Masks block air intake and decrease arterial oxygen.

Studies of masked individuals have shown that mask wear decreases arterial oxygen. For example, the effects of surgical masks worn by surgeons in the operating room (an environment in which the oxygen blocking effects of masks are minimized by the high air flow, increased oxygen levels, and cool temperature of the operating suite) during major surgery showed a significant decrease in arterial oxygen.[R]

The lesson here is that medical masks should not be worn during intense exercise. As described above and shown in the study of surgeons wearing surgical masks, medical masks block oxygen intake. Depriving the heart of oxygen while exercising, especially intense exercise, could precipitate an acute heart attack.

Any questions? Wait...there's more...

• [Jogger's lung collapses after he ran for 2.5 miles while wearing a face mask](#) [R]

Mr Zhang's left lung was punctured due to high pressure caused by running. The 26-year-old became breathless whiling jogging with a mask on in China. Doctors said his punctured lung was caused by jogging with a face covering. He is now in stable condition after undergoing an operation, the hospital said.

- Hypoxia increases the risk of blood clot formation.[R]
- Lowering arterial oxygen suppresses the immune system, thus increasing the susceptibility of mask wearers to infectious disease.

3. Medical masks raise carbon dioxide levels in the blood.

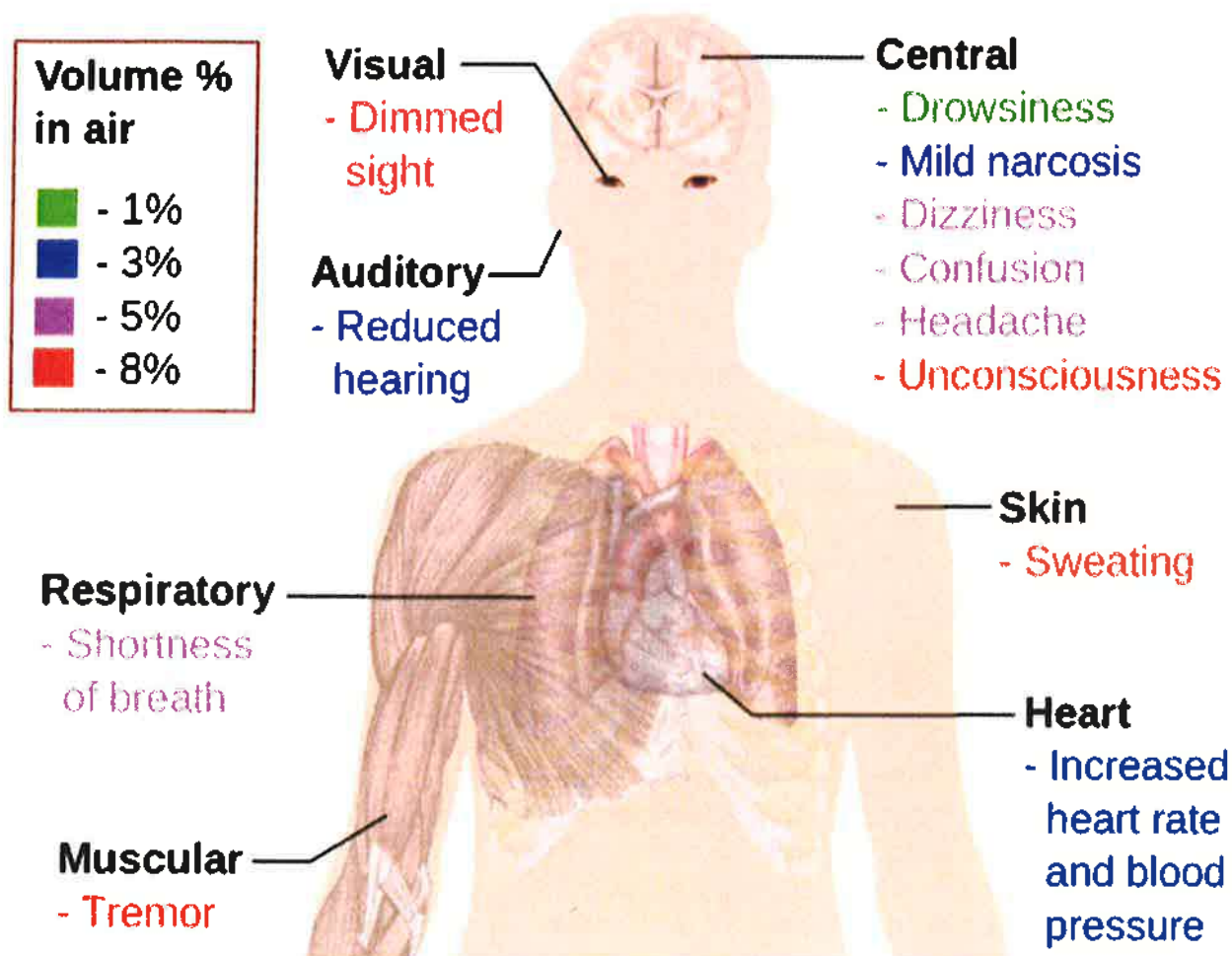
Although the body has robust mechanisms for mitigating transient and minor elevations of CO₂ in the air we breathe, these mechanisms can easily be overwhelmed by chronic exposure to significant elevations in CO₂, such as occurs with prolonged wearing of a medical mask.

• The science clearly demonstrates that **face masks cause carbon dioxide rebreathing and hypercapnia** [R]

- Fletcher, S. J., M. Clark, and P. J. Stanley. 2006. "Carbon Dioxide Re-Breathing with Close Fitting Face Respirator Masks." *Anaesthesia* 61 (9): 910. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/j.1365-2044.2006.04767.x>
- Exhaled air is rich in carbon dioxide, a waste product of cellular respiration.
- A portion of carbon dioxide previously exhaled is inspired (breathed) at each respiratory cycle.

- Masks trap CO₂ rich respiratory exhalations at the mask-mouth interface, force re-breathing of CO₂ rich exhalations, raise carbon dioxide blood (CO₂) levels. [R]

Main symptoms of Carbon dioxide toxicity



Objective evidence demonstrating how masks increase blood carbon dioxide levels and negatively impact health and function.

- **Transcranial Ultrasound Doppler (TCUD)** is a noninvasive means of assessing blood flow in the cerebral vasculature. The increase in carbon dioxide partial pressures (PCO₂) caused by medical masks can be assessed by TCUD.[R]
- Elevation of PCO₂ causes vasodilation of the arteriolar channels leading to a decrease in peripheral vascular resistance. The decrease in peripheral vascular resistance is responsible for the changes in cerebrovascular circulation time, CBF, and the velocity of flow (V) in cerebral arteries.
- o Medical masks force the wearer to inspire (re-breathe) air that is a mix of air from the local environment and the respiratory waste products from the mask wearer's previous exhalations.
 - Respiratory exhalations contain significantly higher levels of carbon dioxide (CO₂), one of the waste products of respiration.
 - The pulmonary system is designed to collect oxygen and remove CO₂ from the body. Masks trap CO₂ rich exhalations at the mask-mouth interface.
 - Changes in arterial PCO₂ considerably influence cranial blood flow (CBF).[R]
- Transcranial Ultrasound Doppler (TCUD) studies on masked and unmasked individuals demonstrate the changes in blood flow in the brain the result from the arterial CO₂ elevation that

occurs within seconds of donning a mask.

This video demonstrates the use of TCUD and heart rate variability to measure the adverse effects of masking a healthy nine year old child: <https://bit.ly/2GGQWiZ>

4. SARS CoV-2 is armed with a “furin cleavage site” that makes it more pathogenic.

- The furin cleavage site makes the virus more capable of invading human cells.
- The furin cleavage site makes the virus even more capable of invading cells when arterial oxygen levels decline.[R]
- Therefore, wearing a medical mask may increase the severity of CoVID-19.

5. Medical masks trap exhaled viral (and other) pathogens in the mouth/mask interspace, increase viral/infectious load, and increase the severity of disease.

- Face masks trap exhaled viral particles in the mouth/mask interspace. The trapped viral particles are prevented from removal from the airways. The mask wearer is then forced to re-breathe the viral particles, thus increasing infectious viral particles in the airways and lungs.
- In this way, surgical masks cause self-inoculation, increase viral load, and increase the severity of disease.

Neurosurgeon, Russell Blaylock, MD, raises additional concerns:

“By wearing a mask, the exhaled viruses will not be able to escape and will concentrate in the nasal passages, enter the lungs, olfactory nerves, and travel into the brain.”[R]

- Face masks **trap exhaled viral particles** in the mouth/mask interspace.[R] The trapped viral particles are prevented from removal from the airways. The mask wearer is thus forced to **re-breathe** the viral particles, increasing infectious viral particles in the airways and lungs. In this way, Medical masks cause self-inoculation, increase viral load, and increase the severity of disease.

Asymptomatic or mild cases of CoVID-19 become more severe when the infected is masked, oxygen lowers, viral load increases from particle re-breathing, and the disease **overwhelms the innate immune system.**

- The main purpose of the innate immune response is to immediately prevent the spread and movement of foreign pathogens throughout the body.[R]
- The innate immune system plays a crucial role in destroying the virus, preventing infection, or decreasing the viral load to decrease the severity of infection.
- The innate immunity’s effectiveness is highly dependent on the viral load. If face masks increase viral particle re-breathing at the same time they create a humid habitat where SARS-CoV-2 remains actively infectious, the mask increases the viral load and can overwhelm the innate immune system.
- This trapping, re-breathing, and increasing pathogen load delivered to the lungs becomes dramatically more dangerous when the medical mask becomes contaminated with the opportunistic viruses, bacteria, and fungi that can grow in the warm, moist environment of the mask.
- “By wearing a mask, the exhaled viruses will not be able to escape and will concentrate in the nasal passages, enter the olfactory nerves and travel into the brain.” - Russell Blaylock, MD

6. SARS CoV-2 Becomes More Dangerous When Blood Oxygen Levels Decline

- Arterial oxygen desaturation is a critical issue in CoVID-19. The virus’ ability to infect cells is markedly enhanced by oxygen desaturation, which has been shown to occur even in the ideal operating room environment in which surgeons operate: high air flow/exchange systems, cool temperature, and higher room oxygen levels. when wearing a surgical mask.[R]
- One of the features that make SARS CoV-2 uniquely infectious is the “furin” sequence in the virus that activates increased ACE2 receptor attack and cellular invasion in low oxygen environments.[R]

7. The furin cleavage site of SARS CoV-2 increases cellular invasion, especially during hypoxia (low blood oxygen levels)[R]

- The furin cleavage site found in SARS CoV-2 is the likely result of the bioengineering “gain of function” (which means increasing the virulence of a pathogen) research conducted at the Wuhan

Institute of Virology. This unethical, dangerous, and illegal-in-most-countries research is alleged to have been funded by Dr. Anthony Fauci (with \$7.4 million taxpayer dollars) and Bill Gates.

- Furin cleavage sites are found in some of the most pathogenic forms of influenza, which can be acted upon by furin and other cellular proteases. The ubiquitous expression of cellular proteases across cell types increases the potential for the virus to successfully infiltrate the host.
- Furin is a membrane-bound protease that is expressed in multiple tissues throughout the human body. Furin is expressed in significant concentrations in the lungs. Thus, viruses in the respiratory tract can make use of this enzyme to convert and activate their own surface glycoproteins. This makes their role in viral protein processing noteworthy.[R]
- Some of the most pathogenic forms of influenza and HIV have similar furin cleavage sites. It is not present in other bat beta coronaviruses. (By the way, Fauci built his career researching and failing to create a vaccine for HIV). The furin cleavage site is NOT present in SARS CoV-1 or MERS, or any of the other known “bat coronaviruses.”
- Let me say it again, the SARS-CoV (aka, SARS-CoV-1), which is closely related to the newest SARS-CoV-2 strain, does not bear the furin cleavage site.

So, the question we should all be asking is how did the genetic sequence that codes for this serious gain of function that increases the potential for the virus to successfully infiltrate the host find its way into SARS-CoV-2?

That’s the trillion dollar question; it demands a real and honest answer.

8. Cloth masks may increase the risk of contracting Covid-19 and other respiratory infections.

See MacIntyre CR, Seale H, Dung TC, et al., A cluster randomised trial of cloth masks compared with medical masks in healthcare workers, *BMJ Open* 2015; 5: e006577, US National Library of Medicine, National Institutes of Health, doi: 10.1136/bmjopen-2014-006577, April 22, 2015. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4420971/pdf/bmjopen-2014-006577.pdf>

- “This study is the first [Randomly Controlled Trial] of cloth masks, and the results caution against the use of cloth masks.
- This is an important finding to inform occupational health and safety. Moisture retention, reuse of cloth masks and poor filtration may result in increased risk of infection.”

9. Wearing a face mask may give a false sense of security

- People adopt a reduction in compliance with other infection control measures, including social distancing and hands washing.[R]

10. Masks compromise communications and reduce social distancing

- The quality and volume of speech between two people wearing masks is considerably compromised and they may unconsciously move closer to improve communications
- This increases the likelihood of becoming exposed to the infectious viral particles in the respiratory plumes of aerosolized droplet nuclei that escape the top, bottom, and sides of the masks.

11. Untrained and inappropriate management of face masks:

- The public is untrained and inadequately educated in the proper selection of masks (most are wrongly wearing cloth masks), proper wear, sterility management, and importance of not reusing single use masks.
- People must not touch their masks, must change their single-use masks frequently or wash them regularly, dispose of them correctly and adopt other management measures, otherwise their risks and those of others may increase.[R][R]
- We can all observe the countless ways in which people in communities are mis-wearing, mishandling, and increasing their own and the communities risk of contracting infectious disease, including CoVID-19.

12. Masks Worn Imperfectly Are Dangerous

To fully appreciate the danger of improper wear and handling of face masks, all you have to do is observe how the public is managing them. Take a trip to Walmart or your local school and observe how mask wearers pull masks from their pocket or purse, drop the masks on the floor, cough and sneeze in them, move them below the

nose, on their heads, or under their chin. I see it every day. I also see their soiled and stained surgical face masks and know that these people are dangerously reusing a mask that should never be reused.

You don't need a clinical trial to determine that even when mask-wearers manage to don a fresh, sterile mask properly, keep them on for more than a few minutes at a time, they very quickly contaminate the mask, their environment, and increase their risk of infection as the mask induces them to compulsively touch their faces and their masks.

- The World Health Organization, which has repeatedly changed its position on universal masking, is adamant that **if face masks are not worn carefully, correctly, and kept sanitary, they are worse than ineffective.**

In other words, masks worn imperfectly are dangerous.

- See Linda Lacina, WHO updates guidance on masks for health workers and the public - here's what you need to know, World Economic Forum (June 5, 2020). <https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/who-updates-guidance-on-masks-heres-what-to-know-now/>

People can infect themselves if they use contaminated hands to adjust a mask or repeatedly take it on or off," explained WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus. "I cannot say this clearly enough. Masks alone will not protect you from COVID-19."

Failing to follow strict medical standards for wearing protective equipment and specification of sterilizing and cleaning often leads to "skin and mucous membrane injury, which may cause acute and chronic dermatitis, secondary infection and aggravation of underlying skin diseases."

- Yan, et al., Consensus of Chinese Experts on Protection of Skin and Mucous Membrane Barrier for Health-Care Workers Fighting against Coronavirus Disease 2019. *Dermatologic Therapy*, March 2020, e13310. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7228211/pdf/DTH-9999-e13310.pdf>

13. Masks collect and colonize viruses, bacteria, and mold.

In Germany, where schools are open and masks are mostly optional, the association of "Kinder f. Weltfrieden eV" commissioned a laboratory analysis to investigate the level of microbial contamination that results after a fresh mask is worn by a child for 6-8 hours in school. What they found was alarming to all those recommending we mask our children for several hours every day. The masks were found to be contaminated with **82 bacterial colonies and 4 mold colonies**. Where do you think the bacteria, molds, and viruses progressively colonizing and growing on the warm moist mask-mouth interface end up?

Many of the microbes get transferred to surfaces the child (or adult) touches after they touch, fiddle, and mishandle their mask. This is one of the many reasons that masks are almost certainly INCREASING the transmission of infectious disease. More dangerously, these microbes are being inhaled and delivered deep into the lungs where respiratory disease far worse than CoVID-19 can result.

The oxygen lowering effects of masks forces the body to compensate by increasing heart rate and deepening inspirations (increasing tidal volumes). Increased tidal volumes drives the mask pathogens deep into the lungs where they can cause serious pneumonia, inflammation, and tissue damage.

Furthermore, these risks are compounded by the immune suppression (CD4+ T-cell suppression) that results from diminished arterial oxygenation. **Thus, the mask-wearing child is at imminent risk for harm caused by lung infections that are far more dangerous than a CoVID-19 infection.**

In fact, based on reports from my colleagues in emergency medicine, pulmonology, and infectious disease, an **alarming explosion in bacterial pneumonias** is being reported at ERs and urgent care centers across the country.

Evidence that supports the points above:

• Zhiqing, Liu, Chang Yongyun, Chu Wenxiang, Yan Mengning, Mao Yuanqing, Zhu Zhenan, Wu Haishan, et al. 2018. "Surgical Masks as Source of Bacterial Contamination during Operative Procedures." *Journal of Orthopaedic Translation* 14 (July): 57-62.

- This study investigated whether surgical masks (SMs) could be a potential source of bacterial shedding leading to an increased risk of surgical site infection.
- Results: **The longer the operating time the more bacterial colonization occurred.** A significant increase [in bacterial counts] was noted in the 2-hour group.

· Colleen Huber, NMD, "Masks Are Neither Effective nor Safe," PrimaryDoctor.Org, July 6, 2020. <https://www.primarydoctor.org/masks-not-effect>

- "The foregoing data show that masks serve more as instruments of obstruction of normal breathing, rather than as effective barriers to pathogens. Therefore, masks should not be used by the general public, either by adults or children, and their limitations as prophylaxis against pathogens should also be considered in medical settings."
- Dr. Huber's article cites 42 supporting scientific studies.

· "Dr. Jenny Harries, England's deputy chief medical officer, has warned that it was not a good idea for the public to wear face masks as **the virus can get trapped in the material and causes infection when the wearer breathes in.**"

- Angela Betsaida B. Laguipo, BSN, "Reusing Masks May Increase Your Risk of Coronavirus Infection, Expert Says," News, Medical, Life Sciences, March 15, 2020. <https://www.news-medical.net/news/20200315/Reusing-masks-may-increase-your-risk-of-coronavirus-infection-expert-says.aspx>
- See also, Melkorka Licea, "Mask Mouth" Is a Seriously Stinky Side Effect of Wearing Masks. New York Post, August 5, 2020. <https://nypost.com/2020/08/05/mask-mouth-is-a-seriously-stinky-side-effect-of-wearing-masks/>
- Consider this: [Health department investigating after high number of strep throat cases reported at Shepherd schools.](#)

The Central Michigan District Health Department is investigating after more than **a dozen cases of strep throat** were reported within Shepherd Public Schools **despite COVID-19 protocols.**

14. Wearing a face mask makes the exhaled air (respiratory plumes) go into the eyes.

- Masks may capture respiratory jets and large respiratory droplets, but they cannot prevent the respiratory plumes composed of aerosolizable respiratory droplet nuclei to escape the top, bottom, and sides of the masks.
- The respiratory plume wafts into the eyes and generates an uncomfortable feeling and compulsion to touch and rub the eyes. If your hands are contaminated and you touch or rub your eyes, you are transmitting and infecting yourself through the ocular mucosa.[R]

15. Contact tracing studies show that asymptomatic carrier transmission is very rare.

- Asymptomatic carriers are not a major driver of the disease.[R]
- Therefore, one of the key reasons the public was told to wear masks, asymptomatic spreaders, should not be used as a reason for community wearing of masks.

16. Face masks and stay at home orders prevent the development of herd immunity.

- Only herd immunity can prevent pandemics; it is the only thing that ever has.
- Only herd immunity will protect the vulnerable members of society.
- Sweden's example continues to prove this point.

17. Face masks are dangerous and contraindicated for a large number of people with pre-existing medical conditions and disabilities.

· Large percentages of the population have medical conditions that make wearing a mask dangerous. Individuals should be examined by a medical professional to ensure that mask wear will not further compromise their medical condition.

- Children with asthma (7.5% of American children) and other respiratory disabilities are being harmed by mask mandates, they are being discriminated against by businesses, schools, and public spaces that require masks.
- Children with autism and other neurodevelopmental disorders are extremely prone to agitation and severe anxiety that results from the adverse effects, e.g., oxygen lowering effects, of masks.
- An ever increasing number of children and young adults with autism are sensitive to touch and texture.[R] Covering the nose and mouth with fabric can cause sensory overload, feelings of panic, and extreme anxiety.

- If a person with a disability is not able to wear a face mask, state and local government agencies and private businesses must consider reasonable modifications to a face mask policy so that the person with the disability can participate in, or benefit from, the programs offered or goods and services that are provided. A reasonable modification means changing policies, practices, and procedures, if needed, to provide goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations to an individual with a disability.
- Examples of a person with a disability who might not be able to wear a face mask include individuals with asthma, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), or other respiratory disabilities may not be able to wear a face mask because of difficulty in or impaired breathing. People with respiratory disabilities should consult their own medical professional for advice about using face masks.
- **The CDC also states that anyone who has trouble breathing should not wear a face mask.[R]**
- People with post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), severe anxiety, or claustrophobia (an abnormal fear of being in enclosed or narrow places), may feel afraid or terrified when wearing a face mask. These individuals may not be able to stay calm or function when wearing a face mask.
- A person who has cerebral palsy may have difficulty moving the small muscles in the hands, wrists, or fingers. Due to their limited mobility, they may not be able to tie the strings or put the elastic loops of a face mask over the ears. This means that the individual may not be able to put on or remove a face mask without assistance.
- A person who uses mouth control devices such as a sip and puff to operate a wheelchair or assistive technology, or uses their mouth or tongue to use assistive ventilators will be unable to wear a mask.

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