From: Lauren Bacon < lbacon727@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:12 PM

To:DOEregulations commentSubject:[External] Permanent masks

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#### Hello!

This email serves as my official position that children not be forced to permanently wear masks in school. Early education requires teachers to see how children are forming letters and sounds.

As a substitute in my district I can also tell you that there seems to be little point in having them wear them. They don't wear them for recess. Children are constantly adjusting them and neither mouth and nose are both covered every moment of the day.

Please just let everyone breathe. We have an amazing vaccination rate. Hygiene is good.

It's time to return to normal.

Thank you

Lauren Bacon

From: Aaron Coon <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:12 PM

**To:** DOEregulations comment

Subject: [External] No Mask Mandates in DOE Regulations

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

We vehemently disagree with your desire to amend this regulation to include mask mandates in section 6. I am asking you NOT to pass any amendments to this regulation because:It IS NOT YOUR JOB to determine what is healthy for students. Health experts should be making informed decisions related to the public health and safety of students with real-time data that has not been destroyed. Such as the data on this

link:https://myhealthycommunity.dhss.delaware.gov/locations/state/in-person-contagiousWith less than 0.35 positive cases in "in-person" students and staff in DE, we DO NOT HAVE A HEALTH EMERGENCY. Students are not at risk in Delaware and no school-aged students have perished in DE since the onset of the pandemic. Teachers can get vaccinated and wear masks if they want, but students are not passing this to teachers. We have not even been able to track one transmission in our private school in two years! Not one of our students or staff has passed this virus to another student except for one case where a teacher gave it to their own child who attended our school. That was bound to happen since they drive to school together and live together. Otherwise, ZERO transmissions, and we were not requiring masks the entire time until it was mandatory. This type of regulation change is unprecedented and not within your realm of responsibility. You have to let the Governor and the Department of Health use their limited powers to make temporary changes. We know you are doing this to please the Governor and DPH because they are limited in their power to make this permanent. This type of change is political and ill-advised. I have two students who would be negatively impacted by this regulation change because they have already had COVID-19 and they enjoy a robust immunity through their body's immune system. You cannot prove that natural immunity is not for a lifetime. Respectfully,

Aaron Coon 503 Eagle Nest Dr Camden Wyoming, DE 19934 aaron@wearecca.com

From:

Casey Yetter <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:13 PM

To:

DOEregulations comment

Subject:

[External] No mandates

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

My child said "I guess I have to see my friends in heaven if that's how long it takes to make them not make us wear masks!" He was thrilled to return to school after leaving the ps system last year and now he is so upset "they don't want us to breath right or concentrate"

Casey Yetter Sandalwood Dr Newark, DE 19713 Caseyyetter@yahoo.com

From:

Elizabeth Orndorff <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:14 PM

To:

**DOEregulations comment** 

Subject:

[External] I should have a choice!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I am writing to express my SINCEREST OBJECTIONS to the proposed permanent mask mandate!Based on what we know, 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. My children already suffer from headaches, social anxiety, difficulty breathing, insecurity, skin breakouts, cold sores, fogged glasses, resentment towards school, and ridicule and mockery from teachers when their mask falls below their nose. All because of a mask that has not proven to stop the spread of COVID-19! One more right parents have had taken away, and on more obstacle to quality education for our children! Please remove the mask mandate and allow parents to again make medical decisions for their children based on their own research and medical advice.

Elizabeth Orndorff
141 Noxontown Road, Townsend, DE
Townsend, DE 19734
aneorndorff@verizon.net

From:

NANCY BARR <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:15 PM

To:

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Subject:

[External] DON'T MASK OUR CHILDREN

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Do not mask our children. the data does not back up this extreme grab to control our children. BACK OFF!!

Nancy Barr 254 winter haven dr camden de Camden Wyoming, DE 19934 bnbeachbarrs@comcast.net

From: Heather brown <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:16 PM

**To:** DOEregulations comment

**Subject:** [External] End the mask mandate

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I understand you are trying to protect students and staff but the long arm effects of mask wearing on these children is by far a greater risk. As a parent of a first grader who started her school career last year with mask wearing it is extremely disheartening that she cannot see expressions of teachers when she does a good job or of her classmates and o often get asked mommy why do we have to wear masks in school and not anywhere else. Please end this mask mandate that puts undue pressure on students teachers and parents and concentrate more on behavior interventions learning interventions and emotional health of students.

Heather Brown 36487 Pebble Drive Millsboro, DE 19966 hvh823@live.com

From:

itsafarmthing <itsafarmthing@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:17 PM

To:

**DOEregulations** comment

Subject:

[External] Mask requirement/new proposal

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#### Dear Sir/Madam.

I have recently become aware of proposed additions to Delaware's K-12 and Early Childhood State Regulations requiring the use of masks on children and staff. The addition of these proposals, #815, 933, and 934, into our state regulations is, in my opinion, unnecessary. It is my understanding the emergency mask mandate can be renewed if necessary. I do not feel that adding the mask mandate into our regulations, which are seemingly permanent, is appropriate for the HEALTH and EDUCATION of our children nor for the sustainability of an already suffering workforce.

Thank you, Mary Elliott

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone:

From:

Danielle Munoz <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:17 PM

To:

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Subject:

[External] Masks do more harm than good!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I OPPOSE the Proposed Regulation to Title 14 in Delaware Code.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.Masking of children should be a decision made by parents/guardians. As a free human beings with God given human inalienable rights that supersede any and all civil laws and statutes, we reserve the right to refuse any non-medical and/or medical interventions. There is no scientific evidence that demonstrates that non surgical grade masks are effective in preventing illness. There is however scientific evidence that confirms how ineffective cloth and non surgical grade masks are and let's not forget that they cause oxygen deprivation. Oxygen deprivation is more detrimental to children as their bodies are still growing and developing. Children are also missing out on learning developmental milestones such as learning how to read facial expressions and pick up on social queues. This will lead to a generation that is less empathetic, which isn't something that we need as we already have too many people who lack empathy. We can only survive approximately three minutes without oxygen, so the fact that people are ok with depriving themselves of the most essential nutrient that keeps us alive is just illogical. My intent of writing to you today is to demand that you end the mask mandate without any further considerations. Please note that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 protects our constitutional right to have access to public education without discrimination regardless of beliefs. Not to mention this action is against Federal law, specifically 21 U.S. Code Section 360bbb-3 which states anything approved via EUA, which masks are, provides individuals with the right to accept or refuse administration of the product.

Danielle Munoz 4 Marklyn Court Wilmington, DE 19810 dvc11284@gmail.com

From:

michelecountey@comcast.net

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:18 PM

To:

**DOEregulations comment** 

Subject:

[External] amendment to 14 DE Admin. C. 815

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Regarding the proposed amendment to 14 DE Admin. C. 815 Health Examinations and Screening, section 6.0, to include mandatory masking for an indefinite period, there is absolutely no science behind this amendment. Studies are WEAK at best to show the need for masks and their effectiveness against a virus in this age group or any for that matter. This is about control plain and simple. These children are being hampered PHYSICALLY, SOCIALLY, and MENTALLY because of such mandates and they need to stop. This body should be ashamed for pushing this madness in the name of public safety. Masks are not warranted, they are not effective, and there is no settled science to back up such nonsensical mandates.

I am absolutely opposed to such an amendment. If these mandates continue and if there is EVER a mandate to vaccinate my child, I will pull my child from the DE public school system.

Michele Countey Clayton, DE

From:

rachie7257@aol.com

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:21 PM

To:

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Subject:

[External] Opposition to additions to Delaware's & Early Childhood

State Regulations

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#### Dear Sir/Madam,

I have recently become aware of proposed additions to Delaware's K-12 and Early Childhood State Regulations requiring the use of masks on children and staff. The addition of these proposals, #815, 933, and 934, into our state regulations is, in my opinion, unnecessary. It is my understanding the emergency mask mandate can be renewed if necessary. I do not feel that adding the mask mandate into our regulations, which are seemingly permanent, is appropriate for the health and education of our children nor for the sustainability of an already suffering workforce.

Sincerely, Rachel Doyle Millsboro, Delaware

Sent from the all new AOL app for Android

From:

Julie MacDonald <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:23 PM

To: Subject: DOEregulations comment

[External] Sterilizing growth

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Students aren't growing. They aren't achieving. They aren't advancing. I've been on the front lines and I see it. Masks are deteriorating the health of our youth.

Julie Macdonald 150 Kimberton Ct Dover, DE 19901 saathoff.julie@yahoo.com

From:

EDWARD RHOADES <erhoades714@comcast.net>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:24 PM

To:

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Subject:

[External] Proposed action to make maskings in schools permanent

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I am writing to this body, the department of education to voice my strong opposition to the proposed action to make maskings in schools permanent. First of all there has been no scientific data provided to the people of Delaware that the wearing of masks prevents anything and I challenge all of you to provide us with any proof to the contrary. Actually after consulting with a large amount of medical professionals I am thoroughly convinced that the wearing of masks is indeed detrimental to a childs and individuals health. Second of all I will tell all of you that I and others know without a shadow of a doubt that this proposed action has nothing to do with anyones health. To that end I will state the following:

- 1. The department of education does not have any authority to enforce such actions on the people or their children in Delaware.
- 2. We the people of the state of Delaware do not and will not offer any consent to such matters.
- 3. We do not offer any approval of this action.
- 4. We will offer no concessions.

Edward Rhoades Newark, Delaware

From:

David Gripp <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:29 PM

To:

DOEregulations comment

Subject:

[External] Please end 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.

David Gripp 608 Euclid Ave Wilmington DE Wilmington, DE 19808 grippd@aol.com

From:

Christine Mason <cshort\_07@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:32 PM

To:

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Subject:

[External] Take the mask off our children!!!!

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please take the mask off our children we all know that unless you are wearing a n-95 mask properly the mask does nothing against covid-19. The mask are doing more harm than good I pray that someone in power has strength to stop this from happening. PLEASE HELP OUR CHILDREN

**Concerned Delaware Parent** 

From:

Jill Defelice <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:34 PM

To:

**DOEregulations comment** 

Subject:

[External] Child Masking in Schools

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

It is unfortunate that in today's climate, the administrators that are to have the best interests of the children within their schools and under their tutelage are creating measures and restrictions that are in direct conflict with those best interests. Those in positions of administration have not done their due diligence regarding ALL of the information regarding mandatory masks for children and Covid. The statistical data shows that children under the age of 18, have an absolutely miniscule chance of having serious issues if they become infected, and an even smaller percentage involving a fatality. Regarding child fatalities and Covid, those unfortunate cases, those childcare had underlying conditions that accelerated their passing. It is disappointing that the "Department Of Education" is so misinformed regarding information so readily available from the CDC, Johns Hopkins, the Cleveland Clinic, Harvard, and numerous other studies from countries. The education of children should not be politically motivated and masks should not be the center or focus of their education. The fact that throughout the entire summer of 2021, Masks were not mandated anywhere and children and adults enjoyed life as they did pre-2020, cSes and deaths did not increase-not to mention Delaware beaches are a tourist and vacation destination. With over millions visiting our state. There is no scientific evidence or reason for children to be mandated to wear masks in school. It is statistically impossible to prevent zero cases of Covid. This should in no way be treated any differently that the flu or the common cold has been treated in public schools for decades. However the psychological and emotional affects of mandating masks on children is plainly seen in their behavior and retention of information that has been taught during this situation. Children should be learning in a positive environment, rather than being forced to wear a mask and being "allowed" mask breaks. Young children need to see facial expressions to understand emotions and social interaction and mouth articulation while learning to speak and understand what is being taught. Masking children is only going to delay those in their development socially and educationally. The experimental mRNA gene therapies, which are just that, are still in the experimental EUA status. There is no scientific or medical reason to test this misnamed vaccine on children that have a statistical zero chance of resulting in a fatality due to Covid. There is however a higher chance of a child having an adverse or fatal reaction to the mRNA gene therapy. There are documented cases and more than enough data in the VAERS database. Any possible thought of making this mandatory goes against any concern for the child's physical wellbeing and health. Children are not science projects and should not be treated as such. It is tremendously disheartening that this letter even had to be written.

Jill Defelice 20483 Oak Haven Ln Harbeson, DE 19951 jilllylane1@gmail.com

Patrick Gallucci <usmc5274@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:32 PM

To:

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[External] 14 DE Admin. C. 815 Health Examinations and Screening

Change - Do not agree

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#### Greetings.

I am writing this email to express my displeasure with the proposed change to 14 DE Admin. C. 815 Health Examinations and Screening to include mandatory masking for an indefinite period.

This is an overstep of government control and should be a parental decision to make.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Patrick R. Gallucci (302) 883-1863

From: Kimberly Kokoszka <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:34 PM

To: DOEregulations comment

**Subject:** [External] NO MASKS FOR CHILDREN

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Children should NOT wear masks in schools.

Kimberly Kokoszka 20 Mount Pleasant Trailer Ct/. Middletown, DE 19709 fishin\_goddess@yahoo.com

From:

jason hill <beausmobil@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:36 PM

To:

DOEregulations comment

**Subject:** 

[External] Masks

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To whom it may concern, I am a Cape Henlopen alumni, I used an OSHA air quality meter, these masks are illegal to use creating an unsafe work environment as they trap co2 and cause the unsafe environment. If you would like a demonstration I am available until Nov 12, 2012

From: Jacob Katona <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:38 PM

To: DOEregulations comment

**Subject:** [External] I oppose the proposed change to Title 14 permanently

requiring masks in schools

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I sincerely oppose the masking of children, in any facet. There is no data suggesting that masks on children has reduced the spread of Covid. Children have a statistically infinitesimal chance of contracting severe Covid disease, and also have not significantly spread the virus to adults. You, the Delaware department of education have decided that our kids should go to school every day wearing a mask like a muzzle. The argument suggesting masking children lacks evidence, data, science, common sense and basic human decency. Facts show that Covid poses almost no risk to kids at all, 5.3 million children have tested positive for Covid. A total of .014 percent of them have died, the CDC estimates 480 kids died from the flu in the 2018-2019 season, that's near the amount who died fromCovid in a year and a half. Did anyone suggest we wear masks for the flu? No, because we conducted proper and necessary risk assessment. When you force our children to wear masks for a virus that poses almost no threat to them, it's called child abuse.When you act as though a person has an illness they don't really have, you are the one with Factitious Disorder Imposed on Another.Do we know what sort of psychological damage we do to children by forcing them to cover their faces, teach them to consider the air toxic, and give them the impression that everyone around them is sick or will get them sick? Depriving them of the ability to see each other's faces, especially when children are learning to speak, read, write, enunciate, etc? Of course we don't, no study has ever been conducted on the effects of mask wearing on children's development, because that study would be deemed abusing and neglectful to conduct. What about The health effect of forcing kids to breathe through sweat, spit, dirt soaked cloth masks every day? These effects have clearly not been considered. What about a child's immune system? Have you considered how wearing a mask and blocking the ability to contract small sicknesses would effect a child's ability to fight disease later in life? This mandate to wear masks is not to keep the kids safe, their own immune system keeps them safe, by nature, statistically the data shows that kids are protected by virtue of being kids. It's not to keep the adults safe, the adults can get the vaccine if they choose to. This mask requirement is to make you feel better, So IF something happens, you can say "well at least I did something" even if that something is proven to do nothing.

Jacob Katona Gray Fox rdg Newark, DE 19711 Jacob.katona@gmail.com

From:

Dennis Barnes <dbarnes@cbanker.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:38 PM

To:

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Subject:

[External] Mask Mandate

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To whom this may concern,

I am writing this to inform you of my rejection of the proposed mask mandate. I have yet to see any definitive data or proof that a mask is a main protection against covid or other viruses. To stress this point further the facts show children would be the least benefitted from this proposed mandate and are at a very low risk level. My grandson who is only in second grade has had to wear.a mask since he started school and I find it to be of more harm then benefitted as do the facts and science. I encourage you not to do this to our children as a mandate but to let it be a personal choice. This is a simple solution and can't be argued. We have the right to make our personal choices regarding our health as well as the other rights embedded in our constitution. Thanks you and I pray you make the right decision and do not allow this to pass. You are protecting your rights as well as theirs.

#### Dennis Barnes

Sent from my Verizon, Samsung Galaxy smartphone

From: Katie Shannon <katie.shannon@live.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:38 PM

**To:** DOEregulations comment **Subject:** [External] Regulation Review

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#### To Whom It May Concern:

As a parent of 2 children in a Delaware charter school, I am writing to voice my opinion <u>against</u> the proposed mandate of having students permanently wear masks at school. <u>Especially</u> if the mandate is to be indefinite and without limitation. I do not believe it is in their best interest, they are distractions and they add an extra hinderance to their ability to concentrate. Their teachers have voiced their opinions that it hinders classroom management. I am all for masking when appropriate or for personal choice, but to make it permanent as a mandate is not what I want or what is best for my school aged children. I like to recommend that section 6 be revised to take away the permanent mandate.

Thank you, Kathleen Shannon

From: Jennifer Pawlyk <cuddles3489@yahoo.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:38 PM

**To:** DOEregulations comment **Subject:** [External] Mask Mandiate

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To Whom It May Concern,

As a parent I am very upset about mask being mandiated for my children at school. They have suffered enough!!! I am totally against this and feel that it is not right to do to our children or educators. It should be a parents choice whether their child wears a mask or not. THIS SHOULD NOT be a law! Please reconsider!!!!

NO MASK MANDIATE!

Thank you, Jennifer Pawlyk

From:

JILANA WILSON < jilana8@comcast.net>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:59 PM

To:

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**Subject:** 

[External] Constitution

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I am writing you to tell you that the citizens of Delaware and especially parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, neighbors and everyone else are tired of you trying to force unsubstantiated mandates on us and our children. As stated by the CDC masks do not control viruses:

https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/pdfs/UnderstandDifferenceInfographic-508.pdf. Children do not need masks. If adults who work in the school system are so paranoid about getting sick, let them wear masks. They are unsanitary. I work in a school and masks end up on the ground, in the bathroom floors, sinks, etc., and are filthy by the end of the day. They inhibit breathing in oxygen and are detrimental to learning. I am deaf in one ear and it is very hard for me as an adult to hear what is being said. I cannot even imagine trying to learn with these on. We are tired of your lies. There are plenty of studies about the inefficacy of masks. You are just using this as a power play. We are not stupid. You think if we get sick enough of the masks we will vaccinate our children with an experimental vaccine that has been proven to cause injury and death, so you can rake in more money. It is not even authorized for use. The people in Delaware and their children have a right to their own choices and a right to their own health. What ever happened to "my body, my choice?" Did you know that 50 million people died in 1918 because of bacterial pneumonia because of masks? It is obvious that you do not care about children or what parents who pay your salaries think. We are banding together to do everything we can to get rid of you and your socialist agendas. We are tired and we are done. Churches and charitable organizations are banding together to help inner city kids and low income children go to private schools or be homeschooled and get away from your agendas. Teaching filth and porn in schools will not stand along with teaching children they are lesser human beings because of the color of their skin. I pray you do the right thing. It is time for you to really stand up for the children in Delaware and not yourselves. For people who are supposed to be educators you are very uninformed and untrustworthy.

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8072811/https://pubmed.ncbi.nim.nih.gov/30035033/

From: Myung <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:59 PM

**To:** DOEregulations comment

**Subject:** [External] Oppose to propose mask mandate

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Masking of children should be a decision made by parents/guardians in conjunction with their family's healthcare providers.

Myung 2532 Eaton road Wilmington, DE 19810 Mjsun1213@gmail.com

From: Kelly Kramarck < kkramarck@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:02 PM

**To:** DOEregulations comment

**Subject:** [External] GET MASKS OFF OF OUR KIDS!

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The masking requirements anywhere, but especially in schools is beyond ridiculous. There is no data from anywhere in the world showing this is helpful. However, there's plenty of data to show how harmful it is. Even the Florida surgeon general has come out against masking school children. There are bigger issues facing our schools and our kids today than this. Let it go already.

From:

John McCarty <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:03 PM

To:

**DOEregulations comment** 

Subject:

[External] Masks For Students

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

It is unfortunate that in today's climate, the administrators that are to have the best interests of the children within their schools and under their tutelage are creating measures and restrictions that are in direct conflict with those best interests. Those in positions of administration have not done their due diligence regarding ALL of the information regarding mandatory masks for children and Covid. The statistical data shows that children under the age of 18, have an absolutely miniscule chance of having serious issues if they become infected, and an even smaller percentage involving a fatality. Regarding child fatalities and Covid, those unfortunate cases, those childcare had underlying conditions that accelerated their passing. It is disappointing that the "Department Of Education" is so misinformed regarding information so readily available from the CDC, Johns Hopkins, the Cleveland Clinic, Harvard, and numerous other studies from countries. The education of children should not be politically motivated and masks should not be the center or focus of their education. The fact that throughout the entire summer of 2021, Masks were not mandated anywhere and children and adults enjoyed life as they did pre-2020, cSes and deaths did not increase-not to mention Delaware beaches are a tourist and vacation destination. With over millions visiting our state. There is no scientific evidence or reason for children to be mandated to wear masks in school. It is statistically impossible to prevent zero cases of Covid. This should in no way be treated any differently that the flu or the common cold has been treated in public schools for decades. However the psychological and emotional affects of mandating masks on children is plainly seen in their behavior and retention of information that has been taught during this situation. Children should be learning in a positive environment, rather than being forced to wear a mask and being "allowed" mask breaks. Young children need to see facial expressions to understand emotions and social interaction and mouth articulation while learning to speak and understand what is being taught. Masking children is only going to delay those in their development socially and educationally. The experimental mRNA gene therapies, which are just that, are still in the experimental EUA status. There is no scientific or medical reason to test this misnamed vaccine on children that have a statistical zero chance of resulting in a fatality due to Covid. There is however a higher chance of a child having an adverse or fatal reaction to the mRNA gene therapy. There are documented cases and more than enough data in the VAERS database. Any possible thought of making this mandatory goes against any concern for the child's physical wellbeing and health. Children are not science projects and should not be treated as such. It is tremendously disheartening that this letter even had to be written.

John Mccarty 20483 Oak Haven Farms Harbeson, DE 19951 Jmmcbr600@gmail.com

From:

Lynnsay Erskine < lynnsay.erskine@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:06 PM

To:

DOEregulations comment

Subject:

[External] Amendment to Existing Regulation

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# Regarding Amendment to Existing Regulation 6.0 COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention:

We're all waiting for you to remove the verbiage regarding mask-wearing from the proposition under section 6.0.

The data collected thus far does not uphold such a regulation, nor do your Delaware public school's findings on their "dashboard" data webpages reflect that masks prevent the spread of COVID-19, so stop pretending as if they do.

I'm asking you NOT to make this proposition a permanent part of regulation.

From:

AL PAOLI <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:06 PM

To:

DOEregulations comment

Subject:

[External] POLICY IS WORSE THAN VIRUS...Unintended

Consequences!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

As a father of three students in school as well as an educator at the college & high school levels, I have seen myself, my kids, students, parents, staff, peers and administrators negatively affected by your policy on so many levels. A mandate for students in American or Delawarean schools to wear a mask with such militant passion and energy is disproportionate to any science to support your claim. Even our President, Dr. Fauci, elected as well as unelected officials, like you, have been hypocritical with wearing a mask. Furthermore, mask requirement inconsistencies are not only contradictory but irrational. As you well know, history demonstrates that temporary measures enacted to deal with a specific crisis proves to be anything but temporary! This is beginning to feel like a permanent measure already. So, what about my liberty, personal responsibility and free will as a US citizen protected by the Constitution of the US...what about facts? Do masks even help or reduce COVID-19 transmission? In the only study to date, the results were inconclusive. Yet the CDC, the great state of DE and the DE DOE sternly mandate that millions of children and adolescents, vaccinated or not, must cover up with a mask regardless of the prevalence of infection in their school or community. Sadly, many authorities, like the DOE, imposed mandates on the theory that masks can't do any harm...that isn't true! While some are fine wearing a mask, others, like me, struggle mightily. A growing number of doctors and body of research suggests that masking has serious negative effects on children physically, developmentally, socially and academically. The unintended consequences are worse than the virus! I do not believe that 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 being extremely low. Based on statistics, COVID-19 is NOT a disproportionately dangerous disease for children. As stated earlier, research on the efficacy of masking to prevent the spread of COVID-19 is not conclusive. Masking of students should be a decision made by parents and guardians in conjunction with their family's healthcare providers, not the DOE. The money, time and effort devoted to mask policy and enforcement should instead be going to loving and caring for the emotional and academic well-being of students who have suffered tremendous setbacks in their life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness as well as education and emotional development since March of 2020. Irrefutably, your policy is worse than the virus! Enough is enough...end the nonsense of CovidChaos and the mask mandate now - liberty matters!

Al Paoli 12156 S Dupont Hwy Felton, DE 19943 alfredpaoli@gmail.com

From:

Frederick Hageman <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:08 PM

To:

**DOEregulations comment** 

**Subject:** 

[External] No Permanent Masks

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

The proposed legislation not only has potential harm for children, reserch and ex[erience shows little or no protection, and the virus has little impact for children. Please halt this proposal.

Frederick Hageman 25721 American Street, Millsboro. DE Millsboro, DE 19966 pawprints06770@yahoo.com

From:

Lankitus, Maria (DOC) < Maria. Lankitus@delaware.gov>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:10 PM

To:

DOEregulations comment

Subject:

PROPOSED: 815 Health Examinations and Screening

I OPPOSE the proposed 6.0 COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention of 815 Health Examinations and Screening. Until studies are done on the effects of mask wearing on children age 2 through twelfth grade, there should be no regulation to require and/or mandate children to wear masks.

Would the DOE provide restitution should studies later find that wearing masks permanently change a child's developmental growth, brain, cells, lungs, respiratory systems, natural immunity, as well as change a child's social skills. Adults, teachers, counselors, and children are all taught to read body language and facial expressions. Wearing a mask will keep teachers, students and staff from knowing a child's current mood (sad, angry, depressed) or understanding and knowing if a child is having a medical problem (ie choking, salivating, gagging, allergic reaction, illness). How would teachers or staff notice these expressions if a child is required to hide them under a mask. Or, how is a child to know if a classmate is not themselves at any certain time which could cause behavioral issues among classmates. Many situations can be avoided and/or help rendered due to just looking at a facial expression.

To require these children to wear a mask without proven science and research could cause undo illness or death. Research needs to be done to avoid unintended consequences.

Let the parents parent. Leave the decision up to the parents as to whether or not put a mask on their child.

As a Delaware resident, tax payer, and mother, I would once again reiterate that I am OPPOSED to this regulation.

From: Katie Mumford <katiemumford81@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 2:12 PM

**To:** DOEregulations comment

Subject: [External] NO MASK EXTENSIONS/NO VACCINE MANDATES

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#### To Whom It May Concern:

I am a mother of two children in the Milford School District. I am writing today to voice my strong disapproval of the proposed masking regulations to be added to the Health Examinations and Screening Code. This is a grotesque overreach of authority and should not be allowed. Parents should have the choice to send their children to school with masks or not. Masking will not be the new normal for my children and I. There is robust data showing that masks have negative impacts on children and very little actual scientific evidence supporting it. Where is the data that supports masking children in school? Other countries that have never required masks for children in schools are no worse off than we are here.

My children will not be receiving the covid 19 vaccination and if it becomes a requirement to attend school they will be pulled from the public school system.

FYI...I have been a democrat for the last 20 years so please don't make the assumption that I am just a Trump loving republican. Many parents from both sides of the aisle are very concerned with this issue.

Thank you, Katie Mumford

From: M Williams <marcwilliams21@outlook.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:36 PM

**To:** DOEregulations comment

**Subject:** [External] Re: maak for students

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#### To all,

I think you need to reconsider this mandate. Mask are proven harmful to children. It restricts SpO2 (oxygen) levels and takes away from the 5 major senses in the body. This decision should be left to the parents. If you look at the data from Florida it shows mask are not effective and their rates dropped dramatically with students mask free. I work 911 EMS and I have seen what these mask do to children. If this continues we will be moving to another state that respects or decision making. We have already moved our child from public school to private due to Teachers Union. Please follow the real data not one the fits your narrative or any other political agenda you might have for yourselves.

Thank you,

Marc Williams
NREMT/ Firefighter

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S9, an AT&T 5G Evolution capable smartphone Get Outlook for Android

From:

Marianne Moore <mariannemoore96@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:36 PM

To:

DOEregulations comment

**Subject:** 

[External] New regulations

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#### Hello,

I am hopeful that there's actually no need for my email and I have somehow been misinformed by a large group of individuals. However, if you are in fact trying to sneak in new regulations about masking children permanently I feel as a taxpayer and mother of three it is my duty to write and voice the absurdity of this.

As a teacher (who left after last year because I was so disgusted seeing what was happening with these children in masks. Touching toilets, then mask, masks falling on floors, kids sharing masks when one of them forgot his, etc.) there is no scientific evidence that these are helpful. Plus if the vaccine is soon to be available to children, not only are you going to discouraged parents from having their children vaccinated (why vaccinate when NOTHING changes for them) you are going to lose an incredible amount of funding by the droves of children who will be pulled out of the schools to be homeschooled. I respectfully ask that if this is in fact miss information that you respond to my email so I can inform those people who I've heard this from that they were incorrect. If you are in fact trying to do this, you are slowly but surely destroying an already disgraceful school system. Delaware is already rated so low amongst other states in our country. I look forward to hearing from you.

Marianne Moore

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Talley Lindsay

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:41 PM

To:

DOEregulations comment

Subject:

New mask regulations 6.0

As a teacher I am extremely concerned for the new mask mandate of permanent mask wearing for all that are involved. It is not safe for students to be wearing mask all day and research shows it can also be harmful. Students are struggling with headaches, as our staff and infections due to wearing mask all day long. Schools are the only place required to wear mask and it is time to get back to normal. Those who are vaccinated should be allowed the option not mandated to continue wearing a piece of cloth over their face. Why did I get vaccinated then? Why are my children vaccinated then? Enough is enough. We need to get back to normal as do our children. We are in a dire state in education and this will for sure make us worst off then we already are. People are leaving running from education be they can't take anymore. Making mask mandatory from now on will surely have students pulled out and teachers running for new careers. Is that what's best for our students? I think not. I think teachers need to hear that they can choose if they want to wear a mask or not. Being told to do one more thing is the final straw for most teacher.

Lindsay Talley
AHS K-12 Teacher Academy Teacher
Apple Teacher
Nearpod Certified Educator

From:

Sean O'Leary < otrain315@gmail.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:40 PM

To:

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Subject:

[External] Mask vs no mask

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Children should absolutely NOT be mandated to wear a mask.

- Where is the science?
- · Where are the statistics?
- How many children in DE have died from COVID without underlying conditions?
- How many children have died from COVID with underlying conditions?
- What are the statistics for influenza from 2020?
- When will so called leaders step up and actually be the leaders that they proclaim to be? If a child or that child's parent (s) want their child to wear a mask, that is their choice. Those parents/guardians should be permitted their freedom of choice. And if I wish for my child to not wear a mask, then that should also be my choice.

If you have any questions/concerns I welcome the dialogue.

Sean O'Leary

From:

Heather Campbell <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:42 PM

To:

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Subject:

[External] Masking kids should be parent's choice, they are OUR

children, Not Yours!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

To whom it may concern and I hope it is ALL OF YOU, What makes you think it's ok to make our babies mask up in school permanently however for football games, other sports, bars, restaurants, concerts, no one is mandated to mask up? Have you all absolutely lost your ever loving minds?!! People are really starting to get upset over our rights and our children's rights slowly be taken away. You think we're going to do nothing about it? Don't forget, WE THE PEOPLE, you work for US!!! Don't get yourselves so messed up that you forget our constitutional rights! I hope you get so inundated with very upset parents calling and emailing all of you about this that it makes you think how wrong you all are. Very Much the Opposite of Thanks, Upset Delawarean Parent

Heather Campbell 29205 Stockley Rd Milton, DE 19968 Hcampbell618@gmail.com

From:

Matthew Hazzard <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:45 PM

To:

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Subject:

[External] Masks and kids

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Please end the mask mandate and stop pushing the non traditional vaccine on teachers and more so the students. The masks are more detrimental then health beneficial. The CDC has not provided and science based information with actual numbers on the masks because they know don't work. They are more make you feel good move. This country is the way it is because a large majority of people don't have the grit to handle the facts and what life is throwing at them. Coddling them beyond this point will only cause more damage. The least we can do is raise a strong generation of kids to bring this country back to some normalcy.

Matthew Hazzard 614 S. Bancroft Pkwy Wilmington, DE 19805 Hazmat8181@aol.com

From: Jonathan Ringler < jonathan.ringler@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:56 PM

**To:** DOEregulations comment

Subject: [External] 14 DE Admin. C. 815 Health Examinations and Screening

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I am voicing my opinion to stop the mask mandate as set forth in the 14 DE Admin. C. 815 Health Examinations and Screening.

Thank you,

Jon Ringler

From: Melissa Lafferty <melissamartin77@hotmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:56 PM

**To:** DOEregulations comment

Subject: [External] Proposed Changes under 14 Del Admin Code 815

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Hello,

My name is Melissa and I have two children in the Red Clay School District. I am writing in regards to the proposed changes under 14 De Admin Code 815 for health exams and screenings. There is a section being added specific to COVID-19 mitigation and prevention and mandatory mask wearing for children and adults inside the school regardless of vaccination status.

Over the past one and a half years, I have witnessed my children more than once express their frustration and discouragement in daily mask wearing at school. My youngest has spent two birthdays blowing out the candles on her cake "wishing" that they didn't have to wear masks at school anymore. While I am an advocate for safety and prevention of COVID-19, making a permanent requirement to require masks without any regard to the case count, hospitalization rate, vaccination or natural immunity status is negligent and short sighted. Masks impair our children's ability to communicate effectively with teachers and other children. Permanently preventing our children from being exposed to all the other illnesses and "germs" that have been around for centuries lowers our bodies ability to fight illnesses naturally. Yes, this virus is certainly unprecedented; however, there are no studies that show permanent mask wearing is the way out of this situation. While most countries are ridding masks, you are recommending they stay. Our state has proven to be successful in battling the virus and our children should not be punished for that.

I recommend that the mask mandate requirement be removed entirely or amended to include criteria that would be met before masks were required in schools (ie. if cases go above X%, masks are recommended for X weeks). In no case should a mask permanently be a requirement for a child to receive their education.

Thank you for your consideration. Melissa Lafferty

Sent from my iPhone

From:

Amy campbell <response@mandatemadness.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:59 PM

To:

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Subject:

[External] Masks are abuse!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

It is abhorrent that you are still enforcing masks. Our kids have suffered enough! Stop the madness & focus on TEACHING!

Amy Campbell 202 Ratledge rd Townsend, DE 19734 Amycampbell79@outlook.com

From: Stephanie Hare <stephanieahare@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:15 AM

**To:** DOEregulations comment

Subject: [External] Permanent Masking of Our Kids

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These mandates, regulations, and policies go beyond my beliefs morals and responsibility that God gave me of two beautiful souls here to raise up into amazing adults. Last year did nothing to help the physical emotional mental health safety or education of these kids it harmed and hurt them. The students should be the DEO's first priority. The damage that has been done to these children and young adults is endless and will take years to fix. You are not following the science, this is offending to me, you have failed these kids and made them feel they are the ones to blame for covid you are blaming them for the spread and making them wear masks for 7-8 hours a day during gym class and recess when it causes more harm than good. You quarantined them, made them stay out of class and school because they were around someone that had covid you made them test to comeback irregardless of symptoms or not. You made them social distance bounced them around from hybrid to distance learning all for no reason. Why has no one from the DOE, administration or the board stood up for these kids. I am imploring you to make the masking a parental choice, this is not a one size fits all. I don't care what side of the aisle you sit on for politics, I don't want to take any parents choice away as to what they feel is right for their kids nor do I want you to take away my right to decide what is best for my kids. This DOE has the ability to make it a parental choice, you either walk shoulder to shoulder with us or you're leading from behind and that's following not leading. May I suggest some reading for you to consider in case you don't understand we live in a constitutional republic and not a Marxist or communist rule. I suggest you start with the Bible, followed by the Constitution of the United States, the Bill of Rights and then the Federalist Papers so you fully understand that we are ruled by no one except God.

## Stephanie A. Hare

From:

Nick & Kelli Strohmaier <nk.strohmaier@yahoo.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:33 PM

To:

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Subject:

[External] Masks in Schools - Against this Regulation

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## To Whom This May Concern:

I'm curious as to if you have any knowledge of when the children can stop wearing masks. I have done extensive research around masks, and there is evidence that they do far more harm than good. Wearing masks for long periods of time (and seeing others wearing masks) can damage people physically, emotionally, and psychologically. Children are even more vulnerable to this damage. I am very concerned about the effects of the mandates on our children's mental health. Often, the effects of such trauma are delayed. The mental health crisis in this country has already escalated this year. I am concerned about this becoming more severe-especially with kids.

I know that many feel safer with a mask on, and it seems perfectly acceptable for those that wish to wear one, to do so. But our children have suffered enough, and they should be able to share smiles and breathe freely. Seven hours of masking a day, five days a week is far too long for children (still developing) to be masked. For kids that play sports, it is inhumane and for many is causing health issues. My daughter, in particular, had a panic attack after one of her volleyball games because the gym was excruciatingly hot, and she could not pull enough fresh air into her lungs with the mask on. And now you have some schools that are trying to get other schools in trouble when the mask is below the nose, as if they aren't all doing this, yet my daughter's schools felt the brunt of such torment.

The case counts are down, there is a vaccine for those who choose that route, and the recovery rate for Covid-19 remains over 99%. Schools are the only place we all have to wear a mask these days.

Children coming in contact with germs is actually good for their health. Viruses, in fact, detox us, which help to keep things like cancer from forming. Masking, sanitizing (which can be damaging as well), and staying away from one another are not the answer to a healthier community. There has been far more damage done from our reaction to Covid, than Covid itself.

I would much prefer to see more education in schools around empowering steps children can take to influence their health by taking care of their bodies. Things like: Getting sun, good sleep, movement, connection with other humans, connecting with nature, nutrition, and limiting screen time. Neglecting these things is causing the nation's health crisis that was here long before Covid. And many of the diseases contributing to this crisis, if not all, can be reduced by each one of us taking responsibility for our health and tending to our own bodies. We have a lifestyle choice crisis on our hands, that is unfortunately being passed on to our children. These poor

lifestyle style choices have made many vulnerable to Covid and played a huge part in who survived this virus and who didn't.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. I am deeply concerned about the future of our children if we continue neglecting true health for a false sense of safety. I believe it is time that we zoom out and take a look at the bigger picture of our children's health, keeping in mind that our present reactivity will shape their future. Let me know if I can do anything to assist in supporting the health of our community's children.

Sincerely, Kelli Strohmaier

From:

May Alison

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:28 PM

To:

DOEregulations comment

Subject:

FW: [External] Masks in schools

From: Joel R Lang < irlang11@verizon.net > Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:46 PM

To: Carney, John <john.carney@delaware.gov>; Cooke, Franklin D <franklind.cooke@delaware.gov>; Minorbrown, Melissa C <melissa.minorbrown@delaware.gov>; Longhurst, Valerie <valerie.longhurst@delaware.gov>; Bunting Susan

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Dear Mr. Carney and State representatives,

I speak for myself.

I've had enough - enough of the masks in schools mandates. And now, the state wants to make it a law according to your website (815 - Health Examinations and Screenings; 6.0 COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention; 6.1 Schools). Absolutely NOT! And here is why:

- Follow the science: school-aged children are not affected by COVID as adults are. There is a very low percentage of school-aged children needing to go to a hospital because of COVID. Since COVID will never go away, we need to track hospitalizations due to COVID, not infections. We need to live with COVID, not try to get rid of it.
- These same students that must wear masks in schools can leave school and not wear a mask ANY WHERE ELSE IN THE STATE. They can go to restaurants, movie theaters, convenient stores, malls, etc and not be required to wear masks there. These are all indoor venues but yet masks are ONLY required in schools. How can that possibly make any sense to you?!? You allow a football stadium full of thousands of people (Univ of Delaware, Del State, high school stadiums) and masks are optional. Are you seriously pretending that it's ok for Firefly to happen without masks but students must wear masks indoors because there's a greater chance of infection??
- I challenge you to do your job, never being able to take your mask off. That's what teachers have to do and have
  done since COVID started. That's what kids have to do EVERY SINGLE DAY. It's easy for you to sit at home
  or in your office and require us to wear masks while you don't have to do the same.
- Teachers are done. We're tired, worn out, burnt out. If this is your solution to providing the best education in
  Delaware, then you have no idea what happens in schools. When was the last time you were in a school for
  the entire day? I challenge you to spend an entire day in a school so you can see what it's like to wear a mask
  ALL DAY, EVERY DAY. I can tell you from first-hand experience KIDS ARE TIRED OF WEARING
  MASKS. Ask them and they will tell you it's true.

We've been told to trust science. Well, the science has clearly indicated that school-aged children are at a low risk of having major complications from COVID. And that risk is even lower for those who are vaccinated. **It's time to make masks optional - EVERYWHERE.** I have no problem if someone wants to wear a mask but I shouldn't be required to do so just because someone else chooses not to get vaccinated. Their choice is just that - THEIRS. I SHOULD HAVE A CHOICE TOO.

I don't expect a reply email because quite frankly, I've sent many emails over the past 2 years to my representatives and state "leaders" and haven't heard a word. I've worked in schools for 25 years, including during COVID. The ONLY time I'm required to wear a mask is in my work building. COVID exists everywhere yet my place of business is the ONLY place where masks are required. Either we mask everywhere or nowhere. Make a decision but all your voters will remember this the next time around. Stop playing politics with COVID and start following the science.

Joel Lang Resident of New Castle, DE

From:

Jessica Facer <purdyfacer@gmail.com> Thursday, October 28, 2021 1:20 PM

Sent: To:

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Subject:

[External] UN-Mask Delaware Students!!

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Attn: Department of Education

Forcing or coercing students of Delaware to wear a mask along with other regulations are not within your authority.

Firstly, the regulations are antithetical to our rights as U.S. Citizens (children included). Secondly, they go against the recommendations of the CDC. (see infographic below) Third and Lastly, they harm my child and any attendees of the schools.

- 1. "No State shall make or enforce any law which shall abridge the privileges or immunities of citizens of the United States; nor shall any State deprive any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws." US Constitution Amendment 14, § 1. These proposed regulations violate personal freedoms in order to participate in school activities within the State of Delaware.
- 2. It is ludicrous to even be asked to wear a mask that has no scientifically proven health benefit and which do not stop very small virus particles. A surgical mask "Does NOT provide the wearer with a reliable level of protection from inhaling smaller airborne particles and is not considered respiratory protection"- <a href="https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/pdfs/UnderstandDifferenceInfographic-508.pdf">https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/npptl/pdfs/UnderstandDifferenceInfographic-508.pdf</a>
- 3. Wearing a mask negatively impacts the wearer's health. Oxygen is essential to life. The masks retain exhaled Carbon Dioxide which drastically increases the intake of Carbon Dioxide. The intake of fresh Oxygen is decreased as the intake of Carbon Dioxide is increased. Masks trigger oxygen deprivation; causing headaches, migraines, sleepiness, and foggy thinking.
- 4. Masks are scientifically proven to cause harm in other ways as well. To deny the science and to these regulations in spite of this evidence is a gross usurpation of power and those who implement them could be personally negligent in the harm of chidren.
  - a. Surgical Masks are a Source of Bacterial Contamination: https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/30035033/
  - b. Undesirable Side Effects from Everyday Use of Masks: https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC8072811/



Kindly consider my stance and reply to the above points.

Best Regards, Jessica **Facer**  To whom it may concern,

I, Nina Lopez Cieconowicz, am reporting my religious belief on behalf of my children, Adaya Jael and Maymi Boyer. Let me begin by saying, God has given us free will over our temples. The temple is our body. In our bodies, the Holy Spirit is within us. God gave us our bodies for glorious purpose. We should naturally nourish and cherish the temple, for we are members of Gods body. The Body as a system is an amazing organism on its own, which is made by and belongs to God and His purposes. Our bodies are a gift from God. With respect, I glorify God in and out of my body.

There is no longer a reasonable accommodation to mask our children and voluntary consent of a human subject is essential. Where there is risk, there should be choice. My children and I lift God's temple, because God's Temple is Holy. We are not ashamed or scared of anything but the Lord Himself. 1 John 4:18 tells us, "There is no fear in love, but perfect love cast out fear, because fear has torment. He that fear is not made perfect in love." In other words, if we are being fearful, we cannot be loving. God tells me, do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. God tells us in Colossians 2:8, "See it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ." We do not conform to Masks because it is not Gods will.

I believe there should not be a debate or mandate when it comes to personal, religious, or medical beliefs or choices. If I must describe a conflict, it would be the bible warns me of times like this. God tells us, standing against those in positions of authority will face resistance from many but their action will be judged one day by our god without anyway to escape. 1 John 4:1 tells us, "Do not believe every spirit, trust only the spirits of God: because they're many false leaders in this world." Forcing someone into doing something their spirit tells them not to do, is not ok. Practicing covid-19 requirements promotes fear and poor healthcare. God tells us, we should withdraw ourselves from every person that walks in idleness and those who are not in accord with the tradition of God. You cannot serve God and worldly things at the same time.

God made us perfect, without a mask. Masks do not and have not prevented anyone from any illness. Having an evil heart is way worse than any sickness. Masks are about complying with the government. Mandates are about money. If it was about safety, we would get rid of processed foods and avoid chemicals. We have been lied to about many things throughout our lives, and liars are untrustworthy. Furthermore, Lying is a sin, and national sins disturb the public repose. When it comes to health and belief, God gives us the choice to decide how to live our lives. Laws are designed to protect our rights, not our health. You cannot have freedom and justice for all, one nation under God with protocols that are unjust. There is glory in the land when the righteous have liberty. God tells us, "He that turns his ear away from hearing Gods laws, his prayers shall be an abomination." My family follows Gods laws only. If it is not from God who can be against it?

In addition, how great is our God? All the information is provided in the bible. He built the Heavens and the Earth in seven days. (Genesis 1) God teaches us to have love for one another especially the ones you may never see eye to eye with. He tells us to Love thy neighbor as thyself. (Matthew 22:36, Mark 12:31, Leviticus 19:9) Nothing is too big or too small for God. He is the only one who can defeat evil. (Psalms 121:7, Jeremiah 29:11) God warns us of the dangers of wolves in sheep's clothing. (Luke 8:14, Colossians 3:2, Ephesians 6:11, Matthew 7:15, Isaiah 65:25, Luke 10:3) He guides us and gives us wisdom. God asks us to follow the ten commandments. 1. Love God more than anything else. 2. Do not make anything more important than God (false idols). 3. Always say God's name with love and respect. 4. Honor our God by resting on the seventh day of the week. 5. Love and respect your parents. 6. Never hurt anyone. 7. Always be faithful to your husband or wife. 8. Do not steal. 9. Always tell the truth. 10. Be happy with what you have. Do not wish for anything you don't have. (Exodus 20, James 3:17, Proverbs 19:20, Luke 21:15)

God sacrificed his only begotten son for all of mankind. Jesus, He is our Shepard protecting His flock of faithful from evil. (Matthew 24:3-31) The Lord is my rock who will save me from thy enemies. For when I am Weak, I am Strong. He is the creator, and He is in control of my stay here on earth. God is faithful to those who rejoice in His name. (Psalms 18:2, 2 Thessalonians 3:3, Psalms 138:7, 2 Samuel 22:3-4) God tells us to be still and know. (Psalms 46:10) In all situations I ask myself, what would Jesus do? He fought for Peace on earth, even to his very last breath. He was not afraid to stand up for the greater good. He spoke with authority from God, performed miracles and carried out his work. God tells us do not follow the crowds, there is a way that appears to be right, but in the end, it leads you to your death. (Proverbs 14:12) He tells us, if the world hates you, keep in mind they hated Him first. As it is, Jesus tells me, I do not belong to this world, that's why the world will disagree or hate me. (John 15:18-19)

I believe we have all been deceived by the people who abuse their authority. I believe in medical freedom. I believe where there is risk there should be choice. The truth is masks do not prevent sickness. The "leaders" of the "free" world have decided we cannot be free anymore. The "leaders" of this country are misleading us and are trying to divide us. I will sanctify you all in the truth: the words of God are true. Vaccine companies are not liable for said risk. Failing to accept responsibilities shows dishonesty and is very inadequate to healthcare. We should not be practicing oppression and extortion for dishonest gain. (Jeremiah 22:17) Medicine should benefit you, cure, halt or prevent illness. We should be educated on boosting the immune system with natural things God has provided for us. Most importantly we should have choice and insights to our own health and beliefs. With Gods Love and Grace, I trust you can understand why my family and I do not comply with any mandates. The Bible tells us God will be back, if you're live or not, and it does not end well for anyone who is destructive to Gods will. Love your neighbor as yourself. Pray and Trust in the Lord for he is our Salvation.

To resolve this matter, we must all agree to disagree and respect a person's decision to do what they want with their body. We will not mask our love for God. We will not put a mask on our hearts. We should never put a mask on our salvation. Most of all, we should not put mask on our children to extend or save their physical life because it is our souls that need spiritual saving. God left us here to spread his

words and shine through Him. If we do not stand up for the greater good, who will? The real virus are the evil ones, and a mask will not protect your soul. Washing your hands will not make your soul clean.

Completed and sent on 10/27/2021

From:

LeAnn Holly <leannholly@icloud.com>

Sent:

Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:58 PM DOEregulations comment

Subject:

[External] SCHOOL MASK MANDATE REBUTTAL

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See below for feedback on our children wearing masks in school

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From: LeAnn Holly <a href="mailto:leannholly@icloud.com">leannholly@icloud.com</a> Subject: Fwd: Masks for Indoor Volleyball Date: October 28, 2021 at 11:43:14 AM EDT

To: Constituent Relations Team < constituent relations team@delaware.gov>, "Criscenzo,

Natalie (Governor)" < natalie.criscenzo@delaware.gov>

Governor Carney, Why is the DOE trying to make masks permanent when our infection rates are stabilizing and younger kids will be allowed to get the vaccine. This makes no sense. It makes people want to move out of the state. Why are we doing this to our children? I still have not heard back from the 4 emails I sent about volleyball and masking. Playoffs and Championship games with a negative covid test, should be allowed to forego masks while in the game.





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- 6.1.1 All schools that serve students kindergarten through twelfth grade shall require mask use by all students, faculty, staff, and visitors inside school buildings, regardless of vaccination status.
- 6.1.2 Persons who have a medical condition or disability that prevents that person from wearing a mask can request a reasonable accommodation from the school.
- 6.1.3 Masks are not required in school buildings:
- 6.1.3.1 When seated at a table to eat or drink.
  - 6.1.3.2 When asleep.
- 6.1.3.3 When engaged in any activity that makes wearing a mask not feasible, such as swimming.
- 6.1.3.4 When a person is in a personal space (i.e., single office) and others outside of that person's household are not present.
  - 6.1.3.5 When outdoors.
- 6.1.3.6 When students are not in the building, except when students travel on school buses.
  - 6.1.4 All schools that provide bus service to



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From: LeAnn Holly < leannholly@icloud.com > Subject: Re: Masks for Indoor Volleyball Date: September 27, 2021 at 2:16:28 PM EDT

To: Constituent Relations Team < Constituent Relations Team@delaware.gov>

Governor I have not heard back about volleyball being required to wear masks. They are the only indoor sport affected by this. A few weeks ago there was a VB game in a few gyms with no air condition. As you can imagine with the heat we had been experiencing, wearing masks the girls were exhausted and ringing wet. Now that the infection rates have stabilized a bit can this be re-looked at with the hopes of players on the court NOT having to wear masks. I get the fact we want people in the stands with masks on and on sidelines without social distancing but on the court please spare these kids. Volleyball on the court already has social distancing built in and if someone is full vaccinated please allow them to remove. Thanks

On Aug 26, 2021, at 12:01 AM, Constituent Relations Team <a href="Constituent Relations Team@delaware.gov">Constituent Relations Team@delaware.gov</a> wrote:

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Thank you for reaching out to Governor Carney's office. Please be assured that Governor Carney takes your concerns seriously and encourages Delawareans to reach out to his office with any ideas or concerns on issues important to our state.

If you have suggestions for improving state government, consider offering ideas to our Government Efficiency and Accountability Review Board (GEAR). Governor Carney created GEAR in 2017 to identify ways to save taxpayer dollars and more effectively deliver state services. Visit <a href="mailto:gear.delaware.gov">gear.delaware.gov</a> to share your ideas directly with our GEAR Board.

Please visit <u>de.gov/ideas</u> anytime to email Governor Carney and express your ideas, thoughts, and concerns.

Thank you again for reaching out to Governor Carney's office. We appreciate your feedback, and hope you will stay engaged.

Sincerely,

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From: MW Roofing LLC <mwroofing@gmail.com>

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:56 PM

**To:** DOEregulations comment

Subject: [External] NEW PROPOSED MASK REGULATION

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To the Regulation Review Panel,

I write to express my horrid disbelief at the proposed amendment to 14 Del.C.Section 122(d), 815 Health Examinations and Screening, particularly 6.0 COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention. These changes to the code would make masking our children in school a permanent feature as there is no end date or consideration of benchmarks mentioned that would end the masking. This is completely insane and unacceptable.

Children should not be wearing masks in school. First and foremost, for the elementary school aged children, masks are depriving them of oxygen when their brains are still developing. The masks prohibit the proper exchange of carbon monoxide for oxygen. The masks on young children are nothing more than filthy arbiters of germs and bacteria. It is completely unhealthy for young children to wear masks for six to eight hours a day -- and even longer if they are leaving school to go to a child care center. That's just the physical aspect of the reasons masks should not be worn by children in school at all.

Let's look at the emotional learning that the children are being deprived of by forcing them to wear masks in school all day. How do young children learn about empathy and emotions? How do they determine friend or foe? They do so by reading facial expressions of their fellow students and the adults they interact with all day. Young children need to see faces for emotional growth. They need to see facial expressions to understand the feelings of the person they are interacting with. They need to see facial expressions to be able to determine who may be a danger to them. By passing this regulation you are contributing to the delinquency of our children. Shameful!

For our older students, wearing a mask is both degrading and humiliating. It causes additional anxiety at an otherwise already difficult age. It's a sign of an assumption that they are dirty or sick in some way when they are certainly not. You are emotionally damaging our children.

I also noticed that Regulation 4.0 and 5.0 are "reserved" at this time. Reserved for what may I ask? Future MRNA Covid-Vaccines? Are you setting up the stage for a Covid-vaccine mandate for children that have a next-to ZERO chance of developing Covid IF they even contract the SARS-CoV-2 virus? Why? What is the purpose of this?

I hope you understand and are prepared for what will be the outcome if this permanent mask-wearing regulation is approved and adopted, not to mention the future mandating of the Covid vaccine to children who are in no danger of developing Covid. I think you are somewhat aware of what the reaction of parents will be since the

verbiage includes charter schools and private schools, making it more difficult for parents to seek alternative institutions for their child(ren)'s education.

Make no mistake, the Delaware citizens will fight this ignorant, short-sighted, vindictive proposed regulation change every step of the way. Do the right thing and strike down this proposed new permanent mask-wearing regulation for our children.

Sincerely, Ms. Gabriella Mattucci 220 N. Bridlewood Drive Newark, DE 19702 302-377-0975

From: Bunting Susan

Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:51 PM

To: May Alison; Shockley Tina; Cunningham Emily

**Subject:** FW: [External] Masks in schools

## Susan S. Bunting

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

From: Joel R Lang < jrlang11@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 12:46 PM

To: Carney, John <john.carney@delaware.gov>; Cooke, Franklin D <franklind.cooke@delaware.gov>; Minorbrown, Melissa C <melissa.minorbrown@delaware.gov>; Longhurst, Valerie <valerie.longhurst@delaware.gov>; Bunting Susan

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Subject: [External] Masks in schools

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Dear Mr. Carney and State representatives,

I speak for myself...

I've had enough - enough of the masks in schools mandates. And now, the state wants to make it a law according to your website (815 - Health Examinations and Screenings; 6.0 COVID-19 Mitigation and Prevention; 6.1 Schools). Absolutely NOT! And here is why:

- Follow the science: school-aged children are not affected by COVID as adults are. There is a very low percentage of school-aged children needing to go to a hospital because of COVID. Since COVID will never go away, we need to track hospitalizations due to COVID, not infections. We need to live with COVID, not try to get rid of it.
- These same students that must wear masks in schools can leave school and not wear a mask ANY WHERE ELSE IN THE STATE. They can go to restaurants, movie theaters, convenient stores, malls, etc and not be required to wear masks there. These are all indoor venues but yet masks are ONLY required in schools. How can that possibly make any sense to you?!? You allow a football stadium full of thousands of people (Univ of Delaware, Del State, high school stadiums) and masks are optional. Are you seriously pretending that it's ok for Firefly to happen without masks but students must wear masks indoors because there's a greater chance of infection??

- I challenge you to do your job, never being able to take your mask off. That's what teachers have to do and have done since COVID started. That's what kids have to do EVERY SINGLE DAY. It's easy for you to sit at home or in your office and require us to wear masks while you don't have to do the same.
- Teachers are done. We're tired, worn out, burnt out. If this is your solution to providing the best education in
  Delaware, then you have no idea what happens in schools. When was the last time you were in a school for
  the entire day? I challenge you to spend an entire day in a school so you can see what it's like to wear a mask
  ALL DAY, EVERY DAY. I can tell you from first-hand experience KIDS ARE TIRED OF WEARING
  MASKS. Ask them and they will tell you it's true.

We've been told to trust science. Well, the science has clearly indicated that school-aged children are at a low risk of having major complications from COVID. And that risk is even lower for those who are vaccinated. **It's time to make masks optional - EVERYWHERE.** I have no problem if someone wants to wear a mask but I shouldn't be required to do so just because someone else chooses not to get vaccinated. Their choice is just that - THEIRS. I SHOULD HAVE A CHOICE TOO.

I don't expect a reply email because quite frankly, I've sent many emails over the past 2 years to my representatives and state "leaders" and haven't heard a word. I've worked in schools for 25 years, including during COVID. The ONLY time I'm required to wear a mask is in my work building. COVID exists everywhere yet my place of business is the ONLY place where masks are required. Either we mask everywhere or nowhere. Make a decision but all your voters will remember this the next time around. Stop playing politics with COVID and start following the science.

Joel Lang Resident of New Castle, DE

From: AMY WYNNE <awynne2@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:31 AM

**Sent:** Thursday, October 28, 2021 11:31 AM **To:** DOEregulations comment

Subject: [External] Permeant Mask Proposal

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## Good Morning,

I am writing in reference to the proposal to make masks permanent in Delaware school's. I do expect you to take all the information that I present in this email into serious consideration. My voice, is about my children's health, which I as the parent am responsible for. Your job is to maintain the education of my children not their health.

First, I really think that DOE is lacking severe integrity (Integrity is what you do when no one is looking) by being silent about what they have been planning in the back round. Your department has been working on this plan since October 1st or before and it is now just being LEAKED to the public and you are saying that the public has until November to make comment about this. What kind of integrity is that I ask you? Could this be the reason Susan Bunting is retiring?

You have over stepped your role in the education of our children, YOU DOE are not medical professionals nor are you the parents of my children, you are educators you need to stay in your lane and focus on our children's education.

COVID is no longer a pandemic it is like the flu, it is something that we will live with. Just like all the other viruses that we have lived with for centuries. As per Delaware's COVID dashboard 81.5% of Delawarean's have had at least one does of the shot, over 1 million vaccines have been given, and the positive daily rate has decreased from 10% to 6.3% as of 10/26/21. That is approximately 62 people who tested positive in a week, Delaware's population is almost at 1 million people, so what is the concern? Is there a concern or is this about power?

Delaware is 1 of 10 states that are still requiring masks, yet our children can walk outside and go anywhere they want without having to wear a mask. Masks do not prevent the spread of a virus, please see the following evidence-base research:

The size of a virus particle is much too small to be stopped by a surgical mask, cloth or bandana. A single virion of SARS-CoV-2 is about 60-140 nanometers or 0.1 microns.2 The pore size in a surgical mask is 200-1000x that size. Consider that the CDC website states, "surgical masks do not catch all harmful particles in smoke." And that the size of smoke particles in a wildfire are ~0.5 microns which is 5x the size of the SARS-CoV-2 virus! Wearing a mask to prevent catching SARS-CoV-2, or similarly sized influenza, is like throwing sand at a chain-link fence: it doesn't work. There has been one large randomized controlled trial that specifically examined whether

masks protect their wearers from the coronavirus. This study found mask wearing "did not reduce, at conventional levels of statistical significance, the incidence of Sars-Cov-2-infection."3 Dr. Kevin Fennelly, a pulmonologist at the National Heart, Lung and Blood institute debunked the view that larger droplets are responsible for viral transmission. Fennelly wrote:

"current infection control policies are based on the premise that most respiratory infections are transmitted by large respiratory droplets- i.e., larger than 5 [microns] — produced by coughing and sneezing, ... Unfortunately, that premise is wrong."4

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- 3 https://www.acpjournals.org/doi/10.7326/M20-6817
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Regardless of vaccination status, parents have the right to decide if they want their children to wear a mask. You know that thing our country was founded on Freedom of choice. We the people will not allow you to parent our children and tell us what you think is best for them. Again you are not responsible for the health of our children, we the parents are. YOU are responsible for their primary education, which you are failing at. Have you looked at were we rank overall in the country? We are 23rd in the country, that's pathetic. 41.5% college educated and median income is \$35,419. So maybe DOE needs to take a deeper look into what they are supposed to be doing for Delaware's children.

Delaware is the first state because we were the first to ratify the Constitution of the United States in 1787. We are a country that fled government tyranny. WE were founded on freedom of choice. I encourage you to listen to the people, remember you work for us not the other way around, your paycheck comes from our tax dollars. With that being said I hope you really listen to the people reaching out, these are our children's lives that you are messing around with. You are interfering with their happiness and freedoms and us as parents need to protect our children....

Concerned Citizen. Amy Wynne

From:

Sherry Long <sherrylong015@gmail.com>

Sent:

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To whom it may concern,

Just in case you've not seen this medical mask information yet.

Here is a list of reasons for our children to NOT wear masks if you need some help.

- 1. Medical masks adversely affect respiratory physiology and function.
  - Masks inhibit air flow into and out of the lungs.
    - o 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. Büyükkoçak, 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

- This study of 53 surgeons evaluated the effect of surgical masks on oxygen saturation of hemoglobin in surgeons performing surgery.
- o 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.
- o 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:

- o **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:
- o "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 <u>carbon dioxide</u>, a waste product of <u>cellular respiration</u>.
- 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]
- 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.
  - 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: <a href="https://bit.ly/2GGQWiZ">https://bit.ly/2GGQWiZ</a>

- 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]
  - o 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). <a href="https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/who-updates-guidance-on-masks-heres-what-to-know-now/">https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/06/who-updates-guidance-on-masks-heres-what-to-know-now/</a>

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. <a href="https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7228211/pdf/DTH-9999-e13310.pd">https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC7228211/pdf/DTH-9999-e13310.pd</a>
- 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.
  - o 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
  - o "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."
  - o 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. <a href="https://www.news-medical.net/news/20200315/Reusing-masks-may-increase-your-risk-of-coronavirus-infection-expert-says.aspx">https://www.news-medical.net/news/20200315/Reusing-masks-may-increase-your-risk-of-coronavirus-infection-expert-says.aspx</a>
- See also, Melkorka Licea, "Mask Mouth" Is a Seriously Stinky Side Effect of Wearing Masks. New York Post, August 5, 2020. <a href="https://nypost.com/2020/08/05/mask-mouth-is-a-seriously-stinky-side-effect-of-wearing-masks/">https://nypost.com/2020/08/05/mask-mouth-is-a-seriously-stinky-side-effect-of-wearing-masks/</a>
- 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.

Thank you,

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