

Shockley Tina

From: Ave Mulhern <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:31 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Please stop -remove the mask mandate

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I implore you, as a parent, grandparent and advocate of children. Please consider the actual science around this virus. Please consider serious debate. Children do not die from this virus. Look at the stats. Ask your conscience, why is this being considered? Why are teachers afraid to speak up? That is very telling. These masks are sometimes filthy and kids are breathing in carbon dioxide. I am noticing a great decline in my grandchildren's learning. An increase in anxiety. Why would we do that to our children? Why would YOU do that to our children?

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Shockley Tina

From: Shawn Musgrove <brailletcher1@gmail.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Proposed reg 6.0 opposition

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Hello,

I would like to make comments to be submitted for proposed regulation 6.0 COVID Mitigation. While I feel it is necessary at this point to continue Covid precautions and mask wearing, I am opposed to the long term regulation of masks.

As a parent of teenagers, one of which has a disability, I believe that masks are harming them both socially and emotionally. My daughter who already struggles with peers socially and has a difficult time reading people is struggling even more since the implementation of masks to read expressions and make friends. She hides behind her mask and does not reach out. My other non disabled child hides behind her mask also, keeping to herself more than she should.

As a teacher of young students I believe masks are harming them both academically and socially. The kindergarten and 1st graders I work with are having a difficult time understanding and sounding out words. They hear the teacher incorrectly and have to redo work or they make incorrect learning connections. They are also socially not making friends as easily.

I believe that making our children wear masks when no longer necessary is more harmful than good and I do not believe this should be a long term regulation.

Thank you!

☺ Shawn Musgrove

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From: Leslie Passwaters <lpass10@aol.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Adding mask mandates

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Department of Education, Office of the Secretary
To whom it may concern:

I am contacting you in regards to the proposed Section 6 on the Mask Mandate here:
<https://regulations.delaware.gov/register/october2021/proposed/25%20DE%20Reg%20363%2010-01-21.htm?fbclid=IwAR2DWxRxviKrM3duuUgCYAtFPqX3FyO5sJYYHyx0JN9PwlgYpVimbpF6S2c>

Adding this mandate into the Delaware Admin code / Regulation is taking a temporary Emergency Order and making it a permanent Regulation. The idea of mask wearing was never to be a permanent Regulation in Delaware Admin Code. Mask wearing was via an Emergency order as a temporary transition period while our children got safely back to in-person school. The Emergency Order was for 120 days and is able to have a 60-day extension.

My proposed Options to the current Mask Regulation:

- Allow the Emergency Order to End - no mask mandate extension added to Regulation
- Instead of adding this as a Regulation now, can we just extend the Emergency order 60 days?
- If 60 day extension is not an option then can we limit this regulation through this current school year only?

Once something is added into Delaware Admin Code/ Regulation, it will be more difficult to remove it later. I recommend that this Regulation to be a 60 day EO extension OR a temporary Regulation through the 2021 – 2022 school year only. At that point, we can then revisit if extending through another school year makes sense.

Thank you,
Leslie and Mike Passwaters

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From: Jim Mandelblatt <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:34 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] NO MASKS

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Sir, Who gave you the power of determining what is right for my child.. and who gave you the right to override my decisions regarding my child? Even if my child was able to wear a mask, she wouldn't (she knows they don't work) and what's more, how is a child to develop without seeing the faces of her peers? This is a misbegotten and ill-thought out "mandate" ... MASKS DON'T WORK!!

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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Masking

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

There is enough collective data to now show that masks are doing more harm to our children. This age group is barely affected by this virus. Your mandates are causing emotional and physical distress amongst our children. Kindly reconsider this.

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From: Stephanie Hurley <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Masking Children

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

As a parent and resident of Delaware I do not support permanent masking of my children. I understand the risks and I also understand the science behind masking however I am a teacher and have seen the effects on children from masking. I'm asking you to please reconsider making this a permanent regulation. Please leave this decision up to the parents.

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From: Phil Dyer <response@mandatemadness.com>
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Subject: [External] We the People of Delaware

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

As you can plainly see the people of Delaware do not trust the government in anyway. We have been repeatedly lied to, life saving information has been called conspiracy theory, No proof of masks working has ever been presented, no proof of social distancing working, no real proof the vaccine will not harm long term or proof of it's effectiveness or longevity. No proof lock downs work. Yet you impose these mandates as following the science when there is no science to back up your claims. How long do we have to play your game? Until America and this state are on their knees begging for mercy?

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Shockley Tina

From: Janet Grayson <response@mandatemadness.com>
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Subject: [External] Saying NO to mask mandates in public and private schools.,

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I am opposed to mandating masks for school age children. Statistics show that children are at low risk when it comes to Covid. Our children have suffered education and interaction loss due to the pandemic. Their education and mental well-being should be the focus of the DOE.

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From: Sue Thompson <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Please care about the children

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

It's obvious to nearly everyone now, except those who just refuse to acknowledge the truth, that the coronavirus poses little-to-no threat to children. Let's stop making them wear masks to school. The detrimental effect of these mandates is becoming clearer with every week. Children may certainly be infected with the virus, but they typically recover quickly. Their risk of death is minimal--not even as great as the seasonal flu, per the CDC's own statistics. Do we believe the science or not? Please stop this political wrangling. Put time and effort into teaching, into helping kids become healthy and strong instead of stifling and separating them. This is proving to be of no value. Please stop the foolishness. Drop the mask mandate for school children.

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From: Michele Hunt <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Unmask OUR children

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Please unmask our children. Why do you suppose masking is helpful? Children are at extremely low risk for contacting Covid. For those who wish to mask their children, they can chose to do so. For those parents who do not want to mask their children, we can chose not to. Masking is abusive and controlling please end this nonsense.

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From: Mary DiGati <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] STOP MASKS

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

It should be parents choice with masks. These mass have done nothing to prevent the spread of any virus if you look at the numbers of kids being out sick since school started. If you want to live in fear that is their choice but it should be the parents choice about masks. They are physically and mentally detrimental to the children's development. Please stop this it's insane. My children are upset over this everyday.

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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No Mask

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

According to my grandchildren in DE schools the wearing of masks is inhibiting their ability to concentrate on their studies. This is because the mask affects their breathing, becomes irritating and uncomfortable. In addition the fear of the mask slipping and being called out (and yes, this has happened) by the teacher for a mask violation it affecting their concentration. In addition studies about this mask not stopping any virus are abundant. The risk of mask is not worth any minuscule advantage.

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From: Karen Boyd <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Please remove mask mandates from schools in Delaware

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I urge you to reconsider a mask mandate in Delaware for public and private schools in the upcoming school year. As you should be aware, COVID poses almost no risk to children and the flu most probably poses more or equal risk, yet you have never mandated mask wearing in public school during flu season. Please do objective research on mask wearing - CDC wrote in an H1N1 flu advisory "... indicated that face masks are not designed to protect against breathing in the very small particle aerosols that may contain viruses." Forcing young children to wear masks and to fear a virus that poses almost no threat to them and teaching them to fear being around other children and that everyone is sick, is doing so much long term mental/emotional damage to our kids. Mask wearing is inflicting severe phycological damage to children and it is so very hard for small children to learn to read and communicate when they cannot see people enunciating words. Please also consider what wearing a mask all day will do to a developing child's immune system. An observations I have made is that the vast majority of young children do not wear their masks properly which renders them ineffective and not serving their intended purpose.This is about the next generation in our state and it should not be politically motivated or taken lightly. Our entire country as well as many lawmakers should be ashamed of what we have done to our children these last 18 months.I implore you to reconsider the mask mandate. If someone wants to wear a mask that should be an individual personal decision.Thank you for your consideration.Karen Boyd

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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] UNmask our kids

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

This is absolutely insane. No one should be deciding if my child should be wearing a mask but the individual parents. You have the data to see the low risk of covid for children. This is child abuse. My children are learning to read. They are 5 and 7 years old. They are also learning social emotional skills. Take these masks off my kids ASAP!!!!!!

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From: Robert Bennett <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Permanent 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.

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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Special need children masking

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

You are hurting our children by making them mask up. My grandson son is special needs and is forced to wear a mask. This is child abuse it will damage our children mentally and socially.

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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask regulation

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Our children should not be masked in school. Please give the parents and children a choice and a voice on this matter.

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From: John Poe <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] To mask or not?

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

The mask mandate for all k-12 students is not a positive step to help learning. It has been proven a drag on performance and mental health. If you care about our kids find a different way. Teachers have already been vaccinated. Have all okstudents temperatures taken before entering school. The science on masks helping is not settled. Dr. Faucci cannot even figure it out. There are considerable mask contradictions: no masks at sporting or entertainment events where large crowds and potentially young people might be attending.

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From: Mary Gaworski <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No more masks

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Stop the mask mandate! Leave OUR children alone! Masks are harmful for everyone, especially children!

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From: Carol Bedgar <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Punishing Our Children

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

This is cruel! Children's emotional and learning well being is being crushed!

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Shockley Tina

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

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Thank you for your hard work and service to our state. I greatly appreciate it. I am a father of a daughter who attends a private school in Newark, DE. I am writing to voice my displeasure in you issuing a mask mandate for all children K-12. The death toll of COVID-19 is drastically too low for kids to have to wear masks. Teenagers are more likely to die from a car accident than COVID-19. As a result, I think this decision is mor motivated by fear of adults getting COVID-19 than protecting children. As a result, you will have to deal with God for your choice. Jesus said it is better for a person to tie a large stone around his neck and be thrown into the sea than for a person to harm his little ones. Governor, you are harming children with your decision. I know that you will be wise and withdraw this mandate.

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From: Dallas Reynolds <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No Masks!!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Enough is enough! No mask!!

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From: S L <saliskey@yahoo.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Health examinations and screening regulations

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I want to add comment about the latest proposal to amend 14 DE Admin. C. 815 Health examinations and screening.

We are now almost 2 years of "14 days to flatten the curve." My children and myself have been living our lives NOT in fear and have always taken measures to protect our health and immunity.

It is not the responsibility of the DOE to protect the health of my children. Permanent masking is not protecting anyone. The children have suffered for long enough with the government overreach that is so prevalent in Delaware.

According to Delaware dept of health, the majority of adults in this state are vaccinated for covid-19. According to multiple studies and statistics, children are the least affected group to become severely ill from covid-19. Vaccination protects the vaccinated person only. Why should my children have to endure 7+ hours of mask wearing to "protect" the vaccinated staff?? Please make any of this make sense!

I strongly disagree with the language being used in this proposal, which seems to make masking permanent. Pandemics are not permanent. We are now reaching 2 full years of the same unsuccessful mitigation strategies. Yet Firefly happened. The DE State Fair happened. People are shopping at Christiana Mall and Walmart with no problems or outbreaks. But here we are with our useless government officials proposing arbitrary mask rules that instill fear and compliance into the youngest citizens.

I am a health professional who has worked through this entire "pandemic", and let me be the first to say that the current hospitalizations DO NOT justify the continued masking of our children.

PARENTS ARE THE ONLY ONES WHO SHOULD BE MAKING HEALTH DECISIONS FOR THEIR CHILDREN. MASK WEARING NEEDS TO BE OPTIONAL FOR ALL.

Instead of being lap dogs to the Biden administration, the elected officials in this state should start doing what the citizens of this state want them to do. The Dept of Education is not a monarchy, not our rulers or leaders. LISTEN TO THE TAX PAYING CITIZENS.

Samantha Liskey

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From: Kathy Porter <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mandate must stop

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

We are educated people, most of us even graduating from the public school system. which you would tout as being most excellent. We can think. We can read. We know how to dig for information and make decisions based on this, our experience, our own health and our religious beliefs. Stop taking our right to make our own best choices for our families from our hands into the government's hands. Stop mandating masks for our children. Stop mandating foreign chemicals be injected into our bodies with threats for failure to comply. Stop being a nanny State.

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Shockley Tina

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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Masks do more harm than good

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Dr Shiva and others have done studies to the long term effects of constant mask wearing. Masks are for sick people! Not healthy children. I am against forced mask wearing for children.

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From: Thomas Davis <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Please end the madness on mask mandates for students

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

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.

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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Proposed change

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[DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION \(delaware.gov\)](http://delaware.gov)

Good morning,

I have read several statements on social media advising that the proposed changes are to include permanent masking in schools and daycares. IF this is true, I would like to comment that I am absolutely opposed. While I can understand under certain circumstances the masks may be beneficial to the spread of COVID, I do NOT agree that this should become a normal way of life for my children. The mental, social, and emotional impact that this is having and would continue to have is so great that it would certainly override any health concern for spreading illness.

thank you for your time and attention.

Jessica Bowden

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From: Kevin Heenan <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mandates

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

You are in charge of educating our children yet you do not educate yourselves. Please investigate facts prior to illegally mandating masks for children.

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From: Danielle McLane <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No mask!!!

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

This is getting out of hand! Covid is the same symptoms as the flu except you lose your taste and your smell. The only reason the numbers in the schools are going up is because this is the first time in two years skews me almost 2 years that all the kids have been back together in the school. I don't understand how we have to wear masks in school but yet on Friday nights you have everybody attending a football game or a school event or homecoming or prom it just doesn't make sense. I mean you guys do realize that these kids hang outside with each other outside of school.

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From: Mary DiGati <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:53 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] STOP MASKS

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

If mask mandates (WHICH ARE NOT LAW) continue I will be pulling my children from school. They are ridiculous and prevent nothing. Children were still out of school from being sick when it started. THEY PREVENT NOTHING. This is just a form of control and a security blanket to make people feel comfortable when children are not affected by the COVID-19 virus.

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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] masks in schools

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I am asking that you reconsider your mask mandate for schools. The risk of negative effects on children's social development, academic growth, and mental health state caused by mask wearing is much greater than the risk that Covid poses in this age group. This is a decision that should be made by parents together with their children's health care providers rather than by the State of Delaware. I strongly oppose the idea of mask wearing in schools being allowed to be a permanent mandate.

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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Masks negatively impact mental health

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

As a mental health professional, I have strong concerns about the potential damage policies that require masking will have on children and society at large. Despite being presented as "conclusive", there is a growing body of research suggests that long-term masking of children may have serious negative effects on them physically, developmentally, socially, and academically. These risks have not been adequately considered by the DOE, especially when weighed against the data regarding the actual risk of COVID-19 complications for children.

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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Stop the masks

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Please stop this mask mandate madness. You are harming our kids lungs far more seriously than covid will do to them. You are turning our kids into puppets. They need to breath fresh air and see their teacher and friends faces.

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Shockley Tina

From: John Lingo <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:56 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Stop Mask Mandates

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I believe mask mandates do more harm than good. In my opinion, the risks outweigh the benefits. Please use some common sense and think about this logically. Where is the evidence to support these mandates? Our children should not be used as signal bearers for some wrongheaded, ideologically driven messaging such as the wearing of these ineffective masks. —

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Shockley Tina

From: Wayne Maloney <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Let parents and guardians decide what is best for their children.

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I do not believe it is the decision of the government or school board to decide whether our students should wear a mask or not. I believe the parents should hold authority to make that decision. No politician or school board knows every child's situation and health issues or lack thereof, therefore, we should leave major decisions in the hands of the people that DO knows those things, the parents or guardians as they can properly evaluate the benefits of versus the risks of wearing the masks.

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Shockley Tina

From: Sarah Cawley <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Please do not mask our kids permanently

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Covid 19 is not a disease that harms most children any more than a cold does. This is one of the reasons why I believe our kids should not have masks on. We also do not fully know the affects wearing masks will have on these children in the future. Kids NEED to be able to see faces to discern what someone means when they speak to them. And then there is the contradictions between adults and children when it comes to mask wearing. Where are the adults setting the example? If our kids should have to wear masks, then the adults should too. And I mean the adults at festivals and sports stadiums. And when there are stricter requirements for our kids than there are for those crossing the border it causes me to wonder if it's really about keeping the kids safe or if there is something else happening. Thank you for removing the mandate that kids must wear masks.

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From: Lisa lawson <response@mandatemadness.com>
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To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Stop the madness

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I have 5 kids. All vaccinated if possible. I understand the school having mask mandate and my kids are following all rules. However !, adding a permanent mask mandate is dangerous and actually crazy. We all got vaccinated to stop the Covid restrictions. The masks are accepted by the kids because they know it will end soon. They don't have to wear them anywhere else. They don't wear them correctly. They are not clean with all kids . Most kids grab them off the car floor or out of a bag. This needs to have an end date or a goal. For example. If 90 percent of school kids and teachers vaccinated masks go away if you are vaccinated. Or when the state of emergency ends. Please be advocates for our kids.

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Shockley Tina

From: Jerry Hubbard <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:58 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Masks negatively impact mental health and rights

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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. It is a violation of parental and children's rights to make laws insisting on masking when the physical and mental toll of masking is real. It is cruel and abridgement of individual parental and student rights to insist children wear a mask all day at school.

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Shockley Tina

From: Carol Hunt <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:58 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] The nose is your PRIMARY immune system. When you cover your nose you become a mouth breather which lowers your immune responses. Fresh air circulation is key to lowering the spread of viral infections along with social distancing.

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Children need oxygen to develop and grow, but also need to expel their CO2 to maintain normal blood gas levels. Continuous wearing of masks will interfere with their overall pulmonary system. Short periods of time would be one thing, but all day is damaging.

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Shockley Tina

From: Donna DiCostanza <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:59 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No masking in schools

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Please do not extend the mask mandate for children. Enough is enough!

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Shockley Tina

From: Brian Falla <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:59 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] I oppose the proposed regulation to Title 14

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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. 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. We should be removing the mask mandate, not expanding it!! Please put our children first!

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From: Betty Hylbert <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 8:59 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask mandate

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Please consider stopping this mandate for our children to wear a mask in school. Masks are very distracting especially to kids with disabilities. When sports events are on the weekend and the kids attend they don't wear one so why should they have to wear them at school. Studies have shown that a mask can be more detrimental than useful for children.

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Shockley Tina

From: Michaud Kellie
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:00 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: Proposed Amendment regarding Masking

Secretary Bunting-

I am emailing you today regarding the Department of Education's proposal to amend 14 DE Admin. C. 815 Health Examination and Screening that would add permanent language that proposes masking due to COVID 19 outside of the Governor's Emergency mandate.

As a high school teacher and as a parent of a high school student and an elementary student, I strongly disagree with any language regarding masks coming from the Department of Education. While we are currently wearing them due to the Governor's mandate, this is an emergency pandemic response and should not be pushed into permanency at all.

Masking students in the classroom as well as teachers has not been a fun experience in any way. As a hearing impaired individual that has hearing loss in both ears I cannot even begin to explain the difficulties I experience daily or the frustrations that my students have due to the fact that I cannot hear them in masks. Added to the loss of facial communication we are also experiencing, they do in fact impede the learning process. However, we are in emergency times and have been forced to act accordingly. This is not something I would ever want to see made permanent or something to be used outside of the COVID-19 virus.

I ask the department to please remove any language from your regulations that includes masking of students and staff and leave those decisions to the Governor's office and school boards.

Furthermore, I also don't believe COVID-19 vaccinations should be required for students and/or staff of private or public school systems and would hope the department would not move to include those in future regulations either.

Again, as a parent of Delaware students and as a teacher in Delaware schools, I ask that you not take the overstep and include COVID masking or vaccination mandates in your regulations.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kellie Michaud

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From: Meredith Wheeler <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:01 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] No Masks

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

This is absolutely insane. I understand wearing them during a pandemic. But forever is just the most insane things we don't live in a communist country where you can demand things like this when it's not necessary.

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Shockley Tina

From: Crystal Wheatley <cmwheatley928@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:03 AM
To: Sheehan, Jon; DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask mandate regulation 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.

Additionally, I find it highly offensive that the Regulatory Flexibility Analysis and Impact Statement Form was not completed on the basis of Exemption A "because it will not apply to small businesses or individuals at all." Please allow me to assure you my small family childcare is in fact a small business and the children in my care, as well as myself, are in fact individuals. The implications of a presumably permanent mask mandate on our already suffering work force are incredibly alarming.

Sincerely,
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302-381-6958

Shockley Tina

From: Robert leight <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:05 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Help our children

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

Please lift the mask mandate. Our kids are mentally changing, more socially awkward and masks hinder communication and development...this is getting out of hand

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Shockley Tina

From: Carlo DeStefano <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:05 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Message below

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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 health care providers.

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Shockley Tina

From: Angie Barker <pastorang5@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:06 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Please enforce the mask mandate indefinitely

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To whom it concerns,

Thank you for your efforts to keep our children safe. Please continue to require the mask mandate in ALL schools in Delaware. The safety of our children has to come before politics.

Thank you,
Angela M. Barker

Shockley Tina

From: Christine <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:07 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] Mask equals Child Abuse

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

This is the most horrific thing I have seen in a long time. The last 18 months or so wasn't bad enough now you want to permanently abuse these poor children everyday going to school. You do not deserve to be in charge of the schools by any means. There is NO studies on mask efficacy including those shots people are getting. Covid has NEVER been isolated and therefore no one knows anything. You are listening to Fauci who abused adults, animals, children by giving them AIDS, and so much more. A monster in his own emails stating mask do NOT work. I have all this information if you would like but unfortunately I honestly believe you don't care about the children but the money you are receiving for pushing this nonsense. I hope and pray every parent takes their children out of these heartless schools.

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Shockley Tina

From: Lindsey Schilling <response@mandatemadness.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 28, 2021 9:10 AM
To: DOEregulations comment
Subject: [External] NO permanent masks in DE schools

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Dear DE State Board of Education,

I OPPOSE the Proposed Regulation to Title 14 in Delaware Code. Masking of children should be a decision made by parents/guardians in conjunction with their family's healthcare providers. 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. The time and effort devoted to mask enforcement should instead be going to caring for the emotional and academic well-being of our students, who have suffered tremendous set-backs in their education and emotional development since March of 2020.

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