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Hayes, Kathy

From: Joshua Harkins <joshuaharkins@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 6:00 AM
To: COB
Subject: Comment for today's meeting 9/14/2021

To the Humboldt County Board of Supervisors:

This statement is in response to agenda item 12. "Update on Local Conditions Surrounding COVID-19". (please include this in the public comment period of the meeting)

After having read the "BOS Update 9/9/21" I suggest that an agenda item be added for an action to address the current conditions in this community, with a special meeting called for this purpose if it cannot be done now. Based on statements last Wednesday in a news briefing by our public health director saying "We are in an emergency" when referring to a surge in our hospitals, swift action is overdue. The current hospitalization numbers are beyond the worst of the pandemic, when we were under the tier system and placed in the purple level of restriction. Our vaccination rate is currently very low and does not show signs of picking up despite efforts of encouragement. The fact that the unvaccinated make up the majority of those hospitalized and dying, has been made clear to us over these past months. Other counties in California with much better COVID numbers have already taken the step of limiting entrance to only fully vaccinated people for certain high risk indoor venues such as restaurants, bars, gyms, crowded events etc (with age and medical exemptions). We cannot afford to wait any longer for the State to impose this, you have the power now to take action and save lives. For the good of our community and our hospitals, I urge you to discuss and plan implementation of vaccination requirements.

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From: Diane D. <dianedenby@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 14, 2021 5:32 AM
To: COB
Subject: Item 12 covid

Hello

Here are my concerns of record, as I may not be able to join the meeting.

We have far more cases than counties with similar population. I feel the unvaccinated are not taking this health crisis seriously and we, the vaccinated are being held hostage. As no vaccine is 100%, I would not go to a restaurant knowing half the population may have measles, chicken pox, whooping cough even though I am vaccinated for these. I will not go to a restaurant, mall, theater because of this, with covid.

News and urging the unvaccinated, from county and city leaders needs to get out more. Many do not have cable and no local news broadcast. Few newspapers. All online.

1. Contact tracing should continue, especially in the school's. School data needs to be transparent and told to public. Funds from the American Rescue plan can be used to hire more people to do so.
2. Reduced capacity in busy places needs to begin again.
3. Bars, clubs, theaters and restaurants need to be proof of vaccine like in San Francisco and New York.
4. Funds from the Rescue plan can be used for schools. Tutors need to be hired. Not all parents can afford a private tutor. If a child is staying home because of close contact, family has covid, they need more support as teachers are already doing more than they can handle. Extra mental health in schools to help students and staff process the trauma.
5. Ask restaurants to mandate staff vaccination or testing 3x a week. Ask business with more than 50 employees to urge and mandate vaccination or testing 3x a week. Make employees pay for testing, they will choose to get vaccinated
6. Lastly, perhaps designate a hospital or health clinic that is covid free. There, vaccinated can get treatment without fear the whole ER is a covid patient waiting room. I would not want to wait for hours in an ER with a full waiting room of covid patients. If nurses are stretched thin and take on more patients than allowed, how do we know we will get proper care if getting a procedure and have to stay a few days?

This spread is not a joke. Last year, everything was closed, 50% occupancy with 7 9 12 and 0 cases a day. How can we be 100% open and not trace with 100+ a day when Napa County has 190 a week? No one is cleaning door handles, shopping carts or asking for 6ft distance.

I still am not working in jobs I used to do in public as I have health issues. I was so happy to get vaccinated and come out of the depression and isolation only to go back.

My dr wants testing done, imaging and I won't go. I couldn't get into a dentist or eyedoctor.

The Rescue plan funds should be used for schools and Healthcare. The children, teachers, staff and drs, nurses, healthcare staff are all I care about now. They are hurting.

Why Arcata is spending \$600k for a safe parking program? There are some in LA on city property, no rent. Hire a security guard and a Porta potty and water station. Everyone is wasting money.

Thank you
Diane Denby

Ps. Looking for part time remote or outdoor/ travel outreach work. Experienced in HIV womans and children support, advocacy, helping people fill out forms for medicaid, housing etc. Computer literate. Excellent at research.

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From: Suzanne Nye <suzannenye@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, September 13, 2021 11:06 PM
To: COB
Subject: public comment on 9/14 agenda item 12, update on COVID-19

Hello,

I noticed COVID-19 update is on the agenda today and wanted to make a public comment regarding the way our county may handle this ongoing situation in the future. As the appearance of vaccine mandates and passports sweep the globe, I beg you to consider the dire consequences of such measures and protect us, the people who elect you to your position, from such forms of coercion. Half the population is not vaccinated currently, and it is not for lack of access. Reasons one may choose not to receive a medical treatment, such as a COVID-19 injection, include religious reasons, concerns for safety and efficacy, and concern for how quickly these products have been rushed to the market. We simply do not know the long term effects of these injections. However, if you feel the benefit outweighs the risk in this situation, it is absolutely your right to choose to be vaccinated. But it is absolutely another person's right to choose what goes into their body. If we allow our government, or anyone, to choose for us what is put into our bodies, without our consent or under coercion, who knows what will be forced upon us in the future. This is the line we must unite upon. It is my body, my choice, right?! Furthermore, implementation of a vaccine passport in our county (or anywhere) will spell certain doom for our local economy. With half the county unvaccinated, for their own good reasons, a vaccine passport implemented will deepen the already wide divide. We need to unite to overcome the current COVID situation, and a vaccine passport or mandate of any kind will promote the opposite. Thank you for your consideration.

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