

NOTE: Please note that while this is being submitted by “Nancy Navarro” it is not the Nancy Navarro whom you know and is your colleague. I have the same first and last name, but that’s it.

Dear County Council Members,

Up to this point in the pandemic, I have been relatively pleased, and relieved, that our County generally has been more “conservative,” meaning that here we have enacted more Covid-19 restrictive mitigation rules than the Governor of Maryland has put in place for the rest of the state.

Having said that, I am extremely concerned about the “#3” statement in the proposed Public Health Regulation (to be discussed at the 4/27/21 council meeting) that says “At **50 percent** of the population being **fully vaccinated** with the COVID-19 vaccine all conduct and business in Montgomery County must follow any State or Maryland Department of Health requirements in place at the time.”

This opens up the possibility that our county might be bound by less restrictive policies enacted by the Governor that might increase the rate of coronavirus transmission and ruin the progress that we have made so far.

Please do not enact this new regulation without first changing that statement, such that you as the Board of Health can still make regulations that might be more restrictive than Larry Hogan’s.

Thank you,

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