

Covid re-opening guidelines meeting 4/27/21 comments:

Dear Council Members:

I am not sure why you are considering once one shot has been given to be a guideline for anything more. The scientists have said that two weeks AFTER the SECOND shot is when full effectiveness of vaccines are expected to happen. We don't know after the first shot if we have any or very little protection. Certainly not immediately. I have seen our Gov't Director who had BOTH shots in Dec/Jan contract covid in late March. So, we don't even know how effective these vaccines will really be or for how long. Not clear as to whether she was a break through case or a different version of the virus.

I could see re-opening upon vaccination to be a motivator for some to get vaccinated also – if people want businesses re-opened then they will get vaccines. I see too many people choosing NOT to get the vaccines. Why not have further re-opening only when we have 70% fully vaccinated in order to get to herd immunity? It would be better if you would figure out how to get more to accept vaccinations. Maybe delayed re-opening would provide incentive. Or perhaps governments and other employers should mandate vaccines to be able to work (I think I read the schools may be doing that). Or places like I saw in DC requesting re-opening - only for fully vaccinated allowed entry!

At any rate, if fully open I probably still won't be going to many places myself, as the people I know who are not getting vaccinated are the ones going out and even if my vaccine might prevent me from getting a worse case, I really don't want to chance getting it at all and having any long-term effects. If I knew only vaccinated were allowed then I would likely go to places with crowds.

Sincerely,

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