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To the Montgomery County Council regarding the “**Resolution to adopt a Board of Health Regulation to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the County - Vaccination Requirements to Enter Bars, Restaurants, Recreation Centers, and Other Covered Establishments.**”

I AM AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION

Not likely to Increase vaccination rate:

1. While many of us are vaccinated, there are some who will not be vaccinated because of exemptions, health issues, e.g., severe allergies to vaccine ingredients, or ideological reasons. Plus, Montgomery County has a 90% vaccination rate, one of the highest in the US.
2. The bar for vaccination "protection" has been a moving target from 70% to 75% "herd immunity" to 80%, 85% and most recently to possibly 90% [1] seemingly a more political than health-related issue.
3. Covid strategies keep evolving: shots to boosters, to more boosters, to pills, making it very difficult for a passport to account for all future possibilities.

Will not necessarily keep residents safe from Covid:

4. Recent studies **a)** show there is increasing evidence that *vaccinated individuals* have a relevant role in transmission [2,3], **b)** more strongly affirm naturally acquired immunity to Covid [4], **c)** per a statistical analysis of 145 countries: "The effect of vaccines on *total cases per million* and its low positive association with *total vaccinations per hundred* signifies a limited impact of vaccines on lowering COVID-19 associated cases." [5]
5. The CDC Vaccine Adverse Events Report System (VAERS) updated weekly shows 1,033,994 reports of adverse events from all age groups following COVID vaccines, including 21,745 deaths and 170,446 serious injuries between Dec. 14, 2020, and Jan. 7, 2022. While vaccines may help to some extent there are also strong precautions. [6] Note: VAERS data format is hard to decipher -- an easier summary site is at <https://openvaers.com/>. Also, VAERS submissions are voluntary and estimated to account for less than 10% of vaccine injuries.

Legality of mandates:

6. Since the current vaccines are still under Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) with clinical trials in progress until 2023, they must require informed consent. [7,8,9,10,11,12]. A current lawsuit has been filed against the FDA on this issue. [13]
7. To burden County venues which have already been battered by the pandemic and lockdowns seems counterproductive. Some businesses may have to hire "health inspectors" to check passports, identifications, exemption certificates, age documentation. Some may have to deal with angry customers as in NYC where physical fights have occurred. [14] Some may lose business. [15] Frankly, in a mixed vaxed/unvaxed group I would choose to go to restaurants or events in other MD counties or Virginia, whose new governor has banned passports.

Thank you for all your hard work, time, and effort, but I believe this proposal is not in the best interest of Montgomery County residents or businesses.

- [1] <https://nypost.com/2020/12/24/fauci-covid-herd-immunity-requires-90-to-be-infected-or-vaccinated/>
- [2] [https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736\(21\)02243-1/fulltext#coronavirus-linkback-header](https://www.thelancet.com/journals/lancet/article/PIIS0140-6736(21)02243-1/fulltext#coronavirus-linkback-header)
- [3] <https://www.naturalnews.com/2021-11-16-20-studies-prove-covid-vaccines-useless-harmful.html#> (20 studies)
- [4] <https://brownstone.org/articles/79-research-studies-affirm-naturally-acquired-immunity-to-covid-19-documented-linked-and-quoted/> (146 studies)
- [5] https://vector-news.github.io/editorials/CausalAnalysisReport_html.html
- [6] https://childrenshealthdefense.org/defender/vaers-cdc-myocarditis-tops-list-covid-vaccine-injuries-teens/?utm_source=salsa&eType=EmailBlastContent&eld=f17a58ab-9b35-48ff-92da-62e6a35e6875
- [7] <https://www.foxnews.com/media/ron-johnson-no-fda-approved-covid-vaccine>
- [8] <https://clinicaltrials.gov/ct2/show/NCT04368728>
- [9] <https://www.law.cornell.edu/cfr/text/45/46.116>
- [10] <https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/38/7331>
- [11] <https://www.fda.gov/patients/clinical-trials-what-patients-need-know/informed-consent-clinical-trials>
- [12] <https://www.ama-assn.org/delivering-care/ethics/informed-consent-research>
- [13] <https://childrenshealthdefense.org/wp-content/uploads/CHD-v.-FDA-Submitted-Complaint-8.31.21.pdf>
- [14] <https://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory/nyc-restaurant-hostess-attacked-vaccine-status-request-80076327>
- [15] <https://www.theburningplatform.com/2021/10/02/nyc-restaurateurs-business-down-40-60-due-to-vaccine-mandate/>

Respectfully,

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