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Stephen W. Christy
Supervisor, District 4

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 10, 2022

TO: Melissa Manriquez
Clerk of the Board

FROM: Steve Christy 
District 4 Supervisor

SUBJECT: Agenda Addendum Item

Please place the following item on the Addendum to the Agenda for the Board of Supervisors meeting of February 15, 2022:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Pima County Health Department Role in Schools
Discussion/action/direction regarding the authority and process by which the Pima County Health Department issues quarantine orders to students enrolled in school districts in Pima County. (District 4)

Thank you.

Beth Borozan

From: April Sample [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, February 4, 2022 3:49 PM
To: District4
Subject: For Steve Christy
Attachments: Bill from Constables office.pdf; Quarantine Order.pdf

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Good afternoon Supervisor Christy,

My name is April Sample. I am a parent of two children in the Vail School District. Chris King gave me your email address to send some information to. I don't know how much he has told you, but I bucked the system with Pima County. On Monday November 2nd of last year, my husband went to pick up my daughter at school as she [REDACTED]. When he got there, they asked him if we had received a call and he told them no. They told us that we had to quarantine my daughter as she was a close contact with a child who had tested positive for Covid. Knowing that our school cannot force us to quarantine, they can only recommend, and my daughter wasn't sick, so I sent her back to school on Tuesday. That afternoon I got a call from the Pima County Health Department telling me that they were going to send me a letter. I said ok. On Wednesday night, my husband and I were out and my children were home. I got a call from my son around 6:30, and he said that someone had been knocking on the door five or 6 times in about an hour. I told him we would be home soon. When we got home, no one was around, so we pulled into our garage and went inside. The next day I took my daughter to get tested and she was negative, so I dropped her back off at school. She was in school the whole time. When I got home I could see something taped to my front door, so I went to get it and it was a quarantine order from Pima County. It was delivered by the Pima County Constables office. I have attached a copy of it for you to see. All the places that I have blacked out were all my daughters name and address, and at the top was her birthday talong with mine and my husband's names. This order was taped to my door without an envelope or covering. Everything was on the front page for anyone coming up to my door to see. I left two messages for Theresa Cullen to call me regarding the fact that the quarantine order was not in an envelope and to this day she has not called me back. Fast forward to last week, on Friday, I received a bill from Pima County for the delivery of the quarantine order back in November. I will not pay it as I was not the one that hired the Pima County Constables office to deliver said order. But I am not sure how to fight the HIPPA violation and this bill. Thank you for your help, I do appreciate it.

April Sample
[REDACTED]



Pima County Constables

240 N. Stone Ave
Tucson, AZ 85701

Invoice

Date	Invoice #
11/12/2021	1124

Bill To
APRIL D SAMPLE 10973 S. DISTILLERY CANYON SPRING DR VAIL, AZ 85641

Project

Quantity	Description	Rate	Amount
48	PCCO - Quarantine Charge	16.00	16.00
	PCCO Mileage Charge-Way - \$2.40 per mile	2.40	115.20
		Balance Due	\$131.20

Order Number: Q2021 -- 004

QUARANTINE ORDER

To: [REDACTED]
Address: [REDACTED]

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 36-624 and A.A.C. R9-6-302(A), R9-6-303 and R9-6-361, [REDACTED] **YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED** to comply with this Quarantine Order. This Quarantine Order is effective immediately.

On March 11, 2020, the Governor of the State of Arizona declared a State of Emergency due to the occurrence of the 2019-nCoV, which is the novel (new) coronavirus that was first identified in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China. The Pima County Health Department has reason to suspect that [REDACTED] has had contact with a person who is infected with 2019-nCoV, and if infected with 2019-nCoV, [REDACTED] would pose a substantial threat to the health of other persons. The Pima County Health Department has determined that it is necessary to place [REDACTED] in quarantine in order to determine whether [REDACTED] has been infected in order to prevent the transmission of this contagious infection. The date, time, and location of your quarantine are:

Date/Time: There are two conditions: (1) Quarantine from October 29, 2021 (starting at 12:01 a.m.) through November 8, 2021 (ending at 11:59 p.m.) if [REDACTED] does not take a 2019-nCoV test and is asymptomatic; or (2) Quarantine from October 29, 2021 (starting at 12:01 a.m.) through November 5, 2021 (ending at 11:59 p.m.) if [REDACTED] takes a 2019-nCoV test on November 3, 2021 or a later date and the result is negative.
Location: [REDACTED]

The Pima County Health Department considers this to be the least restrictive, clinically appropriate place of quarantine.

While this Quarantine Order is in effect, [REDACTED] is required to comply with the Pima County Health Department and the Arizona Department of Health Service's ("Department") requirements, rules, and orders. [REDACTED] must not go beyond the quarantine premises and must not come into contact with any person who is not also subject to a quarantine order for 2019-nCoV, unless the person is a health care provider, personnel from the Pima County Health Department, or a person authorized by the Pima County Health Department. [REDACTED] may be required to undergo medical evaluations or receive medical treatment while under this Quarantine Order.


If the Pima County Health Department determines that [REDACTED] must be quarantined for more than ten days, the Pima County Health Department shall file a petition for a court order to continue [REDACTED] quarantine within ten days after issuing this Quarantine Order. A court hearing will be set after the petition is filed.

This Quarantine Order will be in effect until the Pima County Health Department deems that [REDACTED] is not contagious and does not pose a substantial threat to the health of the public or until this Quarantine Order expires or is replaced by a court order. It is anticipated that [REDACTED] will need to be quarantined until November 8, 2021 (ending at 11:59 p.m.) or November 5, 2021 (ending at 11:59 p.m.) depending on the above conditions.

If [REDACTED] leaves the place of quarantine designated above without Pima County Health Department's prior consent or otherwise fails to comply with this Quarantine Order, law enforcement may be called to assist with enforcement of this Quarantine Order as authorized under A.A.C. § R9-6-303(E). This may include having [REDACTED] taken into custody by law enforcement officials and returned to the place of quarantine.

If you object to this Quarantine Order or to the conditions of [REDACTED] quarantine, you may request a hearing in the superior court. The court will then schedule a hearing. Your request for a hearing will not suspend the effect of this Quarantine Order.

Any questions regarding this Quarantine Order may be directed to Pima County Health Department, 3950 S. Country Club Rd #100, Tucson, AZ 85714 at (520) 724-7770 or 724-9604.


Dr. Theresa Cullen, Director of Pima County Health Department
November 2, 2021
Date

Beth Borozan

From: Natalie Fernandez Lee [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 3:17 PM
To: District4
Subject: [REDACTED] - Quarantine Order
Attachments: Scanned_from_a_Lexmark_Multifunction_Product02-02-2022-100639.pdf

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Good afternoon Steve,

I'm sorry for the time it took to get this over. I have called Tanque Verde Elementary School and haven't heard back. I also spoke with three individuals from Pima County just a bit ago after leaving a message.

Here is the recap of the situation with my 7 year old that attend TVES:

1. [REDACTED] was apparently exposed from a school mate on 1/27/22, Thursday. The school was notified Friday morning by email at 7:19 am by the exposed child's family. I know them well and confirmed that today. The school called the family at 8:24 am on Friday 1/28 morning.
2. I received two calls from the school with general messages to call back the nurse on Friday. 10:15 am and 11:55 am. I returned the call at 12:59 pm when I was out of meetings. They called my husband once but didn't leave a message and didn't call anyone else on our emergency contact list.
3. They informed me [REDACTED] was considered "close contact." They gave me several "options" and "recommendations" of how to handle. I confirmed [REDACTED] wasn't ill and had been in class all day. School gets out at 2:30 pm. I told them that since she had been in school all day with no problem, I would pick her up after school as planned and monitor her over the weekend. If she was sick Monday I wouldn't send her to school and if she was fine, I would send her to school.
4. I did not receive any calls from the school Monday regarding [REDACTED] being there.
5. Matt Schmidgall, the program director for the school team at Pima County Health Dept called me Monday 1/31 at 12:15 pm. He was very aggressive and told me he understood my daughter [REDACTED] was at school and that I needed to immediately go pick her up. He had only identified himself as "Matt from the Health Dept" and called from a blocked phone number. I told him I had no idea who he was and that he would not tell me what to do. I told him I would talk to the school if there was a problem.
6. I then received two calls from Paula Mandel, Deputy Director with the County Health Department at 1:20 pm and 4:10 pm. I was in meetings and didn't answer but she did leave two messages (which I have copies of). She informed me that she wanted to provide information about recommendations for masking and testing and to be sure [REDACTED] was ok. She also told me in the second message at 4:10 pm on 1/31/22 if I didn't call back within 30 minutes, or 4:40 pm, that she they would "probably have to proceed with a quarantine order."
7. I called Paula back when I was out of my meeting at 4:32 pm on 1/31/22 and left her message reassuring her [REDACTED] was fine and she could return my call. I never heard from her again.
8. Tuesday 2/1/22 at approx 5:00 pm when my mother picked up my two daughters from school, there was a Constable waiting and gave the Quarantine Order (attached) to my mom.

9. [REDACTED] stayed home today. She overheard us talking last night and was excited that she got to stay home. I didn't fight it and honestly have a million other things going on. She will return to school tomorrow.

Per your request, I called the County and received a return call from Paula Mandel, Matt Schmidgall (program director for the school team) and Matthew Cristenberry (not sure on spelling). I clarified a handful of things:

1. The person from Tanque Verde that called the County and instigated this whole thing was Superintendent Dr. Scott Hagerman. This was a huge surprise to me.
2. The school told the county that they had requested [REDACTED] to quarantine and I refused. That is not true. I asked them if they would be surprised to know that they gave me multiple options and recommendations that didn't all include quarantine and they said yes because Hagerman specifically told them I was instructed to quarantine and refused.
3. I asked what is the safest protocol for getting an exposed child out of school and from being around other kids. They said it varies by school but they see it happen within thirty minutes to an hour. I asked them if it surprised them that I didn't speak to the school until 12:59 pm and that [REDACTED] was left in class, not isolated, all day. They said yes.
4. I asked if it surprised them that no other messages or calls were made to emergency contacts for [REDACTED]. If this was such an emergency, why wasn't Dad notified with a message or anyone else called. They said that was surprising.
5. I asked if Paula received my message from Monday evening at 4:32 pm. She said yes.
6. I asked why went to the extreme measure of issuing this order. They said they decided to do it Monday because I was difficult to contact. I spoke with Matt at 12:15 and I would classify him as difficult and aggressive. I returned Paula's message within her "or else" time. She should have called me back. If they had decided to issue this Monday, why did Paula even call me in the afternoon asking me to call her back??? She didn't have an answer for that.
7. I expressed to them that there are so many other health issues facing our community that they should be focused on, including teen mental illness, suicides, drug overdoses, damage between teachers/kids/admin/parents, long term effects of this chaos in the schools, kids being behind in school, overall wellness. I expressed how disappointed I was in this process and the fact that the County took these measures without even having accurate information.

I am waiting for a call back from the school so I can get the list of emergency contacts I have on file. I will also ask who at the school turned this over Dr. Hagerman. I believe this is punitive, damaging and vindictive.

Please let me know if you have any other questions and thank you for all your help! I can get you anything else you need. I would like this Order canceled and not showing in any record anywhere.

I look forward to meeting you in person one day soon. Thank you for all you do.

Natalie

Natalie Fernandez Lee
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From: mwestscanner@meridianwealthllc.com <mwestscanner@meridianwealthllc.com>

Sent: Wednesday, February 2, 2022 10:07 AM

To: Natalie Fernandez Lee [REDACTED]

Subject:

Order Number: Q2022 - 001

QUARANTINE ORDER

To: [REDACTED] (a minor with DOB [REDACTED]). Parent(s)/Guardians(s) of Minor: Robert Lee and Natalie Fernandez Lee
Address: 3771 N. Camino Ojo De Agua, Tucson, AZ 85749

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Location: 3771 N. Camino Ojo De Agua, Tucson, AZ 85749

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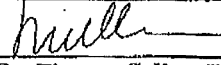
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Dr. Theresa Cullen, Director of Pima County Health Department

February 1, 2022

Date