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Pima County BOS - Resolution 2021-87

Dear Board
Members,

I'm writing to ask that the Pima County Board of Supervisors adopt the county-wide mask mandate for indoor public spaces as outlined in Resolution 2021-87.

It is proven that masking indoors decreases COVID-19 transmission rates [1]. It is, at most, an inconvenience that the community can quickly implement to keep businesses and schools humming along. There is no chance of vaccinating our way out of this variant.

Teachers and parents in Pima County schools with mask-optional policies have experienced unprecedented stress and anxiety. We have spent the past twenty weeks dealing with exposure quarantines and classroom closures. A county-wide mask mandate would provide some bare minimum mitigation in some Pima County schools.

The correlation between school districts with mask-optional policies and school districts with employee and substitute shortages shows a solid cause-and-effect relationship. Superintendents of mask-optional school districts have previously disclosed that they do not want help from the county, and clearly, they need help retaining employees and to keep children safe.

The implication of not following public health

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policy of multi-layer mitigation strategies has placed the burden on already-taxed parents and teachers stressed to the max. Parents of children with medically fragile children cannot be guaranteed that schools can keep their children safe. Ultimately, parents have no option but to withdraw their children from public school and begin homeschooling.

With the first case of Omicron detected on November 27th in the UK, today, the UK reported 90,000 cases. Pima County is still experiencing high community transmission with Delta, and the Omicron variant was just identified in Pima County this week. The concern is that the transmission rate of Omicron can easily overwhelm the hospital system. With Omicron R naught value estimated to be 3-4 times higher than Delta, we must be proactive in dampening the spread.

Preliminary data shows that twice vaccinated and boosted offers the best protection against Omicron. However, monoclonal antibodies and the Regeneron antibody cocktail are ineffective against the Omicron variant, and the Sotrovimab monoclonal antibody is in short supply.

Pima County Supervisors have the opportunity to be proactive in slowing the spread of Omicron, preventing the healthcare system from being overwhelmed, and keeping our community safe.

References:

- [1] An upper bound on one-to-one exposure to infectious human respiratory particles - <https://www.pnas.org/content/118/49/e2110117118>
- [2] American Academy of Pediatrics Children and COVID-19: State-Level Data Report 9/16/21 - <https://tinyurl.com/AAP12-9-21StateLevel>

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Pima County BOS - Resolution 2021-87 Email Submittals

Name	Additional Comments
Cindy Wallace	
Kathleen Barry	
James Steinman	
Rachel Port	
Chelsea Bruce	I personally know several people who have come down with this new variant both vaccinated and unvaccinated. We need to mitigate this virus as best we can as to not overwhelm the hospitals and potentially lead to another shut down.
Kristen Pennartz	
Martha Bishop	
Hilary Backlund	
Shannon Stephens	
Emily Hunting	
Zack Jarrett	
Monica Mendibles	
William Bernhard	
Jason Stumm	
Toni Skater	
J W Brammer, Jr.	
Reina Contreras	
Celest Rodriguez	
Ann Barry	
Mical Clark	
Scott Madsen	
Barbara Madsen	
Talia Ramo	
Heather Dreifuss	
Gayle Warren	
Veronica Crider	
Kiral Thompson	
Edna Silva	
Jenna Korsmo	
Elizabeth Hoffman	
Sherrill Adams	
Harriet Cowper	
Stephen Brittle	
Dean Reker	
Rachna Shroff	
Lisa Volkening	
Amanda Maass	
Keith Koster	
Suzi Arnold	
Anna Tso	
Leo Spesard	
Andree Malone	
Mary Daly	

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Corrine Rodriguez	
Regina Aguirre	
Rell Ohlson	
Sara Reker	
Kelly Agers	
Frank Judnich	
Jennifer Coleman	
Kathleen Judnich	
Joseph Sipp	
Christine Sipp	
Patricia Leong	
Moirra Murphy-Cairns	
Benjamin Elias	
Nancy Bomber	
Jayme Barlow	
John Maisch	
Tara Palermo	
Sally Cole	
Daniel Hunt	
Kali Rowe	
Cynthia Yializis	
Melissa Manno	
Barbara Vinal	
Daryl Herman	More testing is needed for those who have symptoms of a cold or flu. Masks are a must if we are to get ahead of this virus.
S Kimbrell	I support masks in public!
Danielle Chandler	I work in schools with children. This is something we can all do easily to implement layered protection of our community. Please do the right thing and implement this resolution.
Sandra Castaneda	Omicron is very aggressive and many kids are not protected because their parents believe misinformation and have not vaccinated them. Please take action to help protect them AND those kids who have been vaccinated. Protect public health!!
Erika Huff	
Sylmarie Creason	
Clarence Holt	

Lauri Jasinski	<p>The data on school districts was weak and misleading, but no need to split hairs. There is abundant data that properly worn masks are an effective part of a desperately needed mitigation strategy.</p> <p>What is the strategy here?</p> <p>The health department has tried, but has had insufficient support from government and the community.</p> <p>There will be shutdowns, just like in NY, not because of regulations but because too many people are sick at the same time.</p> <p>This has already been catastrophic, and is on the cusp of a whole lot worse.</p> <p>Please. Throw us a bone. Send a signal that you care enough to stick your finger in the dyke.</p> <p>There will always be hardcore antimaskers, and hardcore people like myself, who strive daily to do what we can to protect ourselves and the community with or without government action. Your target are the fence-sitters. Please bring them on board.</p>
Shannon Butler	
Alex Almeida	
Chelsie Lerman	
Charles Alan Sorkowitz	
Afie McRae	
Karen Levyszpiro	
Kurt Reighley	
Lynn Lamberg	Mask-wearing is a vital public health measure. Too many people have died needlessly. Let's do what scientists say can help reduce future infections and deaths in our community.
Howard Druan	