

# KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD

## October 5, 2021

### Documents entered into the record

#### 1. Motion by Mayor Greg Wheeler

- a. Motion for the Board concerning COVID-19 Vaccination in Kitsap County.

#### 2. Public Comment Period

- a. Verbal - 1 Hour Total - 2 Minutes Each

1. The health board unanimously and unequivocally endorses the critical importance of vaccination against COVID-19 for all Kitsap citizens as the best way to prevent hospitalizations, save lives, stabilize our society, and assist our recovery and strongly recommends vaccination for all Kitsap residents eligible to receive them.
2. The health board does not intend to advance a mandate for local businesses at this time to require vaccinations, but the board recommends they consider doing so voluntarily and endorses this approach for the safety of staff and patrons and the economic benefit of the business.
3. The health board does not intend to require vaccinations for employees at government agencies at this time but moves to recommend they use all appropriate methods, including education, resources and services, to promote vaccinations among their workforce.
4. The health board strongly supports vaccinations as an effective public health tool and endorses administering applicable measures to manage the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the health and safety of the public and economic stability.

## Public Comments - October 5, 2021 Kitsap Public Health Board Meeting

	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Vaccine Mandate Support (YES or NO)</u>	<u>Brief Notes</u>
1	Ted Rice	NO	You are discriminating against everyone. If you mandate passports you are further segregating the community. Why are we not documenting break through cases, the community deserves to be informed.
2	Phillip Borrelli	NO	The general population is experiencing a decrease of Covid-19 cases. More restrictive mandates would be counter productive and damaging to businesses. There is a lot of fear based messaging out there.
3	Tom Pinkham	NO	You are assuming the vaccine is the only tool we have to combat Covid-19. Ivermectin works, there was a double blind study in Israel that proves this. If you implemented front line protocols in hospitals this would take the strain off of the system.
4	Candice Cheadle	NO	Mandates will further complicate and cripple our health care system.
5	John Johanson	NO	Independent journalist, said he interviewed Mayor Wheeler and Bremerton's Police Chief. Would like to board to know he doesn't support any vaccine mandates and the board should "tread carefully".
6	Janell Hulst	NO	Mandates at any level, employment, schools or businesses are mandates for power. They need to be science based.
7	Kelly Donaldson	NO	Mental cases are helping with the hospital overload. Reopen Bremerton ED for mental health patients. Had Covid 6 months ago and still tests positive for antibodies.
8	Jonathan Glenn	NO	Quoted from the Washington discrimination act. No Washington resident would be denied safe and effective medical treatment. In 2021 the definition of vaccine was changed to accommodate Covid-19 vaccinations.
9	J Huffman	NO	Opposes Dr. Morrow's action memo that involves businesses and burdens them with a compliance program. Businesses are unable to keep afloat and are maxed out on their credit.
10	Shaun	NO	Noted he recently gave public comment to P.O. City Council and mandates are illegal.
11	Jefte Sanchez	NO	Explained difficulties for local/small businesses and restaurants, a vaccine passport in Kitsap would be detrimental to the essential freedoms that we have.
12	Kelly Bertleson	NO	Concerned that we are moving in a direction that is going to require the public to get a vaccine even if they don't want it. Quoted VERS data.
13	Charles Michel	YES	Supports mask and vaccine mandates, Public health is at stake and the Health Board is hearing from a very small minority who are entitled to their own opinion but not their own set of facts.

14	Dr. Robert Drury	NO	Believes that nonpharmacological intervention is the best way to reduce Covid-19. This includes masking, distancing and behavior.
15	B.F. Squatch	NO	Covid Stats don't supports a mandate. There is no support for the community. Science doesn't support mandates.
16	Brittany Thomas	NO	A mandate would establish a dangerous precedent in the realm of bodily autonomy.
17	Laura Guidry	NO	Family all got covid, and now have increased immunity to it from antibodies. Would like to see evidence of the natural immunity in the Covid-19 numbers for Kitsap County.
18	Adrienna	YES	Shared history of vaccinations. This crisis has gone on too long and with a vaccine mandate she would happily go spend money in the small businesses where she feels safe. Go hard now and easy later.
19	Thomas Truven	NO	Considers it an ethical governmental failure to impose mandates.
20	Seth Oppert	NO	Works at St. Michaels, warned of worse staffing issues because of vaccine mandates
21	Paige Cummings	NO	Does not support vaccine passports. After listening to the past meetings, thinks KPHD should change messaging to build public trust up again.
22	Haley Jorstad	NO	Hospitals aren't overwhelmed due to covid, they are overwhelmed due to short staffing because of the lock downs.
23	Ven (S. Lewis)	NO	Shared several COVID theories including vaccines killing animals and experimental gene therapy. "This vaccine could turn a human into a freaking butterfly"
24	Mardell Ryan	NO	Local Vetrinarian spoke of a cat Covid vaccination many years ago that was removed because it killed all the cats who received it.
25	Robert Parker	NO	Wants to know if we move toward mandates who is responsible for those who die from the mandates.
26	Pam McCormick	NO	Against mandates, but supports sharing information and resources, suggested KPHD change approach to messaging.