

Jomsky, Mark

From: Diana Sala
Sent: Monday, February 7, 2022 8:43 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: Public Health, COVID-19, and Pasadena Students

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Sincerely,
Diana Sala

Pasadena, CA 91105 Constituent

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The PPHD must stop looking at public health from the singular lens of eliminating COVID-19 cases and weigh the consequences of public health restrictions on healthy innocent children who have suffered immensely as a result of harmful school closures, masking and other needless restrictions.

There is significant evidence that children do not need to wear masks. In fact, the science for masking is underwhelming, inconclusive and unreliable and especially counterproductive when not worn properly. Kids are plainly the least likely to be struck ill by COVID-19 and probably are the least likely to spread it. At the same time, our city has ignored that children living in mask-mandate states have had essentially identical COVID-19 fatality rates as kids living in mask-free states.

With teachers, staff and kids all having had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated, the perceived risk of death, hospitalization and severe illness to school communities has been alleviated. There is now no public health justification for forcing children to wear masks in school. When balanced against the physical, mental and emotional harm that is now becoming evident, it is clear that masks do more harm than good. Studies have found that masks cause anxiety and depressive feelings, and impair a child's social development and ability to communicate. Masks should never be considered the new normal for our children.

PPHD must start following the latest scientific data that shows current requirements for masks, quarantines and testing are outdated and overcautious. PPHD must also weigh the physical, mental and academic harm to students from these policies that unnecessarily deny students their fundamental right to a thriving and proper education.

I am calling on my local elected representative and health agency to discontinue these harmful policies on February 15th when the state indoor mask mandate expires and finally act in the best interest of our children. If we can host the Super Bowl in California, we are not in a state of emergency. Please let my child return to normalcy.

Sincerely,
Caroline botsford

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Sincerely,
Lauren Dooling

Pasadena, CA 91103 Constituent

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The newest post surge masking requirements do not get our kids closer to what we all consider a normal return to school like we all remember; running, playing, learning and eating without concern for the latest variant or the newest mandated mask variety. The lack of transparency on science and data on which these policies have been based, have resulted in a massive disruption to our children's lives and education. Masking kids needs to end on February 15th when the state order expires.

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Sincerely,
Natalee Ray

Pasadena, CA 91107 Constituent

Jomsky, Mark

From: Nicole Lamb <
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 8:32 AM
To: Jomsky, Mark
Subject: End the Mandates

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From: Silvia Themudo
Sent: Tuesday, February 8, 2022 11:15 AM
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K-12 student mask mandates, asymptomatic testing and close-contact quarantines are now ineffective, unnecessary and damaging to children. These policies must end February 15th when the state indoor mask mandate expires.

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Pasadena parents are calling on our local elected representatives and health department to discontinue these harmful policies and act in the interest of what is best for our children.

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