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Subject: FW: Stop Depriving Kids of Normalcy

From: Susan Ross <
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 5:31:39 PM
To: Jomsky, Mark
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Re: Stop Depriving Kids of Normalcy

Dear Mr. Jomsky,

In recent days, governments across the US and around the world have rolled back their restrictive Covid 19 mandates. They have done this for a variety of reasons – covid numbers are rapidly declining, scientists are openly questioning the lack of science supporting the efficacy of the mandates - as well as the real-world realization that they just aren't working, and citizens are expressing frustration over the mixed messaging and outrage after witnessing the toll mandates have taken on our communities and especially our children.

On Monday, Governor Newsom announced the end of indoor mask mandates in California as of February 15th. That is, of course, except for children, who must continue to wear masks in school and day care, all day, every day, likely indefinitely. School children and masking are not even part of the discussion when it comes to ending these harmful mandates. This is outrageous for so many reasons but mainly because the LEAST at risk population are being forced to protect anxious adults and they are suffering immeasurably for it. The United States is uniquely aggressive in masking children as young as 2 years old, against the recommendation of the WHO. According to Vinay Prasad, oncologist at UCSF, Jonathan Darrow of Harvard University and Ian Liu of the University of Colorado, "We are well past the emergency phase of this pandemic, and it should be well-known by now that wearing cloth face coverings or surgical masks, universal or otherwise, has a very minor role to play in preventing person-to-person transmission. It is time to stop overselling their efficacy and unrealistic expectations about their ability to end the pandemic."

The argument that students must wear masks all day at school seems to be that they must protect teachers and vulnerable people in their homes. With vaccinations available to teachers and those vulnerable relatives, why do students need to wear masks? We have made this unforgivable decision to shift the anxieties of adults onto the youngest members of society that count on us to defend their interests before our own. Kids don't protect adults! Vaccines and masks protect the individual that chooses to take and wear them. We can no longer place the burden of protecting the vulnerable on our children. They have suffered enough. NO one needs "normal" more than children. We have deprived kids so much already these last two years, and it is time to stop restricting their ability to achieve normalcy when COVID is now on par with the flu in terms of risk to kids.

Sincerely,
Susan Ross

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From: Maureen Hosp
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Re: Emergency Services Act and Kids

Dear Mr. Jomsky,

Dear Pasadena City Council including Hon Victor Gordo, Mr Mark Jomsky, Ms. Cynthia Kurtz and Dr. Ying-Ying Goh,

It is difficult to quantify the damage perpetrated on our children by the state and local governments as a result of online learning, mask wearing, testing and living in a state of fear and uncertainty. The current environment where kids must test, quarantine and endlessly mask on a massive scale cannot continue and is not viable.

The never-ending state of emergency, by which unelected officials maintain power and mandate policies, and 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. Pasadena residents, and most especially parents, are tired of being governed by unelected health officials in violation of our constitutional rights to transparency, public participation, and due process. We as parents would like to decide what is best for our children's health and safety.

The Emergency Services Act states that an emergency can be declared when there exists "extreme peril to the safety of persons and property within the state." The act also states that the government must terminate the state of emergency at the earliest possible date that conditions warrant. A state of emergency cannot be indefinite.

Mayor Gordo and City Council, you are the officials elected by the people and we ask that you start to question this state of emergency and the decisions being made by the leaders that hold the powers under this order. You are the voice for We the People and we are questioning orders that defy science and facts and logic and do more harm than good. This is the first time in history where we have used children to protect adults. It is time for us as adults to now let go of the fear and look at the truth and start standing up for and protecting our children. Not from the sniffles, but from policies that keep them out of school, derail their development and learning and damage their mental health.

WE CALL FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1 - We urge an immediate end to this perpetual state of emergency.

2 - We urge that children, our least vulnerable group, have all restrictions removed for them. No more mandatory masking, no more testing, let them lead normal lives. The time of them carrying the burden for adults is over.

3 - We urge the removal of mandates for the majority of COVID policies in public including masking, mandatory vaccines and boosters. THEY SHOULD ALL BE OPTIONAL. You want to wear a mask - great. You want a booster - go for it. Feb 15 the state mandate lapses - the mandate must end.

4 - We urge PPHD to refocus its efforts where they will do the most good - protecting the vulnerable, and offering therapeutics for people who contract symptomatic COVID.

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