

Citizen Comments for the September 07, 2021 Special Meeting of Board of County Commissioners

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The following Citizen Comments were received for
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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Jules Bailey
Lobbyist: No	Address: 1919 Dawsey St.
	Date Submitted: 9/2/2021 5:36:00 PM

Thank you for requiring vaccines and bringing back the mask requirement for all county employees. Please continue to encourage mask wearing and vaccination for everyone in Leon County until we reach herd immunity.

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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Jacqueline Barber
Lobbyist: No	Address: 19626 North by Northwest Rd
	Date Submitted: 9/1/2021 11:02:00 PM

We need more mobile vaccination sites to come to communities. I received my first COVID vaccine at such a site but four months later have yet to get the second dose because they never came back & three other places refused to do it since I didn't get the first dose from them. It should not be this difficult.

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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Ellen Berler
Lobbyist: No	Address: 2761 Fox Hollow Court, 32309
	Date Submitted: 9/1/2021 2:41:00 PM

I would like to see the mask mandate re-instated in the county, though I don't know if it's currently allowed under the Governor's executive order (which I think is shameful).

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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Jeff Blair
Lobbyist: No	Address: 1803 Old Fort Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32301
	Date Submitted: 9/3/2021 12:00:00 PM

Commissioners,

The Governor's Executive Order demonstrates a lack of effective leadership, blatant denial of objective science and data, and politicization of what is a public health issue. The County should take leadership on the COVID-19 pandemic by requiring face coverings in all indoor environments including our schools. Further, without a legitimate medical exemption all employees should be required to be vaccinated. Pandemics don't "burn" through a population and even with "herd immunity" each successive generation will experience a resurgence of the pandemic unless there is widespread mandatory vaccination requirements similar to how we contained chicken pox and polio. Please adhere to CDC guidelines and objective peer-reviewed research and require masks and vaccines. Thank you, your citizens will stand behind you in defying irrational and dangerous public policy decisions made in support of political objectives, and ignorance of objective science and public health.

Jeff Blair

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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Alice Dahm
Lobbyist: No	Address: 1934 Longview Drive
	Date Submitted: 9/1/2021 4:46:00 PM

I would like to start off by thanking you for this meeting and taking the time to plan ways to keep citizens and Leon County safe, and most importantly to stop the spread. My concerns are that my child that is not eligible for a vaccine is very cautious and wears her mask religiously. She was still exposed at school and tested positive. We have got to do more and be better at protecting our children! As parents our body our choice does not reflect on our children because they have a right to their body and their choice. I guarantee you all of these sick children would rather wear a mask and be safe than to have to suffer for their parents political agendas. Can we please be pro life for the children that are already here!!!

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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Laura Dunaway
Lobbyist: No	Address: 1616 Talpeco Rd Tallahassee
	Date Submitted: 9/1/2021 2:09:00 PM

I am writing to strongly encourage a return to a county-wide mask mandate. The scientific evidence shows that masks work! The delta variant has been horrific in our community, and there's entirely too much virus. Covid isn't going away by itself. I support mitigation measures in an effort to slow it down and give our healthcare workers a chance, and to keep people alive!! Individuals who say they have "rights" do not have the right to expose others to sickness. Especially children who are too young to be vaccinated.

Thanks to Commissioner Minor for calling this meeting.

Laura Dunaway

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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Jodi Franklin
Lobbyist: No	Address: 14992 Grasshopper Trl
	Date Submitted: 9/1/2021 5:13:00 PM

I would like to attend this meeting with information on how we can help stop the spread of COVID-19. We are a HVAC company based out of Leon county and we can install devises in the air flow that are proven to kill the protean with a 99% affective rate.

I would like to know how many people are attending so I can bring material and I can also show a video on how the devises work. We have installed them in 3 schools locally and they are not having any shut down worries or worries about the virus spreading since we installed the devises. Please email or call me.

Jodi Franklin

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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Feng Ji
Lobbyist: No	Address: 2555 Carthage Lane
	Date Submitted: 9/6/2021 10:50:00 AM

Dear Sir/Madam:

I am working and living in Tallahassee. I very worried on the recent covid-19 daily new cases in Leon county. The daily new cases are up to 200 since July 30th. It is very serious.

Should we consider to promote covid-19 vaccination as much as possible to the local community? Should we consider covid-19 vaccination mandate for staff working for government agents/schools/private company in Leon county?

Considering fall semester is coming for schools/colleges/universities in Leon county, the covid-19 situation might be worsen, even hope it will not happen. (The covid-19 vaccination for kids younger than 13 year old is not available now) Should we consider have mask mandate in school campus?

thank you very much,

Feng Ji

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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Joan Kanan
Lobbyist: No	Address: 182 N E Villas Court Tallahassee Florida USA
	Date Submitted: 9/1/2021 12:37:00 PM

Please enact a county wide mask ordinance requiring all public buildings and businesses open to the public to mandate all who enter be masked. Require all county employees to be vaccinated .

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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Necia Little
Lobbyist: No	Address: 1320 N Duval Street
	Date Submitted: 9/1/2021 2:15:00 PM

Continue to make vaccinations and treatments for COVID 19 easily accessible to all

Continue to create incentives for homeless, jailed, to get vaccinated

Continue to allow individual choice regarding masks

Keep businesses fully open

Keep parks fully open

Do not start cancelling and shutting events down -work on safe ways to hold them

Encourage out door events and activities

Thank you

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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Linda Nelson
Lobbyist: No	Address: 3751 Overlook Drive
	Date Submitted: 9/1/2021 7:34:00 PM

We need a county mask mandate, even if it is “unenforceable.” Please start protecting our citizens instead of ignoring the problem.

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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Micah Ramirez
Lobbyist: No	Address: 4417 Westover Drive, Tallahassee, FL 32303
	Date Submitted: 9/2/2021 12:09:00 PM

Hello, my name is Micah Ramirez and I'm a county employee. I had the first dose of the Moderna vaccine due to the mandate a while ago and had a reaction that led me to being temporarily blind (it's called near syncope). I just finished reading over the exemption paperwork and there's a concern that I have. As someone who won't be able to

be fully vaccinated I'm concerned over putting myself in danger by having to go to the health department weekly to get a COVID test while showing no symptoms.

Other people at the health department going in for testing most likely have symptoms and may have COVID, and by being potentially around them I could get it and carry it on to others.

From what I understand my testing would be free and provided by the health department and would be included as time paid. If I were also to go somewhere else other than the health

department there is the risk of getting exposed.

Would I have to schedule my own weekly testing? How would that work logistically with my work hours? What happens if I'm not able to be scheduled weekly?

Of all of the employees in my department I'm the only one who won't be able to be fully vaccinated, I'm the one at risk by not being vaccinated, yet I'm the one being made to go weekly and

put myself and others in danger. Not just of COVID but other things, since many people in the environments where testing takes place are there because they're sick.

It's been shown that you can be vaccinated and still get COVID,

I know multiple people who have gotten COVID after they were fully vaccinated, including a county employee. I got the vaccine because I didn't want to be fired, and was temporarily blind because of it. I keep thinking about what would have happened to me if I had been doing something dangerous, like driving. I could have gotten myself or someone else killed, I wouldn't have had time to react and pull over to the side of the road. I had the reaction almost a full day after getting my first dose. Now I'm being made to put myself and others weekly at risk by being in an environment where I will be in the vicinity of people showing symptoms,

despite what safety measures are put into place. By the time I get my test results and submit them the beginning of each week I could already have it and gotten it from someone at the testing site. I am willing to do weekly testing but my issue is the risk and how it works logistically with my hours. Would it be possible to have a specific time slot each week where testing is done by a health professional and county employees are able to schedule themselves in that timeslot to be weekly tested? This would create a safe environment as I and other employees being tested wouldn't be in the vicinity of people actually showing symptoms. I hope we can come to a solution where I and others who have exemptions are not put at further risk.

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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Carla Reid
Lobbyist: No	Address: 4483 Sarah Ashley Court, Tallahassee, FL 32311
	Date Submitted: 9/1/2021 5:40:00 PM

Leon County stepped up to the plate when we were first faced with Covid-19. Now that our numbers are higher and more children are at risk, a temporary emergency order for a mask mandate makes perfect sense. It would protect our children, our neighbors, and may help bring the numbers down to a more manageable level so that our medical workers can catch a breath. This is, indeed, an emergency, and we need to stop acting like everything is "normal."

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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Kathleen Spehar
Lobbyist: No	Address: 2414 Dozier Dr
	Date Submitted: 9/6/2021 7:58:00 PM

Dear Commissioners- Thank you for holding a special meeting on September 7th about COVID-19 pandemic and its continued impact on our community. This wise choice allows our local health experts the time and public platform to share the most current factual information available, to help us work together in mitigating the impact this crisis is continuing to have on our community. It also allows citizens, organizations, and businesses the important opportunity to engage in public discussion as we work together to find solutions that allow us to stay open and stay safe. As part of the arts and culture industry that was first to close and is still trying to reopen, I ask the commission to consider what methods and tools our community needs to use now to stay safe. Our industry needs assistance in all efforts to reopen and stay open, as our services remain crucial to the health and viability of our community. Your actions now can allow us to mitigate the spread of the virus and provide the guidance our community needs to slow the spread of this deadly disease.

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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Zan Walker
Lobbyist: No	Address: 416 Westwood Drive
	Date Submitted: 9/1/2021 1:57:00 PM

As a business owner who has re-established that customers must be wearing masks within our store, we have taken on a lot of verbal abuse, and threats of violence. IF the county would make it mandatory again, even for 1 month, it would save us from this extra stress while we are maintaining the safety for our crew and customers. We have lost family, friends and loved ones to Covid-19. We feel making masks mandatory indoors again would save many lives.

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Item 1 - Special Meeting Agenda Item	Name: Chris Zidak
Lobbyist: No	Address: 2785 summer meadow Dr
	Date Submitted: 9/1/2021 5:07:00 PM

You already know the answer. Lockdown for three weeks. If someone had to go out and be around others, vaccines and masks. Like gov. DeathSantis says (before disregarding his own advice), trust the vaccines, trust the science.