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Montgomery County Council
Rockville, MD 20850
via https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/COUNCIL/PHSignUp.html

Re: Board of Health regulation to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Montgomery County, January 4, 2022

Dear Council:

Please gather as many facts as you can before deciding, i.e., read the science.

Yes, the omicron variant is spreading, but is it more dangerous than the common cold for those who are vaccinated? And what is the goal? Is it to prevent all diseases, all the time?

Look at some statistics, if they are available:
1) How many who contracted Covid-19 were vaccinated? ("breakthrough" cases)
2) How many breakthrough cases experienced severe symptoms?
3) How many breakthrough cases required hospitalization?
4) How many who receive Covid tests at county-run health offices test positive?

I ask that the Council consider: How dangerous is the omicron variant to those who are vaccinated?

I suspect many residents with cold or flu-like symptoms are inundating health clinics for Covid tests (myself included), with 7-day waiting periods just to get an appointment. Regardless whether or not the Council continues its mandatory mask requirement, at least please provide more testing equipment to reduce the time to no more than one day, if not 15 minutes.

Full vaccination is the best policy to fight this disease. Please separate hype from science.

Sincerely,

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