

Dear Mr. Elrich and Council Members,

I am writing to share my concerns about your proposed vaccine passport mandate Agenda Item #2B which you will be considering on January 18th. I don't believe that you have allowed adequate time for the public and county residents to share their concerns about this proposed mandate as it was only introduced to the public agenda on January 11th. I have seen little media coverage of this issue and I believe that we need an open public debate/discussion. As things presently stand, I think few people in this county are even aware that this proposal is about to be voted on and possibly implemented as soon as January 22nd.

According to the coalition Informed Choice Maryland:

There is no scientific evidence supporting mandated vaccination for restaurants, bars, gyms or other similar facilities when it quite clear from the data that Covid-19 vaccines do not prevent transmission or infection with SARS CoV-2.

There is increasing scientific evidence that prior infection and recovery from Covid-19 confers robust, lasting protection against both infection and disease which is more effective than vaccine protection against disease.

There is ample evidence of risks associated with Covid-19 vaccines, as acknowledged by the CDC, to warrant accommodating patrons with the option to test for Covid-19.

To this I would add the following information from the Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System or VAERS which was established in 1990 by the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and the FDA (US Food and Drug Administration) as a national database which tracks deaths and adverse events. It was established with the intent of serving as an early warning system for safety issues related to US licensed vaccines. VAERS is co-managed by both the CDC and the FDA <https://vaers.hhs.gov/about.html>

As of December 31, 2021:

21,382 deaths from the vaccines and 558,154 adverse events have been reported nationwide. Please see the following link for more information about the various kinds of adverse events that have been reported. It seems clear from this data that these vaccines are anything but safe and effective. For these reasons, I am opposed to the vaccine passport mandate that you are proposing.

<https://openvaers.com/covid-data?fbclid=IwAR3ixiLcZ0zJpJXDfh3hst9DAu14h01UC40vH5cAy2snHY0CVSka-pAkugM>

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

Tracey Butler