

I have been a resident of Montgomery County for almost 22 years, and strongly oppose the proposal of a "vaccine passport."

The proposal of a "vaccine passport" to prevent the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus is unscientific and will be ineffective. The CDC states that the current Covid-19 vaccines do not stop infection or transmission of the virus and that they only prevent severe cases that may result in hospitalization or death in the individual that receives the vaccine. Recent data has also shown that antibodies from the vaccine wane quickly and thus boosters have been recommended. Is access to recreational venues going to be further restricted to only those who have received boosters? We only need to look around our highly vaccinated county to see that the current spread of Omicron has not been stopped by the vaccines. A "vaccine passport" is discriminatory against those who for medical, religious, or philosophical reasons have chosen not to receive the current vaccines. If the County Council persists in implementing such a proposal it will be evident that they are not "following the science."

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