

I am writing to ask you not to impose a vaccine mandate on the citizens of Montgomery County for the following reasons

First of all, I feel it is in violation of HIPPA Privacy laws to require citizens to share medical information and likely would be found unconstitutional by the Supreme Court in light of their recent ruling in the OSHA mandate case.

In addition to this the effectiveness of this mandate is questionable given the recent discoveries that vaccination does not prevent community spread and the fact that 85% of county residents are fully vaccinated.

Imposition of this mandate will likely have a negative impact on businesses in the county that are already struggling to stay in business because of the following situations

1. 15% of residents will immediately not be able to frequent these business
2. Groups where a small percentage of attendees are not vaccinated will choose not to gather or to gather in neighboring jurisdictions with more liberal laws.
3. Some citizens will choose not to show vaccination status due to privacy concerns or the inconvenience of the process
4. Business will have to allocate limited staff and resources to enforce this mandate

Furthermore, this mandate could have a negative impact on the citizens of our county by.

1. Limiting their access to exercise and social activities to improve their mental and physical health when it has been shown according to the CDC that obesity may triple the risk of hospitalization due to Covid 19.
2. This mandate could cause further divisiveness between county residents

Now that vaccines and treatments are more widely available it is time for the Council to unify county residents and rely on the citizenry to decide what is best for their health and wellbeing. I ask that you vote no on this mandate and future restrictions on our citizens.

Sincerely

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