

## **BOCC MEETING PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**9/2/2020**

These are questions and comments received through the County website and through the Strategic Communications email.

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**Received By:**

This comment was received through the communications email

**Subject:**

Concerned Citizen

**Comment:**

“Hello Council Member's,

I am writing to you today as a Single Mother of 3, A full time Essential Worker, A God-fearing woman and someone that believes strongly in our constitution. While I watch the incredible unrest this nation is in regarding Riots, Protest's, Defunding Police, Shutdowns, Looting, Murders; I like you am concerned for the safety of my family. While I am thankful that we only had a few nights of unrest with regard to protests and looting in Wichita and the surrounding areas and I do not believe we are in danger of losing or cutting our police funds, Which I am thankful for as well,

I am, however, very concerned with two matters that I feel go hand in hand:

With the recent release by the CDC, the update of the death toll states that only 6% of the 153,504 reported deaths from covid 19 actually died of covid 19. That is 9,210 deaths in the U.S. Citizens of these United States have been misled by the statistics of the corona virus, the death tolls of the corona virus; and citizens in Kansas have been misled by the altered graphs of Dr. Lee which proved that masks do not have a high effect at keeping this virus at bay, and I feel like it is now an agenda being pushed by government to gain control. In addition to this it has been confirmed by the CDC since very early on that children are affected very little by this disease and the CDC has also confirmed that children will not carry it home to infect others. Considering this new information and the lack of cases and or deaths in this area I am coming to you with my concerns.

Mask Mandates and Child Trafficking.

With Child Trafficking at an all-time high & the mask mandates that government has imposed on us, Under the current mask mandates, I will have to send my children to school with a mask on - 8 hours of not being able to be identified, Coming in contact with Masked Adults that can also not be identified, Which brings me to my concern & the reason I am reaching out to you. With trafficking at a record high in our nation and riots all over this nation in cities small and large this does not make me feel safe. These criminals have very easy prey with children masked in schools. It only takes a moment to take that mask down, tape their mouths, and my child could be gone forever. My children are supposed to be safe at school because they are being supervised

and the adults in the building are identified. This may not be the case now - after all can you really tell people apart at the grocery store when you go? Can you point out any identifying characteristics of any one person? I for one cannot remember what their eyes and forehead look like. What I do remember is their mask which can easily be changed. That is my child; they could easily have their mask changed and be gone. I am not willing to trust that my government has thought about all these scenarios and can promise me that my child will be safe. If you as a government official cannot, then this should not be your choice, it should be the parents' choice.

It is my job as a parent to protect my family and do what I feel is best for them. I believe government involvement in that decision is a dangerous overreach.

My second concern is for the health of my children regarding re-breathing their Carbon Dioxide which while it is not as alarming as my first concern, it is still a high concern. When CO<sub>2</sub> levels are elevated in the body it is known as hypercapnia. Hypercapnia can occur for several reasons, one of which is re-breathing our own exhaled CO<sub>2</sub>. Re-breathing CO<sub>2</sub> can lead to increased blood pressure, headaches, muscle twitches, rapid heart rate, chest pain, confusion, and fatigue. In extreme cases, if left untreated, hypercapnia can lead to organ damage and even have long standing effects on the brain.

We the people are in control of our lives, our health, and that of our children. The Case/Death statistics in Kansas do not measure that of other cities and states and therefore do not and never have justified the need to impose a mask mandate on its citizens especially considering the new information from the CDC.

Citizens have now purchased masks, have the data, have made up their minds on the use of them and can now be in control and self-govern themselves and their families if they feel they are essential to their health. However, those of us that feel like they are of no benefit or even causing more issues than good, do not have that choice.

While I believe that corona virus is a dangerous virus, I also believe that it is here to stay and we have to build antibodies to fight it much like the flu that we battle every single year; we fight through it and gain antibodies to fight it off just as our bodies are made to do - This is the first time in history that healthy people have been quarantined for the sake of keeping those at risk safe.

Nothing in life is safe and to mandate something to try to make that happen is a far stretch. Government officials set things like speed limits as well. With speed limits on I-35 at 70+ miles per hour people die every year. That would not happen if the speed limit was 30mph thus saving hundreds of lives, however the officials take that risk for the benefit of everyone, not just a few select groups. This is no different. Again, considering this new information we are at less deaths than the yearly flu causes in Kansas So why would we continue to disrupt the lives of American's by imposing mask mandates?

So I am asking - on behalf of myself, my children and many more citizens of The greater Wichita area, The State of Kansas and the United States of America - please do not extend the mandates and allow our God given immune system the ability to fight this virus as it was designed to do.

I pray God's wisdom on you and your fellow Council members. I pray you act with the wisdom of God and the heart of a parent while you are deciding the fate of your citizens

Signed,

A Concerned Citizen.”

**Name:**

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**Received By:**

This comment was received through the communications email

**Subject:**

Community Disease % Positive

**Comment:**

“Hi, I have a concern about the New Community Disease Percent Positive number being included in the Recovery/Reopen Metrics available on the website. I believe this is new addition to help get a more accurate picture of what is going on in the community to help schools make informed decisions, and I think this is a good number to be looking at. My concern is that while long-term care and correctional facility cases are being excluded in figuring the percentage, it appears the long-term care and correctional facility testing (both positive and negative) is not also being excluded, therefore inaccurately reducing the percent positive of new community disease testing. Can you please confirm if this is the case, and if so, help me understand why the testing for those populations isn't being pulled out of the denominator to figure the percent positive. Thank you for your tireless work in helping Sedgwick County continue to move forward and do our best to contain the spread of COVID-19. It is appreciated!

Julie”

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This comment was received through the communications email

**Subject:**

Covid-19 changes testing requirements

**Comment:**

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Sedgwick County Commission

Michael O'Donnell RE: CDC changes Covid-19 rules

Dear Commission:

The CDC changed testing requirements for Covid-19 on 8-24-20 to lessen testing. It is now more in line with the testing requirements of 2009 for Swine flu. Essentially moving to health officials doing the testing when there is illness (symptomatic).

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/testing-overview.html>

- If you have symptoms of COVID-19:
  - If your symptoms are mild:
    - ☐ Your health care provider (physician, nurse practitioner, pharmacist, etc.) may advise a COVID-19 test.
- If you have been in close contact (within 6 feet) of a person with a COVID-19 infection for at least 15 minutes but do not have symptoms:
  - You do not necessarily need a test unless you are a vulnerable individual or your health care provider or State or local public health officials recommend you take one.
  - ☐ A negative test does not mean you will not develop an infection from the close contact or contract an infection at a later time.
- If you do not have COVID-19 symptoms and have not been in close contact with someone known to have a COVID-19 infection:
  - You do not need a test.
  - ☐ A negative test does not mean you will not contract an infection at a later time.
- If you are in a high COVID-19 transmission area and have attended a public or private gathering of more than 10 people (without widespread mask wearing or physical distancing):

- o You do not necessarily need a test unless you are a vulnerable individual or your health care provider or State or local public health officials recommend you take one.

- A negative test does not mean you will not develop an infection from the gathering or contract an infection at a later time.

- If you work in a nursing home or a long-term care facility:

- o You will need to be tested, unless you have already been tested as part of your facility's operational plans.

- o You need to be tested if you are symptomatic.

- If you are a critical infrastructure worker, health care worker, or first responder:

- o You may need to get a test, according to your employer's guidelines.

- It is important to realize that you can be infected and spread the virus but feel well and have no symptoms.

- o In areas where there are limited number of new cases, State or local public health officials may request to test a small number of asymptomatic "healthy people," particularly from vulnerable populations.

Just a reminder from 2009; "CDC recognized early in the outbreak that once disease was widespread," the website continues, "it would be more valuable to transition to standard surveillance systems to monitor illness, hospitalizations and deaths."

I believe the CDC is signaling it is time to return to normal. The jail does not have to test everyone, the schools can return to normal

flu season behavior, medical personnel can monitor the flu for actual patients, and the economy can start to recover.

Sincerely,

James W Kilpatrick Jr.

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**Received By:**

This comment was received through the online on the County website.

**Subject:**

COVID-19 Facts and Restrictions

**Comment:**

“I am hoping that you know of the recent updated CV numbers coming from the CDC. Less than 10,000 deaths strictly from CV. Others had at least 2 or more comorbidities. School aged children and young adults rarely, if ever transmit the virus and rarely even get sick from it. If they do, it generally presents as a cold or allergies. Why are we closing businesses or greatly hindering them for this virus. In the beginning, it was to be able to handle the surge, which never came. Please educate yourselves further and consider what is happening to our community because of these restrictions being imposed on us. We can take care of ourselves. Kids need to be in schools. Masks do not work, in fact, they are rarely worn properly and are unhealthy.”

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**Subject:**

New Title

**Comment:**

“I need to get an appointment for 315 to get new title work done”

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This comment was received through the online form on the County website.

**Subject:**

Covid-10 testing

**Comment:**

“Where do I learn why the county tests have reduced so much? When are we going to test those without symptoms so that we can identify if we have asymptomatic spreaders in our community? The percentage being shown on the dashboard is misleading because of these factors and I think it's giving a false sense of comfort for parents if kids going back to school!”

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This comment was received through the online form on the County website.

**Subject:**

Law of Office of Investigation Professional obligations and conduct

**Comment:**

“Are officers permitted to refuse to take complaints of crime being committed against victims filing a complaint for violations against the victim by other citizens”

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**Subject:**

Covid data

**Comment:**

“Can someone explain how the percent positive is calculated. If the denominator is non constant the number is not accurate. If there are 10/100 different then 10/1000. We should have number of active cases available as well. Schools and lives are being affected by these numbers. They need to be valid and complete.”

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**Subject:**

COVID "Long Haulers"

**Comment:**

"Right on cue as schools want to reopen, death rates is falling & recoveries catch up with active cases, the "experts" come up with "long haulers" to keep up the fear factor. What is the % of cases that are in this group and did all actually have COVID? Why are doctors not looking at early interventions before a person needs hospitalization? Masks/social distancing are not the only "tools in our toolbox"? Or are they too invested in hospitalizations and vaccinations? Forgive my skepticism but the ones pushing the fear are the ones pushing the vaccine and suppressing any other ideas and the Board of Public Health, with a couple of exceptions, is not questioning anything."