

Ed North

From: Keith Grellner
Sent: Friday, October 1, 2021 10:39 AM
To: Ed North
Subject: FW: Proposed Vaccine Mandates For Kitsap County
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From: Matt Thimgan <mattdt@embarqmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, September 28, 2021 10:30 AM
Subject: Proposed Vaccine Mandates For Kitsap County

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I cannot more strongly oppose any such vaccine mandates in our community of Kitsap County.

Mandates upon business owners, their customers and clients, employers and their employees and staff is such a perfect and hideous way to divide our community, which can only result in disaster.

Decisions to take, in particular of as yet not fully proven medical injections such as the current COVID-19 vaccines, should be solely made by the individual after discussions with their personal physician. These decisions should never be made by a government representative. This will only create different classes of citizens within our community who will have access to different services, jobs, and benefits. The list of what could go wrong with this scenario in a free society, is endless.

Nationwide vaccination goals set previously have been met, with Kitsap County as one of the highest vaccination rates, and yet there are clear indicators these vaccines are failing or at least waning in effectiveness. Increasing rates of breakthrough cases are occurring worldwide. Nations with as much as 90% vaccination status levels are seeing increasing cases and hospitalizations. Again, these are vaccinated individuals within these high vaccinated countries. Why else are boosters being implemented only 9 months after the first vaccinations were made available, seemingly desperate and broad mandates, along with continued lockdowns of various levels?

There are citizens in this country that will simply never take these vaccines for a variety of reasons like health, natural immunity, religious, cultural, etc. None of these reasons as a possible exemption from mandates are even mentioned in the noticed attached that was released only yesterday. The First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution and Title VII to the 1964 Civil Rights Act also seem to be absent in these discussions. These are very important legal protections afforded U.S. citizens against things like health mandates that can violate citizen's rights if accommodations are not made. At this point it seems obvious these numbers of unvaccinated are unlikely to change in at least the United States. No mandate can ever change this fact.

I sincerely ask, even implore you to take respectfully and very seriously these points I have made - before all confidence in our governmental leadership and healthcare communities is lost forever.

Sincerely,

Matthew D. Thimgan

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KITSAP PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

September 28, 2021
11:00 a.m. to Noon

**** Please note that this is a virtual / online meeting due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Electronic connection and viewing information for the meeting is provided at the end of the agenda. ****

- 11:00 a.m. 1. Call to Order
Commissioner Charlotte Garrido, Chair

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 11:02 a.m. 2. COVID-19 Update: Current Impacts to Local Healthcare and
Emergency Medical Services in Kitsap County *Page 3*
Dr. Gib Morrow, Health Officer
John Oliver, Fire Chief, Central Kitsap Fire & Rescue
Dr. David Weiss, Associate Chief Medical Officer, St. Michael Medical
Center
Elizabeth Klute, Director, Kitsap County Department of Emergency
Management

- 11:20 a.m. 3. Board Q & A and Discussion
Commissioner Charlotte Garrido, Chair

- 12:00 p.m. 4. Adjourn

All times are approximate. Board meeting materials are available online at
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No Public Comment Will Be Taken

No public comment will be taken at this special meeting. However, written comment to the Health Board is always welcome.

Written comments may be submitted via regular mail or email to:

Regular Mail:

Kitsap Public Health Board
Attention: Executive Secretary
345 6th Street, Suite 300
Bremerton, WA 98337

Email:

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The Health Board will be meeting again for a regular meeting on October 5, 2021, at 10:30 a.m. Public comment will be taken during the October 5 regular meeting.

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MEMO

To: Kitsap Public Health Board

From: Dr. Gib Morrow, MD, MPH, Health Officer

Date: September 28, 2021

Re: COVID-19 Update – Current Impacts to Local Healthcare and Emergency Medical Services in Kitsap County

During the Health Board’s regular meeting on September 7, 2021, board members asked the Health District to schedule a special meeting to present and discuss the current impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our local healthcare system and possible solutions to stabilize the continuum of care in our community. Today, I will be joined by Fire Chief John Oliver of Central Kitsap Fire and Rescue and the Chair of the Kitsap County EMS Council, Dr. David Weiss, Associate Chief Medical Officer for St. Michael Medical Center, and Elizabeth Klute, Director of Kitsap County Department of Emergency Management.

Background

COVID-19 disease transmission remains at its [highest level of the pandemic in Kitsap County](#), with over 700 new cases diagnosed each week since mid-August. This has resulted in over 219 hospitalizations of Kitsap residents in the past 30 days, 11 active outbreaks in long-term care facilities involving over 250 residents and staff, and at least 28 deaths in the first three weeks of September, alone. Furthermore, more deaths are expected as reconciliation of death data may take several weeks to be completed.

This surge in disease activity, driven by the highly transmissible Delta variant and most severely impacting the unvaccinated, is critically straining a depleted and fragile healthcare system, which is now operating at levels approaching “crisis standards of care”. According to the Institute of Medicine¹:

“Crisis standards of care” is defined as a substantial change in usual healthcare operations and the level of care it is possible to deliver, which is made necessary by a pervasive (e.g., pandemic influenza) or catastrophic (e.g., earthquake, hurricane) disaster. This change in the level of care delivered is justified by specific circumstances and is formally declared by a state government, in recognition that crisis operations will

be in effect for a sustained period. The formal declaration that crisis standards of care are in operation enables specific legal/regulatory powers and protections for healthcare providers in the necessary tasks of allocating and using scarce medical resources and implementing alternate care facility operations.

Our panelists today will address how outbreaks and infected staff --- primarily unvaccinated staff --- in nursing homes have delayed patient discharges from the hospital, contributing to the already high COVID-19 inpatient census levels at the hospital (currently in the mid-60's), which in turn has resulted in the need to "board" new admissions in the Emergency Department at the hospital for up to three days or longer. Boarding new admissions in the Emergency Department means that there are not sufficient beds available to handle incoming emergency patients.

Intermittent bottlenecks at the Emergency Department have led to significant delays in EMS drop-offs from ambulances. When ambulances are delayed at the hospital it means that they are essentially "taken out of service" for the duration of the delay, resulting in a shortage of emergency medical services staff and ambulances at a time when the need for their services is already at critically high levels. This has led to periods during which emergency medical services are unavailable or severely degraded in Kitsap communities. Additional impacts include ongoing delays of non-urgent surgical procedures for issues such as joint replacements, cancer resections, cardiothoracic interventions, or other surgeries that may require inpatient admission.

This situation has reached a point where it has become an emergent community health issue. Staffing at our local healthcare facilities remains a critical challenge due to personnel shortages. Just this week, to address the healthcare personnel shortages in Kitsap and the rest of Washington state, the state Department of Health has formally requested 1,200 clinical and non-clinical staff to assist statewide through the federal General Services Administration, and our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is recruiting volunteers from our local Medical Reserve Corps to assist locally.

The Health District and EOC have activated a multi-agency response to evaluate ways to decompress the overburdened healthcare system by supplementing depleted staff in the hospital and post-acute care facilities, stand up new alternative care facilities including triage tents at the St. Michael Medical Center (SMMC) Emergency Department, and possibly opening new post-acute care facilities. Participants in these discussions have included the Northwest Healthcare Response Network, our local hospital system, Kitsap Emergency Operations Center, the Washington State Department of Health, Kitsap EMS Council, and the Medical Reserve Corps. Kitsap Public Health District has also been asked to participate in a healthcare coalition to address opportunities for stabilizing the workforce in long-term care facilities.

Summary and Next Steps

The continuum of care in the Kitsap County healthcare system is severely strained after months battling this pandemic and is, at times, approaching the blurred borders of “Crisis Standards of Care,” in which health systems and providers are required to openly deviate from usual standard of care or use criteria to ration or selectively administer limited resources. This means that medical staff may have to choose between who gets care and who doesn’t. This has happened already in northern Idaho, Alaska, Montana, and parts of the southwest, and is at risk of happening in Washington State and Kitsap County, which under the best circumstances already have some of the lowest numbers of hospital beds on a per capita basis nationally.

Vaccinations are the best tool --- really the only tool if we want to keep the economy and schools open --- to prevent this potential disaster and mitigate the impacts of this pandemic on individual and community health, on our healthcare system, and on the collateral damage to our economy, businesses, schools, and government.

Kitsap Public Health District has implemented its own vaccination requirements for its employees to protect its workers and the people it serves, and we recommend that all governmental agencies in Kitsap immediately resolve to implement vaccination requirements for their employees at this time, as now required in Washington state under recently issued federal mandates for large employers. We firmly believe that government should lead the way in this effort if we expect others to follow.

The Health District also strongly recommends that local businesses in the hospitality and entertainment sectors voluntarily enact vaccination requirements for employees and patrons at this time, similar to what the Admiral Theatre has done as you heard about during your September 7th meeting.

During today’s meeting, it is our goal to discuss and get direction from the Board about other measures to take to address this critical stage of the pandemic in Kitsap County.

Recommended Action

While the Health District recognizes that vaccination requirements are a complex and controversial topic to some, we hope to receive direction from the Health Board on how you would like to proceed with respect to the following, or other, options:

1. Take no action and allow the current situation to play out.
2. Make a formal Health Board recommendation/resolution for all local governmental agencies to require vaccination for their employees.
3. Make a formal Health Board recommendation/resolution for all private businesses to require vaccination for their employees and/or require proof of vaccination for entry into indoor public places.

4. Issue a formal Health Board / Health Officer order under the authority of RCW 70.05 to require employee vaccinations at governmental agencies.
5. Issue a formal Health Board / Health Officer order under RCW 70.05 to require all business open to the public, or indoor venues open to the public, to require proof of vaccination for entry.

Footnote:

- ¹ Institute of Medicine (US) Forum on Medical and Public Health Preparedness for Catastrophic Events. Washington (DC): [National Academies Press \(US\)](#); 2010.

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From: Keith Grellner
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This email is to the following people;

Gib Morrow, Kirsten Hytopoulos, Beck Erickson, Charlotte Garrido, Robert Gelder, Greg Wheeler, Rob Putaansuu, Ed Wolfe, Keith Grellner,

Good afternoon,

I want to start with thanking all of you for the role you play and the decisions that you all have to make, it can't be easy. I'm reaching out to all of you as a mother, business owner, community service volunteer, and leader. I understand that Covid is a touchy subject ran by fear but that doesn't give anyone the right to vote our rights away. Voting to have government employees to be forced to take a vaccine with or without historical evidence of long term affects, is wrong. Forcing business owners to have their customers share medical information and to be turned away at the door if they don't have a vaccine, is wrong. In the same breath business owners forcing employees to have the vaccine, is wrong. Teens would be turned away at the door at any public place when they go out with their friends, is wrong. I will tell you this keeping teens from going out to have fun with their friends because of a vaccine will not end well for parents and is wrong. Voting to take people's rights away will end in a negative chain reaction for everyone.

Thank you again for what you do and I pray that you all really vote to protect our rights to choose.

Respectfully,

Nicole Whitener

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Below are my comments to be considered in relation to the Special Meeting taking place tomorrow, Tuesday, September 28, 2021.

Do you ever wonder why there is an ever-increasing distrust in government lately? It wouldn't be difficult to see if those in government took the time to strip away their bias and ideology driven agendas and be truly open, honest and show what real integrity looks like. Looking at the people of your community not as people to be lead or governed but as your friends and neighbors that need you to recognize that solutions to problems (or perceived problems) are not simply black and white or have only one avenue in which to achieve a goal.

The problem with elected government leaders and non-elected governmental agency officials during this never ending COVID situation is that they fail recognize that so many decisions that have been made over this time have been confusing, contradictory, dismissive of valid questions and concerns, overreaching, illogical, and frightening to be honest. So many decisions that have been made and forced upon the populace since March 2020 has done more to destroy what trust the people had in the government than made to feel safe. With now the consideration of vaccine passports and/or mandates for vaccines only deepens this distrust. The people are no longer allowed to live and make decisions as adults. This is not how a free people are supposed to live.

When the virus first reached us, I know there were few that did not want to do whatever they could to stay safe and help the cause. Our family was no different. We stayed home and were very

careful about what we did during the beginning months. But after a time, it was clear that this was going to be situation we would all have to learn to live with and we needed to get on with our lives. It was also clear that this situation was going to be exploited by the government. If it wasn't exploitation, then it was incompetence at best. Either option is not acceptable.

Since the beginning, there has been so much confusing and illogical actions taken by our government agencies that it has been incredibly frustrating. We kept hearing about how decisions are driven by science and data, but it was clear the government was utilizing their own secret science and data. When ridiculous policies and protocols are put out as serious measures, all we can do is shake our heads and do our best to get around them. But they just kept coming, regardless of new studies and other new scientific information and data, the government has doubled down on restrictive protocols, policies and mandates. And with each one, the distrust and division grows. But they keep coming at us. It feels as if we are going backwards and not forwards with no light at the end of the tunnel.

One blaring and primary fact that continues to get ignored is the simple chance of surviving a case of COVID for most people under the age of 60 and in good health is over 99%. Why such draconian measures for this kind of survival rate? Would it not make more sense to protect the vulnerable and let the younger and healthier people continue keeping the world moving? This is what the vulnerable have always done as it is. They don't go out as much, they avoid large crowds and stay away from people when they know they are sick. It's common sense. What we have been doing is nothing of the sort.

We have spent over a year and a half hearing about cases, cases, cases to ad nauseum. We used to hear about herd immunity but somewhere along the line talk of it disappeared. Between all the people that are vaccinated against COVID and the substantial number of positive cases over this time, one would think we are reaching herd immunity. Or maybe we never had all those cases in the first place? Which is it? Not to mention all the cases that have never been recorded.

Another bizarre and confusing aspect of all this is the lack of recognition of natural immunity. The distrust in the medical field is also growing because of this strange omission of natural immunity. It has been completely disregarded and that is very disturbing. Per the CDC it is stated as follows:

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There are numerous people that have had COVID and were unaware. There are many that have antibodies and the antibody tests are showing this. Why does the science regarding COVID not find it prudent and useful to know how many people have existing antibodies and how long they remain? Would this not be valuable data?

The rabid push for all to get vaccinated regardless of previous infection, health status, allergies, etc., is very disturbing to say the least. In assessing my personal risk with consideration of my age and health profile, I literally have a higher risk of injury or death from the vaccine than I would from the virus. Being forced to take a vaccine that, for me, would be like playing Russian roulette and it terrifies me. I feel as if I am being expected to risk my life for the sake of others even though me getting the vaccine provides no true benefit to others. If there is a benefit, it would only be for myself. There seems to be zero concern or understanding that there are people who absolutely cannot get these vaccines or risk death. But they are told it doesn't matter if they want to keep their job or go into a grocery store. How is this acceptable? What have we become?

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Ultimately, the sad reality is and best solution for my family will be leaving the county and probably the state altogether to live in an area that respects individual liberties and bodily autonomy (something I thought the medical field held in high regard.) I thought Kitsap County, a military area, was a place that believed in freedom, diversity and equality. I hope it still does but it can only remain if those in power are honorable enough to ensure these qualities are not compromised by ideology, an agenda or misguided decisions. Please recognize that the citizens of this county are capable of making the right decisions that are best for themselves and their families without the constant interference of local governing bodies. It's time to end this insanity by not allowing anymore division in this county than we already have. This is not a path to unity.

Thank you for your time.

Nikki Dolan

**I have also attached my comments in PDF form.

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the trips, than be treated as a second-class citizen and diseased human in my own county, if that's what I will have to do.

Ultimately, the sad reality is and best solution for my family will be leaving the county and probably the state altogether to live in an area that respects individual liberties and bodily autonomy (something I thought the medical field held in high regard.) I thought Kitsap County, a military area, was a place that believed in freedom, diversity and equality. I hope it still does but it can only remain if those in power are honorable enough to ensure these qualities are not compromised by ideology, an agenda or misguided decisions. Please recognize that the citizens of this county are capable of making the right decisions that are best for themselves and their families without the constant interference of local governing bodies. It's time to end this insanity by not allowing anymore division in this county than we already have. This is not a path to unity.

Thank you for your time.

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