

IN THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE STATE OF OREGON
FOR THE COUNTY OF YAMHILL

SITTING FOR THE TRANSACTION OF COUNTY BUSINESS

In the Matter of Supporting local oversight of)
COVID-19 response and opposing Governor) RESOLUTION 21-8-19-1
Brown's mask mandate for children attending)
School)

WHEREAS, on March 8, 2020 Governor Brown issued a declaration of emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, and since then has issued 23 emergency directives; and

WHEREAS, beginning in the winter of 2021, Yamhill County, as the local public health authority, oversaw the administration of COVID-19 vaccinations throughout the county; and

WHEREAS, to date approximately 70% of Oregon residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2021; Governor Brown rescinded state mandates and lifted all COVID-19 restrictions in Oregon, stating that going forward, response to COVID-19 would be delegated to local control; and

WHEREAS, despite this, on July 30, 2021 Governor Brown directed the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education to promulgate rules requiring all Oregon children attending school in grades K-12 to wear masks indoors while at school during the 2021-2022 school year; and

WHEREAS, Yamhill County, as the local public health authority, has worked diligently, along with its residents and community partners, to significantly reduce the number of COVID-19 cases in Yamhill County as well as provide vaccinations to people throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor's recent order mandating all Oregon children wear masks indoors at school ignores the specialized knowledge of local jurisdictions as to the need of their residents.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners request Governor Brown reconsider her directive mandating all Oregon school children wear masks at school during the 2021-2022 school year; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that no county assistance or resources shall be expended in the enforcement of this mandate; and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Yamhill County Board of Commissioners ask Yamhill County residents to continue to follow COVID-19 mitigation best practices and measures in order to remain self-governing, and to commit to protecting our well-being and that of our neighbors.

DONE this 19th day of August 2021.



YAMHILL COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Commissioner, Chair MARY STARRETT

Commissioner, Vice-Chair LINDSAY BERSCHAUER

Voted "No"

Commissioner CASEY KULLA

Accepted by Yamhill County
Board of Commissioners on
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