

## **The Position of Delta County Republicans regarding COVID-19**

The Delta County Republican Central Committee would like to thank the Delta County Commissioners, the Delta County Sheriff's Office, the Delta County Health Department, our Republican representatives, the Delta County Memorial Hospital, and all health care workers for their hard work and dedication during the Covid-19 pandemic. Delta County is truly fortunate to have these people working in our behalf, and we commend their efforts.

However, we also express our antipathy to any mandates that infringe upon the rights and freedoms of any person, including the business interests of such persons.

Because we believe in personal responsibility, we believe that people who want to wear masks should be allowed to do so, and businesses that want to impose mask mandates have that right. Conversely, people who do not wear masks and businesses that do not mandate mask usage should also be afforded that right. As people and as customers, we can associate with others and shop at businesses who support our personal preferences.

Our economy has been seriously harmed, our businesses unnecessarily restricted, and people's lives destroyed – even to the point of suicide. We stand completely behind our businesses, to the point that we will support the legal opposition actions of any that are shut down for non-compliance with health mandates purportedly designed to lessen the virus's spread.

The COVID fatality rate is now determined to be approximately 0.2% (2/10<sup>th</sup> of one percent).

This country has been trying to 'hide' from a virus with a 99%-plus survival rate, a virus whose victims are mainly elderly people with diabetes, obesity, or other pre-existing problems. The majority of our population is not in danger of dying from or of having severe symptoms of COVID. In fact, many who test positive are asymptomatic.

Despite this, government entities shut down many of our small businesses for a time, while large businesses such as Wal-Mart were allowed to stay open. Churches have been shut down while liquor stores remained open. Even now, many businesses are ordered to operate at half-capacity. We were willing to abide by those for the initially-proposed two-week period. At this point, however, restrictions have been in place for approximately 9 months, and we have had enough. No more!

Many people have lost jobs, vehicles, homes, and businesses because of a virus that is less deadly than the flu. Far too many people have committed suicide because of these losses, or live with increased fear, depression, and domestic abuse. Social problems have increased; crime has increased. All for a virus with a more than 99% survival rate.

We believe that all businesses should be allowed to open at the capacity that their owners deem appropriate. We have already lost too many small businesses in this country, and putting restrictions on those remaining may well cause their demise. We believe that most people should be allowed to resume life as normal, and those most vulnerable to the virus should take adequate precautions.

We support The Great Barrington Declaration (<https://gbdeclaration.org/>) signed by over 40,000 medical and public health scientists and medical practitioners. (This and similar COVID strategy are discussed at <https://imprimis.hillsdale.edu/sensible-compassionate-anti-covid-strategy/>).

We realize that for a relatively few people, COVID is a serious illness. We believe that quarantining the ill represents a reasonable policy. However, restricting the healthy is tyranny, and many of us believe that wearing masks is a detriment to our health and our immune systems.

Positive PCR test (notoriously unreliable) results do not represent sick patients. Rarely are people becoming ill from Covid-19, hospitals are not overflowing with COVID patients, and decisions should not be based on “cases” in the news. The mortality rate has not exceeded that of seasonal influenza.

There are now successful treatments available for those who contract the virus. The pandemic, therefore, is over.

We urge our local officials to research this virus themselves, to forego any monies forfeited for refusal to follow state mandates, and to allow ‘normal life’ to resume in Delta County. We realize that is a hard position to take, but we support it completely.

Delta County Republican Central Committee

Roger Bentley, Chair

### **Addendum**

We realize that the Internet can have misleading or false information. However, we refer Delta County officials to the following websites:

<https://www.greenmedinfo.com/blog/johns-hopkins-researcher-no-excess-deaths-covid-19-official-stats-are-misleading->

While the news tells us that 200,000 people have died from COVID, in this article, a John Hopkins researcher notes that data show deaths in the U.S. this year are no higher than other years. While deaths attributed to COVID naturally show an increase, deaths attributed to other causes have decreased, meaning that in the absence of COVID, most of those deaths would have been attributed to other causes, in particular heart disease, diabetes, nephritis and Alzheimer's.

<https://www.sott.net/article/434796-The-Science-is-Conclusive-Masks-andRespirators-do-NOT-Prevent-Transmission-of-Viruses>

This article (excerpted) states, as have many other studies, that “Masks and respirators do not work... It would be a paradox if masks and respirators worked, given what we know about viral respiratory diseases: The main transmission path is long-residence-time aerosol particles ( $< 2.5 \mu\text{m}$ ), which are too fine to be blocked, and the minimum-infective-dose is smaller than one aerosol particle.”

“The present paper about masks illustrates the degree to which governments, the mainstream media, and institutional propagandists can decide to operate in a science vacuum, or select only incomplete science that serves their interests. Such recklessness is also certainly the case with the current global lockdown of over 1 billion people, an unprecedented experiment in medical and political history.

“In light of the medical research, therefore, it is difficult to understand why public-health authorities are not consistently adamant about this established scientific result, since the distributed psychological, economic and environmental harm from a broad recommendation to wear masks is significant, not to mention the unknown potential harm from concentration and distribution of pathogens on and from used masks.”

And last,

<https://bpa-pathology.com/covid19-pcr-tests-are-scientifically-meaningless/>

Excerpted: “Lockdowns and hygienic measures around the world are based on numbers of cases and mortality rates created by the so-called SARS-CoV-2 RT-PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) tests used to identify “positive” patients, whereby “positive” is usually equated with “infected.”

“But looking closely at the facts, the conclusion is that these PCR tests are meaningless as a diagnostic tool to determine an alleged infection by a supposedly new virus called SARS-CoV-2.”

While the credo of the world, said the article, is test, test, test, the PCR tests being used were developed to use as a manufacturing technique... and not as a diagnostic tool to detect viruses.

How declaring virus pandemics based on PCR tests can end in disaster was described by Gina Kolata in the 2007 *New York Times* article *Faith in Quick Test Leads to Epidemic That Wasn't* at <https://www.nytimes.com/2007/01/22/health/22whoop.html>