

Dear Legislatures

I oppose the continuation of the emergency declarations and limited executive orders declared by Governor Lamont.

### **#1-Social distancing and masks in schools**

Neither of these protocols has been proven to actually diminish infection or prevent deaths from infection of Covid 19. Covid 19 is no longer the strain it once was – it has changed and morphed (as all viruses do) into something more benign. The continuation of the protocols that we used when Covid 19 was more hazardous doesn't make any sense. Since the N95 mask is the only one proven to block the virus, but the vast majority of masks worn in schools are fabric – then it is already as if kids aren't wearing them as far as contagiousness goes. We won't see much difference with the cloth masks off. People need to be able to choose at this point and make their own risk assessment. Considering the HIGH number of natural immune children within the walls of our schools, coupled with the number of kids vaccinated – we are at herd immunity.

Children need to learn social cues, facial recognition is all part of their development. The masks act as a barrier to real connection with others. Children are more depressed and anxious than ever before. The use of masks should fall in the hands of the parents.

### **#2-Vaccine requirements for hospital workers**

This is unconstitutional. Hospital workers know the risks of being around covid 19. They worked regardless of access to vaccines. Many likely already had Covid and are immune. They must be allowed to choose their risk to themselves just as the patients can choose if they want to be vaccinated or not.

### **#3-Vaccine requirements for nursing home visitors**

This is unconstitutional. You cannot prevent people from seeing their family for any reason. This ignores natural immunity and infringes upon the rights of all. Some people may not be able to get vaccinated and this punishes them unnecessarily. Not everyone can afford in home care as an alternative option.

### **#4-Vaccination requirements for long-term care staff**

Again – unconstitutional. All medical personnel need to choose for themselves what they put in their bodies. This ignores natural immunity which has proven to be far superior to the vaccine. The vaccine doesn't prevent transmission. The virus keeps mutating and the vaccine no longer helps with the new strains. This is an antiquated rule that no longer fits and ignores science and basic human rights.

### **#5-Mask mandates for anyone 2 yrs old and up and not vaccinated. Also allows for mask mandates regardless of vaccination status.**

Once again, this rule ignores natural immunity. This takes away choice. This creates a second class citizen. Young children need to be able to breathe and learn facial cues and communication.

**6-Hospital staff shortages - waiving licensing requirements for hospital staff & #7 Temporary nurses aides program - change in training and competency of nurses**

This is leading down a dangerous road. I would not want someone in a hospital setting over me or my loved one who has not been properly licensed, does not have the adequate training to be able to make decisions about my health. We would be weakening our medical system by weakening the requirements. If we want to stop the nurse shortage – we should end the vaccine requirements, the daily or weekly testing, and get back to normal. We should have used the covid relief funds to help supplement nurse's certification and education.

**8-Fund non-communal housing for people at risk**

No housing is needed for people at risk. This is a waste of tax payer's money. Hospitalizations are going down, the variant is mild more the vast majority. We need to spend money on methods that work and are preventative. We can spend money on undoing the damage caused by firing most of the nurse workforce.

**9-Emergency procurement of essential goods and services - waive the required competitive solicitation of supplies**

We aren't in an emergency anymore and this is not legal. This type of rule is how Lamont and his wife had made millions off the pandemic. This should not perpetuate any longer.

**10-COVID-19 vaccination database**

No. Absolutely no. This leads towards vaccine passports, second class citizens, etc. Medical doctors and the CDC have proved and gone on record that the Vaccine does not prevent transmission or getting the virus. Therefore – no database should be kept. This is a waste of taxpayer dollars.

**11-Out-of-network COVID-19 vaccines** - "free" vaccines even if you go to an out of network provider  
Again – no. Waste of taxpayer dollars. Waste of time. We need to be done with all of this.