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Continuation of Emergency Declarations and Limited Executive Orders

Dear Governor, Legislation, and Public,

I do not feel that any of the Governors Powers or Limited Executive Orders should be extended. The orders have really done nothing to prevent the spread of Covid or prevent hospitalizations, however they have had a detrimental impact on students mental health, socialization of the elderly, made the job market specifically in the health care field worse by creating vaccine mandates, and making this all a political issue.

People are responsible for their own health and the health of their children. Making children wear masks is detrimental to their mental health and their socialization, not to mention those who are younger put their masks in their mouth constantly, increasing germs vs. reducing. It should be a parent decision if they send a child to school with a mask.

Nursing homes have run rampant with COVID cases regardless of employee vaccination. Many cases of COVID get into nursing homes because of community exposure, not from employees – ie hospital, doctor, and friend/family visits. Mandating that staff have vaccines to keep a job is ridiculous considering residents aren't required to be vaccinated and they are the ones who are the most compromised. You are requiring healthy people to take a jab to keep a job, punishing the healthy, to benefit the sick who aren't required to take a jab.

The vaccine also doesn't prevent the spread of symptoms of COVID. So at this point, just let people live and make their own decisions. The USA is based on freedom, yet healthcare workers are forced to choose between a job and a job. Parents are forced to choose between home schooling their kids or sending them to school with a mask that they don't want to wear, can't see friend or teachers faces, and spend their day fidgeting with a mask vs. learning.

Please remove all Executive Orders upon the expiration of the Governors powers next week. COVID is here to stay, we are no longer in a state of emergency, and we all need to get back to living our lives. Those who are high risk or compromised should alter their lives to avoid exposure, not limiting the freedom of the healthy to benefit the few.

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