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We The people, on behalf of the citizens of Martin County, issue this declaration of rights and acknowledge the Sovereign God, the Creator, who gave unalienable rights to man, which is recognized by the U.S. and State Constitution. These rights are not to be violated by or from anyone or by law. A self-governed people have power vested to themselves and delegate certain powers and authority to government.

Liberty originates with individual sovereignty. That sovereignty begins with our personhood. No governing authority has any right to override individual sovereignty over our personhood, our labor, our earnings, or our property. The responsibility of government is to protect and ensure that liberty for every resident of its territory.

Emergency Powers, lockdowns, restrictions on citizens/businesses, masking mandates, and policies that have been enacted, past and present, are not in line with the U.S. Constitution, nor our Bill of Rights. **16 American Jurisprudence 2d, section 98 states**, "While an emergency can not create power, no emergency justifies the violation of any of the provisions of the US and State Constitution." You all are acting outside of your "oath of office, the authority of your office and do not have authority to restrict the people of Martin County or mandate anything.

We are here to submit the following declaration:

Section 1. **Basic Rights** - All men are by nature equally free and independent and have certain inherent rights, of which, when they come together as a society, will not allow government or law to interfere with the enjoyment of life and liberty, with the means of acquiring and possessing property, and pursuing and obtaining happiness and safety. People are responsible for their own health, goods, means of production, education, and families. Government has no authority to interfere with these.

Section 2. **Political Authority** – All governing authority is vested in the people and they are the ones to delegate that power; governments and it's authorities are civil servants to them. Nevertheless, no political authority,

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CLERK OF CIRCUIT COURT
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no group of the people, no emergency declaration, no state law, county, or civil law will be justified to remove or restrain the natural basic rights of the people. A free people cannot have representatives who seek to remove their rights.

The Martin County Board of County Commissioners is in violation of **18 U.S. Code 242, DEPREVATION OF RIGHTS**. “Whoever under color of any law, statute, ordinance, regulation, or custom, willfully subjects any person in any State to the deprivation of any right or privileges protected by the Constitution, shall be shall be fined under this title or imprisoned <https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=deprivation+of+rights+under+color+of+law&f=treesort&num=1&edition=prelim>

The Martin County Board of County is in violation of **18 U.S. Code 241 CONSPIRACY AGAINST RIGHTS**. “If two or more people conspire to injure, oppress, threaten, or intimidate any person in any State, in the free exercise or enjoyment of any right or privilege secured to him by the Constitution or laws of the United States, they shall be fined under this title or imprisoned not more than ten years, or both. [https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=\(title:18%20section:241%20edition:prelim\)%20OR%20\(granuleid:USC-prelim-title18-section241\)&f=treesort&edition=prelim&num=0&jumpTo=true](https://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?req=(title:18%20section:241%20edition:prelim)%20OR%20(granuleid:USC-prelim-title18-section241)&f=treesort&edition=prelim&num=0&jumpTo=true)

Section 3. **Religious Freedom** -

There shall be no law or ordinance respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting or penalizing the free exercise thereof.

Section 4. **Right to bear arms.**—

The right of the people to keep and bear arms in defense of themselves and others and of the lawful authority of the state shall not be infringed.

Section 5. **Freedom of speech and press**—

person may speak, write and publish sentiments on all subjects but shall be responsible for the abuse of that right. No law shall be passed to restrain or abridge the liberty of speech or of the press.

Section 6. Due process.—

No person shall be deprived of **life, liberty or property without due process of law**, or be twice put in jeopardy for the same offense, or be compelled in any criminal or civil matter to be a witness against oneself.

We, the people, have not allowed our liberties to be taken, and as such, have not been through “due process”, nor have been taken into consideration in past meetings, even when truths are presented. We stand united, with our consciences under God, to declare the Emergency Orders, mandatory lock downs/restrictions on businesses and gatherings, and masking ordinances, to be a gross overreach of natural rights and a violation of the People at Large’s Unalienable Rights.

We have patiently attended these meetings, repeatedly asking that you repeal these usurpations and violations. We have presented the will of the people to you. We have presented scientific facts on COVID-19, and have given you observations of our community’s status as we have endured such violations. And to quote the Declaration of Independence, “Our repeated petitions have been answered only by repeated injury.” Only one of you has been willing to bring forth the complaints of the people to the board, where the rest of you refused to address them.

Therefore, on behalf of We The People of Martin County, we submit this declaration to you today, and formally reject these overreaching ordinances, and the emergency abuses of power, and today declare them null and void! It is our right, and our duty, to throw off such government abuse, and provide new guards for the security of our Rights.

Ashley Fraehling
Amy Butchett
Stuart
Justin Sullivan
Jan Moringo
Todd Moringo

David Young. Cheryl Schwachner
Peyton starts.
Monica Leonard
Jody Colson
Pearl Lopez
Shamara Anke
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Declare An End to Emergency Restrictions

About this petition

- I am an American. My rights existed before America was born. They come from my creator God. My first and greatest right is my individual sovereignty. All my other rights begin there. No legitimate government, not federal, state, city or county may take my sovereignty away without due process of law. No law may be passed forcing me to wear a mask, remain home, or close my business. Any such mandates are null and void as they attempt to seize my individual sovereignty and strip me of my rights that are greater than any human constitution. Sign this petition if you agree and declare all COVID emergency orders NULL and VOID.

Signatures

1. Name: Amy Pritchett on 2020-09-24 14:13:08
Comments:

2. Name: Meredith Dinardo on 2020-09-24 14:13:24
Comments:

3. Name: Mascelino Campos on 2020-09-24 14:14:12
Comments: Amen.

4. Name: Sasha Hoppenworth on 2020-09-24 14:19:25
Comments:

5. Name: Ashley Froehling on 2020-09-24 14:20:55
Comments:

6. Name: Andrea Schember on 2020-09-24 14:23:57
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7. Name: Damien tullier on 2020-09-24 14:25:52
Comments:

8. Name: Kayla White on 2020-09-24 14:26:53
Comments:

9. Name: Wendi Skinner on 2020-09-24 14:29:37
Comments:

10. Name: Sally Adorno on 2020-09-24 14:32:37
Comments:

11. Name: Barb Twigg on 2020-09-24 14:35:40
Comments:

12. Name: Kelly Howard on 2020-09-24 14:38:53
Comments: At a 99.8% cure rate this has become a pathetic shut down of our Freedoms.

13. Name: Noel Escobar on 2020-09-24 14:41:42
Comments:

14. Name: Sarah Hayes on 2020-09-24 14:48:05

Comments:

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15. Name: RJ Pozzi on 2020-09-24 14:58:50
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16. Name: Justine Tullier on 2020-09-24 15:00:30
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17. Name: Erin Larica on 2020-09-24 15:17:35
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18. Name: Paul Garner on 2020-09-24 15:36:48
Comments:
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19. Name: Medora Reading on 2020-09-24 16:12:17
Comments: Ironically the people who are going to be making us all sick are the idiots running around in their dirty masks, hanging them from the rearview mirror even Dr. Fauci said that, this virus is nothing more than that virus the ramifications of closing down our country will destroy everything for our children and grandchildren due to a disease that is 99.96% curable and has a death rate of 0002% I wish that heart disease, Cancer, the regular flu, Parkinson's, pneumonia, or how about the fact that 250,000 people died last year from hospital negligence, Dr. mistake and Dr. malpractice I wish all of these diseased had the same mortality rate and curability..If only they had a vaccine for ignorance and stupidity -We would line them up by thousands !!☐☐☐
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20. Name: Sheila Clark on 2020-09-24 16:13:01
Comments:
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21. Name: Stacie Loucks on 2020-09-24 16:13:04
Comments:
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22. Name: Meghan Pybus on 2020-09-24 16:15:08
Comments:
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23. Name: Lillian Corbin on 2020-09-24 16:24:28
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24. Name: Mike Basile on 2020-09-24 16:24:31
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25. Name: Denise Punger on 2020-09-24 16:28:08
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26. Name: Brent Bailey on 2020-09-24 16:29:40

Comments:

27. Name: Cindy Falco-Di Corrado on 2020-09-24 16:31:49

Comments: I demand an end to this façade of a pandemic which was spoken of in May by the CDC that the numbers did not constitute Covid 19 to be a pandemic. It has now become a scamDemic and the burden has been put on us "we the people" and we demand this non-emergency which is being called an emergency to cease and desist now!!! Stop your Crimes against Humanity

28. Name: Ben Russell on 2020-09-24 16:33:52

Comments:

29. Name: George McMann on 2020-09-24 16:41:11

Comments:

30. Name: Joann Xydias on 2020-09-24 16:41:50

Comments:

31. Name: Mona Leonard on 2020-09-24 16:51:47

Comments: stop the Tyranny!

32. Name: Tom Steele on 2020-09-24 16:52:27

Comments: So 6/100th of 1% of the US population has died from covid and for that you've stripped the other 99.94% of their constitutional rights, destroyed our country's economy, put millions out of work, while muzzling the population with masks from China (origin of covid) that carry disclaimers, "Doesn't protect you from any virus". Our country is truly run by idiots!

33. Name: Becky Diefendorf on 2020-09-24 17:02:04

Comments: End mask now

34. Name: Todd Reading on 2020-09-24 17:06:08

Comments:

35. Name: Wendy J Chabebe on 2020-09-24 17:08:04

Comments: Our rights are given to us by God as declared in our founding documents. The govenment has been in violation of our inalienable rights since this mess began. END ALL RESTRICTIONS IMMEDIATELY.

36. Name: Deena on 2020-09-24 17:52:09

Comments:

End this big life

37. Name: James Reis Reis on 2020-09-24 18:24:26
Comments:
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38. Name: Peg Moore on 2020-09-24 18:44:42
Comments:
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39. Name: Sharon Eaton on 2020-09-24 18:46:37
Comments: People cannot stay healthy breathing CO2 because they need OXYGEN to the BRAIN !!
It is medically a PROVEN FACT !!
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40. Name: Kelly Ruiz on 2020-09-24 18:52:36
Comments: Go Clai!!!
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41. Name: Kaye Traficante on 2020-09-24 19:10:16
Comments: No legitimate government, not federal, state, city or county may take my sovereignty away without due process of law. No law may be passed forcing me to wear a mask, remain home, or close my business. Any such mandates are null and void as they attempt to seize my individual sovereignty and strip me of my rights that are greater than any human constitution.
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42. Name: Joe Traficante on 2020-09-24 19:10:46
Comments: No legitimate government, not federal, state, city or county may take my sovereignty away without due process of law. No law may be passed forcing me to wear a mask, remain home, or close my business. Any such mandates are null and void as they attempt to seize my individual sovereignty and strip me of my rights that are greater than any human constitution.
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43. Name: Ashley Le Grange on 2020-09-24 19:15:00
Comments:
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44. Name: Tiffany N Young on 2020-09-24 19:43:00
Comments: Stop the nonsense
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45. Name: Courtney Walker on 2020-09-24 19:46:57
Comments:
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46. Name: Diane Beatus on 2020-09-24 19:54:04
Comments: End the Unconstitutional COVID restrictions.
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47. Name: Cheryl Currao on 2020-09-24 19:54:09
Comments: We have a RIGHT to freedom. Stop the madness and stop the control! WE ARE FREE PEOPLE!
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48. Name: Tiffany Haala on 2020-09-24 20:02:48
Comments:
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49. Name: Julie Marshall on 2020-09-24 20:10:18
Comments:
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50. Name: Stephen Marshall on 2020-09-24 20:10:56
Comments:
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51. Name: Kim Hoffner on 2020-09-24 20:37:41
Comments: Long over due. We demand our freedom back now! No punishing perfectly healthy, working individuals!
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52. Name: Dwight Breland on 2020-09-24 20:42:59
Comments:
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53. Name: Joe on 2020-09-24 20:46:04
Comments:
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54. Name: lynn on 2020-09-24 20:47:56
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55. Name: Georgia Thomas on 2020-09-24 20:51:53
Comments:
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56. Name: Beth Escobar on 2020-09-24 21:01:36
Comments:
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57. Name: Johnny Angel on 2020-09-24 21:17:45
Comments: Get off of our economic necks...we need to breathe...Let the healthy work..Quarantine the sick..end of story..
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58. Name: Lynn Walker on 2020-09-24 21:20:51
Comments: Give Americans the right to choose, its our body... Those words works for Planned Parenthood. But we're just making for the right to protect or not, our own lives.
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59. Name: James Hawkins on 2020-09-24 21:34:18
Comments: Bring this to an end asap.
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60. Name: Lisa on 2020-09-24 21:35:49
Comments:
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61. Name: Daniel Glamp on 2020-09-24 21:37:47
Comments:
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62. Name: Karen Clark Nagy on 2020-09-24 22:35:08
Comments: Wearing a mask suppresses the most important thing God gave us - our immune system. Mask mandate lifts and everyone gets sick b/c immune system is compromised and then they can blame it on the virus. Catch 22. It's all BS. STOP THE MANDATE NOW. Forcing children to wear one is CHILD ABUSE.
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63. Name: Lisa Skumanich on 2020-09-24 22:36:05
Comments:
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64. Name: Donna on 2020-09-24 22:44:05
Comments: Freedom
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65. Name: Josh Beam on 2020-09-24 22:51:39
Comments:
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66. Name: Thomas Struck on 2020-09-24 23:41:03
Comments:
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67. Name: Sara Haine on 2020-09-25 00:07:50
Comments:
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68. Name: Jo Anne Battle on 2020-09-25 00:24:42
Comments: CDC released the survival rates. We know the truth there are mistakes all along the way. Time to end this manipulation.
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69. Name: Stephanie Moreno on 2020-09-25 00:33:22
Comments:
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70. Name: Gaston Moreno on 2020-09-25 00:36:16
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71. Name: Amber Russell on 2020-09-25 00:56:20
Comments:
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72. Name: Debbie Mengloi on 2020-09-25 01:35:00
Comments:
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73. Name: James Dale Tucker on 2020-09-25 02:01:22
Comments: This has to stop, they don't work for viral, microbial, or even dust
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74. Name: Katie Alberti on 2020-09-25 02:19:28
Comments:

75. Name: Lauren Snowden on 2020-09-25 02:22:13
Comments:

76. Name: Victor Arias on 2020-09-25 02:24:56
Comments:

77. Name: Gloria Tucker on 2020-09-25 02:46:04
Comments:

78. Name: Stephen Suglia on 2020-09-25 02:48:42
Comments: There is no need for the emergency.
Numbers have been inaccurate since April. Stop instilling fear in majority of us.

79. Name: Catherinegriffin74 on 2020-09-25 04:43:48
Comments:

80. Name: Antoinette Rummo on 2020-09-25 11:42:27
Comments: Stop the madness and the division of the community. Stop the fear mongering over a dam cold. Allow business to open at 100%, before business owners loose everything they worked so hard to earn. None of you wear masks, STOP being tyrants and hypocrites. Drop the mask mandate.

81. Name: Kristen Martens on 2020-09-25 12:39:08
Comments:

82. Name: Peggy Gunther-Suglia on 2020-09-25 12:42:23
Comments:

83. Name: chuck barton on 2020-09-25 13:10:08
Comments:

84. Name: Brittany Crowell on 2020-09-25 13:31:00
Comments:

85. Name: Jenny Starts on 2020-09-25 13:39:28
Comments:

86. Name: Bernadette Grenadier on 2020-09-25 14:31:12
Comments: Let our voices be heard.Let Freedom Ring!

87. Name: Vineet Mansukhani on 2020-09-25 14:54:12
Comments:
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88. Name: Dane Paulson on 2020-09-25 19:19:35
Comments:
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89. Name: Scott Savoia on 2020-09-25 20:55:34
Comments: If Govt is so concerned with our health why isn't there a mandate to end smoking???
This isn't about our health and that is plainly apparent, this is about control!
My body my choice right?!
End the mask mandate and stop trying to control our GOD GIVEN RIGHTS!
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90. Name: Angel Brown on 2020-09-25 21:21:45
Comments:
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91. Name: Marina Lewandowski on 2020-09-26 00:27:43
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92. Name: Harvey Kosberg on 2020-09-26 01:39:52
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93. Name: Shannan Aprile on 2020-09-26 18:40:36
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94. Name: Natalya Escobar on 2020-09-27 03:11:20
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95. Name: Cheryl Schwochert on 2020-09-27 14:40:59
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96. Name: Michael Lance Marler on 2020-09-27 14:42:21
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97. Name: Deborah Ponte on 2020-09-27 14:47:15
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98. Name: Ruth Walsh on 2020-09-27 14:48:52
Comments: End the state of emergency!!!
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99. Name: Jen Menocal on 2020-09-27 14:49:03
Comments:
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100. Name: Lisa Miller on 2020-09-27 14:52:04
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101. Name: Scott Watson on 2020-09-27 14:52:30
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102. Name: Anne Stewart on 2020-09-27 14:53:23
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103. Name: Jennifer Nolan on 2020-09-27 14:55:18
Comments:

104. Name: Monica Fougeron on 2020-09-27 15:01:07
Comments:

105. Name: Gregory Stetz on 2020-09-27 15:01:23
Comments: End these draconian "mandates" immediately.

106. Name: Carly Knott on 2020-09-27 15:09:10
Comments:

107. Name: Esther Noyes on 2020-09-27 15:14:04
Comments: NO MORE!!

108. Name: Richard Howard on 2020-09-27 15:21:41
Comments:

109. Name: Annie van Zyl on 2020-09-27 15:22:03
Comments:

110. Name: Ian Horridge on 2020-09-27 15:35:19
Comments: 6 months into 15 days to flatten a curve...The only curve that needs flattening is the fear mongering, it's obvious to most that this is now about unconstitutional control.

111. Name: Kaylee on 2020-09-27 15:39:30
Comments:

112. Name: America Fiore on 2020-09-27 15:49:14
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113. Name: Meredith Lee on 2020-09-27 15:54:56
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114. Name: Heather Ivins on 2020-09-27 15:55:46
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115. Name: S Nelson on 2020-09-27 15:59:43
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116. Name: Christe Mihok on 2020-09-27 15:59:52
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117. Name: Alexander Sahrane on 2020-09-27 16:01:11
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118. Name: Jimmie Gregory on 2020-09-27 16:06:02
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119. Name: Paige Canfield on 2020-09-27 16:06:27
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120. Name: Elizabeth Buttles on 2020-09-27 16:17:00
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121. Name: Kourtne Courtney on 2020-09-27 16:19:34
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122. Name: Frank Williams on 2020-09-27 16:24:21
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123. Name: Marlene Carroll on 2020-09-27 16:37:51
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124. Name: Glen Collins on 2020-09-27 16:41:50
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125. Name: Sean Froehling on 2020-09-27 17:08:11
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126. Name: Kathy Smith-Jones on 2020-09-27 18:27:40
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127. Name: Cynthia Klatt on 2020-09-27 18:50:25
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128. Name: Jim driscoll on 2020-09-27 18:54:00
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129. Name: Jacklyn Collins on 2020-09-27 19:50:16
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130. Name: Lori Oconnor on 2020-09-27 19:59:38
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131. Name: Krista Brandenstein Horvath on 2020-09-27 20:13:05
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132. Name: Autumn Frisby on 2020-09-27 20:21:21
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133. Name: Massey campos on 2020-09-27 20:31:29
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134. Name: LeAnna Willoughby on 2020-09-27 20:37:17
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135. Name: Nykki Cooke on 2020-09-27 20:41:23
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136. Name: Jessica Timmerman on 2020-09-27 21:25:27
Comments: We have been blessed with life to live not to just exist!
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137. Name: Jan Mozingo on 2020-09-27 21:25:43
Comments:
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138. Name: Jennifer Hayes on 2020-09-27 23:42:57
Comments: Enough, CDC botched numbers.
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139. Name: Michelle Smith on 2020-09-27 23:51:05
Comments:
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140. Name: Barbara on 2020-09-28 00:12:23
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141. Name: Cynda Kelley on 2020-09-28 03:36:04
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142. Name: Robert Nordgren on 2020-09-28 04:20:09
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143. Name: Jackie Howard on 2020-09-28 12:40:55
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144. Name: Denise Gandara on 2020-09-28 12:57:51
Comments:
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145. Name: Laura Perez on 2020-09-28 13:10:01
Comments: End this Tyranny!!
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146. Name: Jessica Brown on 2020-09-28 13:14:53
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147. Name: Jacquelyn on 2020-09-28 13:14:55
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148. Name: Jaime Lynn on 2020-09-28 15:53:32
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149. Name: Jen Robson on 2020-09-28 17:54:41
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150. Name: Justin Madigan on 2020-09-28 18:05:15
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152. Name: Nicky Farley on 2020-09-28 22:16:13
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153. Name: Caroline Flores on 2020-09-28 22:52:42
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154. Name: Joseph Chapman on 2020-09-29 00:39:09
Comments: Stop the madness!
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155. Name: Michael Martin on 2020-09-29 00:51:40
Comments: To god be the glory

156. Name: Sarah Rimel on 2020-09-29 01:13:40
 Comments:

157. Name: Shawna on 2020-09-29 01:17:09
 Comments:

158. Name: Cassie on 2020-09-29 02:31:48
 Comments:

159. Name: Susan King on 2020-09-29 07:03:44
 Comments:

09/29/2020

From: Donna Gordon <dgordon@martin.fl.us>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 11:14 AM
To: Commissioners
Cc: Mary K. Vettel
Subject: DEPT-3 Coronavirus Update & Discussion

Importance: High

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Below is an email from Commissioner Hetherington regarding **DEPT-3 Coronavirus (COVID-19) Update and Discussion** Agenda Item for **September 29, 2020** which contains LIVE links.

Donna

From: Taryn Kryzda <tkryzda@martin.fl.us>
Sent: Thursday, September 24, 2020 11:07 AM
To: Donna Gordon <dgordon@martin.fl.us>
Cc: Rosemarie Zummo <comaide2@martin.fl.us>
Subject: FW: Metrics for COVID Community Mitigation strategies

Donna,
Please include this as part of my agenda item for the COVID-19 update. Thanks

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Martin County Board of County Commissioners
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From: Stacey Hetherington <shetherington@martin.fl.us>
Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 4:17 PM
To: Taryn Kryzda <tkryzda@martin.fl.us>
Subject: Metrics for COVID Community Mitigation strategies

Taryn,

I wanted to share some information and thoughts that I have found on the CDC website that may be helpful when the board discusses the mask ordinance, special events and other considerations moving forward addressing COVID. Residents continue to ask for some metrics that give some blueprint guidelines as to how the community will move forward to mitigate the spread of COVID in our community.

I found reading some of the guidance below in the link on the CDC website helpful:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/community-mitigation.html#table1>

Below are some of the highlights I extracted from reading the guidance: Table 1 in particular would be valuable if metrics could be applied. Our staff came up with an amazing set of guidelines to implement CARES funding and I have no doubt that developing a mitigation strategy based on transmission in our community is an achievable objective.

Goals

The goal of community mitigation in areas with local COVID-19 transmission is to slow its spread and to protect all individuals, especially those at increased risk for severe illness, while minimizing the negative impacts of these strategies. These strategies are used to minimize morbidity and mortality of COVID-19 in societal sectors such as schools, workplaces, and healthcare organizations.

Implementation is based on:

- Emphasizing individual responsibility for implementing recommended personal-level actions
- Empowering businesses, schools, and other settings to implement appropriate actions
- Prioritizing settings that provide critical infrastructure services
- Minimizing disruptions to daily life to the extent possible and ensuring access to health care and other essential services.

Guiding principles

- Each community is unique. Appropriate mitigation strategies should be based on the best available data. Decision making will vary based on the level of community transmission and local circumstances. Refer to Table 1.
- The characteristics of the community and its population, health system and public health capacity, and the local capacity to implement strategies are important when determining community mitigation strategies. Refer to Table 2.
- As communities adjust mitigation strategies, they should ensure that the healthcare system capacity will not be exceeded. Precautions should be taken to protect health care professionals and other critical infrastructure workers. Communities need to assure healthcare systems have adequate staffing, a surplus of inpatient and ICU beds, and critical medical equipment and supplies such as PPE.
- As communities adjust mitigation strategies, they should ensure public health capacity will not be exceeded. Public health system capacity relies on detecting, testing, contact

tracing, and isolating those who are or might be sick, or have been exposed to known or suspected COVID-19 cases; it is important to stop broader community transmission and prevent communities from having to implement or strengthen further community mitigation efforts.

- Attention should be given to people who are at higher risk for severe illness when determining and adjusting community mitigation strategies.
- Certain settings and vulnerable populations in a community are at particularly high risk for transmission. This includes but is not limited to congregate settings such as nursing homes and other long-term care facilities, correctional facilities, and the homeless population.
- Mitigation strategies can be scaled up or down, depending on the evolving local situation, and what is feasible, practical, and legal in a jurisdiction. Any signs of a cluster of new cases or a reemergence of broader community transmission should result in a re-evaluation of community mitigation strategies and a decision on whether and how mitigation might need to change.
- Communities need to decide the level of risk that is acceptable and make informed choices about implementing mitigation plans accordingly.

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