

ITEM 6.1 Dr. Gary Pace Update

BOS Agenda – April 28, 2020

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From: Chris Macedo [<mailto:ctwmace@att.net>]
Sent: Tuesday, April 21, 2020 10:27 AM
To: Public Comment <PublicComment@lakecountyca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Dr. Pace's Comments

Dear Board,

I have been watching the meeting and am concerned with Dr. Pace's comments about letting the virus impact the majority of the County in a controlled manner. I have a son that has a medical condition that would be affected by the coronavirus. This obviously would not be beneficial for him to contract the coronavirus. This would cause him to have to shelter in place until such time as there is a vaccine. I have not seen White House Coronavirus Task Force members Dr. Fauci or Dr. Birx come out and say this would be beneficial.

Respectfully,

Chris

Sent: Sunday, April 26, 2020 11:04 AM
To: Public Comment <PublicComment@lakecountyca.gov>
Cc: PublicHealthGenericEmail <publichealth@lakecountyca.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]Enforcement is required to allow reopening successfully

I commend Gary pace and our Board of Supervisors for their excellent work in running this County especially during the coronavirus problem.

HOWEVER, due to several experiences I have already had, I strongly recommend that you make it a requirement for all businesses, wherever feasible, to put signage on their entrances requiring all persons entering to social distance, and to wear face coverings whenever approaching another person within 10 feet. This should apply to all employees also.

AND, I would like you to request the police to visit the businesses as possible to enforce the above. We have far too many citizens that simply do not understand the gravity of the situation, and they freely jeopardize the health of the community at Large, and also the future success of our County opening.

Thank you,
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From: David VanCleave [mailto:davidvc1964@gmail.com]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Masks in county facilities...

Not really understanding why the mandate to wear masks only while in county facilities? Either make it mandatory in public as several other counties have or not mandatory at all.

What makes county facilities more important than other public buildings? With all the non-essential travel orders in place, they can't possibly be see more activity than WalMart, Safeway, food lines, etc. Seems a little prejudice to me.

The virus doesn't have discretion, it can effect anyone in any building.

Sonoma County and several other counties have mandated masks/facial coverings in public. They've also enable a way to enforce the mandate. Last update was approximately 350 citations issued for not complying. It can be done just requires a little more effort. It's up to you to decide if the lives are worth the effort.

I'm all for opening the county back up but it needs to have strict regulations associated with it. Otherwise, you'll see a "free for all" mentality, with totally disregard for health and safety.

It's scientifically proven that wearing a cover over the mouth and nose can drastically reduce the spread of the virus amongst asymptomatic individuals. I Just don't understand the hesitancy to impose a temporary mandate.

It's pretty simple...mandate that all residents entering public buildings are required to wear a mask. If businesses or individuals aren't cooperating, they are fined and or temporarily lose business license.

Again...this is temporary and may save lives. Anyone that can't understand that, doesn't have the intellect to serve on a (B)oard of supervisors.

As someone that's married to an active Sonoma County RN, I can tell you with certainty, their response and proactive approach to this virus has been phenomenal and has without a doubt, kept many people healthy and saved lives.

I'm certain that Dr. Pace would be in agreement.

Thanks, Dave

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**Public Comment from 4/21/2020 BOS mtg,
RE: Waste Water treatment plant operators**

From: marilyn taylor [mailto:smileyone4888@yahoo.com]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Timed item 6.3

As water/WASTEWATER treatment plant operators and distribution/collection system workers, we are now working in close contact with a medium which is now being tested (& we are the ones pulling the samples) for the presence of Covid-19. All 4 plants we are taking samples from have now tested positive. Some say we are compensated by our wages for these hazards, but the county just surveyed and found out that all it's employees are grossly underpaid. Even if this were not the case, we have known effective treatments and inoculations for the stuff previously in wastewater. There is no such thing, as yet, for Covid-19 AND the Covid virus is much more easily transmitted to our families!

We should be getting appropriate compensation for this extra risk.

Between the "temporary hold" put on wage hikes agreed upon by the County and the union, and the lack of hazard pay where appropriate, it will be a wonder if the water and wastewater workers for the county don't start bailing out, for greener pastures, as they already were based upon the findings of the survey.

Sent from my iPhone

RE: Construction Restrictions

From: Eryck Lee [mailto:l0419034@go.yccd.edu]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Construction Restrictions I thought I read that our construction sites are closed locally until the health department goes and looks at them. This seems detrimental to our local small construction companies if this is the case. It is my understanding that our health department is small and would only be looking at a couple sites a day whenever they do start. If this is true, this needs to be revisited. I am certain that many of these sites are families homes who are having to pay rent or worse live in uncomfortable living situations until their home is done.

RE: Hazardous Duty Leave 4/21/2020 Item 6.3

From: Christina Lloyd [mailto:christinalloyd@gmail.com]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]6.3

Will this apply to essential workers stationed at home?

Christina Lloyd

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]REOPEN LAKE COUNTY NOW

Country That Refused To Lock Down for Coronavirus Sees Good Results Sweden's top epidemiologist believes his country could reach "herd immunity" for COVID-19 in the population by May.

'According to our modelers, we are starting to see so many immune people in the population in Stockholm that it is starting to have an effect. Quarantine the sick, NOT THE HEALTHY.

Stephanie J. Vandagriff

Sweden Official: Coronavirus Strategy of Keeping the Country Open Seems To Be Working



By **Randy DeSoto**
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Sweden's top epidemiologist believes his country could reach "herd immunity" for COVID-19 in the population by May.

"According to our modelers [at the Public Health Agency of Sweden], we are starting to see so many immune people in the population in Stockholm that it is starting to have an effect on the spread of the infection," Dr. Anders Tegnell recently told local reporters, according to the U.K. [Daily Mail](#).

“Our models point to some time in May.”

While Sweden has canceled large sporting and other events, schools, gyms, bars and restaurants have remained open, relying on citizens to do what is necessary to keep themselves safe.

“The government has banned gatherings of 50 people and barred visits to nursing homes. It also banned non-essential travel to Sweden from outside the EU,” the Daily Mail reported.

John Burn-Murdoch of the Financial Times noted in a Monday tweet that Stockholm, Sweden’s capital city and largest population center (2.4 million in the metro area), has seen a decline in new hospitalizations.

Stockholm:

- *Remember Sweden has not locked down like most places. Social gatherings still common.*
 - *But data show steady deceleration in new hospitalisations*
 - *Daily hospital beds occupied now unchanged vs last week, and on course for net week-on-week reduction very soon* pic.twitter.com/pomIvTdSuu
- John Burn-Murdoch (@jburnmurdoch) April 20, 2020

According to [Johns Hopkins](#), Sweden has 14,777 confirmed cases and 1,580 deaths.

Critics have pointed out that Sweden has had a significantly higher death rate — at 118 per one million people — than the surrounding Nordic nations of Norway, Finland and Denmark.

“Sweden’s per-million tally is also significantly higher than the 42 recorded in Germany – but remains lower than the [United Kingdom’s] rate of 182 (as of Tuesday) and far below Italy’s 349 and Spain’s 399,” The Guardian reported.

Also worth noting that Sweden’s death rate (the yellow line) far exceeds those of its Nordic neighbours. Herd immunity has a cost.

Statista shows Sweden’s death rate per million at approximately 151 versus the United States at 124.

Tegnell is confident that his country made the right call in not going into a lockdown.

“I am very skeptical of lockdowns altogether but if you ever do them, you should do them at an early stage,” he said.

“So far, what we are doing is working,” Tegnell added. “In a sense we are beating it, and I am confident we are doing the best we can in the circumstances.”

The doctor's assessment of Sweden's less aggressive approach to the coronavirus outbreak comes as state governors weigh when and how to reopen their economies.

At the coronavirus task force news briefing on Monday at the White House, President Donald Trump highlighted that thirty states have one or less cases per 1,000 people.

"Far fewer cases per capita as an example than Germany, the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Ireland, Switzerland, Singapore, Belgium, Spain, Norway, the Netherlands, Austria, Sweden," he said.

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From: owner@propreus.com [mailto:owner@propreus.com]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]Open The County!

BOS,

Enough is enough. It is time to open the county. After all the shutdowns in the past few years, it is time to take bold steps and re-open the county.

In addition, I am demanding that Dr. Pace be relieved of his duties to control this situation. I do not believe he is qualified to make these types of recommendations. He is a general practitioner who needs to go back to Healdsburg. He has only been involved with Lake County for a few months and has very little, if any, personal experience of the shutdown history of Lake County over the past few years. For a doctor, he has very bad "bedside manner", when it comes to the mental and economic health of this county, despite some background in psychology. The citizens of Lake County need to be treated with compassion and understanding, not with continued threats and bullying.

Let the citizens of Lake County get back to work and play. Really? No fishing or boating? In a area with a large lake? Open the county and send Dr. Pace home!

Regards.

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Subject: [EXTERNAL]drpace health report

Dear Board / Dr Pace

Thank you for keeping us safe in lake county. I notice that the number of tests is very low. How much testing do we need to actually know we are safe to open up here?

Thanks,
Dan Mitchell, Kelseyville

From: Alicia Adams [mailto:alicia.paralegal@gmail.com]
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Subject: [EXTERNAL]COVID-19 - reopen plan

Hello Everyone,

I would urge our Board of Supervisors be cautious when making decisions on loosening restrictions. I have not heard anyone discuss the fact that Lake County has a senior citizen population at just over 22% while the state average is just over 14%. The CDC lists people that are 65 or older as a higher risk for complications from COVID19. When the Board speaks of reopening the economy in a way that makes sense for Lake County, I do hope that they take our senior population into consideration.

Thank you,

Alicia Adams
