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With my 19 years experience exercising and evaluating diseases containment responses I respectfully submit this. In this COVID environment, there will never be a point that provides "No risk" or "No threat" of becoming infected. We are entering our third year in response to COVID and our 43 fourteen day incubation cycle since last state to shut down responding to this pandemic, in comparison The 1918 Spanish flu, lasted between one and two years. COVID is still persistent across the world and variants continue to be found. We are far beyond the interdiction and containment phase of this response, the transition to recovery was reached with the development of medical countermeasures. With vaccination reducing the threat of overwhelming the health-care system and with therapeutics to reduce hospitalization time. At this point adding a County "mask mandates with fines on its citizens". Is "Tactics without strategy" To quote Sun Tzu from The Art of War - our county need a mitigation and recovery plan. A plan that strategically manages resources and supports medical and non medical tasks. I would like to recommend the following: 1. Robust access to Free vaccinations for those who need or want them. 2. Increase surge and therapeutic capability at the hospital and across the county health care system 3. Support, endorse and educate hand hygiene practices 4. Support, endorse and educate "stay home when sick" with free at home test kits 5. Support, endorse and educate PPE for the "At Risk" of severe sickness population 6. Publish

a county COVID Mitigation Action and Recovery Plan 7. Support and endorse the use of positive incentives, not impose draconian laws with mandates and fines. I would like to point out that National Governors Association Center for Best Practices Wrote in 2006 a primer for PREPARING FOR A PANDEMIC INFLUENZA “The use of legal instruments should be the weapon of last resort.”

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