

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF DOUGLAS, COLORADO

RESOLUTION OPTING OUT OF TRI-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
MANDATORY MASK ORDER FOR STUDENTS AGE 2-11.

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") in November 2020, reached an agreement with the Board of Health (BOH) for the Tri-County Health Department (TCHD) to allow individual counties to opt-out of TCHD public health orders (PHO's) when the Board deems it is appropriate to do so; and

WHEREAS, after meeting on August 16th and 17th 2021, the BOH passed a PHO "requiring masking for staff and children in childcare and school settings serving students 11 and younger" within TCHD jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the Board is against unnecessary governmental mandates of any kind and further believes that the mask PHO is unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, the Board has not received any peer-reviewed scientific research from public health experts, nor has the Board received supportive data from Tri-County Health Department or hospitals that would indicate the Delta Variant is more severe for people under 12.

WHEREAS, opting out of the TCHD mask order will restore a combination of local and parental discretion regarding how best to keep kids safe and how best to balance mental and physical health needs for children; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board hereby opts out of the Tri-County Health Department Public Health Order dated August 17, 2021 to take effect August 23, 2021 that would have required masking for staff and children in childcares and schools serving students 11 and younger.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 19th day of August, 2021, in Castle Rock, Douglas County, Colorado.

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