



GOVERNOR'S PUBLIC HEALTH COMMISSION

Public Comments Summary

Number of Comments: 102

Timeframe: January 12 – February 8, 2022

No. of Comments	Topic	Summary
64	Role of public health (opposition to public health authority and mandates)	<p>There were 64 respondents who all voiced opposition to expansion of public health authority and the ability of public health officials to mandate regulations (e.g., mask and vaccine mandates) or enforce laws. These respondents recommended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limiting the power and control of public health departments and health officials, especially in regard to issuing mandates Limiting public health funding Stopping health departments from providing medical services such as administering vaccines and refer residents to medical providers to receive services and engage in care
20	COVID vaccine and mask mandates (opposed)	<p>There were 20 respondents who are greatly opposed to vaccine and mask mandates. Some commenters were particularly opposed to vaccine and mask mandates for children in schools.</p>
6	Other	<p>There were 6 respondents who submitted specific feedback regarding a range of topics. These comments included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Four respondents were opposed to the inclusion of a former CDC official on the GPHC and one respondent expressed dissatisfaction with the GPHC citizen representative One respondent emphasized the importance of public health to the business community when making new business site selections and also drew attention to the progress made by the state in implementing a statewide trauma system
5	Public health listening tours	<p>There were five respondents upset that the public listening tours were cancelled, and hope to be able to provide feedback to the Commission</p>
3	Adolescent/childhood health	<p>There was one respondent from Jump IN for Healthy Kids interested in how the Commission plans to address solutions to chronic health conditions such as obesity, and offered to provide expertise in their work, what they have learned from their research, and what is needed to improve/decrease childhood obesity in central Indiana</p> <p>There were two respondents who were opposed to health information of children being shared with the state or any other institutions outside of their healthcare providers</p>

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3	COVID vaccine and mask mandates (in support of)	One respondent is strongly in favor of reinstating mandatory masks in schools instead of giving control to local school boards to decide. Two respondents suggested enforcing mask and vaccine mandates since there are currently no consequences for those who do not abide by public health guidance. One respondent thanked the governor for making hard decisions throughout the pandemic and encouraged him to be diligent in the fight against COVID.
1	Public health funding	There was one respondent in favor of increased public health funding, especially in regard to allocation of resources and increased pay for public health professionals