



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

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RESOLUTION

R144 - 2021

Introduced by City Council on September 8, 2021

Recommends Vaccinations and Masking as a Means of Adding Social and Economic Value to our Community

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, the CDCs national ensemble predicts that the number of new daily confirmed COVID-19 hospital admissions will likely increase over the next 4 weeks, and

WHEREAS, much of the south is nearing a breaking point in their hospitals because of people not being vaccinated and not wearing masks; and

WHEREAS, to paraphrase an editorial in the NYT, rejecting a shot or refusing to wear masks is not a personal choice, such behavior increases our risk of catching a potentially deadly and disabling disease and perpetuates economic and social costs to our community including putting at risk our youth, in effect denying them an effective education – depriving us of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown's Health Bureau, noting the number of hospitalizations among the unvaccinated, strongly recommends people consider vaccination; and

WHEREAS, the City of Allentown's Health Bureau encourages citizens to mask when having close contact indoors with others outside your family or any time you are within 6 feet of others for a prolonged period; and

WHEREAS, recent polling suggests the public strongly supports mask mandates and an overwhelming majority opposed attempts to prevent local school districts from protecting children; and

WHEREAS, the FDA has given its full approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for 16 and over, calling it a "key achievement for public health

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT ALLENTOWN CITY COUNCIL hereby asks others to step up to the plate and do their job in supporting our community by:

1. Getting the vaccination and masking up.
2. Recommending businesses and local governments consider vaccinations as a requirement of work.
3. Encouraging all businesses to require proof of vaccination to enter.
4. Examine establishing an insurance premium or no sick day policy for non-vaccinated individuals.

