

# MAMMOTH GROUP

Our Breakdown Of The Public Health Code of Ethics From The American Public Health Association in relation to Covid-19 Policy.

## THE BREAKDOWN OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH CODE OF ETHICS:

The following document uses sections from the Public Health Code of Ethics as proclaimed by the American Public Health Association. After each section Mammoth Group assesses the code and applies it to Mono County officials and Covid-19 policy.

### **Flourishing:**

1. Flourishing occurs when capabilities for agency, creativity, intelligence, understanding, emotional engagement, and other positive human potentialities take shape in the form of lives well lived.

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The Covid-19 policies and health emergency are not allowing this community, state or country to flourish.

### **Flourishing:**

2. The term human flourishing also underscores the relational interdependence among human beings, which is expressed in virtually all social and cultural activity and fits well with the contemporary understanding of the social determinants of health.

### **MAMMOTH GROUP:**

Everyone is wearing masks, we can't see people's faces or identities. People are less trusting of one another. Masks cause anxiety and fear. Communication is a struggle when you can't see people's mouths and their speech is muffled.

Even though there is no conclusive evidence that masks do anything to prevent the spread of influenza viruses, our public health officials still push this anti-flourishing and dehumanizing practice. WHY?

In fact, there is more evidence that suggests masks do not help reduce the spread of influenza viruses. Not only that, but there are studies on masks that have indicated that when used improperly, they can actually make things worse and increase disease transmission as well as having other negative side effects.

### **Flourishing:**

3. The opposite of human flourishing is not only disease or ill health but also domination, inequity, discrimination, exploitation, exclusion, suffering, and despair: in a word, the stultification and denial of optimal human self-realization and thriving human communities.

### **MAMMOTH GROUP:**

Our public health officials, aided by government officials are literally opposing the most important aspect of human health. The opportunity and conditions for humans to flourish are actively being suppressed and denied!

Don't believe in the pseudoscience that masks are magical and protect you from Covid-19? You are discriminated against, excluded and consequently suffer and despair from your exclusion.

Can't see the reasoning behind going to a restaurant with a mask on and then when you sit down you are suddenly immune to Covid-19? Oh, that myth has been debunked.. all you have to do is constantly touch your mask as you take it on and off after every bite. That sure makes a lot of sense!

The exploitation of our children. Forcing children to wear masks for school is child abuse. Impairing a child's emotional development and social skills all while teaching them to keep their distance from one another because they are diseased, is child abuse. Children can't see other people's faces and therefore struggle to identify someone else's emotional state, that is child abuse.

The public health policy for Covid-19 is anti-flourishing, completely ridiculous and wrong.

## SECTION 2. PUBLIC HEALTH CORE VALUES AND RELATED OBLIGATIONS

### **Professionalism and Trust.**

The effectiveness of public health policies, practices, and actions depends upon public trust gained through decisions based on the highest ethical, scientific, and professional standards. Public health gains public trust in part because its practices are informed by evidence. When the needed evidence is lacking, public health seeks it, and when the evidence reveals faulty or inadequate practices, public health seeks to improve those practices. Public health practitioners and organizations promote competence, honesty, and accuracy and ensure that their work is not unduly influenced by secondary interests. Public health decision makers need to be transparent and honest about disclosing conflicting interests and influences.

### **MAMMOTH GROUP:**

Where is the evidence that Mono County has been and is still experiencing a health emergency? What evidence based on the highest ethical, scientific, and professional standards have our health officials or

government officials provided to justify their public health policies, measures and practices? NONE!

Is your idea of the highest scientific standards a quick search on google? Read the first 5 items on your web search and you know it all? Disgraceful! Pathetic!

Mono County officials have shown a complete disdain for competence, honesty and accuracy, and are clearly influenced by secondary interests. Secondary interests for example;

1. Gained powers from the Emergency Services Act.
2. Lack of accountability for continuing a health emergency from Governor Newsom's proclamation for a state of emergency which waives your obligation to follow the law. (You are still breaking the law!)
3. Financial gain from propagating a health emergency, on a county level and an individual level in some cases.

*"When the needed evidence is lacking, public health seeks it, and when the evidence reveals faulty or inadequate practices, public health seeks to improve those practices."*

We have asked Bryan Wheeler, Dr. Boo, among others for evidence to support their Covid-19 policies, yet we are IGNORED or inadequately addressed. During a so called health emergency! What does that say about our health officials and their integrity? What does that say about their knowledge of health and science?

## **B. Health and Safety.**

Health and safety are essential conditions for human flourishing. Public health practitioners and organizations have an ethical responsibility to prevent, minimize, and mitigate health harms and to promote and protect public safety, health, and well-being.

### **MAMMOTH GROUP:**

Our local health officials and government officials have shown a mono maniacal bias for one aspect of public health. Throw all other aspects of public health out the window for Covid-19 policy. All for a virus that has been proven to be about as deadly as the seasonal flu. Talk about a complete failure of and disregard for the Public Health Code of Ethics.

## **E. Human Rights and Civil Liberties.**

While coercive legal measures limiting behavior can be ethically justified in certain circumstances, overall the effective and ethical practice of public health depends upon social and cultural conditions of respect for personal autonomy, self-determination, privacy, and the absence of domination in its many

interpersonal and institutional forms. Contemporary public health respects and helps sustain those social and cultural conditions.

### **MAMMOTH GROUP:**

The State of California and Mono County's Covid-19 policies have dominated our lives. The Covid-19 policies have trampled on our god given rights, with complete disrespect for personal autonomy, self-determination, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.

Mono County officials idea of contemporary public health has highlighted their disdain for the social and cultural conditions which allow one to flourish.

### **F. Inclusivity and Engagement.**

Preventing adverse health outcomes and protecting and promoting the flourishing of individuals, societies, and ecosystems require informed public decision-making processes that engage affected individuals and communities. Public health practitioners and organizations have an ethical responsibility to be transparent, to be accountable to the public at large, and to include and engage diverse publics, communities, or stakeholders in their decision making.

### **MAMMOTH GROUP:**

Our local public health practitioners and organizations have shown an extreme lack of transparency and accountability. The local health practitioners do not engage our inquiries and are not acknowledging the evidence we bring to the table. Disregarding yet one more ethical standard for public health.

### **PERMISSIBILITY:**

“Would the action being considered be ethically wrong even if it were to have a good outcome?”

Ethics seeks to define and distinguish conduct that is morally permitted from conduct that is morally prohibited.

Finally, a discussion of the criterion of permissibility in moral reasoning would be incomplete

without brief mention of a complex topic: the relationship between ethics and the law. Ethical public health practice must be set within the parameters of the law at any given time and within established procedures for changing the law over time. An ethical professional should strive to work within the law to serve the needs, rights, and well-being of individuals and society at large. In addition, individual professionals and organizations can ethically strive to change the law through the democratic and judicial process.

## **MAMMOTH GROUP:**

*“Would the action being considered be ethically wrong even if it were to have a good outcome?”*

Lets see...

Business shutdowns.

Lock people in their homes.

Isolate people.

Fear mongering and hype of Covid-19

Deprive people of normal social interaction by mandating the wearing of masks.

Deprive people of their rights to gather and assemble peaceably.

Prevent people from visiting their loved ones in care facilities.

Put tens of millions of people at risk of starvation due to the economic fallout from lockdowns and restrictions.

Tell people its not safe to be within 6 feet of each other because people are disease ridden.

60+ million Americans filing for unemployment destroying their sense of independence and self respect.

And more... All clearly ethically wrong.

Calling this the "New Normal"

As a consequence of Covid-19 policies:

Increased drug abuse, alcoholism, domestic violence, suicide, civil unrest, social divisiveness,

economic hardship, and creating an environment that goes against the Public Health Code of Ethics stated goal to help people flourish. This is YOUR "New Normal" not ours!

All for a virus that has been proven to be about as deadly as the seasonal flu.

Suffering, despair and death is on your hands public health officials, and anyone else who is in favor for continuing this vile madness. These unethical outcomes are something a psychopath or murderer would be in favor of.

*"Ethical public health practice must be set within the parameters of the law at any given time"*

According to the parameters of the law, California Government Code 8558(b.)(c.), A state of emergency or local emergency must illustrate that the services, personnel, equipment, and facilities are not sufficient to control the situation.

Has Mammoth Hospital been overwhelmed once since the health emergency declaration on March 15th? No.

Have our local services, personnel, equipment, and facilities been inadequate to deal with Covid-19? No.

Therefore, Mono County officials and their appointees are in violation of GOV § 8558(b.)(c.) and breaching the Public Health Code of Ethics.

[Fun fact] - The Covid-19 policies, mandates, and declared health emergency drove larger than normal crowds to our area. The very policies which have been implemented in the name of reducing the strain on our resources... get this... created a bigger strain on our local services, personnel, equipment, and facilities than Covid-19!

### **Respect:**

"Would the proposed action be demeaning or disrespectful to individuals and communities even if it benefited their health?"

### **MAMMOTH GROUP:**

Lets see... Treating people like imbeciles by telling them to wash their hands feels demeaning and disrespectful to us.

Eliminating ones ability to provide for themselves and their families feels demeaning and disrespectful to us.

Causing one to lose their job and or livelihood, inducing a severe loss of independence and self

respect feels demeaning and disrespectful to us.

Telling people to wear a mask is demeaning and disrespectful to us.

Telling people its not safe to gather regardless of size while you furnish a government civic center is demeaning and disrespectful to us.

Telling people at resteraunts to remove their masks in-between bites is demeaning and disrespectful to us!

Covid19help@mono.ca.gov not responding to our emails during a "so called emergency" feels demeaning and disrespectful to us.

Government representatives and appointees not returning our phone calls and not responding to emails feels demeaning and disrespectful to us.

Not going over data we provide as we requested during county board meetings feels demeaning and disrespectful to us.

Getting increases to your salaries and benefits while in an official economic recession (in our groups opinion it is a global depression). Meanwhile your Covid-19 policies cause people to lose their businesses, jobs, and livelihoods. That feels demeaning and disrepectful to us.

All this demeaning and disrespect for a virus that has been proven to be about as deadly as the seasonal flu. Complete lunacy and absolutely despicable!

### **Reciprocity:**

“Have we done what is reasonable to offset the potential harms and losses that the proposed action imposes on individuals and communities?”

### **MAMMOTH GROUP:**

Mono County's policy decisions and willingness to do whatever your told regardless of whether it is right or wrong, has undoubtedly caused far more of a public health crises than Covid-19.

Our collective public health officials have failed miserably in their duties and are directly and indirectly responsible for millions upon millions of hardships and deaths caused by their POLICY DECISIONS, NOT COVID-19!

## **Effectiveness:**

“Is it reasonable to expect, based on best available evidence and past experience, that the proposed action would achieve its stated health goals?”

Action for its own sake without a reasonable likelihood of effective success is not ethically justified. For example, in an epidemic situation, especially one involving an unfamiliar pathogen or a grave infectious disease, measures involving quarantine or restriction on travel or assembly might be considered for political reasons, even when the evidence of their effectiveness in containing the epidemic is weak. Since substantial human, environmental, and economic costs—intended or unintended, current or long term—are associated with such measures, lack of evidence for their effectiveness would provide one ethical argument against their use.

## **MAMMOTH GROUP:**

Have Mono County Officials learned anything over the last seven months? Do you still think your actions and policies for Covid-19 have achieved your stated health goals? Do you critically think at all? Or do you just follow orders regardless of whether it is right or wrong? What evidence do you have to justify your Covid-19 policies and the continuation of the health emergency in Mono County?

## **Proportionality:**

“Would the proposed action demonstrate that public health practitioners are using their power and authority judiciously and with humility?”

A proportionate action would be one in which the means used to attain a public health goal are reasonable in light of the benefits they bring and the costs they impose, provided that those benefits and costs are distributed equitably and in a fair and nondiscriminatory way.

Conversely, a disproportionate action would be one that involves a very small chance of significant benefit to a few and the cost of widespread deprivation or harm to many. For example, it has been argued that public health and safety goals can at times justifiably override other values, such as personal liberty, but that public health actions should nonetheless adopt the least restrictive alternative that will meet the public health goal.

## **MAMMOTH GROUP:**

Do Mono County Health practitioners and government officials think the Covid-19 policies are a proportionate action or a disproportionate action? If you believe the Covid-19 policies are proportionate, please enlighten us with all your science, facts, and data that justifies your position.



## **Accountability and Transparency:**

“Would the proposed action withstand close ethical scrutiny and be justified by valid reasons that the general public will understand?”

Public health practice relies on the support and voluntary cooperation of individuals and communities, both of which require trust. Trust is built on ongoing transparency and accountability. This can involve explaining actions and motives even when no critical questions are being asked. By giving an account of the reasoning and evidence behind a program, public health practitioners demonstrate respect for affected communities and stakeholders. This also helps members of the public understand the difficulty and seriousness of purpose involved in public health decision making, even if they disagree with the specific decision or outcome in question. Real-time transparency, especially in crisis or emergency situations, might not always be feasible or desirable; protecting individual privacy and avoiding public panic might be overriding considerations. But retrospective transparency of evidence and ethical reasoning is almost always a good ethical practice. It is the hallmark of learning organizations and reflective professional practice.

## **MAMMOTH GROUP:**

We have seen no accountability, no transparency and no debate of evidence that justifies your Covid-19 policy. Once again our public health officials have seemingly all but abandoned the Public Health Code of Ethics. How can anyone in their right mind trust health practitioners that continue to push the narrative that Mono County has been experiencing a health emergency for over 7 months, when all evidence suggests otherwise?

## **Public Participation:**

“In deciding on a proposed action, have all potentially affected stakeholders had a meaningful opportunity to participate. If some are to be deliberately excluded from decision making, is there an ethical justification for doing so?”

"Public participation refers to the meaningful involvement of members of the public in public health research, decision making, planning, policy, and practice. Public participation should ensure that participants and decision makers alike are mutually informed and engaged in dialogue and exchange"

"There are many different forms and methods of public deliberation. All share a commitment to the use of balanced, nonpartisan evidence and information to ensure that deliberations are well informed."

## **MAMMOTH GROUP:**

Have all potentially affected stakeholders had a meaningful opportunity to participate in decision making? NO we have not! We hope your paychecks and pensions are worth throwing the Public Health Code of Ethics and your moral duties into the proverbial dumpster fire.

Our attempts at meaningful involvement, public health research, dialogue and exchange have not been embraced by our local health officials. Quite the contrary!

No such commitment to the use of balanced, nonpartisan evidence and information has been honored while Mammoth Group attempted to share information that would benefit public health.

In conclusion, our public health officials and those who appointed them, have demonstrated a complete disregard for the Public Health Code of Ethics!

1. Source: The American Public Health Association Code of Ethics

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