

Chairman Lipps, Vice Chair Holmes, Ranking Member Russo, and Members of the House Health Committee, thank you for the opportunity to provide proponent testimony on House Bill 248.

My name is David Hayes and I am a father of two high school age children and one college age child. The reason I support House Bill 248 is because public school administrators are already taking it upon themselves to discriminate against children who are not vaccinated with the experimental and deadly CoVid-19 vaccine. School administrators do not seem to be concerned with the real risks involved with this vaccine or any parental objections for any reason – they are simply creating a tiered system of vaccinated vs. unvaccinated, where more freedoms and opportunities are afforded the vaccinated. Please see the following excerpt of a newsletter sent to parents from Mr. Jim Keiper, principal of Eastwood High School, Eastwood Local School District, Wood County, OH:

“As more of our students receive the CoVid Vaccine, **we are asking that we receive a copy of their vaccine card.** This will assist if we ever find ourselves in a potential quarantine situation, and will allow our records to be current. I would also recommend that your student put a picture of their card in their phone in the event they lose the paper copy or need to show it and do not have it with them. We are not mandating the CoVid vaccine, but are leaving that decision up to families and their doctors.”

Why does the school want a copy of a vaccine record that is not required? And even more disturbing is that they want students to carry their vaccine cards with them “in the event...they...need to show it”. What possible reason would students need to show the school administration their vaccine status, unless the school intends to grant special privileges to vaccinated students or to penalize students who are not vaccinated? This seems to be confirmed in an email sent to parents by Mr. Brent Welker, Superintendent, Eastwood Local School District, Wood County, OH:

“Beginning on June 2nd, the current health orders governing schools are set to expire. These include mask mandates, social distancing requirements, and indoor capacity limits.

So what does this mean for us?

Starting on June 2nd, masks will be **optional** for the last three days of school. There are some caveats, however.

1. If a student is unmasked and exposed to a positive student, they will be required to quarantine for 10 days if they were within 6 feet.
2. This will not apply to students who are fully vaccinated.”

And another excerpt from the same email, in reference to vaccinating 12-16 year old students:

“I know there are mixed feelings about this and parents have to make determinations for their children. We do expect that next year students who have been vaccinated will not have to quarantine if they are exposed. For some this may make a difference, and for others it will not. We just want to be upfront with everyone. “

In addition to the unfair and preferential treatment being planned for vaccinated students, how can the school district possibly comply with HIPAA / FERPA regulations that do not allow them to share personal

information? How can the school treat students differently based solely on vaccine status and not reveal who has been vaccinated and who has not?

In a similar fashion my oldest child, who is planning on attending Bowling Green State University this fall, will be discriminated against based solely on vaccine status. Please see the following excerpt of an email sent by Mr. Ben Batey, Chief Health Officer, Bowling Green State University:

“Fully vaccinated individuals will no longer be required to wear face coverings outdoors while on BGSU campuses;

Fully vaccinated individuals will no longer be required to wear face coverings indoors, unless they are in a group setting of 10 or more individuals, while on BGSU campuses;

Unvaccinated individuals will be required to wear face coverings whenever they are around others on campus, both indoors and outdoors.”

These are very serious discrimination and privacy concerns that Ohio public schools and universities simply dismiss. The passage of House Bill 248 will speak clearly to these administrators, defining the role they are to take regarding any vaccine.

Thank you once again for this opportunity to provide testimony on the need for and urgency of House Bill 248.

Sincerely,
David Hayes