

Ohio is unique. We're one of just 15 states that has 3 exemptions for childhood K-12 vaccines written into our state law. (see ORC 3313.671-B-4) Parents can decline to have their kids vaccinated for medical, religious, and philosophical reasons. They decline by submitting a statement to their child's school. The school accepts the declination statement. The school does not approve it, question it, judge it, debate it, counter it, or otherwise comment. It simply follows the law & accepts the exemption.

It's unfathomable to me to think that someone like my daughter, who was religiously exempt from vaccines her whole life would then, upon turning 18 and graduating, suddenly have to get the latest pharmaceutical recommendation to gain entrance to a public college, to go out to eat, to attend a concert, to travel on a plane, to see a doctor, or to get a job. Each of these places would have different processes. One place may accept a medical exemption, but not a religious one. Another may accept a religious exemption, but not a philosophical one. Yet another place may say they accept religious exemption, but then deny it after it's submitted. The place that accepts the religious exemption may actually just be providing a "religious accommodation", which is not an exemption at all. An "accommodation" could mean punishing the religious exempt in perpetuity with things such as forced twice-weekly testing, daily temperature checks, and masks for the rest of their lives. Let's have some continuity here. Ohio has 3 exemptions for children, let's also have 3 exemptions for adults. Even better, let's err on the side of liberty and have no adult vaccine mandates at all. I sincerely believe that if these adult mandates go through, it will be the end of religious freedom in the United States as we know it. Evil is the destruction of freedom. When free, you can build glory, peace, prosperity, and joy into the world. Evil enslaves. Evil is found in words such as force, compulsion, tax, violence, theft, and censure. Notice that in such things, there is no joy. None have any value to humanity. Ohio needs to pass HB248.

People are not sick until proven healthy. What a hateful, violent, counter-factual, and unloving assumption to make. We do not want a divided society & medical apartheid here in Ohio. We do not put billions in pharmaceutical profits and gains in our investments (investments with medical holdings) ahead of religious, philosophical, and medical freedom. Our businesses, government, and schools do not have the right to play God over someone else's bodily autonomy. Our bodies were given to us by God and belong to us. They do not belong to the government or to our employers. We do not need various entities in our life to become a "church court" sitting like kings deciding who shall be granted privileges; privileges previously known as rights. Freedom is the greater good.

Bonus testimony:

Natural immunity is being completely ignored. Americans that already had covid have antibodies that may last years. Cleveland Clinic has recommended that those with natural immunity do not get the vaccine, based on complications they have seen. Everyone has already either had covid, gotten the shot, or declined the shot. Mandates are unnecessary. Carnival Cruise has had a covid outbreak on a ship despite every guest & staff being vaccinated! Natural treatments and other FDA approved treatments are being ignored such as Zinc, Ivermectin, HCQ, and inhaled Budesonide, which is an effective outpatient treatment for C-19 that has been used by ER physician Richard Bartlett, in Lubbock, Texas. Budesonide, an asthma treatment, has been FDA approved & safely used for 28 years, and has proven effective for C-19 patients. If we really care about the options for C-19 patients, why are these treatments being ignored?