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From: Bob Welsh <bwelsh132@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 6, 2020 10:14 PM
To: Gayle Israel; Supervisor Candace Andersen; Julie Enea
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Cases and Deaths - Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) - County of Santa Clara

While it appears we are seeing a positive trend with the hospitalizations/ICU, I am appalled to see the LTC is at 29 active outbreaks! When is the Health Officer going to acknowledge the issue is not the (stacked) positive cases/rate that is the concern, it is the LTC facilities and focus on their issues that should be the primary focus.

Punishing kids (schools, sports, general activity), businesses, and well being of the majority of the population has been, and continues to be, the wrong move... data absolutely supports this.

We implore the Health Officer to stop pushing fear on the majority of the County that is unwarranted, and to redirect his focus on the primary area that is clearly the most vulnerable... the elderly and those in LTC facilities.

As boldly and accurately stated today by the San Mateo Health Officer, our Officer needs to stand up for what is right and push back on the States poor management of this virus.

<https://www.ktvu.com/news/san-mateo-county-health-officer-feels-the-state-coronavirus-response-is-flawed>

On Jul 30, 2020, at 3:42 PM, Bob Welsh <bwelsh132@gmail.com> wrote:

Well, looks like the Health Officer took his time today to again do nothing but stoke fear and panic without basing any of his rhetoric on context and clarity.

His principal message today was "cases up, hospitalization up, deaths up, we are in trouble and we'll shut down ...".

- we all know cases being reported are back logged, multiple positives/person, and other questionable information. Why don't you show date of test and each of those other data points? If you can't, then to use your daily reporting only as a tool to judge positivity rate is totally misleading. Unfortunate as this is one of the arbitrary indicators out in place by the governor.
- Do you think people should know that in last 14 days almost 70% of the positives cases come from 5 cities, and over 20% from one? And overall 70% of positive cases come from 5 cities? Don't tell us we are spiking as a County when that is not true. Majority of people know where these cases are and what's driving them. By leaving this out when saying you'll shut down businesses in County, you are not being honest with the full information.
- Doctor referred to what possibly was a question on hospitalization and how the long term care outbreaks are affecting this. He felt the need to say that only 500 cases are from LTC so it's a small portion of cases. Did he miss his own reporting that over 70% of deaths are from LTC? So yes, the cases are not high in comparison but seems to me these are the people mostly impacted and probably going to the hospital. So now with 21 active outbreaks in our LTC facilities, seems the question on how many of these people are in hospital seems fairly relevant if he's going to use this as threatening to shut down businesses again.
- and referring to deaths, which he also used out of context today. Yes we see these on the reporting. Does he want to let everyone know that 80% of these tragic deaths are over 70 years old,

even those that are being reported as part of his panic inducing comments of deaths rising? And that there's a pretty strong chance these are coming from the LTC outbreaks. Does he also want to let everyone know when each of these deaths occurred, and that when (7) are reported they actually occurred spread out over weeks before. Context matters, especially when your pushing panic.

Bottom line is our kids can't go to school, kids lives are severely disrupted, and people and businesses continue to struggle. But all the County data does not support this. Shameful.

On Jul 24, 2020, at 7:08 PM, Bob Welsh <bwelsh132@gmail.com> wrote:

Unfortunately I was not able to participate in yesterday's Ad Hoc meeting, but did see my email/questions were listed on the agenda. I know a person who did join, and heard from them that there was essentially zero response to these questions and others, despite further questioning the Health Officer verbally. Further, at no point did anyone on the Board press this as well. Truly unfortunate. It is clear there is very little concern to provide clear information and data supported with context to CC residents from the County Health Department. The claim there are privacy or the "breakdown of that level of information" is unavailable is an unacceptable response. We will again be left to assume this is due to an agenda that is being driven at the local, County and state level. As they say, information is power, and as long as you limit what information is known by those that challenge your opinion, it allows you to continue pushing your narrative.

The County Covid reporting, meetings and information provided have become useless. Our children are suffering greatly from all of this. Their education, general well being and all of their extracurricular activities are all impacted. Businesses are closing and people are struggling. These are all avoidable damages if someone would step up and be honest with who and is truly affected by this virus. Such a tremendous shame.

Our focus will be to press as hard as possible in the coming elections to replace all of the local, County and state politicians that have been complicit with all of this. This starts in November with the CA State Senate seat, State Assembly seat and US House seat, all up for re-election.

We look forward to electing people into these offices that care more for our children, families and businesses than they do for politics.

Bob Welsh

On Jul 22, 2020, at 3:50 PM, Bob Welsh <bwelsh132@gmail.com> wrote:

Good afternoon,

I am still waiting on a response to my earlier questions regarding the Covid Hospitalization numbers being reported on the County Health site (1. What #/% of patients are from SNF/LTCF and the 16 active

outbreaks, 2. What #/% patients are from San Quintin or other outside County(s) from an outbreak, 3. What is avg age of patients in hospital). Hoping to get this information soon.

Further, I see that Santa Clara County includes the following disclaimer on their County reporting page...

“Deaths provided in this dashboard do not necessarily mean that the individuals died from COVID-19.”

Certainly something we've expected to be the case since day one, but hadn't seen any official acknowledgment until now. Has Contra Costa also reporting deaths one the same manner? I assume so, but would like to get official response.

Thank you.

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<https://www.sccgov.org/sites/covid19/Pages/dashboard-cases.aspx>