

# LANGLADE COUNTY



VOTE  
14 AYES  
3 NAYS  
4 ABSENT

## RESOLUTION #8-2024

INTRODUCED BY: ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE

### INTENT: INDIVIDUAL HEALTH DECISIONS PERTAINING TO COVID-19 GOVERNMENT LOCKDOWNS, VACCINE AND MASK MANDATES

**WHEREAS**, on July 30, 2020, Governor Tony Evers issued Emergency Order #1 mandating face coverings (masks) throughout Wisconsin; and

**WHEREAS**, some studies show vaccines and masks are not an effective way to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 31, 2021, the Wisconsin Supreme Court declared Wisconsin's statewide mask mandate invalid; and

**WHEREAS**, when dealing with the local conditions related to the COVID-19 virus, local authorities should exercise common sense; and

**WHEREAS**, health decisions are best made by individuals, not government; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the right of individuals to choose whether to wear a mask and whether to be vaccinated; and

**WHEREAS**, citizens have lived with COVID-19 for over 3 years and have been provided information regarding how to protect themselves from COVID-19 and are fully capable of making their own decisions; and

**WHEREAS**, lockdowns, vaccine, and mask mandates have been shown to have a negative impact on economies and mental health; and

**WHEREAS**, some entities are considering and have imposed new mask mandates in response to an apparent resurgence of the COVID-19 virus.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors, that it encourages individuals to make educated personal healthcare decisions to continue to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors does not intend to support nor impose any lockdowns, vaccine, or mask mandates related to COVID-19 or its variants; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Langlade County Board of Supervisors wishes to communicate to the people of Langlade County and to state and federal authorities:

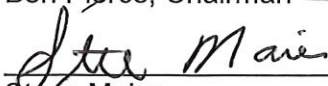
- In the absence of a state or federal lockdown, vaccine or mask mandate, Langlade County does not intend to create or enforce a mandate; and
- If the state or federal government creates a lockdown, vaccine, or mask mandate, Langlade County shall not voluntarily use its resources in support of the same and shall comply only to the extent required by law or superior authority; and
- As a statement of policy, Langlade County believes that such mandates are not proper; and

- As a matter of Constitutional Law, Langlade County believes that the prior precedent should not apply to current circumstances; and

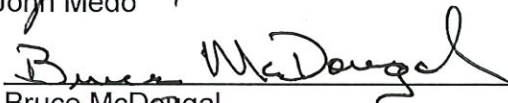
**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** by the Langlade County Board of Supervisors that a copy of this resolution shall be forwarded to Langlade County's state and federal delegations, Governor Evers, all other Wisconsin Counties, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

**ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE:**

  
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Ben Pierce, Chairman

  
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Steve Maier

  
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Andrew Bauknecht

Fiscal comment – The mask mandate cost the State millions of dollars and each County tens of thousands of dollars in sales tax. The net income lost by area businesses is infinitely large. Businesses Statewide/Nationwide have not recovered financial or in staffing since the pandemic when so many businesses were forced to close and people were forced to stay home. We do not support future mask mandates or interruptions to businesses.

Adopted by the County Board of Langlade County,  
this 24<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024.

  
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Judy Nagel, County Clerk

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