

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
Advisement of Covid Vaccination**

Whereas, primarily when indicated, the Orange County Board of Education (OCBE) supports the use of proven and reliable routine childhood vaccinations to reduce childhood diseases; and

Whereas, On October 12, 2022, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), announced that it is recommended adding the COVID-19 vaccines to the routine schedule of childhood schedule of vaccines for children; and

Whereas, the Covid vaccinations are currently authorized under the Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) act which provides the vaccine companies with immunity from all liability. Furthermore, the EUA requires the existence of an emergency and requires the availability of no other treatment options; and

Whereas, adding the Covid vaccination to the childhood recommended vaccine schedule under the National Childhood Vaccine Injury Act of 1986 provides immunity from all liability once the Covid vaccine is removed from the EUA and is approved by the FDA; and

Whereas, the risk of becoming severely ill from covid-19 increases with age. Individuals who 50 years of age or older, and particularly vulnerable patient population may want to consider vaccination. Covid vaccination may be of benefit for a very limited number of children who are at particularly higher risk of becoming severely ill based on an individual assessment by a physician³; and

Whereas, according to CDC statistics a child less than 18 years old has a statistical zero percent mortality rate from Covid-19 clearly showing there is no Covid-19 emergency in children; and

Whereas, the Board in the summer of 2020 through the pandemic of Covid-19, advanced the notion and public policy of opening schools for “in-classroom learning”, objecting to vaccine mandates because no age related medical emergency based upon existing medical data; and

Whereas, adverse side effects from the Covid vaccine in children are not completely understood or known, as the vaccine has limited long term use and no long term safety studies; and

Whereas, the Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VARES)¹ has reported that severe side effects can occur with Covid vaccines and include but are not limited to death, myocarditis and pericarditis².

Whereas, Denmark and the Danish Health Authority, understanding the scientific data, has recommend against Covid-19 vaccines for its citizens less than 18 years old³; and

¹ <https://vaers.hhs.gov/faq.html>

² <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/myocarditis.html>

³ <https://sst.dk/en/English/Corona-eng/Vaccination-against-covid-19>

