

The Vermont Emergency Forum to Assess the Respiratory Hazards of Masks

Friday, May 12, 2023: Burlington City Hall - Contois Auditorium

Accessibility, Parking, and other Details available at: vtmasksurvey.com

AGENDA:

8:30 – 9:30 REGISTRATION

9:30: INTRODUCTION- Courage and Confidence

WELCOME, OVERVIEW OF DAY: Amy Hornblas, Event Organizer

[JUST BREATHE OUT](#): Betsy Thomason, Director of [Outbreath Institute](#)

VERMONT STANDS UP: Gayle Brown & Andrea Altman

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: [Dr. Christina Parks](#)

Ph.D. in Cellular and Molecular Biology and one of the presenters at the [Frontline Doctors' Industrial Hygiene and Multidisciplinary Support Summit](#). To address the importance of respiration to systems of the body, and the effects of prolonged mask use on those systems, particularly while working, under stress, and for children and other vulnerable populations.

~ BREAK ~ 20 minutes ~

Masking in Schools Continues: Update by [Alison Despathy](#)

Educators for Responsible SPED Accommodations: [Megan Mansell](#) (Virtual)

Experienced in writing and monitoring protocol implementation under full ADA/OSHA/IDEA compliance, and author of [Accommodating Chaos: Correcting Course on a Plague of Disinformation](#). What alternatives exist? Why is the decision to mask in schools irresponsible and unethical, regardless of the reason?*

12:30 – 1:30: LUNCH - CATERED with EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION (Due: Thursday, May 4th)

Business Owners for Responsible Mask Policies: [Tammy Clark & Kristen Megan Kelly](#)

OSHA certified health and safety experts, [Stand Up Michigan](#) and [Michigan for Vaccine Choice](#) organizers. To address the existing and proposed OSHA standards, and how employees and employers can apply them responsibly in regards to respiratory health. Update on the OSHA standards intended to bring the [vaccine or mask policies](#) currently in place for [medical facilities](#) to [all workplace settings](#), and how to respond.

~ BREAK ~ 15 minutes ~

PANEL: Protecting Ourselves and Each Other

Vermonters who have stood up for themselves and others, including family physician [Dr. Sandy Reider](#), Revolutionary Respiratory Therapist Betsy Thomason, and business owners Mike and Amy Desautels.

Facilitated By: Dr. Rob Williams, Founder of [Vermont Independent](#)

BREATHING CHAMPIONS AWARD: Desautels Family

Standing up for three years to Protect [Students](#) and [Employees](#) in their Community!

Presented By: Tom Kelly, [Former](#) Deputy State's Attorney

4:30: ADJOURN

* ADA: Americans with Disabilities Act/OSHA: Occupational Safety & Health Administration/IDEA: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act

AGENDA - Hyperlinks

<https://vtmasksurvey.com/emergency-forum-to-assess-the-respiratory-hazards-of-masks/>

<https://www.amazon.es/JUST-BREATHE-OUT-Betsy-Thomason/dp/163505334X>

<https://www.outbreathinstitute.com/>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t0oi3pJ3jHw>

<https://drchristinaparks.com/covid-19>

<https://americasfrontlinedoctors.org/videos/post/the-detriment-of-masking-with-dr-christina-parks>

<https://alisondespathy.substack.com/>

<https://brownstone.org/author/megan-mansell/>

<https://www.amazon.com/Accommodating-Chaos-Correcting-course-misinformation/dp/B09YQ5JR8Q>

<https://thehighwire.com/videos/mask-whistleblowers-tell-all/>

<https://standupmichigan.com/>

<https://www.michiganvaccinechoice.org/osha>

[https://www.cavalluzzo.com/docs/default-source/default-document-library/st-michael-s-hospital-v-ona-\(c2586258xa0e3a\).pdf?sfvrsn=1e6c56d5_0](https://www.cavalluzzo.com/docs/default-source/default-document-library/st-michael-s-hospital-v-ona-(c2586258xa0e3a).pdf?sfvrsn=1e6c56d5_0)

<https://www.osha.gov/laws-regs/regulations/standardnumber/1910/1910.502>

<https://www.osha.gov/coronavirus/safework>

<https://physiciansforinformedconsent.org/>

<https://vermontindependent.net/>

<https://www.healthchoicevt.com/mask-lawsuit-filed-in-orleans-county/>

<https://www.wcax.com/2021/03/12/judge-rules-against-newport-store-owner-over-mask-violations/>

<https://vermontdailychronicle.com/deputy-states-attorney-fired-for-vax-mask-refusal/>