



**“...every mask you have ever seen on a child  
is unregulated, untested, and unsafe,  
with zero efficacy, fit, term of wear, or medical clearance standards. Zero.”**

- Megan Mansell, Former district education director over special populations integration,  
hazardous environs PPE applications, and ADA/OSHA/IDEA compliance

**The case against masks for children is irrefutable**, and we need to intervene on their behalf immediately due to the over-reach demonstrated by Vermont public schools in response to Covid-19.

**Here are some examples of the facts about masking:**

1. There is zero demonstrated benefit in masking for containing the spread of viral respiratory illness. One study [published](#) in February 2021 in the *Lancet*, stated: “...we did not find any evidence of decreased risk of transmission in individuals who reported mask use.” And another journal considered by the [National Institutes of Health](#) to have “the highest standard in evidence-based healthcare,” *Cochrane Reviews*, [took a look](#) at the controlled studies on masking back in 2023 and, despite some disclaimers from this esteemed mainstream source, reported that:
2. “Wearing masks in the community probably makes little or no difference to the outcome of influenza-like illness [such as] COVID-19-like illness compared to not wearing masks.... Wearing masks in the community probably makes little or no difference to the outcome of laboratory-confirmed influenza/SARS-CoV-2 compared to not wearing masks....”
3. The Vermont AOE has no evidence masks are safe. (See attached email.)
4. Vermont schools continued with mask requirements for years after they were dropped in other public places.
5. Students were made to wear masks while playing sports, participating in PE and recess.
6. School administrators used masking to coerce students to take vaccines when, in the fall of 2021, students were promised that they could stop wearing masks once 80% of the student body received the Covid vaccine.
7. Governor Scott and Dr. Levine had to [admit to the harms](#) masks were causing our students when their administration dropped the recommendations for masking in schools in the spring of 2022.
8. Mask requirements in schools persist: Newark School and the AOE demonstrated in 2022-23 their willingness to allow special education teams to enforce mask mandates and other "protective measures" they deem fit, as advised by the [US Dept. of Education](#), in the name of protecting students with special needs. (Special education accommodation expert [Megan Mansell](#) is willing to testify on this precise point.)
9. Recently the U.S. Congress conducted hearings on the Covid measures ([see 1:55 for Ms. Greene's testimony regarding masks](#)) and the New Hampshire Legislature released a report ([page 25](#)), both confirming that masks are unsafe and ineffective, especially for children.

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Good morning -

I write in response to your public records request, dated 1/9/2023, seeking "public records that contain any evidence the Agency of Education has used to determine that the use of face masks are safe for any age student, including students with special health needs, for both short and prolonged periods of time." After consulting with relevant Agency staff, I can and do certify pursuant to 1 V.S.A. § 318(b)(4) that no records as specified by your request exist at this Agency.

You may also wish to inquire with the Vermont Department of Health.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this response.

Best,

Jaime

### Symptoms of **OXYGEN DEFICIENCY\*** and **CARBON DIOXIDE POISONING\***

Increased Pressure Inside the Skull

Headache

Impaired Attention and Thinking

Impaired Coordination

Accelerated Heartbeat

Rapid Fatigue that may cause permanent heart damage

Increased Breathing Volume

Increased blood flow to Peripheral Blood Vessels

Blood Oxygen Saturation **DOES NOT CHANGE WITH MASK USE**

*Tell the Teacher!*

**\* OSHA: A Guide to Respiratory Protection by J.A. Pritchard**  
**\* CDC's NIOSH Blog, Effects of Prolonged Use of PPE**

### Symptoms Experienced by Youth As a Result of Wearing Masks\*

Dizziness

Headache

Concentration Difficulties

Tired, Drowsy, Sleeps More

Unwillingness to Move

CO2 Levels 3+ Times the Limit

Tightness in the Chest & Abdominal Pain

Respiration Rate Increases

Pulse Strength Increases at Periphery

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**\*JAMA: Assessment of Respiratory Function in Infants and Young Children Wearing Face Masks During the COVID-19 Pandemic**  
**\*RESEARCH SQUARE: Corona children studies "Co-Ki": First results of a Germany-wide registry on mouth and nose covering (mask) in children**  
**\*JAMA: Experimental Assessment of Carbon Dioxide Content in Inhaled Air With or Without Face Masks in Healthy Children: A Randomized Clinical Trial**