

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Rick Richard
INITIATED BY



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April 16, 2021
DATE DRAFTED

Ordering Discontinuation of the Rock Haven Mandated COVID-19 Vaccination Policy

- 1 **WHEREAS**, Rock Haven has mandated the COVID-19 vaccine for all staff;
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- 3 **WHEREAS**, COVID-19 cases number 165 in the Rock County jail inmate population;
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, COVID-19 cases number 13 in the Rock Haven resident population;
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- 7 **WHEREAS**, similar to Rock Haven, the jail population includes individuals vulnerable to COVID-19,
- 8 including those with health conditions of obesity, heart disease, and other serious health issues;
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- 10 **WHEREAS**, Rock County correctional officers have not been mandated to be administered a COVID-
- 11 19 vaccine;
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- 13 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County personnel ordinance states "It is the policy of the County to treat all
- 14 employees equitably and fairly in matters affecting their employment".
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- 16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
- 17 this 2th day of May, 20 orders the discontinuation of the Rock Haven mandated
- 18 COVID-19 vaccination policy. Rock Haven may not require staff to receive a COVID-19 vaccine, and
- 19 will recall those employees on layoff status due to the mandated vaccine policy in accordance with the
- 20 Rock County Personnel Ordinance and Policy and Procedure Manual.
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- 22 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the County Board highly recommends the vaccine for all
- 23 employees.
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Respectfully Submitted,

HEALTH SERVICES COMMITTEE

/s/Tom Brien
Tom Brien, Chair

/s/ Mary Beaver
Mary Beaver, Vice Chair

dissent
Kevin Leavy

/s/Ron Bomkamp
Ron Bomkamp

/s/Kathy Schulz
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LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to sec. 59.22(2), Wis. Stats.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

The decision on whether to require vaccines of staff is first a clinical assessment of what is in the best interest of residents, but is also weighed against competing interests of staff concerns, liability, and general public policy.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator

FISCAL NOTE:

Financial impact is undetermined.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director