Petition to Amend a Rule

Director Pat Allen of the Oregon Health Authority

In the Matter of the Amendment of OAR 333-019-1015 Masking Requirements in School

Petition to Amend OAR 333-019-1015 (Masking)

1. Petitioner's name and address is Cherylene Stritenberg, Shady Cove, Oregon.

- 2. Petitioner is a Director on the Eagle Point School District 9 School Board.
- 3. Under OAR 333-019-1015, petitioners' schools are required to utilize universal masks or face coverings as a necessary tool in schools dictated by the State Public Health Director or State Public Health Officer. The effects of universal masking have adverse physiological and psychological effects. There are more scientific studies surfacing showing risks of prolonged masking.
- 4. Petitioner asserts universal masking is not necessary for asymptomatic persons. Petitioner contends that there should be a symptom-based approach to masking and an emphasis on keeping symptomatic persons out of schools. This process should be detailed in each school's communicable disease plans. Symptomatic persons should have a strategic plan initiated from school districts based on symptoms and severity with guidance for masking. (. i.e., if they return to school with designated symptoms they mask until specific symptoms are gone or CDC's recommended precautions until day 10 whichever comes first.)
- 5. Petitioner proposes that OAR 333-019-1015 be amended to add criteria under the section in which individuals are not required to wear masks or face coverings if they have no symptoms.
- 6. OAR 333-019-1015 as petitioner proposes to amend it would read as follows: OAR 333-019-1015. Masking Requirements in Schools
- (6) An individual is not required to wear a mask or face covering under section (4) of this rule if the individual is:
- (j) is not showing signs of COVID19 related symptoms.
- 7. Petitioner has knowledge of persons who may have a particular interest in the proposed amendment of OAR 333-019-1015. This petition is not to be denied without Oregon Health Authority inviting public comment upon the rule based on OAR 137-001-0070.

- 8. The rule is not unusually or unnecessarily complex, but it is unnecessarily stringent and has financial as well as social emotional costs that include providing masks, monitoring these strategies and adverse effects impeding learning.
- 9. The rule does not overlap, duplicate or conflict with any state, federal or local regulation that petitioner has identified.
- 10. Since the rule was first adopted, masking has been lifted and variants have been less severe.
- 11. It appears that there is a continued need for the rule to protect public safety. However, the justification for keeping the rule stringent is based on the capacity of our hospitals more than the severity of the disease. The rule amendments as set forth would achieve the rule's substantive goals and does not prevent stricter rules from being put in place. In addition, it would reduce the economic, physiological and psychological effects, to our schools across the state.

Wherefore, petitioner requests Director Pat Allen to adopt the proposed amendment to OAR 333-019-1015.

Dated April 27, 2022.

Cherylene Stritenberg

Petition to Repeal a Rule

Director Pat Allen of the Oregon Health Authority

In the Matter of the Repeal of OAR 333-019-1030 COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Teachers and School Staff

Petition to Repeal OAR 333-019-1030 (Vaccination Requirements)

1. Petitioner's name and address is Cherylene Stritenberg, Shady Cove, Oregon.

- 2. Petitioner is a Director on the Eagle Point School District 9 School Board.
- 3. Under OAR 333-019-1030, petitioners' schools are required to have teachers, school staff and volunteers fully vaccinated or have provided documentation of a medical or religious exception with approval. The impacts of this rule have had adverse effects on staffing and volunteer support within schools. In addition, the vaccination being required does not prevent the disease nor transmission of the disease. This rule doesn't even take into consideration natural immunity after having COVID-19.
- 4. Petitioner asserts COVID-19 vaccination requirements are not necessary for teachers, school staff, volunteers or children. Petitioner contends that the vaccination does not prevent disease, nor prevent transmission and that promoting healthy eating habits, exercise could have the same outcome in limiting severity of disease with far less potential adverse reactions.
- 5. Petitioner proposes that OAR 333-019-1030 be repealed so that teachers, school staff and volunteers are not required to be fully vaccinated or have documentation of a medical or religious exception in order to teach, work, learn, study, assist, observe, or volunteer at a school.
- 6. OAR 333-019-1030 as petitioner proposes to repeal the entire OAR 333-019-1030 effective immediately.
- 7. Petitioner has knowledge of persons who may have a particular interest in the proposed repeal of OAR 333-019-1030. This petition is not to be denied without Oregon Health Authority inviting public comment upon the rule based on OAR 137-001-0070.
- 8. The rule is not necessary and is unnecessarily stringent and has exasperated staffing shortages in schools across the state.

- 9. The rule does not overlap, duplicate or conflict with any state, federal or local regulation that petitioner has identified.
- 10. Since the rule was first adopted, vaccine efficacy has continued to decline, outbreaks amongst vaccinated have continued to increase even with boosters. Severity of current variants has declined.
- 11. It appears that there is a continued need for public safety. However, there are other mitigation strategies that can be put in place including increasing education around preventing underlying conditions that are the key contributor to the severity of disease. However, the justification for keeping this rule in place when it does not prevent disease or transmission is not considering the scientific evidence since the rule was implemented. Repealing the rule does not prevent schools from enforcing stricter rules however, it does allow schools to remove a barrier that is exasperating staffing shortages.

Wherefore, petitioner requests Director Pat Allen to repeal OAR 333-019-1030.

Dated April 27, 2022.

Cherylene Stritenberg

April 27, 2022

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Dear Pat Allen,

I have attached signed copies of two petitions based on my legal right to Petition to Promulgate, Amend, or Repeal under Rule 137-001-0070. I am part of a large group of concerned Oregon citizens regarding two of the recent rulings that were made permanent on 1/28/2022. The first being 333-019-1015 Masking Requirements in the School and the second being 333-019-1030 Vaccination Requirements for Teachers and School Staff.

Both of these rulings had public hearings that were overwhelmingly opposed to making these rules permanent and yet the people's voices were completely ignored and the rules were put in place without any consideration for the concerns that were brought up by Oregon citizens.

I am submitting my petitions based on what I understand the rule to mean. If I am wrong than please let me know the steps I need to take to correct this action. My expectation is that within 90 days of receipt, my petitions are read and that I receive a response as to whether they will be approved or initiated rulemaking proceedings. I also expect that before they are denied there will be a public comment period in which the comments from the people will actually be taken in to consideration.

Our children are our future, we cannot continue down this road when so much more is now known about this virus. I have never before had to show my medical records to volunteer at my children's school nor should I ever have to. Our schools are hurting due to staff shortages and lack of guardian/parent volunteers. Our children need a voice and I, as a parent and Oregon citizen, will be their voice. I will not sit back and wait for our elected and unelected politicians and bureaucrats to do the right thing for it is clear they will not.

There were unknown fears that we now know more about. The CDC has finally openly acknowledged that those who received the Covid Shot are not immune from this respiratory virus nor will it stop them from spreading it. It is now time to bring all sides together and take everything we have learned into consideration. It is time to allow everyone to make the choice that is right by them and not force people to make decisions against their will or in fear of losing their livelihoods. Everyone has equal access to the same options and should be able to make those decisions for themselves.

It is time to start uniting our State instead of dividing it by these now outdated permanent rules. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

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Angela Payant

Medford, Or 97501

Jackson County

Petition to Amend a Rule

Director Pat Allen of the Oregon Health Authority

In the Matter of the Amendment of OAR 333-019-1030 COVID-19 Vaccination Requirements for Teachers and School Staff

Petition to Repeal OAR 333-019-1030

(Vaccination Requirements)

- 1. Petitioner's name and address is Angela Payant, Medford, Oregon.
- 2. Petitioner is a parent and concerned Oregon citizen.
- 3. Under OAR 333-019-1030, petitioners' schools are required to have teachers, school staff and volunteers fully vaccinated or have provided documentation of a medical or religious exception with approval. The impacts of this rule have had adverse effects on staffing and volunteer support within schools. In addition, the vaccination being required does not prevent the disease nor transmission of the disease.
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Dated April 27, 2022.

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