

INCORPORATED COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS RESOLUTION NO. 21-05

A RESOLUTION CALLING ON THE GOVERNOR AND STATE HEALTH OFFICIALS TO END THE SCHOOL AND BUSINESSES LOCKDOWN TO ENSURE THE SOCIAL AND MENTAL HEALTH OF THE LOS ALAMOS COMMUNITY

WHEREAS, the public health orders cause significant economic harm to the services industries; and

WHEREAS, the public health orders lead to social and mental health problems in the community; and

WHEREAS, the public health orders for school closures cause significant harm to low income students with poor internet service, and have been shown in other states to have little benefit; and

WHEREAS, vaccinations of high-risk groups are underway around the state and that other groups have little to no risk of a severe case.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Council of the Incorporated County of Los Alamos that:

1. It opposes the continuing public health order for shutdowns of both the schools and local businesses, since:
 - a. Persons at risk may stay home while awaiting vaccination;
 - b. The younger people involved in school have no risk;
 - c. The younger people involved in the service industries have little risk;
 - d. Other states and countries without a lockdown have similar results to our state; and
 - e. It has unintended, negative consequences, such as reduction of critical high-risk services, reduction of resources to educate students, and isolation of persons who need public health services.

2. We urge the Governor, the Legislature, and the Secretary of the Department of Health to:
 - a. Speed vaccinations of high-risk groups;
 - b. Provide additional funds for mental health services;
 - c. Modify existing orders and polices to lift restrictions on businesses and to allow schools to open.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 23rd day of February, 2021.

**COUNCIL OF THE INCORPORATED
COUNTY OF LOS ALAMOS, NEW MEXICO**

**Randall T. Ryti,
Council Chair**

ATTEST:

**Naomi D. Maestas,
Los Alamos County Clerk**