

Support HB 799

The decision whether to take any vaccine must be a private, voluntary decision between healthcare providers and patients based on the individual risk/benefit profile of each patient. All independent adults, with help of their doctors and nurses, should be able to make informed decisions about their risk and protection. No public official or government entity needs to be involved in such a determination.

As COVID vaccination does not prevent transmission or infection and targets an obsolete variant, there is no good reason to universally require or promote the vaccines. In fact, they do not work in children, and thus present all risk and no benefit. The more accurate UK data shows that vaccines have no effect on severity of illness and may help spread the variants.

<https://www.medrxiv.org/content/10.1101/2022.02.25.22271454v1>

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1058464/Vaccine-surveillance-report-week-9.pdf

Many Marylanders have successfully recovered from COVID, including this winter. People increasingly have means to reduce their risk, including vaccines, treatments, lifestyle modifications, in-person and tele-providers, in- and out-patient treatments. Please support HB 799. It will help diminish the fight over employment mandates and let people get on with their business without being pressured over personal medical decisions.