12/13/2022


Good morning, Police Commissioners, as always, I hope you are all doing well. Before I begin, I would like to start off with a quote from Harry Emerson Fosdick, “With many overhead schemes for the world’s salvation, everything rests back on integrity and driving power in personal character.”

Last week (12/06/2022) Chief Moore gave his weekly report on Covid: A total of 77 new positive Covid-19 infections within the LAPD. 58 of the 77 were from the vaccinated population. For the month of November, a total of 166 new positive Covid-19 infections, 140 of the 166 infections were from the vaccinated population within your department.

The Police Commission has listened to almost a year’s worth of data pertaining to Covid-19 infections. January 11, 2022, to December 6, 2022, the vaccinated population within the LAPD have made up 78% of the positive Covid-19 infections based on Chief Moore’s reports. I do remember asking if all Los Angeles city employees are required to test for Covid-19 and I never got an answer. I was able to get an answer to that question a few days ago from another source. The unvaccinated are the only ones that are required to test for Covid-19 is what I was informed. If this is true, I wonder what the percentage would be from the vaccinated population, if you required all Los Angeles city employees to test for Covid-19? I personally think that only testing the unvaccinated is reckless on behalf of the City of Los Angeles.

Your own internal data clearly shows the vaccinated are making up the vast majority of Covid-19 cases compared to the unvaccinated. If you can provide any explanation as to the C.O.L.A. rationale why this Covid-19 mandate is still active, now would be a great time to explain it to the public. We have been losing faith in our public officials.

Let’s get back to being open and honest with the public. We may not always agree with you but at least we can respect the fact that you were being honest with us.

There is a document that was published by the city of Los Angeles that I have obtained that provides a definition to what the C.O.L.A. considers to be fully vaccinated that goes against the CDC’s definition of being considered fully vaccinated.

Can you provide the public with the names of the Doctors and Scientists the C.O.L.A. consulted with to come up with these new guidelines? Why is there such a divide between the C.O.L.A. and CDC’s guidelines pertaining to being considered fully vaccinated? I would think these two definitions would mirror one another.
I understand that from the beginning we didn’t have the same knowledge as we do today pertaining to Covid-19. What was once “fake news” speaking to side effects with this Covid-19 vaccine is now being published in medical journals today. In July of this year the former Covid response coordinator Dr. Deborah Birx confessed that U.S. health officials “overplayed the vaccine”. Dr. Birx also admitted to fudging the data while she was working in the Trump administration.

The CDC has constructed an application called V-safe (Vaccine Safety System). It shows that over 800,000 people needed medical care after receiving a Covid-19 vaccination. Does the city of Los Angeles have a Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System in place for its employees? If so, that’s great and if not, why?

Army Lt. Col Theresa Long MD, MPH, FS, an aviation safety officer, and flight surgeon stationed at Fort Rucker testified under the Military Whistleblower Protection Act on Capitol Hill regarding vaccine injuries from the Covid-19 vaccine. Lt. Col Long spoke about the dangerous side effects she is seeing in Military service members. Lt. Col Long stated she had to ground pilots to monitor the symptoms of myocarditis and pericarditis that were caused by the Covid-19 vaccine.

There is an article from ClarkCountyToday.com dated March 23, 2022, that provides documentation that up to 80% of the military personnel have contracted Covid-19 despite having had two Covid-19 vaccinations, compared to 15% of the military personnel being unvaccinated contracting Covid-19. As I previously mentioned the LAPD is currently at 78% of the positive Covid-19 infections being from the vaccinated population. This is not including the six missing Covid reports year to date that were not reported on in which we have inquired about numerous times. Perhaps it would be easier to see these trends if the data was entered onto an easy-to-follow graph chart and make this available to the public.

I would suggest the C.O.L.A. start analyzing your own data pertaining to the vaccinated vs unvaccinated Covid-19 infections, then comparing the Covid-19 infections data from around the U.S. and globally between the vaccinated vs unvaccinated. You will also see a common trend which mirrors the trend you currently have within the LAPD.

I have provided you all with the current data from the CDC and local news media below.

October 13, 2022, per the CDC.

Case Rate per 100,000 population 73.42 or 0.0734%
New Covid-19 admissions per 100,000 population 4.9 or 0.0049%

% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed Covid-19 2.8%

October 20, 2022, per the CDC

Case Rate per 100,000 population 52.05 or 0.0520%
New Covid-19 admissions per 100,000 population 4.3 or 0.0043%
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed Covid-19 2.4%

October 27, 2022, per the CDC

Case Rate per 100,000 population 96.75 or 0.0976%
New Covid-19 admissions per 100,000 population 4 or 0.004%
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed Covid-19 2.2%

November 3, 2022, per the CDC

Case rate per 100,000 population 68.66 or 0.0686%
New Covid-19 admissions per 100,000 population 4.3 or 0.0043%
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed Covid-19 2.2%
November 10, 2022, per the CDC
Case rate per 100,000 population 84.49 or 0.0844%
New Covid-19 admissions per 100,000 population 5.2 or 0.0052%
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed Covid-19 2.6%

November 17, 2022, per CDC
Case rate per 100,000 population 105.3 or 0.1053%
New Covid-19 admissions per 100,000 population 6 or 0.0060%
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed Covid-19 3.1%

November 25, 2022, per CDC *note CDC did not report on Thanksgiving Day.
Case rate per 100,000 population 139.7 or 0.1397%
New Covid-19 admissions per 100,000 population 8.6 or 0.0086%
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed Covid-19 4%

December 1, 2022, per CDC
Case rate per 100,000 population 165.3 or 0.1653%
New Covid-19 admissions per 100,000 population 11.9 or 0.0119%
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed Covid-19 5.6%
December 8, 2022, per the CDC

Case rate per 100,000 population 271.61 or 0.2716%
New Covid-19 admissions per 100,000 population 14.8 or 0.0148%
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed Covid-19 6.9%

I’m aware there are different local sources reporting on Covid-19 data. Let’s look at some of that data.

On 11/02/2022 Fox 11 news reported the number of Covid-19 positive cases patients in L.A. County hospitals is on the rise. The data is showing on 11/01/2022 there were 388 Covid-19 patients in the hospital, on 11/02/2022 the number of positive Covid-19 increased to **427 positive cases in L.A. County hospitals**. L.A. County reported **1,392 new Covid infections** on 11/02/2022.

Fox 11 news reported that **40% of the admitted Covid positive patients were admitted due to “virus related illness”**, while the others were admitted for other reasons, and in many cases only learning they were infected when they were tested at the hospital. **171 of the 427 were admitted for Covid-19 related illness** and **256 of the 427 were admitted for other reasons**, later learning they have tested positive for Covid while already being admitted into the hospital for other medical reasons.

The latest census from 2021 show **9.83 million people currently residing in L.A. County**.

November 2, 2022, per Fox 11 news

Case rate per 9.83 million population 1,392 or 0.0142%
New Covid-19 admissions per 9.83 million population 427 or 0.0043%

On 11/05/2022 My News LA reported **1,447 new covid cases in L.A. County as of Friday**, and **7 new “virus-related” fatalities. (Covid-19, RSV, Influenza virus?)** Health officials have said many of the deaths from Covid-19 are either elderly or have underlying health conditions, or both. The number of Covid-19 patients in L.A. County hospitals have increased to **453**, and 44 of those were being treated in intensive care. **My News LA did not report the status of the other 409 patients** that were treated in L.A. County hospitals, only can presume they were either released back home or were admitted for other reasons later testing positive for Covid while at the hospital.

November 5, 2022, per My News L.A.
Case rate per 9.83 million population 1,447 or 0.0147%
New Covid-19 admissions per 9.83 million population 453 or 0.0046%
Death rate per 9.83 million population 7 or 0.00007%

On 11/08/2022, CBS LA news reported a total of 1,433 new positive cases of Covid-19, there was a slight uptick over the weekend, reporting 2,978 positive covid-19 cases. CBS LA reported 440 hospitalizations in L.A. County which was slightly a lower figure compared to the numbers that were reported over the past two days (448 & 442).

November 8, 2022, per CBS L.A.
Case rate per 9.83 million population 2,978 or 0.0302%
New Covid-19 admissions per 9.83 million population 440 or 0.0045%

11/10/2022, My News L.A. reported the number of Covid-19 positive patients in L.A. County hospitals increased by 52, bringing the total to 492 patients admitted to the hospital. 43 of the 52 admitted patients were admitted into the I.C.U. which was down by 10 from the previous day. L.A. County reported a total of 1,662 new cases.

My News LA reported the statewide total of Covid-19 positive patients, rose by 99, bringing the total to 1,855 cases.

Per California census as of 2021 California’s population is 39.24 million.

November 10, 2022, per My News LA
Case rate per 9.83 million population 1,662 or 0.0170%
New Covid-19 admissions per 9.83 million population 492 or 0.0050%
State Covid-19 Admissions per 39.24 million population 1,855 or 0.0047%
On 11/13/2022, KTLA news reported, **2022 Flu season is off to an early start this year**. The CDC has listed California as rating high for Flu infections. Hospitalizations rates for influenza haven’t been this high, this early since 2009 Swine Flu pandemic. KTLA reported there is an **estimate of 1300 Flu deaths in L.A. County**. Flu activity has spiked over the past month.

**November 13, 2022, per KTLA News (Alix Martichoux)**

| Influenza deaths estimated per 9.83 million population | 1300 or 0.0132% |

On 11/16/2022 My News LA reported, the number of Covid-19 positive cases in L.A. County hospitals continued to rise, according to the latest data. **552 Covid-19 positive patients have been hospitalized**. **75 of the 552** were being treated in the ICU. Health officials have said previously that roughly 40% of the patients were admitted for Covid-19 related issues, while the rest were admitted for other reasons but later tested positive at the hospital. This breaks down to **221 of the 552 were admitted for Covid-19 related issues**, and **331 of the 552 were admitted into the hospital for other reasons**, later testing positive for Covid-19. L.A. County reported **1,532 Covid-19 positives cases and 10 reported Covid-19 deaths**.

**November 16, 2022, per My News L.A.**

| Case rate per 9.83 million population | 1,532 or 0.0156% |
| New Covid-19 admissions per 9.83 million population | 552 or 0.0056% |
| Death rate per 9.83 million population | 10 or 0.00010% |

On 11/17/2022 CBS LA news reported, County Health Officials, “Strongly recommending” indoor masking with Covid-19 cases on the rise. **1,949 new “infections” were reported but did not distinguish what these “infections” were**. (Covid-19, RSV or Influenza infections?). The number of Covid-19 positive patients in County hospitals **rose to 648**. Per CBS LA news, roughly **40% of those patients are admitted because of Covid-19 infections**, while the rest were admitted for **other medical reasons**, later testing positive for Covid-19 while already admitted. That breaks down to, 648 patients admitted to County hospitals, **259 of the 648 were admitted because of Covid-19 infections** and **389 of the 648 patients were admitted to the hospital for other medical reasons**, later testing positive for Covid-19.

**November 17, 2022, per CBS LA news**

| Case rate per 9.83 million population | 1,949 or 0.0198% |
| New Covid-19 admissions per 9.83 million population | 648 or 0.0066% |

On 11/20/2022 My News L.A. reported that the number of positive Covid-19 cases inside L.A. County Hospitals has increased by (4) bringing the number to **670**. The latest figures come as local Health Officials are reporting **2,200 new**
cases and 8 “Virus-related” deaths. It wasn’t distinguished what these “virus-related” deaths were (Covid-19, RSV or Influenza).

November 20, 2022, per My News L.A.

Case rate per 9.83 million population 2,200 or 0.0223%
New Covid-19 admissions per 9.83 million 670 or 0.0068%
Death Rate per 9.83 million 8 or 0.00008%

On 11/23/2022 My News L.A. reported the number of new positive Covid-19 patients being treated in L.A. County hospitals is 727. My News L.A. reported the number of statewide Covid positive patients is 2,581.

The County Department of Public Health reported per My News L.A. 1,661 new Covid-19 infections and the County reported 7 new “virus” related deaths. My News L.A. did not distinguish what these new “virus” related deaths were (Covid-19, RSV or Influenza). Health Officials have said, roughly 40% of the virus patients were admitted for Covid-related issues, while the rest were admitted for other reasons later testing positive for Covid-19 at the hospital. This breaks down to 291 out of the 727 were admitted for Covid-19 related issues and 436 of the 727 were admitted for other medical reasons, later testing positive while already being admitted at the hospital.

November 23, 2022, per My News L.A.

Case rate per 9.83 million population 1,661 or 0.0168%
New Covid-19 admissions per 9.83 million 727 or 0.0073%
Death Rate per 9.83 million 7 or 0.00007%
State Covid-19 Admissions per 39.24 million population 2,581 or 0.0066%

On 11/28/2022 My News L.A. reported there were 5,244 new cases and 21 additional “virus related” deaths. My News L.A. did not distinguish what these “virus-related” deaths were (Covid-19, RSV or Influenza?): 822 Covid-19 positive patients were reported in L.A. County hospitals, 96 of the 822 were admitted into the ICU, which was down from 101 the previous day. My News L.A. reported that Health Officials have said previously that roughly 40% of the virus patients were admitted to the hospital for Covid-19 related issues, while the rest were admitted for other reasons but tested positive for Covid-19 while at the hospital. 329 of the 822 were admitted for Covid-19 related issues, while 493 of the 822 were admitted for other medical reasons, later testing positive for Covid-19 while at the hospital.

November 28, 2022, per My News L.A.

Case rate per 9.83 million population 5,244 or 0.0533%
On 12/01/2022, My News L.A. reported there were **4,353 new Covid-19 cases** reported in L.A. County. L.A. County reported **1,132 new positive Covid-19 patients that were admitted** into the County hospitals, **122 of the 1,132 being treated in the ICU**. Health Officials have previously stated that roughly 40% of the virus patients were admitted to hospitals for Covid-19 related issues, while the rest were admitted for other medical reasons later testing positive for Covid while already being admitted. This breaks down to **453 out of 1,132 are admitted for Covid-19 related issues** while **679 of the 1,132 were admitted for other medical reasons**, later testing positive for Covid-19 while already being admitted. The Los Angeles Department of Health also reported **10 additional deaths associated with Covid-19**.

**12/01/2022 per My News L.A.**

| Case rate per 9.83 million population | 4,353 or 0.0442% |
| New Covid-19 admissions per 9.83 million | 1,132 or 0.0115% |
| Death Rate per 9.83 million | 10 or 0.00010% |

On 12/3/2022 Fox 11 News reported the number of Coronavirus patients at L.A. County hospitals is at **1,205**. Of those 1,205 patients **123 patients were being treated in the ICU** which is down from 131 the previous day. Health Officials have previously stated that roughly 40% of the patients were admitted for Covid-19 related issues while the rest were admitted for other medical reasons but tested positive while at the hospital.

This works out to be out of the 1,205 Covid-19 positive patients **482 were admitted for Covid-19 related issues** and **723 of the 1,205 patients were admitted for other medical reasons** and later tested positive for Covid-19 while already being admitted into the hospital. Fox 11 News reported a total of 4,744 new Covid-19 cases.

**12/3/2022 Per Fox 11 News**

| Case rate per 9.83 million population | 4,744 or 0.0482% |
| New Covid-19 admissions per 9.83 million | 1,205 or 0.0122% |

On 12/4/2022 CBS L.A. reported that experts say the combination of Covid-19, Influenza and RSV are putting an enormous strain on hospitals. Per the CDC Influenza levels are off the chart in California with Los Angeles
and Southern California leading the State. According to the experts, 25% of the people that tested for Influenza in Los Angeles have tested positive for Influenza.

Even with viruses on the rise, one expert says that reinstating the mask mandate should be a last resort. “I think there is very little political appetite to do this and were going to try to not do this as much as possible for the holiday,” said Dr. Peter Chin Hong, a UCSF infectious disease specialist.

On 12/09/2022 The L.A. Times reported that with Covid-19, Influenza and RSV cases are all rising. Drug makers and retailers say its soaring demand, that’s leading to empty shelves at pharmacies.

Influenza cases in California have risen to levels that haven’t been seen in years. The CDC stated that seasonal Influenza activity is high and continuing to increase across the country.

The L.A. County Department of Public Health has seen a significant increase in the percentage of specimens that have tested positive for Influenza.

I would like to add in all the above data from local sources and the CDC there is no breakdown as to the vaccination status of the Covid-19 positive cases reported.

I can only speculate that if vaccination status were provided in the above reports, it would likely mirror the current data the LAPD has provided. The vaccinated would be the overwhelmingly the majority the new positive Covid-19 infections / admissions.

I know that I have mentioned this in my past public comment but it’s worth mentioning again. Your Covid-19 mandate and extension of the state of emergency appears to be more of a financial incentive for the city of Los Angeles rather than for public safety.

The weekly data the Police Commission is provided with is showing clear indicators that this “vaccine” doesn’t work and causes the vaccinated population to be more susceptible to becoming infected with Covid-19. When will enough be enough Commissioners?

W. Blauer.
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