

## CALL TO ACTION: VACCINE, QUARANTINE, AND SCHOOL BILLS

Four important Bills are currently assigned to committees in the New Mexico Legislature:

- SB 238 - REMOVE POWER TO ISOLATE OR QUARANTINE PEOPLE WHO REFUSE VACCINATION
- SB 232 - ADD CONSCIENCE EXEMPTION TO CHILDREN'S VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS
- SB 171 and HB 182 - ALLOW LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO ALLOW IN-PERSON LEARNING DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES

### PLEASE HELP BY DOING THESE 3 THINGS FOR ALL BILLS.

1. **MOST IMPORTANT - CALL (OR EMAIL) THE LEGISLATORS LISTED BELOW FOR EACH BILL.** Ask them to support these Bills. Please be polite and respectful, regardless of your party affiliation.
2. SIGN THE PETITIONS IN SUPPORT OF THESE BILLS.
3. SHARE this widely with people who would support school re-opening.

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### QUARANTINE AND VACCINE EXEMPTION BILLS:

The following two Bills are currently in the Senate Health and Public Affairs Committee (SHPAC).

- Bill SB 238 - REMOVE POWER TO ISOLATE OR QUARANTINE PEOPLE WHO REFUSE VACCINATION - Currently, NM Statute 12-10a-13 would allow the NM DOH to "isolate or quarantine" people who refuse vaccination during times of public health emergency. The purpose of this Bill is to remove the Secretary of Health's power to isolate or quarantine people who refuse vaccines such as COVID-19 vaccines.
- Bill SB 232 - ADD CONSCIENCE EXEMPTION TO CHILDREN'S VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS - Currently, all NM children are required to be immunized, with exemptions provided for only medical or religious reasons. The purpose of this Bill is to add a Conscience Exemption, which would allow parents to exempt their child from immunization due to reasons of conscience. This would apply to current vaccine requirements as well as any future requirements for children to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

**PLEASE CALL/EMAIL THE FOLLOWING TO ASK FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR BOTH SB 238 AND SB 232.** These are specifically the Democrats on the Committee (as the Republicans are already likely to support these Bills).

- Senator Gerald Ortiz y Pino - Capitol Phone: (505) 397-8839, Home Phone: (505) 243-1509, Email: [jortizyp@msn.com](mailto:jortizyp@msn.com)
- Senator Bill Tallman - Capitol Phone: (505) 397-8854, Home Phone: (505) 702-6828, Email: [bill.tallman@nmlegis.gov](mailto:bill.tallman@nmlegis.gov)
- Senator Brenda McKenna - Capitol Phone: (505) 397-8834, Email: [brenda.mckenna@nmlegis.gov](mailto:brenda.mckenna@nmlegis.gov)
- Senator Antoinette Sedillo Lopez - Capitol Phone: (505) 397-8847, Email: [a.sedillolopez@nmlegis.gov](mailto:a.sedillolopez@nmlegis.gov)
- Senator Elizabeth "Liz" Stefanics - Capitol Phone: (505) 397-8851, Office Phone: (505) 699-4808, Home Phone: (505) 471-7643, Email: [lstefanics@msn.com](mailto:lstefanics@msn.com)

PLEASE SIGN THIS PETITION:

- [No Mandatory COVID-19 Vaccination for New Mexico](#)

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## **SCHOOL RE-OPENING BILLS:**

Senate Bill SB 171 and House Bill HB 182 would ALLOW LOCAL SCHOOL BOARDS TO DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO ALLOW IN-PERSON LEARNING DURING PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCIES. This would move the decision-making for school re-openings to the local level.

### **PLEASE CALL/EMAIL THE FOLLOWING SENATORS TO ASK FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR SB 171:**

- Senator William Soules – Capitol Phone: (505) 397-8850, Home Phone: (575) 640-0409, Email: [bill.soules@nmlegis.gov](mailto:bill.soules@nmlegis.gov)
- Senator Harold Pope - Capitol Phone: (505) 397-8843, Home Phone: (505) 289-1087, Email: [harold.popejr@nmlegis.gov](mailto:harold.popejr@nmlegis.gov)
- Senator Martin Hickey - Capitol Phone: (505) 397-8828, Email: [martin.hickey@nmlegis.gov](mailto:martin.hickey@nmlegis.gov)
- Senator Michael Padilla - Capitol Phone: (505) 397-8840, Home Phone: (505) 977-6247, Email: [michael.padilla@nmlegis.gov](mailto:michael.padilla@nmlegis.gov)
- Senator Shannon Pinto - Capitol Phone: (505) 397-8841, Email: [shannon.pinto@nmlegis.gov](mailto:shannon.pinto@nmlegis.gov)

### **PLEASE CALL/EMAIL THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTATIVES TO ASK FOR THEIR SUPPORT FOR 182:**

- Representative Deborah Armstrong - Capitol Phone: (505) 986-4344, Email: [deborah.armstrong@nmlegis.gov](mailto:deborah.armstrong@nmlegis.gov)
- Representative Joanne Ferrary - Capitol Phone: (505) 986-4438, Office Phone: (575) 649-1231, Home Phone: (575) 382-6425, Email: [joanne.ferrary@nmlegis.gov](mailto:joanne.ferrary@nmlegis.gov)
- Representative Brittney Barreras - Capitol Phone: (505) 986-4248, Office Phone: (505) 800-9404, Email: [BRITNEYFORNEWMEXICO@GMAIL.COM](mailto:BRITNEYFORNEWMEXICO@GMAIL.COM)
- Representative Karen Bash - Capitol Phone: (505) 986-4236, Home Phone: (505) 238-2117, Email: [karen.bash@nmlegis.gov](mailto:karen.bash@nmlegis.gov)
- Representative Marian Matthews - Capitol Phone: (505) 986-4242, Email: [marian.matthews@nmlegis.gov](mailto:marian.matthews@nmlegis.gov)
- Representative Roger Montoya - Capitol Phone: (505) 986-4464, Home Phone: (505) 927-0108, Email: [roger.montoya@nmlegis.gov](mailto:roger.montoya@nmlegis.gov)
- Representative Elizabeth “Liz” Thomson - Capitol Phone: (505) 986-4415, Home Phone: (505) 239-1781, Email: [liz.thomson@nmlegis.gov](mailto:liz.thomson@nmlegis.gov)

PLEASE SIGN THIS PETITION:

- [Open Our Schools](#)

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## FAST FACTS ABOUT SCHOOL RE-OPENING:

- The CDC guidance is that schools should be OPEN. Unequivocally. This is based on the real data and experience of millions of students and teachers around the world which has shown that schools CAN be operated safely for both teachers and students. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sxKhJaqEkcY>
- Youth suicide in NM is spiking due to social isolation and school closures. Online school is failing students at double the usual rate.
- Private schools have been operating safely in NM since last Fall. Meanwhile the disadvantaged kids are falling further and further behind.

## FAST FACTS ABOUT COVID-19 VACCINES:

- Vaccines are medical procedures that have a level of [inherent risk](#), as acknowledged by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Food a Drug Administration (FDA). Since 1986, vaccine manufacturers have been exempted from liability for any injury or death caused by vaccines.
- COVID-19 vaccines have not gone through full FDA approval processes. They are approved for [Emergency Use only](#).
- As [acknowledged](#) by the CDC, it is not known whether the COVID-19 vaccines will prevent transmission of the illness.
- COVID-19 vaccines utilize an mRNA technology which has never been used in vaccines previously.
- The CDC [acknowledges](#) that COVID-19 vaccines haven't been properly tested on pregnant women, people with autoimmune conditions, nor immunocompromised people.
- There are no long-term safety studies of COVID-19 vaccines in the general population. There are unanswered questions about whether these vaccines will induce [pathogenic priming](#) (which caused increased death in previous attempts to create coronavirus vaccines).
- As of January 22, 2021, over 9,000 negative reactions to COVID-19 vaccines have been reported to the [Vaccine Adverse Events Reporting System](#), including anaphylactic shock, miscarriage, paralysis, and several hundred deaths.

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## REFERENCES:

NM Statute 12-10A-13 – Allows the NM DOH to isolate or quarantine people who refuse vaccination during public health emergency - <https://law.justia.com/codes/new-mexico/2018/chapter-12/article-10a/section-12-10a-13/>

SB 238 – Remove power to isolate or quarantine people who refuse - Full Bill text is here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=S&legType=B&legNo=238&year=21>

SB 232 – Add conscience exemption to children's vaccination requirements - Full Bill text is here:

<https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=S&legType=B&legNo=232&year=21>

SB 171 - Allow local school boards to decide whether or not to allow in-person learning during public health emergencies

– Full Bill text is here: <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=S&legType=B&legNo=171&year=21>

HB 182- Allow local school boards to decide whether or not to allow in-person learning during public health emergencies

- Fill Bill text is here: <https://www.nmlegis.gov/Legislation/Legislation?chamber=H&legType=B&legNo=182&year=21>