



To whom it may concern,

It has been brought to our attention in recent weeks, that non-vaccinated children and their parents are facing discrimination in schools, by legislators, and by medical establishments throughout B.C.

Families choose to opt out of the program for legitimate reasons. They also have an inalienable right to bodily integrity for themselves and for their offspring. These parents have a natural right to raise their children in whichever way they may see fit; free from threat or compulsion that those individuals must accept any medical intervention including immunization.

Bullying is occurring amongst students within their school environment and when these families seek medical care. There have been some incidences where a non-vaccinated child's classmate has been informed inadvertently of their personal medical information. This opened these children up to name calling and isolation from their peers due to an unwarranted idea that these children are a threat of contagion. On the contrary, most non-vaccinated children are radiant, healthy, and rarely sick.

It is of the utmost importance that families of children who are not up to date with the current recommended childhood vaccination schedule be informed of health directives directly from the health authorities, not the school administrators, and that the families learn of any directives through letters to the family homes to ensure privacy.

There are laws in Canada that protect citizens from this that need to be followed in order to avoid these situations. We all know the true effects of bullying on children. Bullying leads to poor self-esteem and self-worth and in worst-case scenarios, it can lead to suicide. Some employees of the schoolboard and within public health are disregarding these laws. This endangers and alienates non vaccinated children. One can only assume that this is a result of Order in Council 376. Personal medical records should not be available to teachers or fellow students and if this keeps occurring, there will be repercussions to follow indefinitely. This needs to be taken seriously if we are going to avoid unwanted outcomes.

The only individuals capable of ensuring the safety of all BC children are you, the civil servants, tasked with teaching, governing, or providing healthcare. The stress being put on these families must stop! It is just plain shameful to force any citizen or their children into consenting to medical interventions under duress.

We fear having vaccination clinics in schools leaves this minority vulnerable to discrimination. We fear that some doctors are not adhering to "Doing no harm." We fear our legislators are not aware of the ramifications of Order in Council 376.

We would be happy to provide you with information on how in an outbreak situation, everyone should be kept at home, not just non-vaccinated children. As we all know, vaccines are not a perfect science and there are reasons why children who are vaccinated can still contract AND spread the diseases they are vaccinated for. There is no need to put families on lists that make it possible to exclude them from society during future "outbreaks."



We are asking our provincial government, health authorities, and schoolboards to do their jobs as civil servants and ensure the safety of non-vaccinated children and their parents regardless of their own beliefs. Not only from the harmful effects of bullying but also from the mishandling of their private medical history, which opens doors to physical harm being done to them given the current climate that these people are wrongfully viewed as threats to society.

There is no need to explain the reasons why anyone might choose to opt out because that information is private. Although, if one takes the time to look deeper than the familiar sound bite of vaccines being "safe and effective" they would be surprised with the information they would find. We must all respect another person's right to choose what is best for themselves and their families whether we agree with those choices or not. Think about how you would feel if you were being looked at like a walking disease when you were perfectly healthy.

We mean no harm by saying this hard truth, but the truth is, you are contributing to the segregation and dehumanization of Canadian citizens that choose to opt out of using a pharmaceutical product that comes with risks. They have just as much right to be here as anyone else.

If you would like to sit down and have a conversation with IMPAC BC with regards to communication procedures to families of children who are not up to date with the current vaccine schedule or to discuss how medical professionals should be treating families that opt out, we would be happy to oblige. We have a plethora of information to share on this issue when you feel it is important enough to address.



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