

**THE HONORABLE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN:** Your COVID-19 COMMITTEE respectfully recommends adoption of the following:

**RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, it is the mission of Berrien County to provide leadership, cooperation with all units of government, sound fiscal management, and planning, thereby promoting public safety, health, well-being and prosperity in order to improve the quality of life for present and future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, the goal of the Berrien County Health Department is to prevent disease, protect health, and promote an optimal quality of life for all residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Michigan Public Health Code charges local public health departments and officials with certain duties, including prevention and control of infectious and communicable diseases such as COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Berrien County public health officials and staff have worked tirelessly over the past 18 months to protect community health through the interpretation and sharing of health data, promoting accurate health information, and coordination of response needs in service to Berrien County residents; and

**WHEREAS**, local, regional and state-wide data surveillance show that COVID-19 continues to pose a health risk to residents through continued evolution of the virus and the impact of new variant strains and unvaccinated populations; and

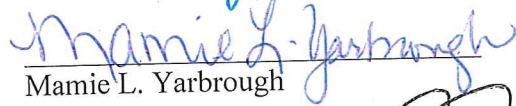
**WHEREAS**, the Berrien County Health Department urges all residents 12 and over to be vaccinated, to stay home when sick, to practice good hand hygiene and cough & sneeze etiquette, and to wear face masks when appropriate.


**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Berrien County Board of Commissioners supports the Berrien County Health Department and our local public health officials in their continued response to the COVID-19 pandemic and in protecting the health and well-being of the residents of Berrien County.


Respectfully submitted,  
BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
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