

Greetings Supervisors,

We need to open our county ASAP!

With just 13 COVID-19 cases and zero deaths in the entire county, I see no reason to keep our businesses closed.

People need to get back to work! They are losing their businesses and going into debt. This has got to stop.

Youth sports is a must and it should be left up to the parents and guardians of the children to make that decision.

The people of Mendocino county have done and will continue to do what is necessary in order to maintain the safety our community.

Please, I ask you to trust the people of our beautiful county!

Respectfully,

Mary Johnson

The emotional well-being of our youth is at risk. They've already lost spring activities and are now losing summer activities including sports, fairs, rodeos, celebrations, summer camps and The FOURTH OF JULY!

We need our schools fully open and fully functional.

Split days, half days, closed gathering rooms, playgrounds off limits, social distancing required...these things are going to ruin our youth both intellectually and more importantly, emotionally.

What a depressing place it will become!

Shouldn't parents and guardians have a say in what's best for their children?

As you are aware, our county has an extremely low number of COVID-19 cases and zero deaths. We have not had a single adolescent with COVID-19 and we know children are at very low risk.

The fact is, we all need germs to have strong immune systems and my biggest fear is that we are becoming weak since sheltering in place.

My suggestion is to open schools in September with a gradual approach to full days. That may look like split or half days at first, but gradually increasing to full school days 5 days a week.

This will allow exposure to germs without overwhelming their immune systems by building a resistance to any viruses, and a gradual increase in stamina for our children.

Teachers are already backpedaling with their lesson plans as it is and this approach may help with the excessive assessments that need to occur come fall.

I thank you so very much for taking the time to read my letter [today](#). I can't imagine the level of stress and overwhelm you must be facing daily and I want you to know that you are very much appreciated, as well as all the teachers and school staff in our beautiful county of Mendocino.

Respectfully,

Mary Johnson