



Resolution #21-08-01

**CALL FOR GREATER ACTION TO PROTECT CHILDREN FROM
COVID-19'S DELTA VARIANT**

WHEREAS, The Delta Variant is responsible for 98.8% of all new COVID infections and is twice as contagious as COVID-19 Alpha; and

WHEREAS, children under the age of 12 all remain unvaccinated and now form a larger percentage of the population who can be infected; and

WHEREAS, in recent weeks, pediatric intensive care units in Orange County have started to fill up with a greater proportion of children as hospitalized patients;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Orange County is concerned about the welfare of vulnerable children who remain exposed to this deadly virus and believe the spread is avoidable; supports the executive orders and directives of Governor Newsom and State health officials; and supports universal masking policies, the vaccination of all eligible staff in schools and children over 12, expediting the Emergency Use Authorization of the vaccine for children under 12, regular COVID-19 testing and contact tracing in schools, social distancing inside and outside of classrooms, transparency regarding infections and response protocols, and flexibility for at-home and online instruction,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Democratic Party of Orange County calls upon elected officials to support the executive orders and directives of Governor Newsom and State health officials and to advocate for policies that protect all children from COVID-19 including those that will protect them from the spread of the virus in schools and in our communities and urge our elected officials to advocate for the Emergency Use Authorization of the vaccine for children under 12, considering all of the benefits of the vaccine against the risk of the virus itself.

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