



Resolution #21-10-1

MANDATED PROOF OF VACCINATION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

WHEREAS, Orange County law enforcement agencies are reporting COVID-19 vaccination rates that are significantly lower than those of the general population and with the Orange County Sheriff's Department having the lowest self-reported vaccination rate among county departments at just 16%, according to data from county officials. Coronavirus infections at work were the leading cause of death of American police officers in 2020 and the first half of 2021; and

WHEREAS, The biggest ongoing outbreak among county government workers is at the Orange County Sheriff's jail and headquarters complex. Jails are at higher risk for outbreaks according to the county health officer. Inmates in jail are at greater risk for contracting COVID-19 when jail personnel are not vaccinated;

WHEREAS, Police officers and other members of law enforcement have regular contact with members of the public in our communities, in public buildings, in the courts, and in schools, putting the public at risk of contracting COVID-19 when they are unvaccinated. Law enforcement is charged with a duty to protect the public it serves; therefore,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Democratic Party of Orange County supports city and county elected officials mandating that law enforcement employees provide proof of vaccination in order to maintain their employment, unless medical or religious exemptions, where appropriate, apply.

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