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To Mayor and Council:

I have a number of questions and concerns that I would like addressed.

According to PHO, as of September 14 2021 1130AM, there are 576,389 cases of COVID-19 recorded in Ontario with 9,629 deaths. This is a death rate of 1.6%. If we take into consideration these numbers are inclusive from Jan 15 2020 to September 14 2021, it works out to be 20 months, almost two years of data. Recalculating the numbers would cut this death rate in half to approximately 0.8% annually.

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/data-and-analysis/infectious-disease/covid-19-data-surveillance/covid-19-data-tool?tab=ageSex>

Now let's look at Influenza in Ontario (I have typed them out in case you can not see the graph):

-2019-

Cases - 13,815

Deaths 84

0.6% Death rate

-2018-

Cases - 19,141

Deaths 184

1.0% Death rate

-2017-

Cases - 11,915

Deaths 220

1.8% Death rate

-2016-

Cases - 14,444

Deaths 147

1.0% Death rate

-2015-

Cases - 9,832

Deaths 230

2.3% Death rate

Graph from PHO website:

<https://www.publichealthontario.ca/en/data-and-analysis/infectious-disease/reportable-disease-trends-annually#/29>

Year	Deaths	Total cases	Percent deaths
2019	84	13,815	0.6%
2018	184	19,141	1.0%
2017	220	11,915	1.8%
2016	147	14,444	1.0%
2015	230	9,832	2.3%

The death rate for covid-19 cases are lower every year in comparison to influenza, with the exception of 2019 obviously due to lockdown measures. I will also note those that did pass away vary exponentially by age group. Deaths under 50 yrs old = 256, deaths over 50yrs old = 9,372. Deaths under 20 = 5. Furthermore PHO does not report comorbidities and it is estimated that over 80% of these people had an underlying health issue (ie obesity, heart condition)

So, my question to you is: Why are we treating this any differently than the flu? Clearly Influenza is more deadly than COVID-19.

My next question, Public Health Officials are not elected so how is it that they have the authority to impose lockdowns, vaccine mandates, mask mandates, business closures etc?

Next, why are we not treating positive covid-19 cases, but simply sending them home only to get worse and in extreme cases resulting in death? It is estimated that over 85% of deaths from covid-19 could have been prevented if early treatment was prescribed. There is a treatment called monoclonal antibodies which are approved for use in Canada to treat covid-19. Numbers from the US that prescribe this treatment indicate that their hospitalizations have dropped 75% or more. Kincardine hospital does not even stock the treatment.

Finally, what evidence does the PHO have that justifies imposing these measures on the citizens of this province that clearly shows that the benefits outweigh all the damage it has caused?

Now, you may say that these questions are out of your jurisdiction. Unacceptable. The members of this community are looking for answers and accountability from our elected officials. If you can't answer these very basic questions, you should be at least asking them yourself and demanding answers from your superiors. The data is obvious.

Thank you.