

A Letter to Send to Venues That Discriminate Against the Unvaccinated



[Donald Boudreaux](#), senior fellow with Brownstone Institute and professor of economics, [wrote a letter](#) to send to managers of theaters, museums and public venues who exclude the unvaccinated or require proof of COVID vaccination and face masks.

Use this letter should you find yourself in a situation where you're being excluded or discriminated against at a venue because of your vaccination status.

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Manager of [name of the venue]:

Sir or Madam:

To enter your premises, each of your patrons is required by

you both to show proof of vaccination against COVID-19 and at all times to wear a mask.

What's the point of these requirements?

Vaccination is effective at preventing the vaccinated from suffering serious consequences from COVID. (And children naturally are at virtually no risk from COVID.) Therefore, those of your patrons who choose not to be vaccinated personally bear the costs of their choice without imposing any costs on those of your patrons who are vaccinated. So your requirement of vaccination is pointless.

This conclusion would stand even if we were sure that vaccination appreciably lowers, or even eliminates, the likelihood of vaccinated persons spreading the SARS-CoV-2 virus to other persons. But in fact, [we have no such assurance](#). Many [prominent public-health researchers](#) read [the evidence](#) as showing that [being vaccinated against COVID](#) does [not prevent the vaccinated](#) people – at least not for any significant [length of time](#) – from becoming [infected with SARS-CoV-2](#) and [spreading this virus](#) to others. Even CDC Director Rochelle Walensky [admits](#) about the vaccines, after the emergence of the Delta variant, that “what they can't do anymore is prevent transmission.”

Requiring proof of vaccination would thus be pointless even if it were the case that recovery from COVID provided no natural immunity. But in fact the [evidence](#) is powerful that recovery from COVID provides [significant natural immunity](#). Because nearly 50 million Americans have [tested positive](#) for COVID and recovered – and even apart from the considerations mentioned above – requiring all patrons to show proof of vaccination is, to put it mildly, excessive.

Similar questions apply to masks. Because vaccination is effective at protecting the vaccinated, why do you require each of your patrons to wear a mask? Again, those of your

patrons who choose not to wear a mask – just like your patrons who choose not to be vaccinated – impose costs only on themselves and not on those of your patrons who choose differently.

I urge you, in the name of liberal civilization and the open society, to stop mindlessly giving credence to pronouncements from the likes of Anthony Fauci and other government officials who have a personal stake in stoking COVID hysteria for as long as they can. Please let your patrons enjoy what you have to offer without being accosted by senseless COVID restrictions or required to participate in dystopian hygiene theater.