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Other accusations were made about the painting of the fence around the cemetery's first interment, Henrietta Ann Hendershott. The paint job was done by a sexton at the direction of Poitz and Delarme.

Some some feel this was a violation of ORS 166.076 - abuse of

a memorial to the dead. The ORS continues: "This section does not apply to a person's who is the burial right owner or that person's representative, an heir at law of the deceased, or a person's having care, custody or control of a cemetery by virtue of law, contract or other

legal right, if the person is acting within the scope of the person's legal capacity and the person's actions have the effect of maintaining, protecting or improving the tomb, monument, gravestone or other structure or thing placed as or designed for a memorial to the dead." Given the fact the cemetery is in custody or control and the painting was done to improve the

site, any wrongdoing will ultimately be decided by the state.

The meeting ended with Poitz, Delarme and an unknown female said to be living there being served with eviction papers. The association membership served a "72-hour Notice Of Expulsion," including a request for all keys, checkbooks and other financial instruments.



**Lyn Poitz and Karen Delarme at a Laurel Cemetery Association meeting Sunday, April 18 being served with eviction notices.**

(Photos by Dan Mancuso for the Illinois Valley News)

# VACCINE... Continued from A-1

should be a conversation you should have with your doctor.

Murray said, "Don't let it (immunosuppressant medication) sway you to not get the vaccine. ...Talk to your hematologist. There is no way to tell if your immune response will be muted or not; it is still unknown," and then explained that there was no good antibody test yet.

### Can you have an adverse reaction to the vaccine if you have Rh negative blood type?

Mechling said she recommends taking the vaccine "regardless of your blood type." Murray and Villona strongly agreed with this recommendation.

### If someone has had a bad reaction to a vaccine in the past, should you take the CV now?

The consensus among the physicians was to still get the vaccine but to use precautionary measures. For instance: If you've had a life-threatening reaction (face swells up and you can't breathe) get it in a clinical/hospital setting. If you've had a milder reaction, such as a rash, wait 30 minutes after getting the CV at the clinic versus the recommended 15.

### How risky are the vaccines?

Murray said the only reason not to get the CV is if you have had an anaphylactic reaction (severe allergic reaction) to the CV. "Right now, no one in U.S. has died from the CV; no one - zero."

Reactions like a sore arm and muscle aches can occur, but that is immune system kicking into gear. Talk to your physician about safety if you have questions.

Villona said, "As an emergency physician I have seen no one come in for a CV complication," and added "I looked up stats and the numbers are so small it is hard to conceive of. Two - five individuals out of a million have adverse reactions."

### Is it safer to contract the virus or to get the vaccine?

Murray pointed out the possible long-term side effects from having COVID-19. A third of people that have had it suffer from neurological effects such as "PTSD, brain fog, memory lapses, shortness of breath, chronic fatigue, joint aches and emotional pain. Don't wait to get illness because of possible complications from the vaccine." So far researchers feel that getting COVID-19 does not give you high enough protection as the vaccine does.

It is recommended that

even if you have had COVID, please get vaccinated. There is still not an antibody test available.

All the forum doctors agreed, "People are not dying of the CV and that social media has spread misinformation."

Allen advised, "Listen to experts and scientists and not things coming across on social media because much of the information there is inaccurate."

### Why do we need to get to "herd immunity" and what is that?

Herd immunity occurs when enough people become immune to a disease to make its spread unlikely. As a result, the entire community is protected, even those who are not themselves immune. Herd immunity is usually achieved through vaccination, but it can also occur through natural infection.

Murray emphasized the need to build "herd immunity." The larger the group of unvaccinated people - the more people will get sick. You should get vaccinated and consult with a physician if you have questions.

Murray explained how vaccines are protective and used the measles vaccine as a model. "One of the most infectious viruses is measles. If a community is 90-95% vaccinated from measles, it helps to keep it from spreading.

"COVID is very easily transmitted and a large part of community will need to be vaccinated to stop the spread. We are waiting to see how the CV will protect from variants coming out ... Things are changing very frequently."

Mechling reminded the audience that "measles killed thousands of kids each year before the measles vaccine."

### What is the risk to the unborn baby from the effects of the mother's catching COVID-19?

Mechling reported it is still being studied, but any fever is toxic to an early fetus and Villona confirmed that there would be an "increase risk of premature birth."

"The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends the vaccine in pregnant and lactating women," said Mechling, and Villona added, "Due to high risk of contracting COVID."

### MYTH BUSTING Does the CV alter your DNA?

The CV does not change your DNA (deoxyribonucleic acid). Mechling tries to respectfully alleviate her patients' fears. "All our DNA is unique, but all our ribosomes are identical. (Ribosomes are minute particles consisting of RNA and associated proteins that function to synthesize

proteins.) Ribosomes only have one job - to transfer messenger (m) RNA (ribonucleic acid) ..." She refers her patients with questions to YouTube to see how mRNA works if they have questions

### Can CV give you the virus?

No!

"mRNA does not enter your nucleus, it dies after it does its job. You can't get COVID-19 because of the vaccine," answered Villona and added, "180 million people are vaccinated now."

### Are doctors profiting from COVID-19 deaths, so they falsely put the virus down as a cause of death?

Villona strongly advised that hospitals profit from elective surgeries and those surgeries are down due to COVID-19 pandemic. As an emergency room (ER) physician she has never seen COVID-19 written down falsely. Many times, when patients come into the ER they are not even tested. If anything, COVID-19 deaths may be underreported. Also, if cause of death is not known they record it as "Unknown." Most doctors that she knows are hurting financially due to COVID-19 shutdowns and mandates.

### I've gotten my CV, now what?

"It is OK to be around family and friend members without masks in your home

who have also been vaccinated. But you still need to wear mask in public places," said Mechling." 85% of people need to be vaccinated before we can go to a baseball game (major league stadium) again."

It was explained in the forum that a very small number of people do get COVID-19 after the vaccine. Why take a chance of going to a public venue without a mask?

### How do I find a vaccination site nearby?

You can call the Josephine County Call Center 541-916-7030 and they do have English and Spanish speakers to give information. Allen stressed that undocumented workers should not be worried about being reported if they get the vaccine.

Mechling gave a reminder: "The CV should be free. If someone tries to charge you, go somewhere else. Starting April 19 anyone over 16 can get vaccinated."

Mechling advised that in the Illinois Valley there is a different number to call to schedule a vaccine appointment. You can call 1-833-408-3311 to schedule an appointment at Mechling's office at Clear Creek Family Practice or Earth Song Medical Practice in Selma.

There is a free COVID-19 vaccination Saturday, April 24 at the I.V. Family Coalition, 535 E River St. from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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