

## Meagan Werth Ranson

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Dear Ms. Ranson,

The following is my comment for the upcoming Covid 19 Mitigation and Management Task Force meeting. I had trouble calling in last time, so I am relying on you to read the comment at the public comment portion of the meeting.

Please let me know how Nevadans can have actual conversations with members of this task force and receive responses to our queries and concerns rather than simply reading statements that the committee can ignore.

The PCR tests that are being used by labs across the state of NV are using too many cycle thresholds to amplify the SARS CoV2 virus. According to the CDC, asymptomatic people shouldn't be tested at all. For symptomatic people who are tested using a PCR test, the cycle threshold should be lower than 30-35 because anything higher than that only discovers fragments of viral DNA incapable of being cultured and thus not infectious. Persons who have a "positive" test at cycle threshold levels higher than 35 should not be considered sick, infectious, or a threat to anyone. Please demand that across the state labs lower cycle threshold so that "cases" reported can be a meaningful number. And make sure that labs are communicating this information to the individual and including the cycle threshold level used in making the determination of whether that person is "positive" for this virus. And please remember that no person on this committee is elected to represent the people of Nevada nor to be legislators creating new laws or demanding "compliance." Your role is simply to get the best, most transparent information to the people of Nevada and let them make their own health decisions and risk-assessments.

Sincerely,  
Nancy Jones