



Can Someone Force You to Get the Jab?

Earlier this month, Obama HHS Director Kathleen Sebelius was being interviewed on CNN when she said this:

“We’re in a situation where we have a wildly effective vaccine, multiple choices, lots available, free of charge, and we have folks who are just saying I won’t do it. I think that it’s time to say to those folks, it’s fine if you don’t choose to get vaccinated. You may not come to work. You may not have access to a situation where you’re going to put my grandchildren in jeopardy. Where you might kill them, or you might put them in a situation where they’re going to carry the virus to someone in a high-risk position.”

Sebelius later compared unvaccinated people to drunk drivers. It’s almost funny, but it’s not. This threat feels too real to be funny.

We know the Biden Administration is not going to protect our right to choose to get the vaccine or not, but we live in a red state. We’re free people. How is the State of Georgia protecting our medical privacy and our right to make our own decisions regarding our own medical treatment?

On May 25, 2021, Governor Brian Kemp signed [Executive Order 05.25.21.01](#) which prohibits vaccination passports being implemented by state agencies. It states:

“...that individuals are not required by law or otherwise mandated to receive a Covid-19 vaccine; and that an individual’s Covid-19 vaccination records are private medical information....”

The Order also prohibits Georgia Registry of Immunization Transactions from being shared with private entities for the purpose of prohibiting access to employment. This took effect on May 25, 2021.

The State cannot force us to get a vaccine, and the State will not share our medical information with our employer. That’s good, but is it enough?

How does this protect us when we get letters asking *us* to submit proof of our vaccination status to our employers. It’s not just employers- vaccination status is also a major issue with colleges. In Georgia, the State Colleges and

Universities are “strongly encouraging” the vaccine, however Emory University, Clark Atlanta University, Morehouse College, the Morehouse School of Medicine and Spelman College are requiring students to get vaccinated for Covid-19.

The [Nuremberg Codes](#) state that voluntary consent is absolutely essential for medical treatment. How could that not that apply here? Is it that you are choosing to either go to college or to not get vaccinated? Seems like pressure to me.

It also seems to be an obvious violation of the HIPAA privacy laws to ask people if they’ve been jabbed. Can employers or schools also ask about a person’s HIV status or how often a person really exercises? What about anti-depressants? There are a lot of things we’d like to keep private.

What about religious or personal objections to disclosing personal medical information? We could discuss why people might object to the vaccine, but then this article would be flagged by Facebook. No discussion, just get the jab!

In addition to the Executive Order of May 25th, The Georgia Legislature has a bill pending:

[House Bill 413](#) would prohibit the state and local governments from requiring persons to submit to vaccination against COVID-19 for any reason, including as a condition of (i) employment, (ii) school attendance, (iii) professional licensure, (iv) educational certification or degree, (v) admittance to any place of business or entertainment, or (vi) access to any mode of transportation. The Bill permits mandatory vaccination if certain requirements are met (for example, if the vaccine has received FDA approval beyond emergency use authorization and undergone long-term clinical trials), but it provides an exemption for individuals who object in writing that vaccination conflicts with their philosophical beliefs. A second reading of the Bill occurred on February 17, 2021. One of the primary sponsors is [Rep Karen Mathiak](#).

This sounds promising, but it’s pending, no action seems to have been taken since February, and maybe it’s not enough anyway.

We need to pay attention to this and protect our rights or we will certainly lose them.

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