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**From:** Courtney Fearon <cefearon@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Monday, December 7, 2020 9:45 AM  
**To:** Assembly  
**Subject:** Please listen to other perspectives

Dear Assembly,

This is a letter in support of my friends who are employees at the Manor. Please do not disregard their statements and please stand down regarding mandatory asymptomatic testing.

A week or so ago the head of the hospital lab stated that the PCR tests being done here in Petersburg are required to be run at 45 cycles. She also stated that the test has been "contested" regarding its accuracy. Dr. Fauci himself has stated anything over 35 cycles and it becomes extremely challenging to culture the virus. PLEASE take the time to look at the links, especially the study by the European Journal of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Disease. Before pushing for more asymptomatic testing, PLEASE consider pushing to lower the cycle threshold that our local lab is using. I recognize that you are following the recommendations of the hospital closely, but please consider the wide world of information around SARS-COV2 and the possibility that our local and state healthcare officials are not infallible. False positives happen and the consequences are not trivial for the lives of those individuals and communities.

The state of Nevada halted asymptomatic antigen testing in October because of false positives

<https://lasvegassun.com/news/2020/oct/09/nevada-halts-use-rapid-virus-tests-nursing-homes/>

A court in Portugal recently ruled that PCR tests could not be used to justify quarantining

<https://www.theportugalnews.com/news/2020-11-27/covid-pcr-test-reliability-doubtful-portugal-judges/56962>

European Journal of Clinical Microbiology and Infectious Disease study regarding PCR cycles

<https://link.springer.com/article/10.1007/s10096-020-03913-9>

Many thanks for your service at this challenging time,

Courtney Truex