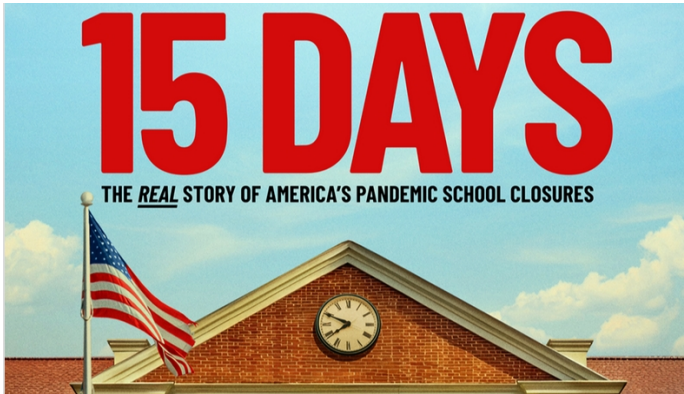


Covid School Closures: The Institution-Made Disaster that Keeps on Giving



Vermont Stands Up is hosting a **15 Days** film viewing with special guest, Director Natalya Murakhver
LIVE on Thursday, April 16th @ 7:00 pm
on the Vermont Back Porch.

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April 8th, 2026: The population who was at the least risk from the Covid virus, who were the least likely to spread it to others, and who are the most vulnerable to social isolation were made to lock-down, social distance, isolate, wear face masks, do bi-weekly tests and pressured to vaccinate for the longest time period and with the least choice than any other population.

If they did not submit to such “mitigation measures” students in Vermont were not allowed to attend school, play sports or see their friends for two years. And today our school board members in Vermont are willing to continue to impose these same interventions in the future in response to any number of diseases.

After discussing the negative impacts that “Covid” had on their students at Tuesday evening’s [school board meeting in Danville](#), board members adopted [Policy F-27](#) as written, without question or debate.

Titled [Communicable Disease Mitigation Measures for Students and Staff, F-27](#) is a recommendation of the [Vermont School Board Association](#), and it states:

“It is the policy of the Danville School Board, to implement communicable disease mitigation measures including but not limited to: vaccination of school staff, mask wearing, social distancing, screening testing, quarantine/isolation, improved ventilation, cleaning and disinfecting, and providing hygiene supplies...”

*“...Communicable disease’ shall include, but not be limited to: Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS) or Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV); Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS; Coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2); Novel Coronavirus 19 (COVID-19); Ebola; Chicken pox; Hepatitis; Measles; Meningitis; Mononucleosis; Whooping cough; Cholera; Bubonic plague; Anthrax; **and any mutations arising from or relating to infectious disease or ‘communicable disease’.**”*

Attending these school board meetings and seeing these policies pass through my school district this spring, after so much research has proven that our interventions did more harm than good, especially for young people, has been disheartening, to say the least.

However, I woke up this morning praising God for gracing us with the most amazing allies. We are not alone. There are others like us, who are passionate and dedicated to having this conversation and bringing out the truth.

Perfectly timed to address this renewed attack on our students' health and well-being, Vermont Stands Up is proud to be collaborating with one of our courageous and undeterred partners to bring the film [***15 Days, the REAL Story of America's Pandemic School Closures***](#) to our state.

Directed by Natalya Murakhver and produced with Hawk Jensen and Eli Steele, [*15 Days*](#) is a documentary revealing why America's school closures lasted longer than almost any other nation. Murakhver, an NYC "Open Schools" mom who filed a lawsuit against Mayor Bill de Blasio to reopen schools during the pandemic, connected with parents and medical experts across the nation engaged in similar fights in their cities and towns.

Framed as a forensic analysis of what happened to children during school closures, this film blends Murakhver's perspective as a Soviet immigrant with voices of children and families nationwide, exposing devastating learning loss, mental health crises, and inequality. The film challenges the narrative that "we did the best we could with the info we had" by revealing that key science was available and ignored, and examining how unions and activists influenced the crisis.

Featuring former COVID advisor Stanford's Dr. Scott Atlas, Stanford epidemiologist Dr. Jay Bhattacharya, former NPR reporter Anya Kamenetz, author Martin Gurri, tech addiction expert Dr. Nicholas Kardaras, USC's Dr. Morgan Polikoff, legendary NYC basketball coach Ron Naclerio, and Moms for Liberty co-founder Tiffany Justice.

The film examines how \$189.5 billion in federal ESSER funds for schools was tied to extended closures, leading to devastating social and academic outcomes for children.

15 DAYS preserves the voices of those who fought to reopen schools and serves as a historical record to protect future generations.

Join us on the [Vermont Back Porch](#), VSU's social-media platform for Vermonters who are United in Freedom, on **Thursday, April 16th @ 7:00 for a free, online viewing** with the filmmaker.

Stay tuned for a series of live viewing events coming this spring to theaters across Vermont.

To learn more, visit [VermontStandsUp.org](#) and join [VermontBackPorch.net](#)



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