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**Hillsdale College Academy for Science and Freedom
Statement on Ethical Principles Garner More Than 6,000 Signatures**

The 10-point statement was coauthored by 12 prominent medical science, public health, and biomedical ethics experts from around the world

HILLSDALE, Mich. — The Hillsdale College Academy for Science and Freedom’s “Statement on the Ethical Principles of Public Health” has already received more than 6,000 signatures from scientists, healthcare providers, and citizens across the country.

“It’s very encouraging that the statement has received this level of support so quickly from the public and from the medical and scientific communities,” said Scott W. Atlas, a founding fellow at Hillsdale’s Academy for Science and Freedom. “The immediate, positive response to this statement shows that people across the country recognize the importance of restoring and restating clear guidelines for ethical, practical public health policies that respect the rights and needs of the public.”

The Academy for Science and Freedom wrote the statement in collaboration with prominent experts from around the world from the fields of medical science, public health, and biomedical ethics. The statement outlines the necessary conditions for a humane and effective response to a national public health crisis. Several of the statement’s 10 points also highlight the importance of informed consent in medical guidelines and the necessity of public dialogue in the creation of public health policy.

The statement was released on Aug. 23 and was created to address U.S. public health policies enforced during the COVID-19 pandemic. The statement can be read and signed [here](#).

To learn more about the Academy for Science and Freedom, its mission, and its fellows, click [here](#).

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