

# Long COVID: The Pandemic's Lasting Impacts on Local Government Operations

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# REMOTE ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

## IN THE GOOD OL' DAYS... [SECTIONS 7(A)-(C)]

- Quorum must be physically present
- Member may participate remotely only if majority permits, and only if:
  - Personal illness or disability
  - Away due to employment or public business
  - Family or other emergency
- Public body must have rules concerning remote attendance
- Public comment: in-person only

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## ENTER THE VIRUS

- Gubernatorial Executive Order 2020-07, March 13, 2020
- Section 7(e) of the OMA, P.A. 101-640, effective June 12, 2020

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## LOOKING AHEAD

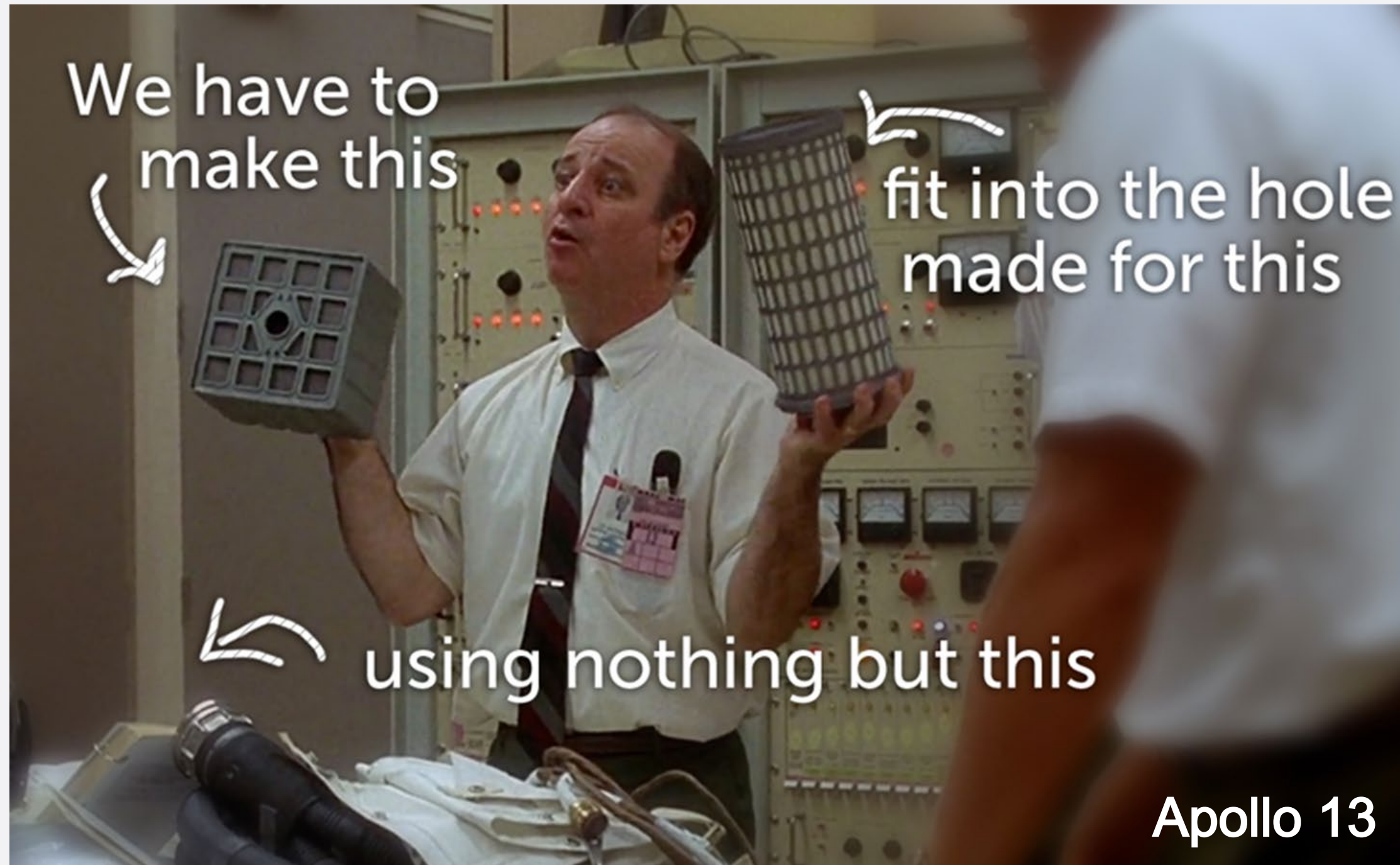
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- Consistency?
- Public Attendance
- Public Comment
- Public Hearings



# NEW PROBLEMS, SAME LAWS

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# CERTIFIED LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

## LOCAL CONTROL AT A COST

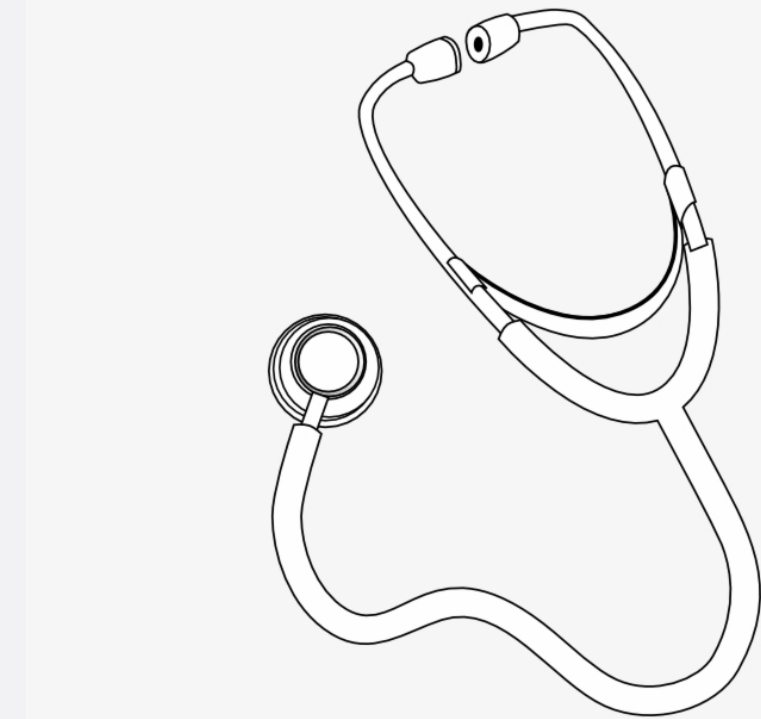
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### PROS

- Local control
  - Vaccine allotments and distribution
  - Public health orders and enforcement
  - Direct receipt and allocation of state and federal funds
  - Programming responsive to local needs

### CONS

- Initial creation is time-consuming (and likely expensive)
- Obligations and Responsibilities
- On-going costs and staff time



# LIQUOR SALES AND DELIVERY

## IN THE GOOD OL' DAYS...

- On-premises vs. Off-premises
- Delivery
- Public Consumption and Open Container Laws





# LIQUOR SALES AND DELIVERY

## WHEN THE BARS AND RESTAURANTS CLOSED...

- Off-premises sales by on-premises licensees
- Delivery permitted alongside food
- Single-serving take-out and delivery
- Outdoor dining areas





# LIQUOR SALES AND DELIVERY

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- On-premises vs. off-premises?
- Single-serving take-out and delivery: expires 1/3/24
- Outdoor consumption?

# OUTDOOR DINING

Amenity ➡ Necessity ➡ Expectation

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- Pilot programs expanded outdoor dining
- Making Programs Permanent – issues to consider:
  - Right-of-Way
  - Parking
  - Equity
  - Safety
  - Government investments/costs