

Hello -- Please listen to the reasons I support a vaccine mandate for Nevada's universities. Offering NV university students the educational foundation that will support a lifetime of learning and of action as productive adults and thoughtful citizens requires an educational "menu" that allows students to take in-person courses and online courses as best suit their needs. Some courses, especially those involving laboratory experiments, need to be experienced in person to have their full impact. Moreover, research shows that student learning is deepened and made more useful by peer discussions of course material.

A vax mandate is the best way to make this happen. Vaccination is the best tool we have to prevent infection (and to reduce the seriousness of infection for the rare cases where infection occurs despite the vaccination). Critically, the vax mandate protects not only our students, but also vulnerable people in their social networks of family and friends.

As a UNR faculty member, I have had a perfectly horrible fall semester, isolating from the rest of my family for their protection. Despite being fully vaccinated myself (and my family) This past fall I knew I was (against my will & my request for remote teaching) exposed every to the risk of infection.

Please support the vax mandate so that the spring semester is no a repeat of the fiasco of the fall semester!

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