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As a concerned parent of a child attending University of Nevada, Reno I am quite alarmed to hear that you are considering mandating vaccination status for NSHE students. Other states such as Arizona are not implementing these forceful policies, let alone for an age group which is not considered as part of vulnerable populations:

<https://azgovernor.gov/governor/news/2021/08/governor-ducey-takes-action-further-protect-arizonans-local-vaccine-mandates>. If such a mandate were to be put in place, my child will not attend college in your system. This should be their choice & not the choice of the school they are attending, since this is a new vaccine & we do not yet know the full long-term effects or benefits of vaccinating for covid....especially since strains are now mutating. I am concerned that this mandate will start here, but will you then force them to vaccinate against every new strain? We don't even do that for flu shots and yet we know people die from the flu! There is also emerging research to show that immunity after covid infection is long lasting: SARS-CoV-2 infection induces long-lived bone marrow plasma cells in humans: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41586-021-03647-4>. If a child was infected & not vaccinated, they may still be protected, but under your black and white policy you are saying you don't care what opposing research says and are using science to boost only your own argument. Please take in consideration that this is not a battle against vaccinated or not, this is a battle for freedom of choice for over one's own health and my child will not be put into an environment where a state will mandate them to compromise their own choice.

Thank you for your attention to this matter!