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Subject: Comments - emergency regulations for NSHE students and COVID-19 vaccine
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Hello,

This email is for public comment regarding the Friday (8/20) 9am meeting to discuss emergency regulations for NSHE students and COVID-19 vaccine.

Requiring vaccinations for the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff of educational institutions is nothing new. To attend NSHE schools, students must be up to date with MMR, TD, and meningococcal vaccines, all of which are deadly. To protect NSHE campuses, requiring COVID-19 vaccinations of students who intend to learn in person is necessary. As a graduate student and faculty member at UNLV, as well as an in-person adjunct instructor at CSN, the idea that students can return to on-campus instruction without vaccination is scary. Yes, I am vaccinated, but I worry for members of our community who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons, or those who have been vaccinated but have autoimmune disorders that still place them at risk for serious illness.

Every person that gets vaccinated will help slow the rate of evolution of the disease, and protects those too young to receive the vaccination. If we wish to move forward to a better future this includes the vaccination of in-person learners. The data is clear that these vaccines reduce hospitalizations and save lives, but it takes our entire community to join together.

Thank you for your consideration. I strongly urge the state board of health to pass this emergency regulation and save lives.

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