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Mandating the vaccine for any population is a violation of our medical freedoms as Americans. Giving up that freedom is not a smart choice. It is a slippery slope leading to more freedoms being taken away when that so-called vaccine does not take care of the problem. Where will the breach in freedom end? Aside from the freedom issue, there is simply no reason for students to be required to submit to a vaccine for a virus with a mortality rate of less than 1%. The mortality rate is less than many other viruses that are readily transmissible on college campuses, such as Influenza A or B. College campuses have never mandated a flu vaccine for college students before, and have never had any issues related to spread or death. If students want the vaccine they are more than welcome to get it of their own free will and choice. If they don't want it, they should not be discriminated against. This is a personal choice. Let's leave it that way.

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