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**Subject:** Please mandate COVID-19 vaccine immediately  
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Dear Nevada State Board of Health Members,

As a Nevada citizen and University of Nevada Reno employee, I request that you please mandate the COVID-19 vaccine immediately for the health and safety of our NSHE and greater communities. Whereas we require other vaccinations for admission to our institutions, whereas the current COVID-19 vaccine is safe and effective (reference our own infectious disease expert, Dr. Trudy Larson: <https://www.unr.edu/nevada-today/news/2021/covid-vaccine-myths>), whereas the COVID-19 Delta variant is currently causing infection rates similar to pre-vaccine levels, whereas there was a recent article in the New York Times about children contracting long-COVID, whereas students need to safely return to in-person instruction, and whereas health and safety should not be political, please enact vaccine mandates immediately for the upcoming school year.



Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,  
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