

I am the partner of a professor at UNR. I am immunocompromised and my doctor has suggested that I work from home for the duration of the pandemic and my employer has allowed this (I have been doing this since March 2020). My partner has also worked from home since the start of the pandemic. She will soon return to campus and face the risks of student interactions. Her risk then becomes my risk because she is no longer allowed to work from home.

Students do not always make the best decisions; they are the group most affected right now because many do not get vaccinated and they tend to engage in riskier behavior, such as attending crowded parties and other events. These are typical risk-taking behaviors of this age group. Then they spend time in crowded classrooms, bathrooms, hallways, etc. and spread the virus to each other and faculty.

For this reason, I strongly support the requirement that students be vaccinated. This protects all of us. Hundreds of other colleges and employers are helping end the pandemic by requiring vaccinations.

Thank you,
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