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Greetings,

I would like to express my opposition to requirement of mandatory vaccinations. At the onset of the pandemic the primary concern was the limitations of protective equipment, ventilators, and hospital space. At this time, hospital space is available, ventilators are available, the vaccine is available (to those who want it) and n95 masks are readily available.

The vaccine does not have FDA approval and is still considered experimental at this time. While the initial trials went well for the vaccine, there are cases at this moment (like the incident in Provincetown during the pride festival) that point to those who received the vaccine to be significantly higher risk for contracting the delta variant. This is concerning and should be given time to be studied. Does the term “my body my choice” have any merit or is this merely a political mantra only applied selectively?

A serious concern from the community opposing the vaccine are not it's immediate impacts but those unforeseen future issues. Examples of this being heart inflammation in males, cerebral palsy, infertility, autism, and many more. People should be given the opportunity to evaluate these risks vs the reward of not contracting a highly survivable virus.

I understand the virus has killed many people with comorbidity and this is concerning. People with these concerns have the vaccine available and n95 masks which are the only masks proven to protect the wearer against the virus (not cloth masks which allow the virus to pass through nearly unobstructed). This means those concerned with contracting Covid are armed with the abilities to protect themselves, thus freeing this burden from the rest of the community. Further rendering mandatory vaccines unnecessary.

An argument made by proponents of the mandatory vaccine requirement are to “follow the science”. To this I would just point out that at one time, science suggested cigarettes were good for our lungs and also recommended by doctors; science once suggested the earth was flat; and surgeons thought the initial recommendation to wash their hands before surgery preposterous.

Those without the vaccine at this point don't want the vaccine for philosophical or religious reasons. To impose a requirement of mandatory vaccination to attend the institution would create an adverse impact to an entire protected class of individuals placing you at significant litigious liability.

In closing, there are too many complaining without offering solutions to the problem at hand. My suggestion would be to provide choice to the individual. Offer both vaccination only classes and non vaccination classes and provide the freedom of choice to the individual. Provide a release of responsibility waiver for the student to sign. At least this would provide measurable data for comparing to help people make decisions for themselves.

Respectfully,
J. Robinson.

Sent from my iPhone