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Good day.

I write in strong support of policy that would require students to be vaccinated in order to attend Nevada's universities and colleges.

As the Interim Chair of the Department of Criminal Justice, I fear for the safety of the 800+ students and faculty I serve. Our classes are often very large and held in tight quarters. College students do not always make the best choices regarding social distancing and staying home. Thus, they are at high risk of contracting COVID and spreading it to other students and professors. I have one faculty member who will have contact with over 200 students in a week. The risks are quite high and we are required to teach in person.

We already require the to get a host of other vaccines; this should be no different.

The chaos that the pandemic has caused is indescribable. Each professor will be teaching the same class simultaneously both in person and online for those who think they might be ill. We will have to move to total remote if a student has exposed the class to COVID. Students never know if their class will be cancelled or moved to Zoom on a moment's notice. Professors have to prep the class in person, online, and for both simultaneously.

Let's just get this pandemic over with by making students get vaccinated. Our physical and mental health depends on it!

Thank you,  
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