

From: [Nate Mayes](#)
To: [Joseph P. Filippi](#)
Subject: Agenda Item #2 for Meeting Scheduled 20 Aug 2021
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Hi Joseph,

Please include my written statement below as public comment for the upcoming 9AM meeting on 20 Aug 2021 regarding action item #2 - discussing vaccine mandates for universities.

Thank you,
Nate Mayes

To the Nevada Board of Health,

The proposed action item to discuss and possible act on amendment to NAC 441A.775 on 20-Aug 2021 will require the covid-19 shot for all students attending higher education in Nevada.

These are the reasons why you must oppose a mandate on the COVID 19 vaccine for higher education Nevada students.

1.) The COVID 19 vaccine is still under emergency authorization and not fully approved. There could still be negative consequences and unknown long term risk that has not been fully vetted out on a fully approved vaccine. The Nevada Health Board should not require any experimental vaccine on Nevada students putting them at additional risk or unknown long term side effects.

2.) There have been over 7,000 life threatening cases, 6,600 permanent disabilities or 26,000 hospitalizations. Each person must decide for themselves whether the risk or benefits being vaccinated is worth it or not and not forced on them in pursuit of higher education.

3.) Vaccinated individuals can still spread Covid-19; you are not immune if you can spread the virus. The Cdc admits this in the following link ([link](#)).

4.) The CDC still recommends everyone to wear a face covering regardless of vaccination status ([link](#)). This would suggest the vaccine has no immunity if masks are still required.

Conclusion:

I am a Nevada resident and taxpayer and realize the decision you must make is a difficult one. The easy decision seems like the mandate is the answer, but it is not. Forcing this mandate to require experimental vaccines on Nevada students will have long term negative effects on the students. This decision will have an economical impact on Nevada as students and employees make decisions now for their (and their kids) higher education. For those individuals opposed to an experimental vaccine and believe that it is a health risk to have it, will spend their money in other States who do not require the vaccine to attend in person higher education. The public record of

those opposed versus for will give you the best metric to measure this against.

Regards,
-Nate Mayes