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Hello,

I am writing to submit a public comment on today's 9am meeting. I'd like to advocate for the requirement of proof of vaccination for all individuals at NSHE institutions that will be interacting in-person. As a professor at Nevada State College and one that up to recently had upcoming in-person courses, it is seriously concerning that this requirement has not been instated already. I chose to move my courses online for this exact reason. All science points to the fact that interacting in-person in an enclosed environment regardless of mask wearing and social distancing is a main contributor for further spread of COVID. Rising numbers of infections in the delta variant should be taken with all seriousness. Why not require something that can only help stop the spread? Why put our health and the health of others in danger? Are we really going to wait for a major breakout to require vaccinations on campus? Many of us have family members and/or children who are immunocompromised or there is not a vaccine for yet; why should we have to put them in danger? Please help us and support the requirement of proof of vaccination. Thank you.

Best,

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