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Hello,

I am a 39-year-old non-traditional student returning to college at UNLV in summer to finish my bachelor's degree. Please understand that at least 8,700 students at UNLV are non-traditional students, most older than 24. Young people may not be as affected by Covid, but we attending classes are not all young. Since many refuse to immunize for their own health and that of others, the responsibility of the collective good health of our campus lies in your hands.

A Covid vaccine mandate will keep more students in classes and help avoid the chaos of mass quarantines and expensive interruptions to our education. I am nervous to attend classes next week not because of what catching Covid might do to my body, but what it will do to my grades. I happily lined up to get my two Pfizer doses in May, and the already mandated MMR and DTAP in June. If we must attend classes in person in enclosed spaces, there needs to be a vaccine mandate.

Vulnerable students have few alternative choices for attending in-person classes. Without a Covid vaccine mandate, we are being made to put ourselves in higher risk situations multiple times a day. It is irresponsible to make students come back to in-person classes without a Covid vaccine mandate.

Sincerely,

Alicia Lay
