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[On Mon, Aug 16, 2021 at 8:57 AM, Katherine Zander <kzturtlegirl@yahoo.com> wrote:](#)

This letter is in support of mandating vaccinations for CoVID for students, faculty, and staff on NSHE campuses. We mandate many other vaccines for the health and well-being of people on our campuses. This is no different from them aside from the highly political (and deluded) nature of arguments against it.

We are a system of higher education for Nevadans, and people across the world that our campuses attract. Higher education is all about promoting critical thought. Our research universities are recognized for and thrive on promoting scientific discovery, achievement, and research. We would do a disservice to everyone who cares about the health and safety of people on our campuses, if we dismissed the efficacy and importance of vaccination against a disease that shut down our campuses for 17 months. We would also perjure the very ideals of science taught and celebrated at our institutions. To refuse a vaccine mandate would be hypocrisy at its highest, and grossly irresponsible.

In addition to the moral responsibility you have to safeguard the people on our campuses, by refusing to take reasonable safety precautions for your students, faculty, and staff, you open up NSHE to liability. Refusing to mandate a CoVID vaccination opens you up to the same liabilities you are mitigating for by mandating encephalitis, MMR, and other vaccines students must take. This is not a new policy to consider. There is a long history of precedence here.

PLEASE do the right thing and mandate CoVID vaccines on NSHE campuses. You owe it to Nevada, Nevadans, and yourselves.

Respectfully submitted,  
Katherine Zander

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