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To: <u>Joseph P. Filippi</u>

Subject: Public Comment for Emergency NV Board of Health Meeting - In support of mandating vaccinations for ALL NSHE

schools (all levels)

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We are now seeing positivity, morbidity and mortality rates for Covid-19 as high as last year, before we had an effective working vaccination. These are almost exclusively within unvaccinated people. It is imperative that the vaccination be made mandatory for all schools, faculty, staff and students, within Nevada. Vaccination rates in this state are lower than 50% and are not rising. This, therefore, allows gatherings of people to transmit and allow formation of variants of this highly transmissible virus. It was a step in the right direction for mask mandates to be reinstated, but the only thing that we have in our "safety toolbox" is a working effective vaccine that will bring positivity rates down. Universities and colleges are going back to classes in person, which necessitates the mandating of a vaccine. Students must already provide evidence of vaccinations for measles, mumps, rubella, etc.; the virus that causes Covid should be treated the same. Please, please for the safety of our faculty, staff and students as well as the community at large, make the decision to require the Covid vaccination to enroll and attend in person classes on all of NSHE's campuses (universities, colleges and community colleges).

With safety of our community in mind, Carrie.

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