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Dear Health Board Members,

I am a biology faculty member for the College of Southern Nevada, and I would like to comment on the potential for a policy requiring all students attending in-person classes to be vaccinated. I strongly urge you to make this a requirement. I made a point to get vaccinated as soon as I was able to, I wanted to protect myself and the people around me. I have older parents and young nieces that I did not want to expose to Covid. I have also been very careful about who I expose myself to, I have only been spending time with people who are vaccinated.

Now with classes starting faculty and staff will be required to spend hours each week with as many as 45 students in a classroom. If those people are not vaccinated we risk a huge spread of covid and the exposure of countless people. Vaccines are readily available and at no cost to people, there is nothing that would prevent students from obtaining a vaccine. Additionally, we already require other vaccines for students to take classes so this should not be any different.

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