

Hello,

I am a Ph.D. student, research assistant, and teaching assistant at the University of Nevada, Reno. I am filing a public comment and message to Washoe County representatives in support of the current COVID-19 vaccination requirement for students and staff.

I urge you to vote tomorrow, Tuesday 12/21, in favor of the permanent regulation. These vaccines are safe and effective, and of the utmost importance in keeping our campuses safe. To do anything but uphold the regulation would cause undue harm to the community. I would feel unsafe teaching, my students might feel unsafe in the classroom and choose to withdraw, and countless people could face serious infection and/or hospitalization needlessly. Furthermore, a policy about-face would be incredibly confusing to all.

With the Delta variant continuing to spread widely, and the Omicron variant detected in Washoe County today, it is absolutely essential that you vote to protect me, our students, and our community by keeping the vaccine mandate in place.

Thank you for doing your part to stop the spread and promote a healthy holiday season and upcoming new year.

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