**Academic Senate**

**California State University, Fresno**

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**RESOLUTION REGARDING HAZARDOUS WORK AND STUDY ENVIRONMENT**

**WHEREAS**, educational institutions in the United States have been requiring vaccines for class enrollment since 1850 when Massachusetts required students to have a smallpox vaccine;[[1]](#footnote-1) and

**WHEREAS**, the university will be opening up more classes for face-to-face instruction in Fall 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to EO 803, last revised 7/10/20, The California State University currently REQUIRES that students must submit proof of having had the following vaccines prior to enrollment in classes from fall 2020 forward:[[2]](#footnote-2)

1. Measles, Mumps and Rubella (MMR)
2. Hepatitis B (Hep B)
3. Varicella (Chickenpox)
4. Tetanus-Diphtheria-Pertussis (Tdap)
5. Meningococcal Disease (Serogroups A, C, Y, W-135)
6. Tuberculosis Screening/Risk Assessment (TB); and

**WHEREAS**, EO 803 provides a mechanism for increasing which vaccines are required: “In the event of a local or campus-based outbreak of a vaccine-preventable disease, the local public health department and/or the CDPH is authorized to require *immunizations beyond those currently required by the CSU.* Campuses will consult with the appropriate public health authority in case of an outbreak;” and

**WHEREAS**, EO 803 is slated to be revised in July, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, it has come to our attention that California State University, Fresno, plans to NOT require the COVID-19 vaccine for students unless it is fully approved by the FDA, to enroll and attend class in Fall 2021; and

**WHEREAS,** the various constituencies of California State University, Fresno, stand in solidarity with each other in our commitment to mutually promote and protect the health and well-being of our entire campus community; and

**WHEREAS**, we, the faculty, feel that NOT requiring a COVID vaccination creates an unnecessarily *hazardous* work and study environment for all students, staff, and faculty; and

**WHEREAS**, not requiring the vaccine puts California State University, Fresno, in legal peril from employees under OSHA guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, inequities exist in terms of access to the various vaccines for COVID-19; and **WHEREAS**, departments will be differentially impacted in terms of face-to-face instruction if non-vaccinated students, faculty, and staff are allowed on campus; then

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Academic Senate of California State University, Fresno, requests that a COVID vaccination be added to the list of required vaccines (in EO 803) for students to be enrolled from Fall 2021 forward even if the Food and Drug Administration has only given emergency authorization for a vaccine, noting that there are provisions in EO 803 for “exemptions based on medical considerations”; and

**THEREFORE**, **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** in support of the students and university community as a whole, all faculty and staff shall also be required to be vaccinated; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that vaccination requirements be fully enforced; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that California State University, Fresno, should provide access to vaccinations for all students, faculty, and staff who plan to participate in face-to-face educational activities at the university; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, as long as Fresno or surrounding counties are reporting 1 new case per day per 100K or more, all students receiving face-to-face instruction be required to have a COVID vaccination (with accommodations where possible for certified medical exemptions); and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that, regardless of the adoption of the requests above, California State University, Fresno /The California State University instigate an advertising campaign encouraging everyone (students, faculty, and staff) to get a COVID vaccine; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be delivered to the President of California State University, Fresno, the Chancellor of The California State University, California State Student Association, the Chairs of the twenty-three CSU Academic Senates, the Chair of the CSU Statewide Senate, and the Board of Trustees of The California State University.

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The current list of all universities requiring COVID vaccines can be found at: <https://www.chronicle.com/blogs/live-coronavirus-updates/heres-a-list-of-colleges-that-will-require-students-to-be-vaccinated-against-covid-19?cid=gen_sign_in&cid2=gen_login_refresh&cid2=gen_login_refresh>

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1. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz-managers/guides-pubs/downloads/vacc_mandates_chptr13.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. <https://calstate.policystat.com/policy/8309038/latest/> [↑](#footnote-ref-2)