



## LSU A&M FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 21-05

### A CALL TO ADD COVID-19 VACCINATION AS A REQUIREMENT TO THE EXISTING LIST OF MANDATORY IMMUNIZATIONS AT LSU

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Whereas LSU has no current policy requiring COVID-19 vaccination for a safe return to campus; and

Whereas medical ethicists and researchers from the University of Pennsylvania have argued that vaccinations for students wishing to participate in in-person classes should be mandatory;<sup>1</sup> and

Whereas a growing number of universities across the country, including Duke, Rutgers, Notre Dame, Brown and Cornell are requiring COVID-19 vaccination to safely return to campus in the Fall;<sup>2</sup> and

Whereas LSU has already begun administering COVID-19 vaccines to faculty, staff and students through events held on-campus; and

Whereas LSU already has Policy Statement 72, “Immunization Policy,” which requires students to be immunized for measles, mumps, rubella, tetanus, diphtheria, meningococcus, and in some cases be screened for tuberculosis;<sup>3</sup> and

Whereas numerous members of the LSU faculty have already expressed support for a requirement that all students who are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine be vaccinated in order to participate in on-campus classes and events beginning in the Fall of 2021:

Therefore, the LSU Faculty Senate requests that PS–72 be revised to require COVID-19 vaccinations for all eligible students wishing to enroll in in-person classes or other events on campus or implement a similar requirement via another administrative policy or procedure.

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<sup>1</sup> Emanuel, E.J., A. Glickman and A. Diana. (2021) “These People Should Be Required to Get Vaccinated,” *The New York Times*, April 14. <https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/14/opinion/coronavirus-vaccinations-mandate.html?smid=url-share>.

<sup>2</sup> Nadworny, E. (2021) “More Colleges Say They’ll Require Students To Have COVID-19 Vaccines For Fall,” *NPR*, April 11. <https://www.npr.org/2021/04/11/984787779/should-colleges-require-covid-19-vaccines-for-fall-more-campus-are-saying-yes>.

<sup>3</sup> [https://www.lsu.edu/policies/ps/ps\\_72.pdf](https://www.lsu.edu/policies/ps/ps_72.pdf). Accessed April 14, 2021.