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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**, Fresno County and the region has been, and continues to be an epicenter for the COVID-19 virus; 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 CSU 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)

**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 Fresno State plans to NOT require the COVID-19 vaccine for students to enroll and attend class in Fall 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, we, the Music Department 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 Fresno State in legal peril from employees under OSHA guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, music students, staff and faculty are at an unnecessarily increased risk already because we interact quite closely with students who are singing or playing instruments, which emits fine droplets, a known vector for this virus; and

**WHEREAS**, The Department of Music provides private one-on-one instruction for these performers and also lead ensembles of every size; 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 Fresno State’s Department of Music 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, noting that there are provisions in EO 803 for “exemptions based on medical considerations”; and

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Fresno State 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 in a California COVID tier above yellow (1 new case per day per 100K), all students receiving face-to-face instruction be required to have a COVID vaccination (those with a certified exemption could enroll but would attend classes online); and

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

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Department Chair bring this resolution to the Council of Chairs, the Associate Dean, and the Dean for consideration and submission to upper administration, with a request to submit it to the Chancellor’s Office; and

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that representatives to the College Executive Committee, Academic Senate, and CFA bring this resolution to those bodies for consideration for adoption and advocate for this policy on all levels of administration.

***Appendix A: Universities requiring COVID Vaccines (updated April 12, 2021 – from Chronicle of Higher Education, Inside Higher Education, USA TODAY, NPR):***

Boston University

Brown University

Cleveland State University

Cornell University

Duke University

University in Florida

Fort Lewis College

Harvey Mudd College

Ithaca College

Johns Hopkins University

Manhattanville College

Northeastern University

Nova Southeastern University

Paul Quinn College

Roger Williams University

Rutgers University

St. Edwards University

Syracuse University

University of Notre Dame

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)