



MEMORANDUM

To: Julio Frenk
University President

From: Linda L. Neider
Chair, Faculty Senate

Date: August 26, 2021

Subject: Faculty Senate Legislation #2021-01(D) – Resolution Concerning COVID-19
Vaccinations for Fall 2021 Semester

The Faculty Senate, at its August 25, 2021 meeting, unanimously approved the following resolution.

Covid-19 has impacted everyone in our university community and in the world, as a whole. Over 38 million cases have been reported in the United States alone, and over 600,000 deaths. The state of Florida has seen a tremendous rise in the number of infections with over 3.1 million cases recorded to date and close to 43,000 deaths. Vaccines are now easily accessible and known to be a key defense against the ravages of this virus.

Thus:

WHEREAS it is the responsibility of UM community members to provide a safe and healthy educational and work environment; and

WHEREAS the Faculty Senate and university administration have already mandated vaccines for faculty and staff; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Faculty Senate – consistent with scientific evidence - strongly recommends the implementation of a requirement that all UM constituents including STUDENTS, ADMINISTRATORS, VENDORS, BOARD OF TRUSTEE MEMBERS, FACULTY, STAFF, AND CAMPUS VISITORS wear masks and, subject to exception for medical reasons and religious beliefs, be fully vaccinated prior to utilizing any campus facilities.

This legislation is now forwarded to you for your information.

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cc: Jeffrey Duerk, Executive Vice President and Provost