

August 24, 2021

Dr. Jonathan Holloway
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Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey
New Brunswick, N.J. 08901

Dear President Holloway,

I am writing to you to urge you to require all Rutgers faculty and staff to be vaccinated against the Covid-19 virus. Your bold and farsighted mandate for all students to be vaccinated before their return to campus has enabled Rutgers to begin its return to a semblance of normalcy, providing for a traditional student experience and a re-opening of our campuses.

Your decisive action prompted the University Senate Executive Committee to consider whether this mandate should be expanded to include all faculty and staff. The Senate Executive Committee met on Friday August 21, 2021, to discuss the need for requiring the faculty and staff of Rutgers, to get fully vaccinated from Covid-19. The Executive Committee applauded your early decision to require all students to be vaccinated before returning to campus in September. This decision has resulted in a compliance rate of over 97% of all students.

We urge you to require all faculty and staff to do the same. While we understand exemptions and exceptions may apply in some cases, requiring this vaccine will protect our broader university community and the families and others we all meet. Vaccines will save lives and will allow the University to regain its normal operation and provide the educational experience our students deserve. The following resolution was approved unanimously:

Be it resolved

that the Senate Executive Committee acting on behalf of the University Senate urge the administration to require all faculty and staff of the university to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19.

Sincerely,

Jon L. Oliver, Chair

Cc: Dr. Peter Gillett, Vice Chair
Ms. Mary Mickelsen, Executive Secretary.