

College Sample Letter:

Dear ...

Students and employees should not be coerced under duress to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. I urge you to abandon any policy that would mandate a COVID-19 vaccine for students and employees. Higher education and employment opportunities should be available to all without infringement on the fundamental right of an individual to make health care decisions.

In light of the recent findings by the CDC regarding COVID-19 vaccination and an increase in myocarditis and pericarditis in teen and young adult recipients, we strongly urge you to recommend, rather than require, the COVID-19 vaccination as a condition of education or employment.

Following the June 24th meeting of the CDC's Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration plans to add a warning to Pfizer and Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine fact sheets about the rare cases of heart inflammation in adolescents and young adults. The risk of getting the vaccine is not warranted in this age group who very rarely suffer severe outcomes from COVID 19.

For those who decline the vaccine or seek an exemption, unfair rules have been proposed that would dictate those students and employees must comply with a separate set of standards that might include: not being allowed on campus at all, exclusion from certain campus events, services or housing, increased testing and tracking, limited or total lack of access to classroom instruction, and measures that alienate the refusers such as masking and distancing.

The principle of voluntary consent is recognized internationally. The Universal Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights states "Any preventive, diagnostic and therapeutic medical intervention is only to be carried out with the prior, free and informed consent of the person concerned, based on adequate information."

Again, I urge you to abandon any policy that would mandate a COVID-19 vaccine for students and employees. Students and employees should not be coerced under duress to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.

Sincerely,

Name, and Contact info