

Faculty Senate Resolution 2021-1 on campus-wide COVID-19 vaccination

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Whereas, the University of Toledo's mission is to be "leaders committed to improving the human condition;"

Whereas, the global COVID-19 pandemic has disrupted our society, including operations of the University of Toledo and the education of our students;

Whereas, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration has fully approved at least one COVID-19 vaccine;

Whereas, the University of Toledo should be a leader in science-based prevention of the spread of COVID-19;

Whereas, a safe and successful academic year will depend on minimizing the spread of COVID-19 on our campus;

Be it resolved that, as a matter of delivering a high-quality education safely and effectively and ensuring the health and safety of the University community, the Faculty Senate hereby expresses its strong support for mandatory COVID-19 vaccination for all students, staff, and faculty at the University of Toledo for as long as this is considered the best practice by relevant health authorities. To the extent that narrow medical and religious exemptions might be established, we urge the University of Toledo administration to adopt mandatory masking and testing regimens for any who receive such exemptions, consistent with recent federal court rulings on public university vaccine mandates and recommendations of medical advisory committees. We urge the University of Toledo administration to adopt such a policy immediately.