Board of Health approves emergency regs for COVID-19 vaccination

Carson City, NV — Starting the Spring 2022 semester, a COVID-19 vaccine will be required for students attending in-person classes at Nevada System of Higher Education institutions.

The Nevada State Board of Health (BOH) today approved emergency regulations that require state universities, colleges and community colleges to implement a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for enrollment after Nov. 1, 2021.

BOH members heard several hours of public comment prior to unanimously approving the emergency regulations.

The emergency regulations maintain the pre-COVID vaccine requirements for students enrolling in Nevada System of Higher Education (NSHE) institutions and does not change the existing exemptions for religious beliefs or medical conditions.

Students who are enrolled in distance education programs and do not attend a class on campus are also exempt from the requirement. Existing regulations require that a person shall not attend an NSHE institution until they submit proof of immunity to tetanus, diphtheria, measles, mumps and rubella.

Earlier this month, Governor Sisolak announced he requested his Medical Advisory Team review vaccination for NSHE students and following their review, the MAT recommended that Nevada should require all post-secondary students within NSHE institutions to become fully vaccinated for

COVID-19 and show proof of vaccination prior to registration and enrollment for the Spring semester.

The emergency regulations regarding COVID-19 vaccines for higher education students in Nevada will be effective for 120 days and will have to go through a more rigorous public process to be made permanent, if health and higher education officials deem it necessary. The emergency COVID-19 vaccination regulations must be endorsed by Governor Sisolak and will take effect after being filed with the Secretary of State.

Read the approved emergency regulations online here.

The COVID-19 vaccine is available for all those 12 years of age and older and is free for everyone. Insurance is not required.

To find the most convenient vaccination location go to NVCOVIDFighter.org or call the hotline at 800-401-0946.

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