



Council of Graduate Students  
The Ohio State University

To our campus community,

As leaders of the three student government organizations at Ohio State, we fully support the university's newly announced COVID-19 vaccine requirement.

Over the past months, we have voiced the concerns of students and advocated to administration to ensure that our return to campus this fall would be done in the safest way possible. These discussions were constant, long, and often full of difficult decisions and impossibly tough trade-offs. At the end of the day, the data and science are clear: requiring the FDA-approved Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is the most effective way to protect not just ourselves—but to protect each other. This policy gives us more assurance in protecting the health of our peers who are immunocompromised as well as our loved ones to the best of our ability. This policy will allow us to return to our classrooms, dorms, laboratories, sporting events and jobs more safely.

We understand that this policy will not be popular with everyone and that there are still many questions regarding what this means for you. As always, we encourage everybody to consult with their healthcare provider regarding medical questions and to carefully review President Johnson's latest email, which contains links to additional information.

We have each lived through an unimaginably tough year in many different ways. We have all experienced rapid change, and constant uncertainty. This COVID-19 vaccine requirement offers us an opportunity to keep ourselves and each other healthy. The circumstances of the COVID-19 pandemic will continue to change but we must now recommit ourselves to caring for one another and defeating this disease on our campus. We believe that this COVID-19 vaccination requirement is a major step toward as healthy a future as possible for our community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jacob Chang".

**Jacob Chang**

Undergraduate Student Government, President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Nick Messenger".

**Nick Messenger**

Council of Graduate Students, President

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Shivani Patel".

**Shivani Patel**

Inter-professional Council, President