

THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

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**A Resolution Formally Supporting an Immediate Vaccine Mandate**

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT BODY

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Gabriel Wagner  
Speaker of the Senate



Alexander Chiarelott  
President of the Undergraduate Student Government

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## A Resolution Formally Supporting an Immediate Vaccine Mandate

*In the Senate of the Undergraduate Student Body here assembled,*

1. **Whereas**, the Undergraduate Student Government represents the undergraduate student voice
2. at Bowling Green State University; and
  
3. **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University and the Undergraduate Student Government
4. aim to ensure all student voices are represented within the Senate; and
  
5. **Whereas**, the health and safety of the students, faculty, and staff at Bowling Green State
6. University is of the utmost importance, and the Undergraduate Student Government
7. encourages and supports any reasonable measure to promote the general welfare of the
8. aforementioned parties; and
  
9. **Whereas**, according to the Chief Health Officer of Bowling Green State University, Ben
10. Batey, only 60.5% of students have started the vaccination process and 45.6% have
11. completed it at BGSU, and 69.5% of resident hall students have started the vaccination
12. process with 59.3% having completed it; and
  
- 13.. **Whereas**, research demonstrates that the Pfizer vaccine is 95% effective at preventing
14. infection with COVID-19 in individuals 16 years and older<sup>1</sup>; and
  
15. **Whereas**, fully vaccinated people who do experience breakthrough infections are far less
16. likely to develop severe illness than unvaccinated people, their symptoms tend to be less
17. severe than unvaccinated people, and they are far less likely to die as a result of COVID-19
18. than unvaccinated people<sup>2</sup>; and
  
- 19.. **Whereas**, according to Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, 99% of COVID-related deaths and
20. hospitalizations in 2021 were individuals who were unvaccinated<sup>3</sup>; and
  
21. **Whereas**, the Delta variant is currently the dominant strain of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in the
22. United States, which accounts for 83 percent of infections diagnosed in the country<sup>4</sup>; and

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<sup>1</sup> [CDC Data on Pfizer Effectiveness and Safety](#)

<sup>2</sup> [CDC Data on Breakthrough Infections](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Mike DeWine Statement on 2021 COVID-19 Deaths and Hospitalizations](#)

<sup>4</sup> [WebMD Delta Variant Article](#)

23. **Whereas**, people infected with the Delta variant may carry roughly a thousandfold<sup>5</sup> more  
24. virus than those infected with the original virus; and
25. **Whereas**, the Delta variant is as contagious as chickenpox and is more likely to break  
26. through protections provided from the vaccines; and
27. **Whereas**, people infected with the Delta variant of COVID-19 are more vulnerable to  
28. hospitalization<sup>6</sup>; and
29. **Whereas**, federal researchers have found on August 24th that the protection of the vaccine  
30. decreased after the emergence of Delta variant<sup>7</sup>; and
31. **Whereas**, it is urgent to ramp up vaccination before the Delta variant evolves into a stronger  
32. form, which can potentially evade the current vaccines; and
33. **Whereas**, the U.S. The Food and Drugs Administration approves the Pfizer-BioNTech  
34. COVID-19 Vaccine for the prevention of COVID-19 disease in individuals 16 years of age  
35. and older<sup>8</sup>; and
36. **Whereas**, Kent State University and the University of Akron, two public universities that  
37. serve as peer institutions of BGSU, have recently implemented a COVID-19 vaccination  
38. requirement<sup>9</sup> for all students, faculty, and staff ; and
39. **Whereas**, Ohio State University, a flagship university in Ohio, has announced a vaccine  
40. mandate<sup>10</sup> requiring every student, faculty and staff member to be vaccinated against  
41. COVID-19; and
42. **Whereas**, Bowling Green State University is a public university for the public good, and the  
43. university administration is responsible for keeping the Bowling Green community safe; and
44. **Whereas**, President Rogers has committed to allow BGSU to run at full capacity in the fall,  
45. and to provide our students a robust in-person experience; and

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<sup>5</sup> [Viral infection and transmission in a large well-traced outbreak caused by the Delta SARS-CoV-2 variant](#)

<sup>6</sup> [Data on Delta cases resulting in more hospitalizations](#)

<sup>7</sup> [Vaccines prevented fewer infections as Delta emerged, federal researchers find.](#)

<sup>8</sup> [FDA Approves First COVID-19 Vaccine](#)

<sup>9</sup> [Kent State University and University of Akron Vaccine Requirement](#)

<sup>10</sup> [Ohio State announces vaccination requirement](#)

46. **Whereas**, a high vaccination rate in our community is the most guaranteed measure for us to  
47. have a safe, and robust in-person experience; and

48. **Whereas**, a rapid increase in COVID infection rates could result in university business being  
49. conducted on an exclusively remote basis, which would likely be detrimental to the financial  
50. and academic well-being of the undergraduate student body; and

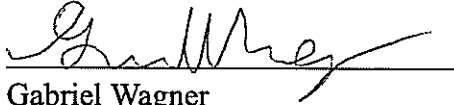
51. **Therefore, let it be resolved that**, the Undergraduate Student Government of Bowling  
52. Green State University supports the immediate requirement of students, faculty, and staff to  
53. receive the FDA-approved Pfizer vaccine; and

54. **Let it be Further Resolved**, the Undergraduate Student Government of Bowling Green State  
55. University supports the idea that the students, faculty, and staff of BGSU must be able to  
56. request a health-related or religious-related exemption to the COVID-19 Vaccine  
57. Requirement; and

58. **Let it be Further Resolved**, the Undergraduate Student Government of Bowling Green State  
59. University supports the extension of a grace period for students, faculty, and staff to have  
60. ample time to receive the Pfizer vaccine.

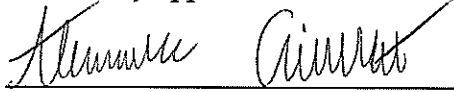
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*Passed by the Senate and ordered presented to the president of the Undergraduate Student Body for Approval or Veto.*



Gabriel Wagner  
Speaker of the Senate

*I do hereby approve and order this legislation into effect.*



Alexander Chiarelott  
President of the Undergraduate Student Government

*I do hereby disapprove and order this legislation to be returned to the Senate.*

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Alexander Chiarelott  
President of the Undergraduate Student Government