



## LSUHSC FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 21-02

IN SUPPORT OF LSUHSC CAMPUS GUIDELINES SENT AS A CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE TO CAMPUS ON AUGUST 24, 2021 AND UPDATED ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2021 MANDATING COVID-19 VACCINATION FOR ALL STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND STAFF

Whereas LSUHSC has a mandate requiring COVID-19 vaccination for a safe return to campus outlined in LSUHSC Campus Guidelines published as a "Chancellor's Message to Campus" on August 24, 2021 and updated in "Prevention and Management of COVID-19 on the LSUHSC Campuses" on September 27, 2021; and

Whereas the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has approved the first COVID-19 vaccine, known as the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, as of Monday August 24, 2021; and

Whereas the severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2 (SARS-CoV-2) has resulted in a global pandemic that still threatens the health and safety of the public and the community of the LSUHSC with greater risk for disease, hospitalization, and death among unvaccinated versus vaccinated individuals; and

Whereas LSUHSC being a leader in health and science in the region, has been administering and had COVID-19 vaccines available to faculty, staff, students, and LSU Health Network clients since February 2021; and

Whereas a growing number of public and private universities in Louisiana, the southern region, and across the country are requiring COVID-19 vaccination to safely return to campus; and

Whereas, on August 16, 2021 as part of mitigation measures the City of New Orleans enacted new COVID-19 mitigation measures that anyone 12 years of age and older must provide proof of at least one dose of an approved COVID-19 vaccine or a negative PCR test within 72 hours to access restaurants and gyms, among other indoor settings with a higher risk of COVID-19 transmission; and

Whereas numerous members of the LSU faculty have already expressed support for a requirement that all students, faculty, and staff receive the COVID-19 vaccine in order to participate in on-campus classes, activities, and events:

Be it resolved that, for the health and safety of the community and clients we serve, and LSUHSC faculty, staff, and students, the Faculty Senate of the LSUHSC express support for the mandate that COVID-19 vaccinations be required for all students, faculty, and staff unless there is a documented medical or religious contraindication.