

Indiana University - Bloomington Graduate & Professional Student Government

Resolution on the COVID-19 Vaccine

Whereas, COVID-19 vaccines are becoming increasingly available to college students in the United States;

Whereas, President Biden has stated that all adults in the United States should be eligible for a COVID-19 vaccine by May 1, 2021;¹

Whereas, the GPSG COVID-19 Ad-Hoc Committee surveyed graduate and professional students on the potential vaccination process at Indiana University;²

Whereas, 94% of survey respondents noted that they had not yet received a COVID-19 vaccine;

Whereas, 81% of survey respondents were in favor of IU requiring that all students be vaccinated for COVID-19;

Whereas, 94% of survey respondents were in favor of IU providing the vaccine for free in the event that it was required for all students;

Whereas, 70% of survey respondents were in favor of providing exemptions (e.g., medical, ethical, religious, or geographic exemptions), in the event that the vaccine was required for all students;

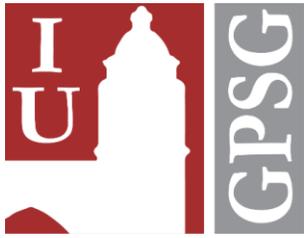
Whereas, there are students, faculty, and staff who are unable to receive a vaccine due to medical restrictions, and thus, a higher percentage of students having been vaccinated would ensure that those individuals may be on campus without additional health risks;

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Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that Indiana University should require all students attending courses in-person to receive the COVID-19 vaccination, subject to the following exemptions: medical, ethical, religious, or geographic location. The documentation for the medical exemption would be similar to that of the COVID-19 testing process at IU, and would allow for lived experience documentation.

¹ <https://www.cnbc.com/2021/03/11/covid-vaccine-biden-will-direct-states-to-make-all-adults-eligible-by-may-1.html>

² 913 students were included in the survey.



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Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that in the event the University cannot mandate the COVID-19 vaccine, the institution will take all necessary steps to strongly encourage and incentivize students to receive the vaccine. A few potential steps could include: providing a financial incentive, hinging the restart of campus events on specified vaccination levels, and limiting attendance at large, in-person events to vaccinated/exempted students.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the University takes all measures to provide a COVID-19 vaccine for free or at as low of a cost as possible to students.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the University is encouraged to adopt an educational marketing campaign for the COVID-19 vaccine to ensure that students are fully informed of the safety, health benefits, travel considerations, and other benefits/impacts of receiving the vaccine.

Therefore, be it resolved by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly that the University work to collaborate with other local, state, federal, and international (e.g., private airlines) institutions to assist students in the vaccination process and to provide all necessary information around vaccination requirements and limitations in a timely fashion.

Respectfully submitted to and passed by the Graduate and Professional Student Government Assembly on April 2, 2021.

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GPSG President

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Date