

**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES
COVID-19 VACCINATION REQUIREMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS**

NJ.com (and other new outlets) reported, “Rutgers will require COVID vaccines for students. The university might be the first.”

<https://www.nj.com/education/2021/03/rutgers-will-require-students-to-get-the-covid-vaccine-by-the-fall-the-university-might-be-the-first.html>

Official University statement - <https://www.rutgers.edu/president/our-path-forward>¹

Graduates, current students, and anyone connected to Rutgers University or who may be considering the University at some point in the future should reach out and let the school know that this policy change to require a covid vaccine for all students is not good policy at all. (Contact info. is below)

Important points to consider:

- College students are NOT in the high-risk category for COVID. College students are a very low risk for COVID complications.
- The Covid vaccines are still in the experimental stage and only approved under an Emergency Use Authorization.
- Rutgers is recommending the Pfizer vaccine, currently, the only vaccine “approved” for use in 16–17-year-olds. The other vaccines available are for those 18 years and older. Pfizer is a sponsor of the Rutgers’s Pharmacology program https://pharmafellows.rutgers.edu/wp-content/uploads/brochures/pifzer_rpfif-brochure.pdf
- None of the available vaccines have been tested adequately in the college population.
- None of the vaccines have been adequately tested for effects on fertility.
- As of yet, these NEW vaccines have no long-term data and requiring it as a means to receive an education at Rutgers is misguided.
- Thousands of severe covid vaccine side effects have been reported to VAERS (Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System)
- The covid virus strains seem to be mutating quickly and we don’t know if the vaccines will offer any real protection. No medical product is right for everyone. One size does NOT fit all. There is no evidence to show that covid vaccines reduce the spread of the virus.

¹ In January, Rutgers University stated that they would NOT require a covid vaccine for students.

January 22, 2021 – NJ.com – “Rutgers won’t require COVID vaccination, wants all students back for fall semester.” <https://www.nj.com/education/2021/01/rutgers-wont-require-covid-vaccination-wants-all-students-back-for-fall-semester.html> Rutgers Biomedical and Health Sciences Senior Vice Chancellor Vicente Gracias stated at that time, “Rutgers, with our stance of human liberties and our history of protecting that, the vaccine is not mandatory.” What has changed?

Forcing a young adult to consume this vaccine could likely put the individual's health at greater risk for ill effects as compared to not being vaccinated. Is that what we want our flagship University to demand of current and future Scarlet Knights, Scarlet Raiders and Scarlet Raptors?

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