

Subject: "Help ensure our university does not mandate another booster".

Dear colleague,

An [omicron specific booster](#) was recently [rolled out this fall](#), carrying with it the possibility that it may be mandated by CU in late fall or winter.

[Available empirical evidence](#) shows that neither the current nor imminently available COVID vaccines and boosters will prevent transmission, are unnecessary in people with prior infection, and their risk-benefit is unfavorable for the large majority of CU members facing the mandates, such as young adults who are at extremely low risk from the virus (i.e.  $\leq 0.006\%$  infection fatality rate following exposure to wild type/delta strain for ages under 25 yrs).

If you would like to learn more about why the mandates are a bad idea (and unethical), please see this Google docs [letter](#) that includes over 140 citations with up-to-date science and supporting data.

If you agree that we do not need any more COVID vaccine or booster mandates, please sign our [online petition using this Google form](#).

The letter was delivered to the President's Office and includes a link to an online version of the Columbia University letter which serves as a living document. Please leave a comment on the letter or reply to this email if you have any feedback or suggestions. If you believe the mandates are a good idea, please tell us why (but please read the [letter](#) first).

As of August 31st, 2022, the petition has garnered over 250 CU signatories, including junior faculty as well as more established and distinguished professors in medicine, business and risk management, math, physics, engineering, virology, immunology and microbiology. You can peruse the list of signatories on page 4 and after the references section of the [letter](#).

If you believe our university needs to change course on its COVID vaccine policies, please help us send this message to leadership by [signing the Google forms petition](#).

Much appreciation in advance for your time and attention to this important matter.

Kind regards,  
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