

How Legal Is Mandating Vaccines for College Students?

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Carlton Fields Shareholder and Core Triangle Consulting Vice President Rae Vann was quoted in a *Tampa Bay Business Journal* article inquiring if collegiate institutions can require COVID-19 vaccinations for students and staff. "We all need to be very cautious because we're all in uncharted territory with Covid-19, both the infections and the vaccines," said Vann. "We're operating under an emergency use authorization. So, the law really is still fairly untested, [regarding] whether, and to what extent, universities can mandate a vaccination that is not approved by the [U.S. Food and Drug Administration]. "It may be ultimately more effective and practical for colleges and universities — to the extent they're really grappling with this mandate question — to just develop really strong education campaigns and voluntary vaccination campaigns," shared Vann. Read the article. (Subscription may be required).

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