

BOARD OF REGENTS PRESIDENT MICHAEL RICHARDS COMMENTS
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I want to take a moment to publicly thank the Governor's Office, the Iowa Department of Public Health, and our Regent Universities for their tremendous efforts in making COVID-19 vaccinations available. This has been a major undertaking and we have been making great progress, and continue to encourage all our faculty, staff and students to get vaccinated.

There has been discussion about mandating vaccines. I want to make it clear that while we will continue to strongly encourage members of our campus community to get vaccinated, the Regent Universities will not be mandating vaccinations for any student or employee now or for the 2021-22 academic year.

I strongly believe in the effectiveness of vaccinations, and we will continue to make them available and encourage people to get vaccinated, but they will not be required at our three universities.