

Return to School Update



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EDUCATION



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- August 23: FDA approved the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine
 - August 27: Board encourages requiring vaccines to students

Fall 2021 – data points*

- 6 of 16 institutions with vaccine declaration requirement
(5 degree-granting institutions, 1 technical college)
- 6,000 students in quarantine
- 20-65% of courses offered online
- On-site testing
- On-site vaccines
- 60% students currently vaccinated

*Estimates as of Sept. 13, 2021

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Continuing Efforts

- Every institution meets regularly with its local health department
- Weekly system-wide coordination with Utah Department of Health
- Pro-active messaging about the vaccine and safe protocols

Planning ahead:

- Long-term impact to students
- What/when is “normal”? “New normal?”