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A Message from Chancellor Gibson



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## What we know about federal vaccine mandate

Dear faculty and staff,

UW-Stevens Point is proud to receive more than \$3.5 million in federal contracts which support vital student learning and research. It sets our institution apart with educational experiences key to student success at the undergraduate and graduate level.

As you may know, President Joe Biden issued an executive order in September that requires federal contractors to be vaccinated against COVID-19. The order requires employees of universities under federal contract to comply, including student employees.

It is unclear if the federal contracts that benefit UW-Stevens Point are subject to the executive order requiring vaccines. As we await further guidance from UW System, our institution will follow policies and procedures to meet federal contract requirements. UW Madison and UW Milwaukee also have federal contracts.

UW-Stevens Point is preparing for the federal vaccine mandate. While the order is fluid, we encourage all employees to take immediate steps as if a vaccine mandate will be imposed.

Fortunately, about 90 percent of UW-Stevens Point employees already have been vaccinated and submitted records. To those who have been vaccinated, thank you for making the health and safety of our students, employees and community a top priority. If you haven't done so, please submit your vaccination record as soon as possible to our [secure online portal](#).

We strongly encourage employees to get the COVID-19 vaccine, if able. Vaccines are the best way to protect yourself, your family and friends, our campuses and communities from serious illness. More than 5 million people worldwide have died from COVID-19, including 9,400 in Wisconsin.

We are working to understand the extent of our obligation to comply with this executive order and will provide the campus community with more information as it becomes available.

Sincerely,



Thomas Gibson, Ed.D.

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