

Please do not require teachers to get vaccinated before they return to in-person school. While this is a nice idea, it is not necessary to return to school safely. We know from data around the country that schools can operate in-person safely without teachers being vaccinated. The teachers, who are charged with doing their job and teaching science-based education to our children, are ironically failing at both doing their job and acting on science-based principles if they refuse to go back to in-person school without being vaccinated.

Teachers were hired to teach in-person, and if they refuse to do their job they should be let go. The union has had far too much power for far too long, and our kids are hurting. Oregon is starting to look more and more ridiculous as we deny science and keep our kids out of school. Oregonian children are falling far behind the rest of the country in terms of academics.

For those parents that want to keep their kids at home, they may do so and continue online school. There is no reason to deny kids in-person school just because some parents do not want their kids to go back.

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