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## University considering mandatory vaccinations to support a safer Tasmania

The University of Tasmania will consult with staff and students ahead of a decision next week about whether to implement mandatory COVID-19 vaccinations across its campuses in 2022.

Vice-Chancellor Professor Rufus Black said the safety and wellbeing of staff and students, and the broader community, would be at the centre of the decision.

“Throughout the pandemic, the University has worked to keep people safe and to support the Tasmanian community to manage the risks and impacts of COVID-19,” Professor Black said.

“The modelling is clear – after 15 December, COVID-19 will be present in our community, and it will impact people at the University.

“With campuses, staff and students in all regions of Tasmania, we want to make sure we are doing everything we can to ensure our people and our State are protected to the greatest extent possible.”

The University recently conducted a risk assessment, which found that mandating COVID-19 vaccinations at the University would significantly reduce the risks posed by the virus.

A survey seeking staff and student views was launched this morning and will be open until midnight on Sunday, 28 November.

A final decision about mandating vaccines, including when a potential mandate would take effect, will be made next week.

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