

September 10, 2021

**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Board of Trustees  
**From:** Committee on Academic Affairs  
**Subject:** COVID-19 Directives

**RESOLUTION:**

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University hereby affirms that under the Board of Trustees Bylaws and the Policy Manual of the Board of Trustees of Michigan State University, the President had, has, and shall continue to have the authority to issue the directives, orders, and policies related to COVID-19, including the vaccine directive.



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**BACKGROUND:**

Since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, the President and University have issued directives, orders, and policies to address the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff. Under the Board of Trustees Bylaws, Article 4, the President, as the principal executive officer of the University, (1) shall exercise such powers as are inherent in the position in promoting, supporting, or protecting the interests of the University and in managing and directing all of its affairs; and (2) may issue directives and executive orders not in contravention of existing Board policies. Because the COVID-19 directives were promulgated within the President's authority and are not in contravention of existing Board policies, the directives, orders, and policies related to COVID-19 were properly issued and promulgated by the President.