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To the members of Saskatoon city council,

I read with interest council's plan to discuss the issue of COVID-19 vaccine requirements for city employees and facilities and thank councillor Jeffries for his leadership on this issue. As a physician who has been deeply engaged in healthcare issues during this pandemic, I would like to add my strong support for all efforts that will help to encourage vaccine uptake in our city.

Our healthcare system is on the brink of crisis: this exponential fourth wave of COVID cases are compounding never-before-seen levels of healthcare worker burnout and absenteeism. If you have not already heard about the alarming stats, more information can be found in the SHA's most recent physician town: <https://www.saskhealthauthority.ca/intranet/medical-staff/physician-town-halls>. Saskatoon emergency physician Dr. Brent Thoma also recently posted a twitter thread that further outlines the dire situation our emergency departments are in: [https://twitter.com/Brent\\_Thoma/status/1431301384712818688?s=20](https://twitter.com/Brent_Thoma/status/1431301384712818688?s=20).

The fact that we are in this position *after* the development of cutting edge and lifesaving vaccines is nothing short of profound tragedy. We have seen examples from other jurisdictions such as France that vaccine mandates for non-essential public places are very effective at increasing vaccine uptake (e.g. <https://fortune.com/2021/08/24/europe-anti-vaxxers-vaccine-mandates-really-work/>).

While I would love to see such measures from higher levels of government, Saskatoon is in a position to move forward with life-saving leadership. Let's focus on areas within our jurisdiction and lead the way.

Respectfully submitted,

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