



COVID-19 Vaccination in HEIs

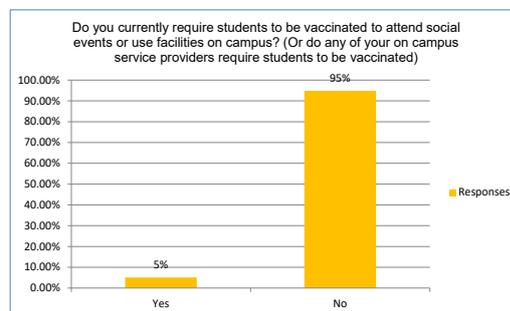
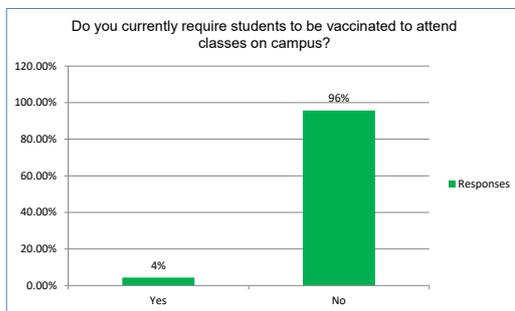
A big thank you from all of us to those of you who participated in our 'COVID-19 Vaccination in HEIs' October 2021 survey. Below is a summary of the results.

Our Survey Said...

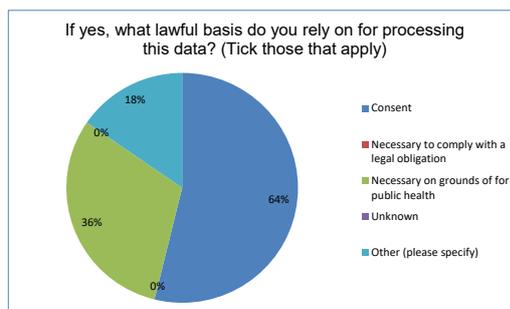
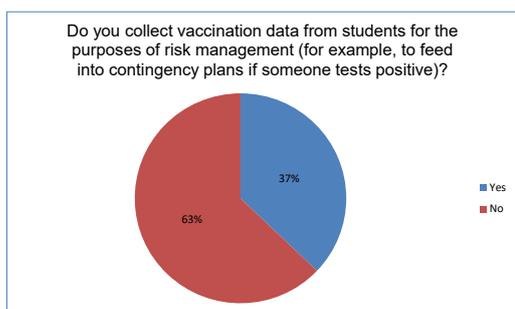
Vaccination Data

The vast majority of Universities (44 out of our 46 respondees) are not collecting vaccination data from students, either to attend classes or social events on campus, and have no plans to do so.

For the 2 respondees who are collecting this data, it was not clear how this data is being collected, but they are not operating formal student vaccination passports.



More institutions (40%) collect vaccination data for risk management purposes. However, there is no consistency as to how the information is collected with most relying on students voluntarily providing the information and less than 10% asking to see evidence of the student's vaccination status. Most institutions rely on 'consent' as the lawful basis for requesting this data, and only 4 institutions rely on the public health condition for processing.



What does this mean for HESA reports? The survey was prompted by requests from HESA to provide vaccination statistics. Clearly if Universities are not consistently collecting this data, then any reports to HESA will vary hugely. And if the information is only provided voluntarily, the results will be skewed to the point of the reported data having virtually no value. We will continue to monitor what is happening and feedback to you if the situation changes.



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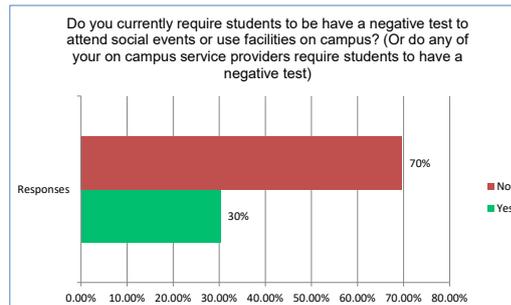
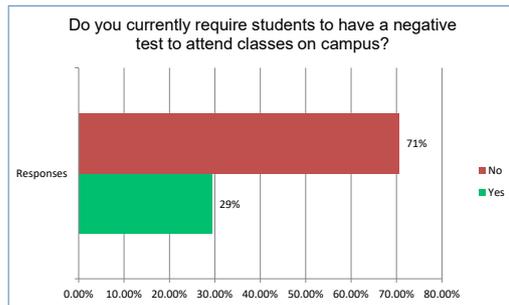
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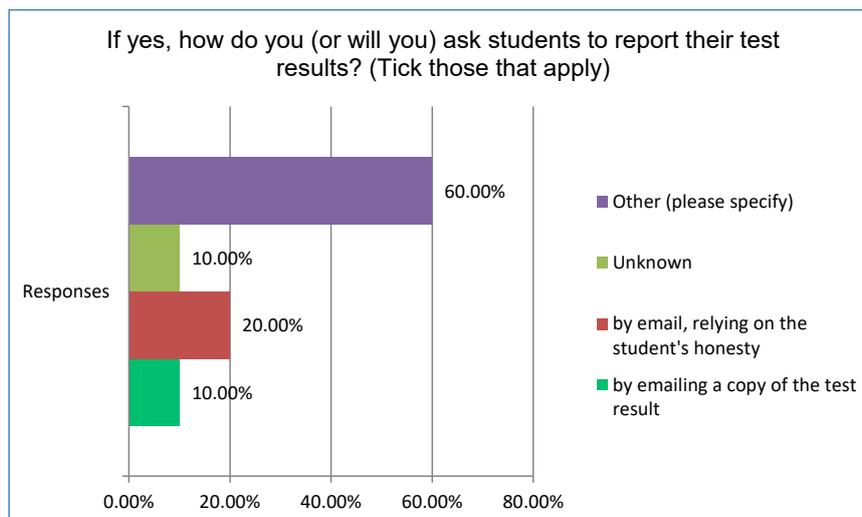
Test Data

30% of Universities (10 out of 46 respondees) require a negative test for students to attend classes and/or social events on campus. However, once again, those institutions not already doing this have no plans to do so in future.

For those respondees who are collecting this data, most are doing so on a voluntary basis and relying on student 'consent' as their lawful basis for processing.



Again, there is no consistency as to how the information is collected with most relying on students voluntarily providing the information, and relying on the student's honesty, with less than 10% asking to see evidence of a negative test.



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