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MEMORANDUM

To: NSHE Presidents
Fr: Melody Rose, Chancellor
Dt: March 23, 2022
Re: End of Unvaccinated State Employee Weekly Covid-19 Testing Program
Cc: Human Resource Advisory Council

I am writing to inform you that yesterday the Office of the Governor issued the attached memorandum directing that the current unvaccinated state employee weekly Covid-19 testing program that has been applicable to unvaccinated NSHE employees and coordinated through the Public Employees Benefits Program (PEBP) will end effective Friday, March 25, 2022. As stated by the Office of the Governor, the discontinuation of the testing program is due to improvements in Nevada regarding Covid-19 infection rates.

Please coordinate with your institution's office of human resources to ensure that this information is communicated to your campus community and more specifically to the unvaccinated employees that have been subject to the weekly testing. Employees who have unused Covid-19 testing kits from PEBP are permitted to keep those tests and are encouraged to use them in future instances where they may be experiencing Covid-19 symptoms.

While this testing program will be discontinued, all NSHE students and employees should continue to be encouraged to follow all Covid-19 health and safety protocols and best practices as set forth by state and federal agencies to ensure that we maintain the current positive trend.

I recommend that further questions or concerns by employees at your institution regarding this change be directed to your respective office of human resources.