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I INTRODUCTION

As Delta variant cases continue to surge, student safety on college campuses is once again called into question. University administrations are taking steps to maintain student safety while also preserving the campus experience.

- **State of play:** As of August 20th, institutions across the country have resumed classes, implementing a myriad of different COVID procedures. Many, like Stanford University, have imposed vaccine mandates while others, like Rice University, have opted for initial period of online instruction before resuming in-person classes

Universities across the country have been forced to make difficult decisions concerning student-life on campus, and it is important for students to have a voice on these issues as well.

Based on a survey of 846 college students conducted on August 11-13, 2021.



Vaccination Status

- 94% of respondents have either received at least one dose of the vaccine, plan to get vaccinated or are open to vaccination
- 15% of Republicans definitely won't get vaccinated as compared to only 1% of Democrats



COVID Procedures

- Three-fourths of respondents indicate that their school will require masks to be worn indoors in the fall



Vaccine Mandates

- 73% support a vaccine mandate on their campus
- However, only 38% of Republican support such a mandate



Campus Restrictions

- 87% of unvaccinated respondents are against restrictions on large social gatherings



Safe Activities

- 62% feel it is not safe to go to an indoor party without knowing other people's vaccination status
- Only 2% of respondents would not feel safe at any indoors gathering



Campus Spaces

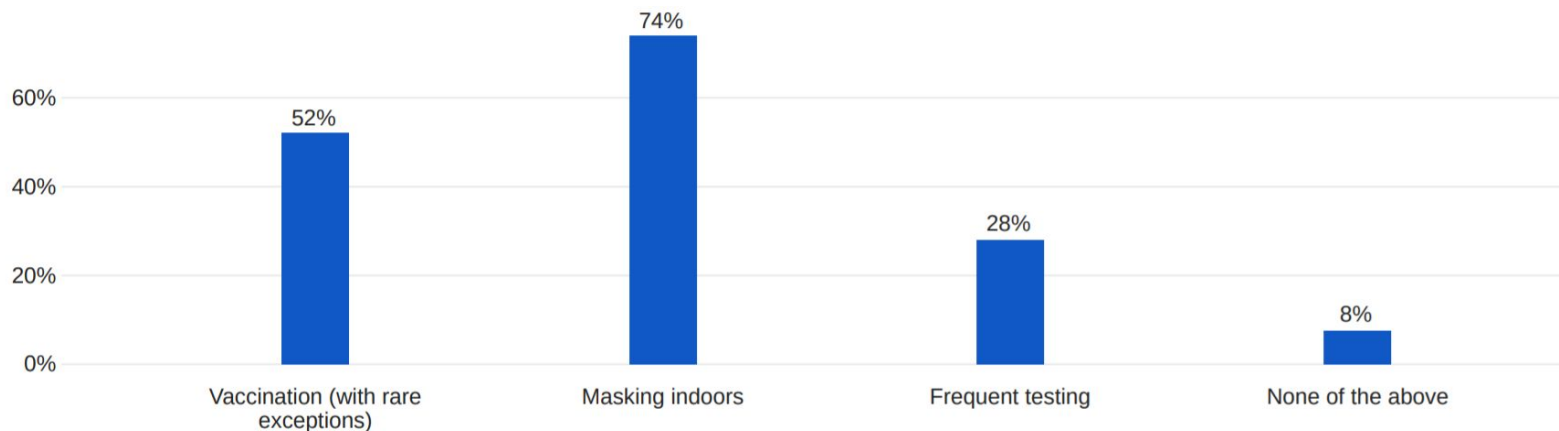
- Of campuses that require masking indoors, 90% feel comfortable in the following locations: Laundry Room, Classroom, Dorm Common Room, Gym, Dining Hall



FINDINGS

1. Masking indoors is most common requirement

**“What is your school requiring for all students on campus this fall?”
(Select all that apply)**

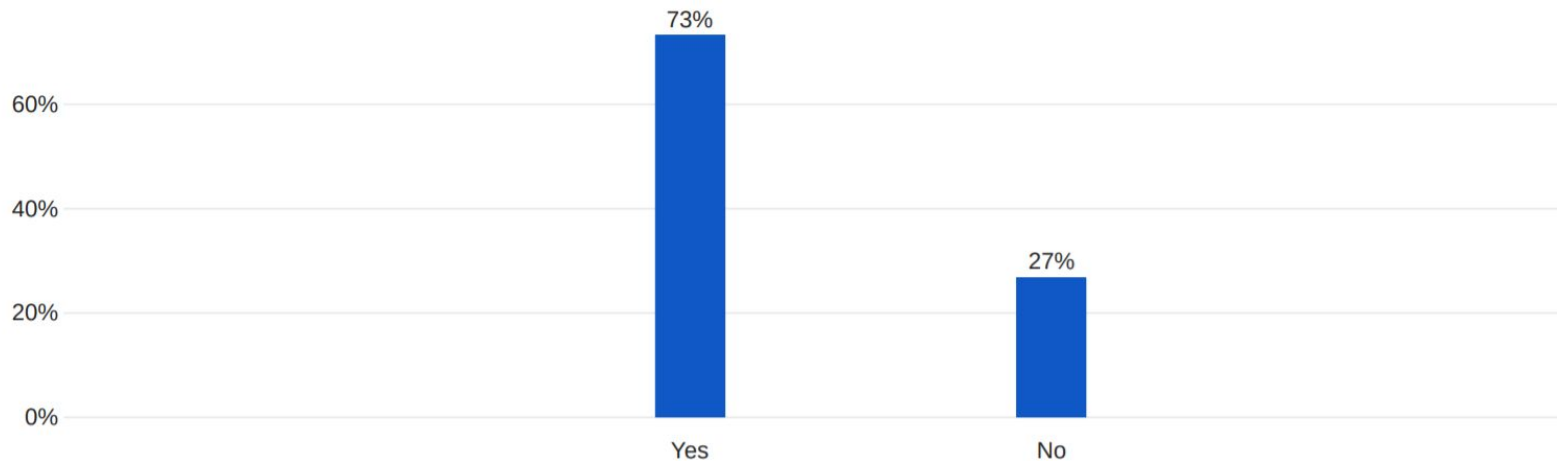




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2. Vaccine mandates are widely favored

“Should your school implement a vaccine mandate for those on campus?”

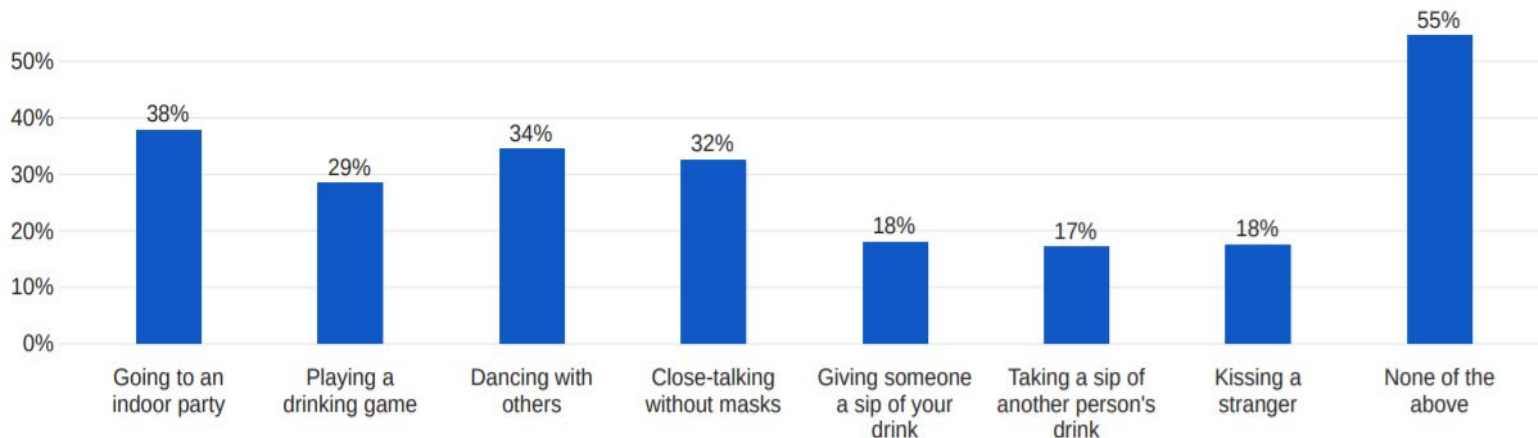




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3. Classifying activities' safety varies widely among students

“Of the following activities, which do you consider to be safe today, assuming you don't know other people's vaccination status? (Select all that apply)”

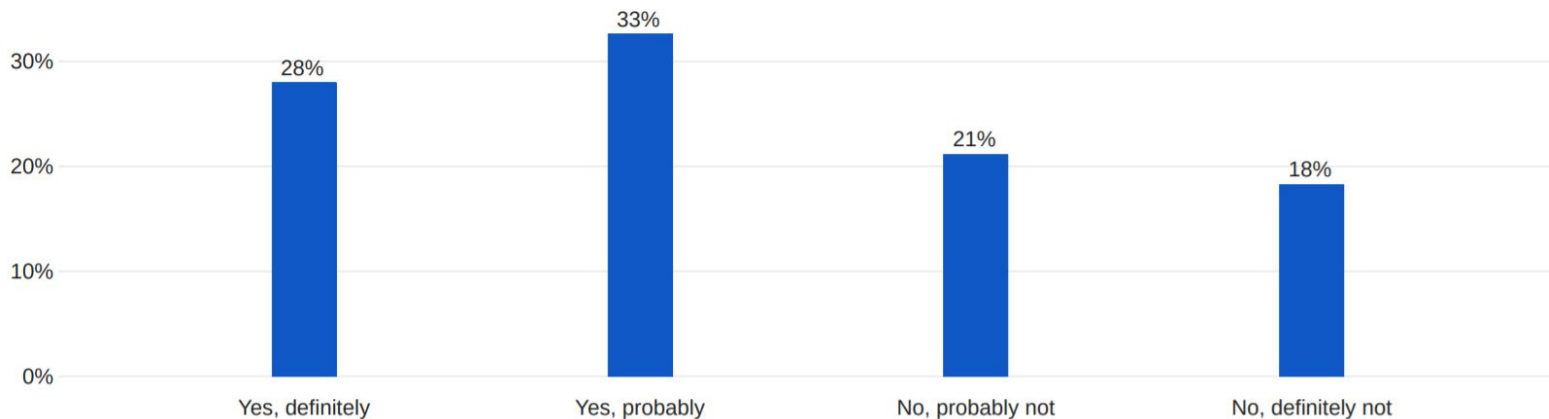




FINDINGS

4. Most believe there should be restrictions on large gatherings

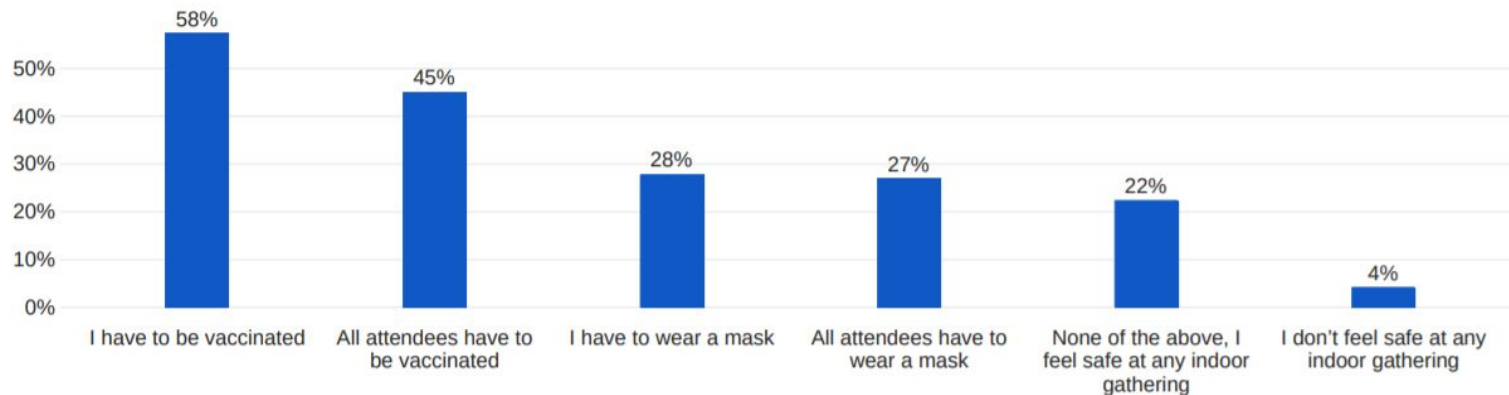
“Should your school impose restrictions on attending parties and large social gatherings?”





5. Vaccines will offer a sense of security at indoor gatherings

“Which of the following must be in place for you to feel safe at an indoor gathering? (Select all necessary conditions):”

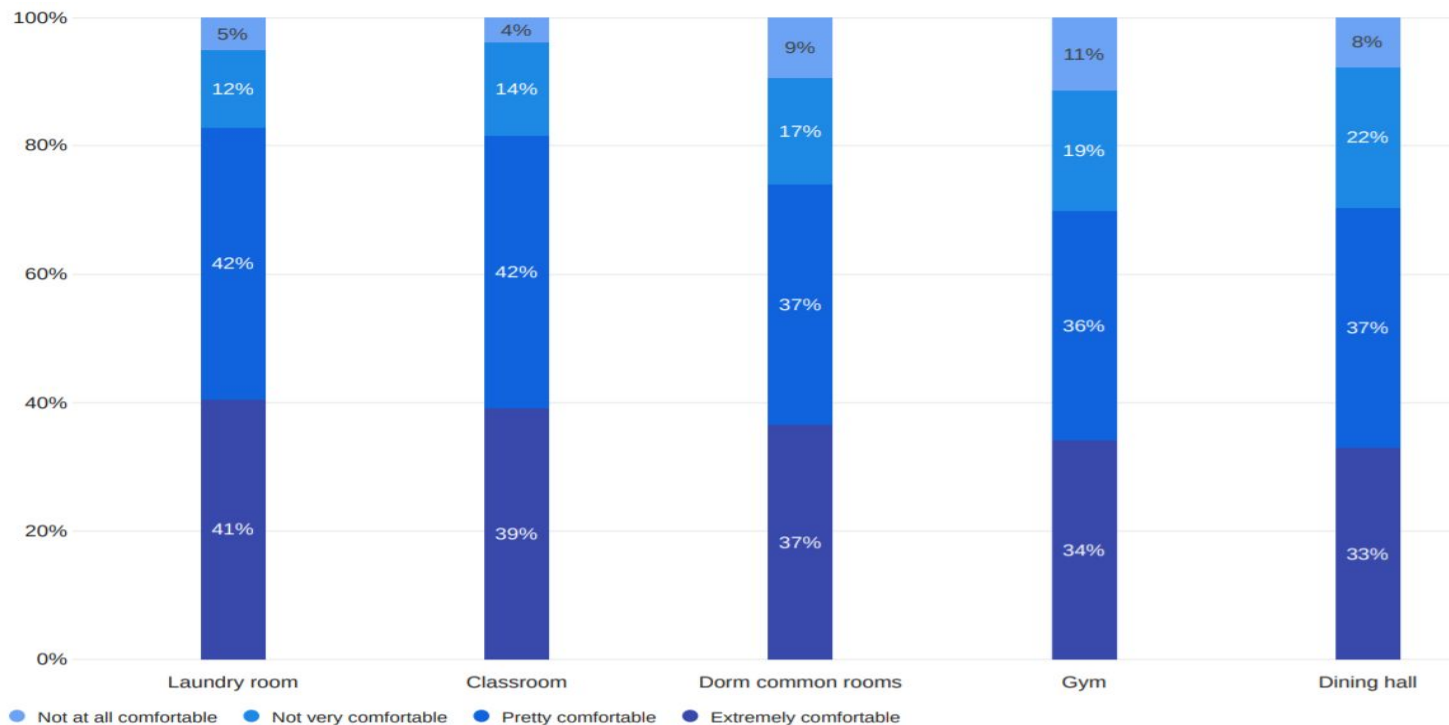




III FINDINGS

6. Most anticipate feeling comfortable in campus common spaces

“Given the requirements from your school, how comfortable would you be in the following places?”





IV METHODOLOGY

This study was conducted on August 11-13, 2021 from a representative sample of 846 students nationwide from 2-year and 4-year schools. The Generation Lab conducts polling using a demographically representative sample frame of college students at community colleges, technical colleges, trade schools and public and private four-year institutions.

We choose respondents using an exhaustive list of all post-secondary institutions in the United States, and - in random order - engage students through a combination of methods to give any student at each school as equal a chance of being surveyed as possible, including students at HBCUs, women's-only colleges, tribal colleges and technical colleges.

This approach mitigates biases resulting from a non-random approach. The final frame used in our polling closely resembles a probability sample of college students in the United States.



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We translate youth views and behavior for media, academia, businesses, government, and the American public. Whether through a one-day snapshot poll, or a multi-year longitudinal study, we pursue youth truth for our clients and the American public.



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