

New QS insights reveal how international students feel about university vaccination requirements

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LONDON, UNITED KINGDOM, March 25, 2021 /EINPresswire.com/ -- QS Quacquarelli Symonds, the higher education think-tank and insight providers of the QS World University Rankings have released new data showing the perspectives of international students in relation to university vaccination requirements.

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The findings published today, form part of QS’ ongoing research into the impact of COVID-19 on global higher education, which began in February 2020 and highlights the changing dynamics the pandemic is having on the international student market.

The latest research spoke to 2,513 prospective and current international students from 153 countries. The findings

revealed:

- 9 in 10 international students are open to having the vaccine with 65% saying they would and 28% saying they were unsure.
- Of the 10% who said they would not take the vaccine, 39% said they would take it if their university required them to have it before travelling overseas.
- Half (50%) of international students said that universities should require students to have had the vaccine before the student can travel to the country of their chosen institution, with 23% saying they were unsure.

The global rollout of the vaccine will play a key role in the delivery of international education around the world, as the higher education sector continues to navigate the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic. The latest insights from QS come as the UK nears the milestone of 30 million people receiving their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. The full report is available at <https://www.qs.com/portfolio-items/vaccines-and-virtual-lectures-report/>.

Commenting on the insights, Marketing Director at QS, Paul Raybould said:

“As countries across the world look to ramp up their vaccination programmes and reopen their economies, it is vital for universities to consider the approach that they want to take regarding the vaccination of their students. Whilst some international students believe that vaccination should be a requirement in order to travel to study, others are more sceptical and so it is more important than ever that institutions provide clear, effective, data-led decision making and communications.

“These latest insights form part of our continued research into the impact of COVID-19. This research has provided vital insights to institutions throughout the pandemic, and we continue to work closely with the sector to ensure our partners long term resilience throughout this challenging period.”

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Over the last 12 months, the global HE sector has faced unprecedented challenges – and insights and services have never been more valuable. QS are proud of the role they have played in supporting HE throughout the crisis. By listening to the needs of the sector, they were able to be one of the first organisations to provide insights into the impact of COVID-19, which helped their clients gain in-depth understanding into the needs and challenges of students and universities. For QS COVID resources, please visit: <https://www.qs.com/covid-19-resources-updates/>

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QS are proud to be providing the data-led solutions, insights and research that will enable their clients to become more resilient and navigate the complex global dynamics in higher education through this current crisis and beyond. The QS World University Rankings portfolio, inaugurated in 2004, has grown to become the world's most popular source of comparative data about university performance. QS' international Student Survey is the world's largest survey of the sentiments, motivations, and preferences of prospective international students.

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