

# Protests Over Vaccine Mandates Erupt Across US

Protests are erupting across the country over COVID-19 vaccine mandates. Parents in California are fired up, protesting outside the state Capitol and across the state.

"The harder they push, the louder we'll get," said Angie Matthews, a parent from Stockton.

California teachers are now required to get the shot. The mandate is coming for students too once the vaccine is fully approved for their age groups. "I'm not a parent that wants my child to be controlled by the government," said parent Tykie Rodriguez. So, I want my child to not be vaccinated."

In Chicago, police officers are facing off with the mayor. Thirty-five percent of officers haven't reported their vaccine status and risk losing their jobs. In Washington state, an officer signed off for the last time after being forced to leave for not complying.

Nationwide, 62% of all officer deaths last year were from COVID.

In the sports world, Washington state has fired its head football coach Nick Rolovich and four assistants for refusing the state mandate. "I mean it's just unfortunate," said Pat Chun, Washington State University's Director of Athletics. "This team, they don't deserve this. I mean that this is a real point of heartbreak."

It all comes as a so-called sub-variant called "Delta Plus" ramps up its spread. About 6% of all cases in the UK are from this new strain, which has spread to the US.

Meanwhile, some governors are pushing back against the

mandates.

“This Delta variant is dangerous; it’s spreading quickly, but it’s spreading whether there are mandates or not. And unfortunately, these mandates have created an economic pandemic where previously we only had a health pandemic,” Montana Gov. Greg Gianforte (R) told CBN News.

But a new study from the “Covid States Project” shows support for governors slipping in states without mandates. {eo}

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