
COVID-19 Vaccine Update: Jan. 26, 2021

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Dear UCA Faculty and Staff:

As you know, on Friday, Jan. 15, we distributed a COVID-19 vaccination interest survey to all UCA, Aramark, and bookstore employees. While the survey will remain open for additional responses, to date we have received responses from 864 individuals indicating that they desire to receive a COVID-19 vaccination. Of those, 250 individuals have self-identified as high risk for COVID-19 complications and/or are age 70 and above. Today, I would like to provide an update to you regarding our progress in obtaining vaccines for UCA employees.

While vaccine availability has been limited since the 1B category was approved for eligibility and the state is not currently providing vaccines directly to universities and colleges, UCA's immediate priority is to work with health system partners to first match our high-risk individuals with limited available doses.

Last Friday evening, Conway Regional Medical Center (CRMC) made available 199 doses for our highest-risk employees. Our 199 most at-risk employees (self-identified as at-risk and then sorted by age) were emailed directly on Saturday morning regarding this good news and asked to watch their email carefully for a communication that went out directly to them Monday regarding appointment scheduling. All of these employees were also asked to inform us if they had received the vaccine through some other arrangement since completing the survey. Twenty-nine employees did confirm receipt of the vaccine elsewhere, which allowed us to move that many individuals further down the list. As of this message, we now know that 228 of our 250 high-risk employees have either received the vaccine elsewhere or will be served this week by CRMC. Only 22 of our high-risk employees are remaining, and we are working hourly to get access to vaccine appointments for those individuals with CRMC or other health system partners.

We will continue to work down the list of all 864 employees until we have verification that they have received access to the vaccine. We also will continue to work with our community partners to host a mass vaccination clinic as soon as the federal and state supply chain allows. We will also continue to prepare for a scenario where vaccines would be administered through the Student Health Clinic if doses are made available directly to Dr. Pastor and his team. Please know that we are working tirelessly to make the vaccine available to as many UCA employees as possible as quickly as possible.

As we work with our partners to receive and/or gain access to vaccines, you are free to seek other opportunities to receive a vaccine, such as through a local pharmacy or vaccination site. We will continue to communicate with campus as more updates become available.

Sincerely,

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President