
COVID-19 Update and Vaccine Opportunities for 1-B

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Dear UCA Students, Faculty, and Staff:

Today I would like to give you a brief update regarding our vaccination efforts for campus.

Since Governor Hutchinson announced on Jan. 18 that Phase 1-B of the [state's vaccination plan](#) would begin, the university, in conjunction with local healthcare partners Conway Regional Medical Center (CRMC) and Baptist Health-Conway (BH-C), has organized vaccination opportunities for faculty, staff and students. By the end of February, all interested UCA employees, including student workers and graduate assistants, had opportunities to receive the vaccine. We estimate that over 1,500 individuals on our campus have already received their COVID-19 vaccine, and the number continues to grow.

On March 8, the Governor's Office expanded vaccine eligibility status under 1-B to categories of employment that may be occupied by students or dependents of our employees. These updated 1-B categories include:

- Grocery store/meal delivery including food/beverage stores, general merchandise stores, community food services, and meal-delivery workers
- People with intellectual or developmental disabilities
- Police, fire, and other first responders
- Education
- Food and agriculture, including farmers and food manufacturing
- Corrections workers and jail workers
- Houses of Worship clergy and staff
- Postal and package delivery services
- Manufacturing
- Public transit
- Essential government workers

If you or someone you know is eligible for the vaccine under Phase 1-B, Conway Regional Medical Center has notified us that they are offering appointment opportunities specifically for 1-B. Visit conwayregional.org/covid19vaccine to learn more and register for an appointment. If you have questions or need assistance, you can also call their Patient Navigation Center between 9 am and 5 pm at 501-506-2747.

So, what is next for those individuals beyond 1-B? The Arkansas Department of Health (ADH) is in charge of vaccine rollout in the state, and their plans are [detailed here](#). Individuals aged 16-64 who have high-risk medical conditions are a part of the 1-C group, **which is estimated to begin receiving vaccines in April.**

As far as our general student population, we are awaiting guidance and additional details from ADH

regarding the estimated timeframe for their eligibility to receive the vaccination. We will continue to update the campus community as we receive more information.

I feel incredibly optimistic about the direction of our campus, community, and state as we continue to navigate the pandemic. As always, thank you for your continued commitment to this university and our UCA family.

Sincerely,

Houston Davis
President