



COVID-19 Vaccination Update

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Dear UCA Faculty and Staff:

As we enter the last few weeks before the start of the fall semester, I wanted to provide you with some updates on the work of our university and several key reminders on ways that our campus can slow the spread of COVID-19 within our community.

- Vaccinations continue to remain our focus for preparing campus for a successful fall semester. Recent data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention shows that vaccinations continue to be the most effective way of stopping the spread of COVID-19, and that 99% of individuals in the United States that have received the vaccine have not developed serious illness as a result of contracting COVID-19. While we know that breakthrough cases may occur in the vaccinated population, the ability to avoid serious illness and hospitalization is key for the health of our community and the ability of our local hospital systems to manage the pandemic without becoming overwhelmed. Recent information released from the Arkansas Department of Health indicates that over 95% of current hospitalizations due to COVID-19 are among the *unvaccinated*.
- The UCA Student Health Clinic is now providing the COVID-19 vaccine without an appointment. Walk-in patients may visit the Student Health Clinic from 8-11:30 a.m. or 1-4:15 p.m. Monday-Friday. All full- and part-time employees and their family members over the age of 12 are eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. Student Health can provide the first, second, or both doses of the Pfizer vaccine at no charge, and clinic staff are available to answer questions about the vaccine.
- BeWell, Staff Senate, and Faculty Senate are co-sponsoring a "town hall" style forum with Dr. Randy Pastor, UCA medical director, during x-period on Tuesday, July 27. Participants will have the opportunity to hear a COVID-19 update, learn about the benefits of vaccination, and ask questions. Watch your email for a link to participate in this forum.
- All part- and full-time employees are now eligible for a \$200 incentive by voluntarily providing proof of vaccination. This [notice was sent to campus](#) on July 15, and outlines multiple deadlines for participants to submit their documentation.
- COVID-19 testing is still available at the Student Health Clinic at no charge to faculty, staff, or students. If you have symptoms such as sore throat, fever, chills, fatigue, or headache and you would like to be tested for COVID-19, you can contact the clinic for an appointment. For questions or to make an appointment, call 501-450-3136.

As we prepare for the fall semester, we are developing resources for students, faculty, and staff to encourage vaccinations, as well as normalizing- though not mandating- the use of face coverings in both the vaccinated and unvaccinated campus population. Though we cannot require a person to prove their vaccination status, please do all you can within your sphere of influence to share accurate information about vaccinations, including the benefits to the campus community. The more of our campus that is vaccinated, the less

disruption we will have to our academic and business operations, and the more we can safely return to normal activities both inside and outside of the classroom.

Thank you for your perseverance and dedication to our students and their success.

Sincerely,

Houston Davis
President