



COVID-19 Vaccination Update: August 31, 2021

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Dear Faculty and Staff,

As we began this semester, normalizing COVID-19 vaccinations continues to be the key to combating the spread of the virus. The purpose of this email is to share a few vaccination data points, as well as provide information on the availability of an additional vaccine dose for those that are already fully vaccinated.

When it comes to getting vaccinated, the campus community has responded in a big way. Here are some data points that we can all be proud of:

- As of this Monday, at least 75% of all full- and part-time employees have received at least one dose of the vaccine, as recorded through our vaccine incentive program.
- Through data analysis conducted by the Arkansas Department of Health and the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, we know that at least 61% of UCA students have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. These vaccination percentages rank UCA among the top two Arkansas four-year public institutions for students. The Student Health Clinic (SHC) continues to see a steady stream of vaccination appointments among the student population since this data was provided, so we are confident that this percentage has increased.
- UCA Athletics is reporting that 81% of all athletes and athletic personnel have been vaccinated. A special shout out to Coach Nathan Brown and the UCA Bears Football team, which has posted a 100% vaccination rate for all scholarship athletes and coaching staff of the program.

As has been shared by the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) (CDC), it is recommended that individuals with moderately or severely compromised immune systems receive an additional mRNA dose in order to build immunity to COVID-19. **The SHC is prepared to offer an additional Pfizer dose to any immunocompromised individual that has previously received an mRNA vaccine, such as Pfizer or Moderna.**

To receive the additional dose, immunocompromised individuals must meet two requirements: 1) The dose must be administered no sooner than 28 days after the second dose, and 2) The individual must have officially recovered from any previous COVID-19 infection.

Individuals may make an appointment through the [Student Health Clinic](#). As always, vaccinations continue to be offered at no cost.

It is anticipated that a booster shot will be recommended for the general population this fall, and we are making plans to host vaccination clinics for employees and students. Be on the lookout for more details in the near future.

Sincerely,

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