

Subject: University of Louisville's COVID-19 vaccine distribution plan

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Dear Cardinal Family,

Before the winter break, we let you know that once the state's initial supply of the COVID-19 vaccine was distributed among health care and long-term care facilities, the university would update you on when university members will be able to receive the vaccine.

While we do not yet have a specific date for when the vaccine will be available to our employees and students, we expect it to be in coming weeks. In preparation for this, we want to share with you the vaccine distribution plan we are finalizing in accordance with current CDC and state guidelines.

Our vaccine distribution plan

- UofL Health will administer the vaccine to university members who choose to be vaccinated.
- This is the order in which university members will be able to participate in the first phase of the university's distribution:
 1. Employees and students who are actively involved in direct patient care
 2. Employees and students over age 65
 3. Employees and students over age 50
- Vaccination of groups not included in 1-3 above will follow this first phase of the vaccine distribution, in accordance with CDC and state guidelines.
- Names of our faculty, staff and students included in groups 1-3 are being sent to UofL Health by our Campus Health Services team. You do not need to take any individual action to have your name submitted.

What to expect next

- In coming weeks, UofL Health will start sending individual invitations via email to groups 1-3.
- To secure your vaccination appointment, you must respond to the email you receive from UofL Health (their account name is @uoflhealth.org). You will be able to choose a time for your first appointment. However, the appointment time for your second dose of the vaccine will be automatically scheduled upon receiving the first dose.
- Professors and supervisors should be prepared to make accommodations for students and employees who need to attend vaccination appointments during a scheduled class time or work hours (especially the second appointment, which cannot be rescheduled).

Reminders

- The vaccine is highly encouraged, but it is not required. University members will have no out-of-pocket cost to receive the vaccine.
- The speed of vaccinations will depend on vaccine availability.
- Read the recently updated [COVID-19 Vaccine FAQs](#) on the university's COVID-19 website. You'll find answers to common questions we've anticipated such as, "Which vaccine will UofL Health be administering?" and "If I have already had COVID-19, should I still get a vaccine?"

Our continued progress toward a widely available vaccine is exhilarating and brings great hope during such difficult times. **While the vaccine is a big step toward ending the pandemic, we must continue**

being vigilant with our masking and physical distancing protocols until adequate herd immunity is achieved.

If the CDC or state change their vaccine recommendations, we may need to modify our plan accordingly. This ever-changing situation will continue to demand our Cardinal Principle of Agility: recognizing that things change and when they do, we must change things. For major changes, we will continue communicating with you via email. For minor changes and updates, please continue to regularly check the COVID-19 Updates section in the student and employee newsletters.

Stay safe. Stay healthy. And together, let's continue stopping the spread of COVID-19.

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