Cardinal Community,

I am proud to inform you that UofL has answered the White House and the U.S. Department of Education’s call for colleges and universities to help end the pandemic by signing up for the COVID-19 College Vaccine Challenge. We enthusiastically agree that all Americans should get vaccinated, and we want as many Cardinals as possible to be fully vaccinated before fall.

I am writing to again encourage you to get vaccinated against COVID-19. Remember, all COVID-19 vaccines available in the United States are safe and effective. Many of us are looking forward to returning to a more normal semester this fall: in-person learning, social activities, celebrations and the vibrant campus life we hold dear. However, that vision cannot be achieved without you.

Get vaccinated now
It has never been easier to get a vaccine in our nation, and it only takes a few minutes. If you have not yet been vaccinated for COVID-19, take a look at these resources available right now to you:

- Text your zip code to 4-3-8-8-2-9 to get a text back with vaccine sites near you.
- Call the CDC’s COVID-19 Vaccination Hotline, 1-800-232-0233, to receive assistance with finding a vaccination location offering your preferred vaccine type.
- Visit vaccines.gov to find a location convenient to you. (Visit vacunas.gov for information in Spanish.)
- Uber and Lyft are offering free rides now through July 4 to anyone who wants to get vaccinated.

Take a selfie and join #LsUpSleevesUp
Help rally our community together this summer by participating in our social media campaign, #LsUpSleevesUp. Here’s what you can do:

- Post a selfie on your social media page with the reason why you chose to get vaccinated.
- Include the hashtags #LsUpSleevesUp and #CovidCollegeChallenge in your post.
- Follow the university’s Facebook, Instagram, TikTok and Twitter channels to keep up with the campaign and to see some of our student, faculty and staff posts.

It’s up to us
No social movement in our country’s history has happened where students weren’t leading the way. As a university community, we have an incredible opportunity and role in leading the way in our state and nation with getting vaccinated. Don’t wait to get vaccinated. Do it now. Share your “why” with us and others on social media. Your actions and voice matter in this effort to get all Cardinals, Kentuckians and Americans vaccinated.

We can do this.
Lori Stewart Gonzalez
Executive Vice President and University Provost