

A Message From the Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Public Health

Dear Colleagues,

Many people have had questions regarding vaccine eligibility. To clarify, educators and support staff are eligible for vaccines under Phase 1b. **At this time, all USC Upstate employees, both educators and support staff, who are interested in getting the vaccine should submit their name through this [USC Upstate Vaccination Registration link](#).** We are working in partnership with the Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System, and they have asked us to send one list to expedite the process rather than having USC Upstate employees register through Regional's website.

What happens next?

Once your name is entered into the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS), you will receive an email with a link to register. After you have registered in VAMS, you will have access to schedule a vaccine appointment at any vaccine distribution site.

When should I make my appointment?

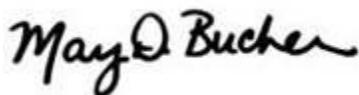
Please schedule your vaccination appointments in accordance with your exposure and risk as outlined by [DHEC phased guidance](#). If you are over 55, have medical risk factors, currently work on campus with close exposure to others, or will be involved with summer classes or summer advising and orientations, please proceed to get vaccinated now.

If you do not/will not have current or future close contact with others at work until Fall 2021, please sign up now on [USC Upstate Vaccine Registration website](#) but consider not making a vaccine appointment until closer to April 12 to allow those in Phase 1b with the highest risk to get access first.

Thank you for your patience as we have worked through this process; I hope this guidance is helpful. You may find more information about the COVID-19 vaccines from the CDC [here](#).

I urge you all to get vaccinated. Thank you for registering as soon as possible!

Be well Spartans!



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