



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

April 2, 2021

Dear Campus Community,

This week, eight cases of COVID-19 were identified in our campus community, two of which were on campus during the infectious period. Many cases were linked to Spring Break and off-campus gatherings. Cases have been traced, given health guidance for isolation, and medical care if needed, and those who were exposed have been quarantined and given testing instructions. **I strongly advise you to continue using masks and observe distancing, especially around those who are not fully vaccinated and with heightened medical risk.** Please do not attend any public or private gatherings if you are sick or have had a known exposure. It is not advised to attend large gatherings due to prevalence of COVID-19 in the community.

Health Services is here to provide support and advise our community throughout the pandemic. Please do not hesitate to reach out with questions and concerns at (864) 503-5191. Phone calls are triaged during business hours, and on the evenings and weekends a nurse from Spartanburg Regional Hospital is available to provide guidance 24 hours a day.

We appreciate all who tested this week, whether that was because they had symptoms, known exposure or increased risk of exposure, or care for loved ones they are seeing this weekend. We protect others and ourselves through masks, distancing, and getting vaccinated.

If you have not already done so, please register and make your appointment to get vaccinated!

- We provide you quick access to register as a member of the Upstate community: [USC Upstate Vaccination Registration Form](#).
- Within a week, you will get a CDC VAMS link (Vaccine Advisory Monitoring System) to make an appointment at the clinic of your choice.

If you would like to speak with a health care provider about testing, exposure, symptoms, to report a positive case, or ask questions about vaccinations, please call Health Services at (864) 503-5191. Additional information and links to resources are available online at the [USC Upstate COVID-19 Response Page](#).

Wishing you a safe and healthy weekend,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary D. Bucher".

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