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

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Dear Spartans,

More than 1.4 million South Carolinians have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, and more than 66 million Americans have been fully vaccinated. This is good news and brings us hope. However, this is far from “herd immunity,” and I urge you register for vaccination if you haven’t already.

The more the COVID-19 virus circulates unchecked, the more it will replicate and mutate. Vaccines work against the current strains, so the time is now to get vaccinated, not to wait. All South Carolinians over age 16 are eligible for vaccination. We are here to help you get access.

Beginning next week, all Spartans can be added to Spartanburg Regional’s Same-Day Vaccine Call List!

If you work on campus or live close to campus, such that you could get to the URC within 15 minutes, you may now register for the same-day call list.

- If you are registering for the vaccine for a first time, please include your phone number.
- If you have previously registered for vaccination, but your first dose appointment is more than 1 week away, or at an inconvenient location, you may resubmit your vaccine registration form to add your phone number. You will receive a confirmation email next week.
- Use the [USC Upstate Vaccine Registration Form](#) to add a phone number, or to register initially!

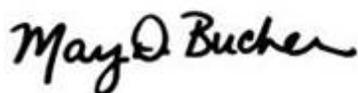
Schedule vaccine appointments as usual, and cancel your scheduled appointment if you happen to receive a same-day campus vaccination. You should expect to need your scheduled appointment. Please be aware there are limited same-day doses that may, or may not be available. Same-day vaccination opportunities will arise, typically, between 4:00 – 5:00 pm, and phone calls will typically come from numbers (864) 278-****. We will be submitting a same-day call list of previous registrants to Spartanburg Regional Hospital on Monday, April 12, and new registrant phone numbers will be submitted in an ongoing manner. When new registrants receive VAMS notification, that will serve as confirmation that you have been added to the same-day call list.

Don't miss free saliva testing on Monday, April 12, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, Spartan Recreation Center!

Did you attend a gathering with a group or crowd over Easter or Passover? Not sure if this month's congestion and cough are really allergies? Come get tested on Monday! To test by saliva, don't eat, chew gum or use tobacco 30 minutes prior, but hydrate well with water in the hour before and up to 10 minutes prior. No appointment is needed, and you will receive results within 48 hours. Health Services has same-day testing if you are sick and need to know your status. Please call 864-503-5191 for sick visit drive-up testing, and attend Monday's clinic for asymptomatic screening.

This week there was one case of COVID-19 identified with campus contact, and three off-campus cases reported. All cases have been isolated, traced with contact quarantined, and given medical care as needed. You may find additional campus data and resources on the [USC Upstate COVID-19 Website](#).

Have a good weekend and stay safe!



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