



Dear Spartans,

We are excited to welcome you back to campus this fall, and work with you to stay healthy and well as we continue to address ongoing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. As you return to experience Upstate both in and out of classroom, we are counting on you to abide by the following health and safety guidelines:

Vax UP: Vaccination is highly encouraged (not required)

- Already vaccinated? Upload vaccine cards to [MyHealth](#).
- Need to be vaccinated? Attend Welcome Back Week Vax UP clinics: Pfizer (age 12 and up) Aug. 17 and 18
- Have questions? Check our [Vax UP](#) website, read the “Upstate Updates” Student Newsletter, and follow Student Affairs on Instagram to get the latest information and details on events noted below.

COVID-19 Testing

- Living on campus? COVID-19 testing is required if you are unvaccinated.
 - o Upload results from COVID-19 testing done Aug. 7 – 13 to [MyHealth](#)
 - o If you live locally, call Health Services at (864) 503-5191 to schedule free testing *before* MoveUP Day
- Living off campus? Return-to-campus testing is strongly encouraged – Know your status!
 - o Attend Welcome Back Week Free COVID-19 Testing Clinics: Aug. 17 and 18

Face Coverings

- Please wear them inside to help prevent spread (per CDC and DHEC guidelines).
- State laws are subject to change, but it is the health guidance, and the right thing to do this fall regardless of vaccine status.

Social Distancing

- Three feet of distancing in classrooms will be provided as much as possible. Staying 6 feet apart is even better if space allows. (Until COVID rates decrease in our area, health officials advise you to wear a mask indoors regardless of distance and vaccine status.)
- If you want to stay safe and not quarantine, Mask UP, Vax UP, and keep a healthy physical distance as you are enjoying campus.

Reporting Illness, Exposure and Positive Testing

- If you are sick, don’t go to work or class. Call Health Services at (864) 503-5191 for free same-day evaluation and testing.
- If you have been exposed, Health Services will schedule your free testing and notify your professors and work, and help if you become ill.
- If you test positive, you are required to report your illness to Health Services, so we can trace your illness, notify those exposed, keep the campus safe, and give you medical assistance.

COVID-19 has posed a significant threat to health, and our hearts go out to those who have already lost loved ones due to the pandemic. Please take these precautions seriously so we can maintain a safe campus and protect our fellow Spartans.

Stay well, enjoy USC Upstate safely, and get involved in [Campus Life](#) to have a great semester.

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