

From: [Office of the Chancellor](#)
Subject: Public Health Update January 8, 2021
Date: Friday, January 8, 2021 1:43:16 PM



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

January 8, 2021

Colleagues,

Thank you to all who attended the Campus Screening Clinic on Wednesday, or have tested at other sites to ensure a safe return to campus following the holidays. We had almost 300 attendees at the campus clinic, and results are still coming in today. The next campus screening clinic is scheduled for Monday, February 1, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. **If you attended the campus clinic, it is NOT necessary to email results to Health Services, as we have access to those records.** If you tested at an off-campus facility, please email negative results to covid@uscupstate.edu.

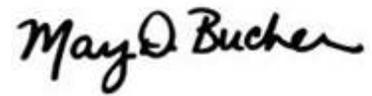
Again, if you have tested positive, or been exposed, please call our contact tracing line, and we will provide documentation, tracing, and medical guidance. **Health Services can be reached at 864-503-5191.** We have a strong nursing team managing contact tracing and symptomatic testing for our campus.

There were 21 new cases of COVID-19 reported to Health Services during the reporting period ending Thursday, January 7, 2021. Due to high positivity rates in South Carolina and Spartanburg County, we are entering the semester with an “Increased Risk” status. We encourage all individuals to use masks, practice social distancing and good hand hygiene, and avoid crowds to help minimize your risks of viral exposure in the community.

Lastly, the COVID-19 vaccination program is underway in the state of South Carolina, in accordance with CDC and DHEC guidance on vaccine administration. South Carolina currently is vaccinating individuals in Phase 1a, which focuses on vaccinating front-line healthcare workers and long-term care residents. Individuals in these groups have been contacted to schedule appointments for vaccination. DHEC will guide timing of the transition from Phase 1a to Phase 1b, when individuals over age 75 with and without underlying health conditions, front-line essential workers and educators will become eligible. You may find details of the COVID-19 state vaccination testing plan at DHEC’s vaccine website: <https://scdhec.gov/covid19/covid-19-vaccine>. USC Upstate’s COVID-19 Response Team will monitor and communicate with the campus community about when the vaccine is available to specific groups.

Campus updates and data can be found at <https://www.uscupstate.edu/announcements/>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary D. Bucher". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mary D. Bucher, MS, APRN, FNP
Special Assistant to the Chancellor for Public Health

University of South Carolina Upstate

800 University Way | Spartanburg, SC 29303

***Up* is where we live.**