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

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to all who participated in Flu Shot Friday today! If you were unable to attend, and have not yet gotten your flu vaccine, you may make an appointment at Health Services by calling (864) 503-5191. Flu shot appointments are available on Wednesdays and Fridays, billable to PEBA, with no copay or in-office fees. For individuals who do not have PEBA, the cash rate is \$25. Please find more information about the seasonal flu vaccine here: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/prevent/flushot.htm>

There were 12 new cases of COVID-19 reported to USC Upstate Health Services between Friday, September 17 and Thursday, September 24. Many of these emerged from close contacts of known cases already under quarantine. All known cases were isolated, and close contacts quarantined in accordance with DHEC guidelines. Our campus alert level remains at “new normal.”

We encourage you to maintain precautions of wearing face coverings, social distancing, and avoiding crowded gatherings, both on campus and in the community. Crowding and increased exposure risk can occur at family gatherings and celebrations, religious ceremonies, and sporting events, and prevalence of COVID-19 in Spartanburg County is at a moderate level. DHEC recommends testing for individuals without known positive close contacts once monthly or more frequently, depending on the level of precautions you are taking. Testing is free of charge at Spartanburg Regional Hospital’s drive-through testing site at 1035 N. Church Street.

We will continue to share data every Friday regarding cases reported to Health Services during the previous 7 days. Additionally, you can view new data at www.uscupstate.edu/announcements/campus-benchmarks-and-operations.

Sincerely,

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

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