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

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this note finds you well. I am writing to share a few health updates:

- **COVID-19 Cases:** As promised, we are tracking data closely to understand as well as we can how the campus is being impacted by COVID-19. This week, we recorded 23 new cases that we can connect back to the university. What's important to know is that many of these individuals were not on campus during the infectious period, and can be traced to off-campus gatherings. **All known cases were isolated, and contacts were quarantined.** We anticipated an increase in cases on our return to campus, and this week, the on- and off-campus case count is relatively flat. Our campus alert level remains at "new normal." We will continue to encourage testing and reporting, and will 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.
- **Testing:** Many thanks to those of you who participated in our "Know Your Status" testing initiative at Spartanburg Regional Hospital's drive-through testing center this week. The testing center is open to the public from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday – Friday, free of cost, and results typically are returned within 2 – 3 days. On Monday, Labor Day, DHEC will operate the clinic, and hours are modified from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm due to the holiday. You may continue using the testing center beyond this initiative. **Throughout the fall, we will continue to ask that you call Health Services at (864) 503-5191 with a positive test result, while emailing negative results to covid@uscupstate.edu.**
- **Employee Consent Form:** To assist Health Services with contact tracing, please sign the [COVID-19 Employee Consent Form](#), if you have not already done so. This consent allows your contact information to be imported into our contact tracing software, and expedites the notification process should you be identified as a close contact to a positive case.
- **Save the Date:** Health Services will offer a Faculty and Staff Flu Clinic on Tuesday, September 15, from 9:00 am – 2:00 pm. This clinic will be by-appointment to ensure social distancing, and our wonderful School of Nursing students will assist with administering vaccines, as they have in years past. We'll send an email next week with a link for scheduling an appointment. If

you are unable to attend the clinic, you will have additional opportunities to get your flu vaccine on campus.

Wishing you a healthy and restful holiday weekend!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mary D. Bucher". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent "M" and "B".

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