



## Memo

To University Community

From Christopher Harwood, Director of Emergency Management

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Re COVID-19 Vaccines

These have been extraordinary times as the world deals with the global COVID-19 pandemic, the likes of which we have not seen since the Influenza of 1918, which impacted all countries and caused tens of millions of deaths. The major difference with this pandemic is that there are vaccines available to provide a level of immunity to the population.

We all strongly desire a return to normalcy and the single best method to do this is for our community to be vaccinated. The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) strongly recommends that all Americans be vaccinated as the COVID-19 vaccine becomes available. To learn more about the CDC guidance, please visit their webpage:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/keythingstoknow.html>

The prioritization and availability of vaccines are determined by each individual state. The university continues to advocate for members of each campus to gain access to COVID vaccines. I encourage all members of the university community to check their home state's government website frequently to learn about eligibility for the vaccine and how to schedule an appointment. Which vaccine is available may vary by your local area, but they are all effective and have received federal emergency use authorization. As well-known public health official Dr. Anthony Fauci says, the best vaccine to get is the one available to you.

For your convenience, here are the state websites for vaccine information by campus:

- Providence Campus: <https://covid.ri.gov/vaccination>
- North Miami Campus: <https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/vaccine/county-registration.page>
- Denver Campus: <https://covid19.colorado.gov/for-coloradans/vaccine/where-can-i-get-vaccinated>
- Charlotte Campus: <https://www.mecknc.gov/COVID-19/Pages/Vaccine.aspx>