

Sample message to share with students about vaccinations

Below is a communication faculty may share with students, which can be personalized as appropriate.

Dear Students,

Classes begin on August 16, which is just a few short weeks away.

As university preparations are underway for a full return to campus, it is important we have as many people as possible on our campus vaccinated against COVID-19. Vaccination is the **single, best tool we have** to end the pandemic and keep our community, ourselves and our family members safe.

Unfortunately, there is a lot of misinformation circulating about COVID-19 and the vaccinations. I encourage you to carefully check the sources for any information you see that what you are reading comes from a credible source. The CDC provides resources for [verifying the validity of vaccine information](#). **I also urge you to speak with your family physician or our [Student Health Service](#) physicians if you have any questions or concerns about vaccinations.**

I care about each and every one of you and I want you to stay safe. **There are still many people, including young children and those who are immunocompromised, who are not able to get vaccinated. If you have not yet been vaccinated, I truly hope you will consider doing so as soon as possible** - for yourself, for your loved ones, and for those who you may never meet but who will benefit from this simple act.

If you need assistance scheduling a vaccine appointment

- Contact App State's Vaccine Team at safety@appstate.edu.
- Contact [AppHealthCare](#) or your local health department.
- Use the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' (NCDHHS) [Vaccine Finder](#) to enter your zip code and find a convenient location and time.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. I'm looking forward to a great semester!

Regards,
[NAME]

PS- please take a minute to read more about these [seven facts](#) about vaccines from the CDC:

1. **No serious side effects were reported in clinical trials.**
2. **The COVID vaccines are built on decades of research on vaccines for similar viruses.**
3. **You cannot get COVID-19 from the vaccine.**
4. **The CDC and FDA are constantly monitoring safety, following federal safety guidelines, and updating North Carolinians with the best safety information.**

5. **A hundred million people in the U.S. have already received their COVID-19 vaccine.**
6. **The vaccines are proven to help prevent COVID-19 and are effective in preventing hospitalization and death.**
7. **The vaccine does not affect fertility.**