April 9, 2021
4 p.m.

Campus Community,

As we begin to transition to a virtual end to our spring semester on April 16, it is more important than ever that we remain vigilant, follow our campus Yellow operations plans, and get a vaccination when it is possible.

Beginning today, thousands of new vaccination appointments are available at the Colorado State Fairgrounds site, the result of the transition of the Vaccines for All Community Vaccination Site being managed by the State and Centura Health to a federal mass vaccination pilot site scheduled to begin on Wednesday, April 14.

Today’s campus message is to encourage everyone to #ProtectOurPack during next week’s spring transition, get a COVID-19 test at our Walking Stick testing site if you are living, learning, or working on campus, and schedule your vaccination. The following information about Pueblo’s access to the vaccine is provided to campus courtesy of the Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment.

**REGISTERING FOR THE VACCINE**

Beginning April 2, all Coloradans over the age of 16 became eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine, and all Coloradans over the age of 18 were eligible to receive the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines. As one of the six state mass vaccination sites, vaccinations are available in Pueblo at the Colorado State Fairgrounds, Friday – Monday, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Registration for a vaccination appointment at the Colorado State Fairgrounds site can be done online or over the phone.

- To register for an appointment online, visit: [www.centura.org/vaccine](http://www.centura.org/vaccine) [scroll down to ‘Drive-Up Vaccination Events’ and click on ‘Learn More,’ on the next page scroll down to ‘Schedule Your Vaccine at Our Drive-Up Vaccination Events,’ and click on ‘Drive-Up Vaccine Scheduling.’]
- To register for an appointment by phone, call: 720-263-5737 or 855-882-8065 between 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. daily. Spanish translation available.

Additional information -

- The vaccine being provided at the Colorado State Fairgrounds will be Pfizer, which can be given to anyone 16 or older. As a note: after a successful clinical trial, Pfizer has applied for emergency approval to offer this vaccine to children ages 12-16. Expect to hear more soon!
- There will be a new configuration at the fairgrounds that expands drive-through capacity to 11 total drive-through lanes, with one of those lanes dedicated for people who are using alternative transportation.
- Vaccination hours are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. seven days a week.
- For those who received a first dose at the Pueblo Mall through Pueblo Department of Public Health and Environment, Centura Health will honor all second dose appointments that are currently scheduled. For these individuals, if you are due for a second dose and have not registered or received communication, please call 720-263-5737 or 855-882-8065, Monday-Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for assistance.

Community members who received their COVID-19 Dose 1 vaccine at the Colorado State Fairgrounds through the State and Centura Health will have no change to their Dose 2 appointment. Individuals were pre-registered for their second dose appointment and allocation and appointments are accounted for in the upcoming vaccination schedule.
COLORADO SAFETY PROTOCOLS
Coloradans should continue to wear masks, practice physical distancing, wash their hands frequently, and get vaccinated when it is your turn. These are our best tools for preventing the spread of the virus, no matter the strain. Early research suggests that the currently authorized vaccines are effective against known variants, though perhaps to varying degrees depending on the strain. Experts stress that getting vaccinated can provide significant protection against transmission and severe illness from COVID-19. Continue to stay up to date by visiting covid19.colorado.gov.

COVID-19 TESTING, YELLOW OPERATIONS
CSU Pueblo will continue to recommend regular testing for any member of our campus community who is living, learning, or working in-person this semester. Surveillance testing will be required for identified student and employee groups, as designated in the YELLOW operations plan.

Per previous campus communications, testing at the Walking Stick Testing Site will continue, as outlined in the campus YELLOW operations plan, until – at a minimum – the end of May. This site is designed for surveillance testing only and is not appropriate for students or employees who are experiencing COVID-like symptoms. Any student or employee who is experiencing symptoms can schedule a test with the Wolfpack Wellness Center at 719-549-2830.

As always, if you are ill, believe you have been exposed to COVID-19, or have any questions or concerns, please contact the CSU Pueblo COVID-19 Hotline at 719-420-0002, or email us at covid@csupueblo.edu.

Thank you for your patience as we develop our systems and ensure a safe close to our Spring 2021 semester.

Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Stay safe, and be well.

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