

COVID-19 Resource Center

Chris O’Gwynn Notes for Senate Meeting – 5/18/21

Numbers

- Self-report numbers are at their lowest this year. They are down from a high of 113 in January to just 3 to finish out spring semester.
- Sentinel testing has been paused for the summer and we will reevaluate continuing with it prior to the start of fall semester. Numbers ranges from 0 to 0.2 from February to April. The average positivity rate for the semester was 0.3%.
- Positive cases at the AU Medical Clinic are also down from a high of 13.6% in January to .05% to finish out spring semester.
- Locally EAMC is reaching 90k vaccines given and they are seeing extremely low hospitalizations and patients on ventilators.
- As of today in Lee county about 41k have been vaccinated, about 25% of the population.
- Statewide in Alabama almost 2.8 million doses have been administered. Almost 1.6 million are first doses. Almost 1.3 million are full vaccinated.
- Currently, more than 157 million U.S. people have received their first COVID-19 vaccine dose (about 47% of the population). More than 123 million people are fully vaccinated (about 37% of the population), according to the CDC.

CRC Updates for Summer and Fall

Calls and emails to the CRC have decreased dramatically in recent weeks. We will suspend the staffed call center from May 29 to mid-July. You can continue to call 844-6000 and that number will be forwarded to a cell phone during business hours. We do plan on reactivating the call center in Campus Safety’s EOC in mid-July in anticipation of increased calls with move-in and the start of the Fall semester. As always you can email the CRC and those emails will be answered ASAP or triaged for an answer.

Vaccinations

Vaccination is still the primary subject we are dealing with at the CRC. We encourage everyone to keep checking the CRC website for updated information. We are currently in the first part of Phase 3 of the university’s distribution plan. That means that the vaccine is open to family members and dependents of employees as well as retirees. You do need a Banner ID # to be able to sign up family members and dependents. You may have also seen that the Pfizer vaccine has now been approved for those as young as 12. Appointments can now be made for this group. A link to the scheduling website was in the Auburn News email last Friday afternoon and can also be found on the vaccine page of the CRC website. We do anticipate moving fully into Phase 3 soon, which means the vaccine would be available to all employees, students, family members and dependents of employees, retired employees, emeritus faculty AND to the general public. I would encourage you to make your appointments as soon as possible.