

April 7, 2021

Good afternoon,

We shared some good news about vaccines yesterday. All FSU students — and employees as well — can sign up to receive the single-dose Janssen (Johnson & Johnson) COVID-19 vaccines here on campus this Thursday through next Tuesday or at UPMC Western Maryland on Friday. FSU has been prioritized for these vaccination appointments by the state of Maryland as a residential campus. **Students and employees should check their FSU email for signup details — you must make an appointment.** Thanks to the Allegany County Health Department, UPMC Western Maryland, the State of Maryland, and FEMA for their efforts.

We must also **remain vigilant**. It is essential to test twice every week **AND** follow proper health and safety guidance. Last week, our positive cases (mainly students) held steady with the previous week, while the region, state and nation continue to see increases. **Vaccinations will help, but we must continue making smart, healthy decisions.** *Abide by our social compact, follow health guidelines, and use the [Check-in Portal](#) daily.*

My Vaccines Info: If you have received a COVID-19 vaccination — 1st dose, 2nd dose or single shot — through any provider, please log into [FSU Check-in Portal](#), look for “My Vaccines” in the menu at the top right, and record your information. Over 700 staff and faculty have recorded receiving at least one dose of the vaccine.

Funding Approved for Phase 1: Initial funding of \$320,000 for Phase 1 of the Western Maryland Advance Technology Center at FSU’s Innovation Park was recently approved. It creates new public-private partnership businesses in areas including clean and renewable energy, information technology and biotech laboratory research. Several student interns have already been hired by DTI, Inc. in the IT space and a couple are working with Optimize Renewables, LLC in the clean/renewable energy field. In the bio sciences laboratory sector, internships are being set-up. If any faculty or students are interested in submitting names or resumes for consideration in any of the three sectors, reach out to aadelia@frostburg.edu.

Academic Assistance and Counseling: Students, I urge you to reach out to your faculty as needed for assistance as we enter the final weeks of the semester. The [Academic Success Network](#) offers a variety of options for assistance. If you’re struggling but are not sure what kind of help you need, the people in the [Programs Advancing Student Success \(PASS\) Office](#) can help point you in the right direction. This time of year is also stressful — and [Counseling and Psychological Services \(CAPS\)](#) can provide help.

Paychecks: The next three paychecks for employees will see an increase. The first and third paychecks will have the return of salary reduction dollars for those that were part of the salary reduction plan. As promised, we are returning those funds that we did not need to cover this year’s budget in part because of federal funds. The second paycheck will include a \$1,000 bonus for eligible employees authorized by Governor Hogan.

Virtual Coffees: Students and employees, watch for invites to our next Virtual Coffees the week of April 19. You can [review previous virtual coffees here](#):

Stay safe and be well,

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