



# Office of the President

NORTHERN ARIZONA UNIVERSITY

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Dear colleagues,

With our spring semester underway, we remain focused on working together to take care of our Lumberjack family. Today, I am happy to provide exciting news about the opening of registration to get the COVID-19 vaccine at Campus Health Services (CHS). All active NAU employees in Coconino County, including student workers, can make an appointment in the [CHS portal](#).

Campus Health Services has provided information for the NAU community on [how to register for an appointment](#), including all steps that are necessary prior to registration. Faculty and staff who are not in Coconino County should visit the [AzDHS vaccine finder website](#) or their local county health department's website to determine when and where vaccines will be available.

Please keep in mind that access to the vaccine continues to be limited and that NAU receives vaccines through Coconino County, which gets its allotment from the State of Arizona. We will continue to advocate for increased supply in order to provide vaccine access to our community as quickly as possible. In the meantime, I ask for your patience. Check the [CHS portal](#) for ongoing opportunities to register, as we will open appointments on a weekly basis. We will continue to update [NAU's Campus Health Services COVID-19 Vaccine Information page](#), and we will notify the campus community as new appointments become available.

The vaccine is a tremendous step in the right direction, and I encourage each of you to consider taking advantage of this opportunity. However, it remains critical that we continue to follow the mitigation efforts that will help us reduce the spread of COVID-19.

For the safety of our students, faculty, staff, and everyone in our extended communities, we ask that you stay vigilant, wear masks, wash your hands, maintain appropriate distancing, and take every precaution available to keep yourselves and others safe.

One of our most valuable mitigation efforts is frequent testing. Following our successful protocols in the fall, NAU is continuing mandatory COVID-19 testing for students, faculty, and staff. Testing is essential in order to safely offer an in-person education, identify asymptomatic cases, and contain spread. [Free saliva-based testing is available at the NAU Fieldhouse](#). As of this afternoon, NAU is managing 60 COVID-19 cases among students on and off campus, down from last week. Updates can be found on the [NAU Coronavirus page](#).

As always, I value your ongoing trust and commitment. At NAU, we believe we can all work together to keep our Lumberjack community safe.

All the best to you. Stay healthy. Stay safe.  
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rita". The letters are fluid and connected, with a small mark at the end of the word.

**Rita Hartung Cheng**  
President