

**Subject:** Important COVID-19 Vaccination Information  
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**From:** SRU Communication  
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July 16, 2021

Dear Students:

To say that the last 16 months have been long and difficult for many of us is an understatement. Although there were a small group of students living on campus and attending in-person classes, SRU just wasn't the same. Personally, I missed the vibrancy of campus life, informal gatherings in the Smith Student Center, the bustle between classes – and the wraps at Rocky's. I'm sure that most of you missed these things too. And whenever I had the chance to talk to students throughout the last year and change, the conversation eventually would swing around to the same question: when will things return to normal?

While SRU is anticipating the fall 2021 semester to be as close to pre-pandemic life as possible, it will be a group effort to make it happen and each of you has the power to help get us there. How can you do this? I can answer that question in two words: get vaccinated.

The University is strongly encouraging all members of its campus community to get vaccinated and with variant strains becoming more prevalent, it is more important than ever for everyone to do so. Widespread vaccination is the best way to stop new infections. The COVID-19 vaccines have also been shown to prevent serious illness, hospitalizations and death.

If you need assistance in locating a vaccination clinic, [visit the vaccines.gov website to locate the one nearest to you.](#)

As an incentive, all students who are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 prior to the start of the fall semester, and provide proof of vaccination, will receive \$50 in Flex Funds that can be used at any dining location on campus.

In order to participate in this incentive program, you must inform the University of your vaccination by Aug. 16, 2021. To provide proof of vaccination, please follow the instructions attached to this email. Flex Funds will be applied to a student's account on or around Aug. 18 in order to be available by the start of the semester.

Each of you plays a vital role in returning our campus to normalcy and I hope you'll join me in doing so. I look forward to seeing each of you this fall.

Questions about this process, COVID-19 testing, or vaccinations should be directed to the SRU Mass Testing Center at [covidtesting@sru.edu](mailto:covidtesting@sru.edu) or 724.738.2003.

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