Faculty and staff,

Longwood's partnership with the Virginia Department of Health continues, in support of their efforts to administer vaccinations to essential workers in the community.

Earlier this week, VDH asked us to administer vaccinations to Prince Edward County Public Schools teachers and staff. I'm pleased to share that, thanks again to our nursing faculty and students with support from other parts of the university, we are working quickly to set that up and plan to vaccinate that group starting tomorrow.

Longwood continues to offer to help how we can, and is pleased to be a leader in this regard in the Commonwealth. Another important way we are helping is that nursing students are staffing and supporting Centra's vaccination clinics, and may assist VDH and other providers. This role as "force multiplier" for other providers in the community is an important, though sometimes less visible, way we can and will provide support.

For faculty and staff who received the first dose of vaccine last week: a second vaccine clinic will be held the week of Feb. 15. Full details about the schedule will be shared with you closer to that date.

Please remember you are not fully vaccinated until after your second shot. Members of the Longwood community will still be required to follow health and safety guidelines put into place by the Commonwealth and health organizations until they are lifted. Continue to wear your mask, wash hands, and social distance at all times.

Again, a big thank you to the nursing department faculty and students; Dr. Rob Wade and the University Health Center staff; and others around the University who are providing essential support for this work.

Thanks,

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