

1/22/21 – COVID Vaccines

To MS3 and MS4 students:

Hi everyone,

Unfortunately, as I think you all know, Upstate is still waiting for more doses of COVID vaccine from NY state. I know that you are in the clinical environment and some of you still haven't had the opportunity yet because of the supply issue. I wish I knew when Upstate would be getting more doses, but it doesn't sound like anyone really knows right now. The vaccine leadership team continues to request more doses. For those of you still seeking the vaccine, I'd suggest the following.

1. Continue to read the daily COVID-19 update emails for status updates about the vaccine
2. Check the vaccine appointment link regularly to see if appointments for vaccine become available: <https://mychart.upstate.edu/MyChart/uhemployeevaccine.html>

If I hear anything about more vaccine supply coming to Upstate, I will let you all know right away.

Also, another option:

Onondaga county has a vaccination website where you can try to get an appointment, since one of their criteria for vaccination through Onondaga County / NY state includes "All staff who are in direct contact with patients". I checked today and they also don't have any appointments available, but that's another place you can check too. There's no cost for the vaccine there. There are detailed instructions on their website. <https://covid19.ongov.net/vaccine/> Just FYI, the NY state Department of Health is requiring everyone to return to the site of their first vaccine dose to receive the second dose. If you end up getting vaccinated outside of Upstate, student health asks that you submit a copy of the vaccination through their online portal.

Stay safe, and keep up the good work everyone!

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