

January 19, 2021

**MSU Faculty and Staff:**

The following email contains useful information for our employees on COVID-19 and vaccines.

Thank you to our employees! We had over 240+ test for COVID-19 between January 1-15 and send in proof of testing to Human Resources. Human Resources will email each respective University Vice President soon with the list of names of those who qualify for the paid day off on Wednesday, February 17.

**COVID-19 Testing Dates:**

Thursday, January 21 - COVID-19 testing – 10 am – 2 pm in Laughlin

Wednesday, January 27 - COVID-19 testing – 8 am – noon in Laughlin

**COVID-19 Survey:**

In a recent University survey to our employees, roughly 92% of our faculty and 88% of our staff indicated that they would take the COVID-19 vaccine when it becomes available to the general public.

As always when it comes to health, we encourage you to speak with your medical provider/ physician on what is best for you.

**Vaccine Distribution Category:**

Higher education employees are in Category (1.c.) within Kentucky's distribution plan per recent conversation with the state health cabinet. This category has likely distribution between February and April of this spring.

**Communication from St. Claire Health Care:**

Anyone interested in receiving the COVID-19 vaccine is encouraged to complete a vaccine eligibility screening form at [www.st-claire.org/getthevaccine](http://www.st-claire.org/getthevaccine). When you become eligible for the vaccine, and appointments are available, you will receive an automated call with instructions on how to schedule your vaccination appointment. If you need assistance completing the form, please call 606-783-7539.

Due to the limited availability of COVID-19 vaccines, appointments are extremely limited at this time, although supplies are anticipated to continue to improve.

Current Eligibility Criteria:

Residents of St. Claire HealthCare's service region who meet one of the criteria below are currently eligible for COVID-19 vaccination.

- \*Healthcare employee,
- \*First responder,
- \*Age 70 or older

St. Claire's service region includes Bath, Carter, Elliott, Fleming, Lewis, Magoffin, Menifee, Montgomery, Morgan, Rowan, and Wolfe counties.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccine, visit [www.st-claire.org/COVIDvaccine](http://www.st-claire.org/COVIDvaccine).

Thank you,

Jay Morgan  
President