

April 8, 2021

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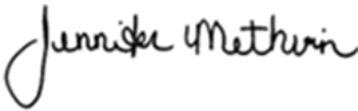
On Tuesday, March 30, 2021, Governor Asa Hutchinson announced that all Arkansans 16 or older are now eligible to receive the Covid-19 vaccine. We were fortunate that we had a vaccination clinic scheduled for residential students for April 2, 2021, and some additional students were able to take advantage of that opportunity as well.

I want to continue to encourage each member of the Vanguard Community to take the vaccination at your earliest opportunity unless you are directed by your healthcare provider to do otherwise. Vaccinations are available by appointment at many local pharmacies. In addition, mass clinics are scheduled across the state nearly every weekend. You can locate the list of [pharmacy providers](#) and the list of scheduled [vaccine clinics](#) on the Arkansas Department of Health website.

Students who attended the April 2 vaccination clinic on the Beebe campus will be notified of their appointment for their second dose. At this time, we will not be able to schedule any further on-campus vaccination clinics for the Spring 2021 semester, as the second dose would be during final exam week or after the completion of the semester. However, I do encourage every Vanguard to contact a [pharmacy provider](#) or attend a [vaccine clinic](#).

I look forward to the last few weeks of the semester, and I am particularly excited about our plans for [commencement](#). I am grateful to each member of the Vanguard Community for your cooperation with our protocols and new learning and service models. Because of your cooperation, we have continued to have safe in-person learning on all our campuses, while many other institutions are still working on a plan to return to in-person instruction. The students, faculty, and staff have truly been **Vanguard** during this public health crisis.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer L. Methvin". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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