

## Vaccination Slots Open at Mayo La Crosse

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Dear students and colleagues,

I hope everyone is staying safe and doing well as we move into the final five weeks of our semester. Although the pandemic continues to present us with powerful and unfamiliar challenges, there is no doubt that if we continue working patiently together we will get back to our normal way of life. I wish I could specify exactly when that much desired time will come, but it's difficult to know with certainty how events in our state and community will unfold in the coming weeks.

That said, there is one thing that is clear right now: the sooner we all get vaccinated against the COVID-19 virus, the sooner we will develop the herd immunity essential to resuming our ability to gather in groups, shake hands, and hug one another. So now that most every member of our UWL community is eligible to be vaccinated, I urge you to do your best to immediately complete this indispensable process.

You may have seen from a note sent earlier today that we have just learned that next week our wonderful colleagues at Mayo Clinic Health Systems here in La Crosse have made 1,100 vaccination slots available for use by UWL students, faculty, and staff. If you've yet to begin your vaccination process, then all you need to do is to call 608-392-7400 to schedule your appointment next week. The Mayo Clinic vaccine site is located in the Professional Arts Building at 11th and Ferry Street, and because my wife Carmen received her first shot at this site earlier this week I can tell you that the process will be completed smoothly and quickly.

If you are unable to take advantage of the openings at Mayo Clinic next week, please continue registering through [vaccinate.wi.gov](https://vaccinate.wi.gov) and the other sites listed in the note you received earlier today. I know from the regular conversations being held between our excellent UWL staff and their dedicated colleagues at Gundersen Health Systems and the La Crosse County Health Department that everyone in our local health care community is eager to get us all vaccinated as soon as possible.

Let's all keep doing everything we can to get back to our normal way of life as soon as possible. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to let me know. And I hope you all are as proud as I am of our UWL community's extraordinary resilience during such an unprecedented time.

Take good care,

Joe

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