Dear McCombs Students,

I join with our McCombs deans and administration to express how excited we are about the prospect of seeing each of you in person very soon! This year away from campus has seemed like a lifetime, but it feels good to celebrate spring, warmer weather, and your incredible accomplishments and resilience in the midst of struggle and a hard year.

As you prepare for summer activities and as we prepare to reopen campus this fall, I wanted to remind you that UT is now offering and administering the Pfizer vaccine—two doses, spaced three weeks apart—to all adults over the age of 16, including all students. I encourage you to schedule an appointment for your first dose sooner rather than later so you’ll be fully vaccinated before leaving campus for home or summer travel.

The vaccination is free to everyone. UT’s system is well-organized and easy to access at Gregory Gymnasium, with often short wait times. You can learn more about how to sign up with UT Health Austin here. As of this week, UT Health is offering occasional walk-up appointments. Your vaccination status is protected and kept private. Follow @HealthyHorns on social media for regular updates.

Additionally, our faculty members have conducted research about the importance of getting vaccinated and how changes to vaccine contracts could be life-saving worldwide. I also discuss the topic in the April video Q&A.

High rates of vaccination in the campus community will allow all of us to safely return to campus and classrooms in the fall with more peace of mind.
And please, if you have time and want to pitch in, UT Health Austin is also seeking volunteers to help staff the Gregory Gymnasium vaccination site. Sign up [here](#) if you’d like to volunteer. If you have any further questions about vaccinations, visit the [UT Health Austin COVID-19 vaccination FAQ](#).

Thank you for doing your part to Protect Texas Together and to keep our Longhorn community safe.

Watch the video [here](#).

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