

## Department of Human Resources

TO:	The University Community
FROM:	Fred Cratty, Chief Human Resources Officer
RE:	COVID-19 Vaccine
DATE:	March 5, 2021

I hope that you all are staying safe and healthy during these unprecedented times. Back at the beginning of the Spring Semester, the University compiled a list (Group 1b) of employees who were considered essential/front facing for purposes of being prioritized for scheduling an appointment for a COVID-19 vaccine. Shortly after the list was compiled, we were asked to delay our submittal of the list while the State worked through vaccinating individuals who were in Group 1a. As I'm sure you are aware by now, on Monday, February  $22^{nd}$ , Governor Lamont revised the vaccine eligibility to that of age based, along with teachers and staff working in education in grades Pre K – 12. Unfortunately, based upon this change, the University is no longer permitted to submit our Group 1b list of essential/front facing employees for a vaccine priority. Based upon this revision, below is a breakdown of the age-based eligibility:

- March 1, 2021: Expands to age group 55 to 64
- March 22, 2021: Expands to age group 45 to 54
- April 12, 2021: Expands to age group 35 to 44
- May 3, 2021: Expands to age group 16 to 34

Once your age group is eligible, please go to the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS) at the below website link in order to register yourself and to schedule an appointment.

https://dphsubmissions.ct.gov/OnlineVaccine

If you would prefer to speak with someone on the phone to make your appointment, instead of going to the VAMS website, please contact the CT COVID-19 Vaccine Appointment Assistance Line at **877-918-2224**.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 203-837-8665 or via email at <u>crattyf@wcsu.edu</u>.



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