

IOWA STATE UNIVERSITY

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Dear Iowa State Community,

As the end of the fall 2021 semester approaches, we want to share some important public health updates with our campus community.

Influenza is here. We've seen an uptick in influenza cases on campus in the last week and positive cases are also being seen across the community and state. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ([CDC](#)) and the Iowa Department of Public Health ([IDPH](#)) facilitate flu surveillance, and the ISU public health team monitors this for campus. We encourage everyone to consider a seasonal influenza vaccine; the flu shot can protect against or lessen the severity of illness and students can receive theirs at the Thielen Student Health Center ([TSHC](#)).

COVID boosters. The CDC recently updated their [guidance](#) to recommend COVID-19 booster vaccines for all eligible adults. With the new [Omicron](#) variant circulating in Iowa, the U.S., and across the world, we encourage all those eligible to get vaccinated and get their booster. Vaccines remain the best public health measure to protect people from COVID-19, slow transmission, and reduce the likelihood of new variants emerging.

Vaccine clinic – December 15th. Iowa State is partnering again with Hy-Vee to offer a COVID-19 and flu vaccine clinic at State Gym Wednesday, Dec. 15 (9 a.m.-5 p.m.). Hy-Vee will have the Pfizer vaccine (first, second, third doses and booster shots) as well as the flu vaccine available for ISU faculty, staff and students. **Appointments must be scheduled by noon on Dec. 14.** While there is no cost for the COVID-19 vaccine, participants will need to upload their insurance information when they schedule an appointment to cover administrative fees. A copay may be required for the flu shot.

- [Schedule an appointment for the Pfizer vaccine](#)
- [Schedule an appointment for the flu vaccine](#)

[Thielen Student Health Center](#) also offers daily vaccine clinics for undergraduate and graduate students. More information is available on the [COVID-19 Vaccinations](#) website.

Caring for our Cyclone community. Between finals and the holiday season, the end of the fall semester can be stressful and have an impact on our wellbeing. Resources are available for both [students](#) and [employees](#). We encourage everyone to get vaccinated, wash your hands often, monitor your health, and stay home if you're sick so that we can all finish the semester Cyclone strong.

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