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Dear Campus Community,

With this week's exciting news that U.S. regulators are expected to give their first emergency authorization to a COVID-19 vaccine within days, we wanted to update you on our plans for its distribution as well as recent changes to our quarantine protocols.

Vaccine update: The university is working closely with our local public health partners to prepare for vaccine distribution, including the administration of the vaccine on campus to students, faculty and staff. Once supplies are readily available this process will look very similar to that of the free flu vaccine clinics offered every year. Information will be announced as it becomes available.

Quarantine change: UNI is following recent changes from the Centers for Disease Control and Black Hawk County Health Department shortening the time required for quarantine. Asymptomatic individuals who've had close contact with a positive COVID-19 individual may now end quarantine after day 10 without testing or after day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later).

While there may be a light at the end of the tunnel, we are not there yet. We must remain vigilant about washing hands, wearing masks and physical distancing, including over the [holiday season](#).

If you have a question, please visit forwardtogether.uni.edu or email it to forwardtogether@uni.edu. Thanks for all that you do to keep yourself, your family and the Panther community safe.

Stay Well,

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