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## Forward Together Update

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Dear Panther Community,

On Monday, the [first public vaccination clinic](#) on campus was launched with help from the Black Hawk County Health Department.

The health department, which oversees the distribution of vaccines throughout the county, provided first doses of the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine to 121 staff and students, including campus health care workers and clinicians, police officers, etc. who were eligible under state guidelines in phases 1A and 1B.

Although it was the first public vaccination effort on campus, some 40 Student Health Center (SHC) workers had already been vaccinated over the past few weeks. The county health department also provided training Monday to SHC workers who will be preparing and administering vaccines as the nation's inoculation efforts gather steam.

As supplies become available, the SHC will distribute the vaccine to students, faculty and staff based on the guidance from the Iowa Department of Public Health. Future communications will be sent to you as information is available.

Even after being vaccinated, it's important that we all continue to wear well-fitting masks, wash our hands and remain physically distanced.

If you have a question, please visit [forwardtogether.uni.edu](http://forwardtogether.uni.edu) or email it to [forwardtogether@uni.edu](mailto: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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Joseph Rayzor,  
Director of Risk Management, Environmental Health and Safety