

OFFICE OF THE **PRESIDENT**



SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Thursday, August 26, 2021

Dear Students,

Last week I shared with you updates to our [Protect the Nest](#) (PTN) plan, preventive measures to help reduce the spread of COVID-19 among our University community and promised to share a vaccine incentive program we were finalizing. I am excited to share this with you today.



Vaccination is a critical tool to protect you, your fellow students, and our faculty and staff from the COVID-19 virus. This vaccination incentive program is a way to keep us moving forward with an attainable goal for our University community.

Our goal is to achieve a 70% vaccination rate among students, faculty and staff by November 1, 2021.

Fully vaccinated students who submit proof of vaccination will be entered into a drawing to win cash prizes of \$500 or \$250. There will be 200 winners of these prizes with the first 80 prizes drawn on September 20.

Date of Drawing	Cash Prize Value & Number of Prizes	
	\$500	\$250
Monday, September 20	40	40
Monday, October 4	20	20
Monday, October 18	20	20
Monday, November 1	20	20

You can submit your vaccination card [here](#) or, starting Monday, Aug. 30, visit a campus office listed [here](#) and present your vaccination card.

Students who have not yet been fully vaccinated, can receive a \$25 Redbucks account credit or a \$25 Southeast Bookstore gift card if they get either a first or second dose between now and October 1 at a vaccination clinic on the Southeast campus. I say “can” because this is limited to the first 2,000 students who decide to participate. We are hosting several vaccination clinics for you to take advantage of this opportunity. Here is what we have planned so far:

- Aug. 27, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in the University Center Program Lounge
- Aug. 30, 12-4 p.m. at the River Campus Cultural Arts Center Atrium
- Sept. 3, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. in Towers Complex

When we meet our vaccination goal (I’m projecting our success), we will celebrate by taking a weeklong Thanksgiving break. This will apply to students, faculty and staff. Classes will be cancelled November 22-23 and offices will be closed November 22-26.

If you are already vaccinated, submit your vaccination card today. There are twice as many prizes in the first drawing on September 20.

For details of the Give Away / Get Away program, visit semo.edu/sealerts/covid19/vaccine-incentive.

Again, thank you for your efforts to protect yourself and our Redhawk community from the COVID-19 virus.

Stay safe Redhawks!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Carlos". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Carlos Vargas

