

This morning, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted full approval to the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 Vaccine, which is the same vaccine that GCU administers to students, faculty and staff. This is the first COVID-19 vaccine to receive full FDA approval. More information about the approval can be found [here](#).

We understand many individuals have been reluctant to receive the vaccine during the period it had been granted emergency use authorization by the FDA. While GCU does not require the vaccine, we highly encourage students, faculty and staff to be vaccinated in order to slow the spread of COVID-19 on campus and ensure that campus operations can continue without restrictions.

Anyone interested in receiving the FDA-approved Pfizer vaccine can reach out to GCU's Health and Wellness Clinic at 844-391-1949 or [healthcenter@gcu.edu](mailto:healthcenter@gcu.edu). The vaccine is free of charge and will be administered on campus.

In addition, fully vaccinated students no longer need to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact exposure to an individual who has tested positive.