

## REPORT TO FACULTY SENATE

FROM: President Robert Robbins <http://president.arizona.edu/>

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### ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- As of one week ago, the University of Arizona POD has administered more than 185,000 doses of vaccine. Vaccine progress can be tracked on the [COVID-19 dashboard](#).
- Over 6,000 students and 4,300 employees have uploaded their completed vaccination records to [Campus Health](#).
- Registration continues to be open to all individuals age 16 and older at the University of Arizona POD. The University has utilized multiple outreach and incentive programs to increase student vaccination rates. The POD is now accepting walk-up appointments to meet community needs.
- Following our transition to Stage 3 instruction on March 29, the University's percent positive has consistently remained well below 1%.
- In-person graduation ceremonies begin on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 and conclude on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Graduates will receive individual recognition and be able to invite up to four guests to attend in person.
- We are excited Forbes named the University of Arizona as a Forbes Best Employer for Diversity. We ranked #206 in the nation and #2 in Arizona. Out of public universities, we ranked #16 and out of all universities, #23. Inclusion is one of our core values and continues to be an integral part of all of our work.

### GOALS:

- The Higher Learning Commission is conducting an on-campus visit in April 2021 as part of our accreditation process. I am grateful for the leadership of Dr. Gail Burd and the Office of the Provost, who have worked with partners across the university to prepare for the review, and I look forward to a successful visit.
- As I recently announced, the university is excited to return most courses at our Main Campus to fully in-person formats in the fall, with some courses offered as flex in-person as public safety requires. All in-person classrooms will adhere to CDC guidelines. We will continue to offer select Live Online and iCourse options for those students who are not yet comfortable returning to in-person classes.

- Also recently announced, after the spring semester is over, starting May 17, 2021, units that are not already engaged in on-campus work may begin to transition back if they are able to meet the University's [safety protocols](#). Units are encouraged to gradually increase in-person activity and supervisors are asked to be as accommodating as possible in response to requests for flexibility, with the understanding that some jobs are unable to be performed remotely. I look forward to seeing many of you in person once again in the near future.
- I know that this has been a unique and challenging year. I wish everyone a successful end to the semester and hope that you all have the opportunity to rest and rejuvenate over the summer.