OAKLAND UNIVERSITY

From the

Office of the President



Dear students, faculty and staff,

As flu season begins, I want to encourage each of you to get your annual flu vaccine, just as I recently did.

As a physician, I know how serious the flu can be. On a college campus, it can easily spread from classrooms to residence halls, causing students to miss class and employees to miss work — and, in some cases, leading to severe and even life-threatening complications.

I also know that flu vaccines are safe, and they are the best way to prevent or minimize illness. Getting vaccinated is also a service to others, helping protect everyone you may encounter — from friends, classmates and colleagues to the most vulnerable among us, including newborns and older adults.

I am proud of how our community has embraced this commitment to protecting one another. Last year, we were named the national winner in the Medium School Division of the Alana Yaksich National College and University Flu Vaccination Challenge, reflecting both the dedication of Oakland's Graham Health Center and the spirit of care that runs through our university.

This year, I ask all of you to join me in building on this success. The Graham Health Center is making it easy to get your flu shot. Visit its website to book an appointment there or stop by one of our many pop-up clinics around campus with your insurance card. And if you do not have insurance, don't worry. With grant funding from Alana's Foundation, we are able to offer free vaccines to anyone

who is uninsured or underinsured.

I hope you will join me in getting your flu shot this fall, whether here on campus, at your doctor's office or at a local pharmacy. Taking a moment today to choose when and where you will get vaccinated is a great way to make sure it happens. A flu shot is a small but powerful step we can all take to show up for one another and keep our campus healthy and vibrant.

Sincerely,



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