TODAY: COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at Clark

If you haven’t yet been vaccinated against COVID-19, you have an opportunity to do so today — on campus! Clark is hosting a vaccination clinic for students, faculty, and staff from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Kneller Athletic Center. **Walk-ins are welcome!**

The clinic is offering the Pfizer vaccine, which requires two doses, three weeks apart. You can receive your first Pfizer dose today and your second dose at the follow-up clinic at Clark on June 1, or at another location. Receiving your first dose at Clark does not mean you must receive the second dose at Clark. And if you already have received our first Pfizer dose elsewhere, you can receive your second dose at the Clark clinic — simply bring your vaccination card with you.

Widespread vaccinations are Clark’s most effective tool to minimize the risk of COVID-19 infections on campus and gives us the best chance to safely reopen this fall under normal or near-normal conditions — which means in-person classes, indoor activities, and relaxing of physical distancing and masking requirements. This degree of normalcy can only be achieved by getting us as close as possible to a 100% vaccination rate.

We strongly urge you to take advantage of this clinic to protect yourself from the virus.
Apply to be a Consent Advocate

Wellness Education is looking for sophomores, juniors, seniors, and graduate students to become consent advocates and facilitate the “Consenting Communities” program for the incoming first-year and transfer students during 2021 Orientation. “Consenting Communities” is a Clark student-created workshop to educate incoming Clarkies on consent and the standards that our Clark community upholds. As a consent advocate, you will help incoming students, learn about consent and healthy relationships, and become a source of information and aid for your peers.

All students who are enrolled for the Fall 2021 semester are welcome to apply. Consent advocate training and the facilitation of the “Consenting Communities” program for incoming students will take place during orientation weekend, August 19–22. Email Erica Beachy with any questions about “Consenting Communities” or the application process.

If you are interested in having a positive impact on a new generation of Clarkies, apply here by noon on Monday, May 24.

First Annual Multicultural Celebration for Graduating Seniors

The Office of Multicultural and First-Generation Student Support (MFGSS) and Clark Undergraduate Student Council (CUSC) are excited to announce the inaugural Multicultural Celebration to honor the experiences and accomplishments of graduating students of color within Clark’s undergraduate student body, while also recognizing those who have supported BIPOC students throughout their time at Clark. Any undergraduate student who identifies as a person of color is welcome to attend this event, which also will recognize those who have supported our BIPOC students throughout their time at Clark. The celebration will occur in-person at a location to be determined.

To attend and receive a special Multicultural Celebration stole, please complete this registration form by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 17.

Calling ALL LGBTQIA+ Graduating Seniors

We are pleased to announce Clark’s 2nd annual Lavender Celebration, a ceremony conducted to recognize the unique achievements of graduating seniors who are members of the LGBTQIA+ community. This ceremony, sometimes called Lavender Graduation, has been conducted at colleges and universities across the country since its creation in 1995. This year’s
Lavender Celebration will be a hybrid event and will include a video commemorating LGBTQIA+ graduates and all that they have accomplished. 

*Sponsored by the Lavender Ceremony Committee.*

To attend, be featured in the video, and/or to receive a special Lavender Celebration pin, graduation tassel, and certificate, please complete this [registration form](#) by May 14.

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**Free Meal Swipes for Students**

Food access should not be something you have to worry about. We’ve got you! Swipe Out Hunger is a program that allows any Clark student experiencing food insecurity to obtain a set number of free meal swipes that will be transferred directly onto your ONECard (Clark ID). All you have to do is [complete this form](#) and someone from the CARE Team may follow up with you for a 10- to 15-minute call to confirm the number of swipes you need. Within two business days, students who are allocated meals will receive swipes on their card, which can be redeemed in the dining hall or bistro. Please feel free to email to Hayley Haywood in the Dean of Students office with questions or concerns.

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**First-Year Fridays**

Join us for the last set of First-Year Friday events — all students are welcome, and first-year and transfer students are especially encouraged to bring a friend or come solo to connect with other Clarkies. Visit Clark Engage for full event details and email [firstyearfriday@clarku.edu](mailto:firstyearfriday@clarku.edu) with any questions.

- Friday, May 14 at 7 p.m.: Clark Jeopardy (online)
- Friday, May 21 at 5 p.m.: Picnic and Music
- Friday, May 28 at 5 p.m.: Recipe Swap (online)

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**RLH Lockout Procedures Update**

On-campus students who are locked out of their room can now call a member of the Lockout Team at 508-735-2413 — seven days a week, between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. — for assistance getting back into their room. If lockout services are needed between the hours of 9 p.m. and 1 a.m., RAs on duty are available to assist; between 1 and 9 a.m., University Police can be called for lockout assistance.
Upcoming Speaker Webinars

All times Eastern

• **Responsibility and Representation**  
  *Wednesday, May 12 at 3 p.m.*  
  Register [here](#)  
  Join Letisha Amuwo of Recreation Worcester to discuss the role of education in honoring and validating our youths’ lived experiences in an unjust society and the responsibility educators have during difficult discussions with children about topics like race and social inequality. *Sponsored by the Community Engagement and Volunteering Office in partnership with the Center for Gender, Race, and Area Studies.*

• **Genocide and Displacement**  
  *Thursday, May 13 at 4:30 p.m.*  
  Register [here](#)  
  Join Lesa McWalters of the Worcester Refugee Assistance Project (WRAP) for an in-depth discussion of the Burmese destabilization and consequent refugee crisis. Learn about the events unfolding in Myanmar (Burma) as they relate to the country’s turbulent past and the ways that WRAP has supported the displaced Burmese community living here in Worcester. *Sponsored by the Community Engagement and Volunteering Office in partnership with the Center for Gender, Race, and Area Studies.*

• **Trans Media and Its Futures**  
  *Wednesday, May 19 at 5 p.m.*  
  Register [here](#)  
  Screen Studies Professor Rox Samer (they/them) and representatives of their “Gender and Film” seminar examine the current state of transgender media as well as visions for its futures with three distinguished guests: artist and scholar micha cárdenas (she/her); artist and producer Zackary Drucker (she/her); and artist and filmmaker Chris E. Vargas (he/him). All three are active and leading artists working in the lush arena of trans media production. Attendees are invited to check out their considerable bodies of work, available via their websites, YouTube, Amazon, and HBO Max. Together their work expands our sense of possibility for the future of trans media. Learn more about the event [here](#).