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UA System COVID Numbers Decline as Vaccination Programs Roll Out

According to today's University of Alabama System COVID-19 data dashboard <https://uasystem.edu/covid-19/dashboard>, the total number of positive test results dropped slightly System-wide over the last reporting period, with student positives declining every day this week at The University of Alabama.

The UA System's vaccination program continues to expand in accordance with Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) eligibility guidelines. UAB has administered more than 30,000 vaccines to date and is partnering with the cities of Birmingham and Hoover to open additional vaccination sites to supplement the downtown UAB Highlands location.

Per ADPH guidance, UA will proceed with its priority distribution plan for the campus community. Notifications will be issued in the coming weeks to eligible faculty, staff and front-line contract workers. The university will continue following the ADPH allocation plan, including community outreach to current risk groups. UAH has placed their order for vaccines and awaits delivery.

Key COVID dashboard data week over week:

- 331 student positives with only 49 among academic faculty and staff. This is down from 346 students and 63 faculty from the last reporting period.
- Isolation and quarantine housing remains at low occupancy, with only 80 of the 710 available beds in the UA System occupied.
- Record numbers of sentinel tests have been administered at UA and UAB. UAB is transitioning now to their Active Sentinel Testing program.

The next UA System Dashboard update will be released Friday, February 5.