

COVID-19 VACCINE AVAILABILITY INCREASES



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Over 108 million people in the US have received their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine. On April 5, the vaccine became available to anyone over 18. COVID-19 vaccines teach our immune systems how to recognize and fight the virus. The vaccines introduce your immune system to non-dangerous components of the virus, such as the well-known “spike” of the coronavirus, so it will recognize it later and prevent the virus from causing illness.

All current vaccines are effective against severe disease, hospitalization, and death. So far, data also suggests the vaccines are effective against variants of the virus.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines, visit getvaccineanswers.org or bit.ly/CDCVaccineAnswers. To find local locations where you can receive the vaccine, visit bit.ly/HillsboroughVaccines.

REMINDERS

- Spring Break is **April 12-18**
- Nominate a deserving coworker for an Excellence Award at bit.ly/ExcellenceRecognition



THE JOURNEY TO BECOMING A US CITIZEN: PETER GUTZKOW



Becoming a US citizen is the next step for most green card holders, especially those intending to stay in the US long-term. USF Grounds employee, Peter Gutzkow, recently completed the process of becoming a US citizen.

Peter grew up on a German Canadian army base in Canada, and always wanted to return after his family left in 1987. In 2006, Peter found a roofing company that helped German