## USF DEBUTS FIRST ELECTRIC BUS



USF celebrated Earth Day with the debuting of the first zero-emission electric bus in the Bull Runner fleet. The new bus was jointly funded by the University's Student Green Energy Fund and USF Parking and Transportation Services. The bus marks an important step in USF's commitment to sustainability in all of its operations. The new zero emission electric bus joined the Bull Runner fleet on April 22 and is believed to be the first electric bus owned and operated by a public university in the State of Florida.

By replacing a diesel bus with an electric bus, approximately 230,000 pounds of carbon dioxide are avoided each year. Electric buses also produce less noise pollution in the community and have a smoother rider experience. "The University of South Florida is excited for the continued partnership between Parking and Transportation Services and the Student Green Energy Fund that has made this project possible," said Raymond Mensah, director of USF Parking and Transportation Services and a member of the Student Green Energy Fund Council. "By launching a zero-emission electric bus, we are making a large stride in reaching our sustainability goals and reducing our carbon footprint."

## **REMINDERS**

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to sign up as soon as possible to receive the vaccine. continues to receive limited quantities of vaccines thro community partnerships. Currently, the Johnson & Joh vaccine is available, for those that only want to have to dose, as well as the P zer vaccine.

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to request an appointment for themselves, or their hou or family members. Travel restrictions (both domestic a international) are much less strict for those who have be vaccinated, according to CDC guidelines, so vaccines particularly helpful if you have plans to travel soon. For information on the vaccine and where you can get it no visitusf.edu/vaccine-info

## **USF CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY**