

# opinion

## Vaccinating first responders before school faculty

**KATIE FOSTER**  
Reporter

As people around the world are receiving the COVID-19 vaccine, there is some disagreement as to who should be the first in line to get vaccinated. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the first doses of the vaccine are to go to healthcare workers and residents who live in healthcare facilities.

Many people seem to agree with this because the elderly, especially ones with health problems, are at a much higher risk than most people. Receiving the vaccine is one step closer to getting back to their normal lives. They will no longer have to live in fear and their families and loved ones will soon be able to visit them again.

The CDC said the second phase of people to receive the vaccine will be “frontline essential workers” and people over the age of 75. “Frontline essential workers” include police officers, firefighters, school teachers, daycare workers, etc.

There has been much debate if school faculty should receive the vaccine before a firefighter or police officer. It seems this is happening in some areas around the country.

First responders have a duty to keep us safe, and they cannot do that efficiently if they are not protected against this deadly virus. As important as it is to receive an education, it is not necessary for teachers to be vaccinated

before emergency workers. With today’s technology, classes can be held on the internet and learning does not have to be paused. In the classroom, six-feet social distancing is still being practiced

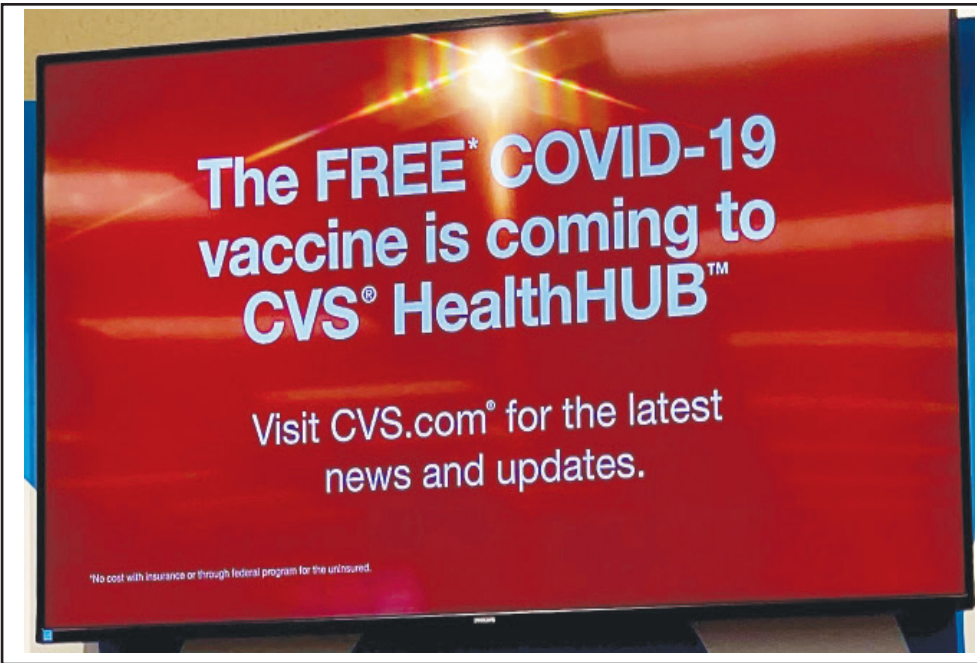
closely with people everyday. Classes are also being done in hybrid models, so students who do not have access to technology are still able to go to school a couple of days a week.

Some may argue parents have a hard time finding someone to watch their children during the day. Many people are having trouble finding jobs. Hiring a nanny or care worker to watch children during the day would be one of many solutions to this problem. This also helps some of the unemployed who cannot find jobs during the pandemic. The quicker first responders are vaccinated, the safer it is for the public and for them.

Educators should still receive the vaccination eventually. The quicker school goes back to normal, the easier it will be for both students and faculty.

The easiest way to make sure both first responders and educators are receiving the vaccine in a timely manner is for there to be a state level vaccine plan. This would leave the distribution of the vaccine up to the state, causing less tension over who gets the vaccine first because the state could decide that information.

As of right now, the quantity of vaccination doses are limited. Until the vaccine can be mass produced so everyone is able to be vaccinated, it is important for governments to decide who really needs to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.



CVS will be offering free COVID-19 Vaccinations

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and all students and staff are required to wear masks. Six-foot social distancing would not be possible to achieve as a police officer, EMT, firefighter, etc. Their job is to work

## Should Crimson Cup have replaced Starbucks?

**HANNAH WITTEMAN**  
Reporter

This semester Ashland University replaced Starbucks Coffee with another company called Crimson Cup. Honestly, I’m sure how to feel about it and it seems like a lot of people are on the same page.

I’d like to say that I’m pretty laid back when it comes to my coffee, but something just doesn’t seem right about this new place at Nest.

At first, I thought that maybe I just needed to get used to not having Starbucks at the palm of my hand, but, after talking to a couple of other students, there are definitely some mixed feelings.

My first order was a medium iced caramel macchiato and I ended up throwing it out after my first couple of sips. It tasted like the ingredients were old or cheap.

Usually whenever I get this drink I can taste both the caramel and coffee and the world is great, but not this time.

Other students have also noticed the change in taste of the drink options. “The coffee has a very burnt taste. It seems like when they are making it, it sits too long and they don’t ever change it. When I drink the iced coffee from this brand it tastes old and bland” Junior Lyra Lawson said.

I also feel that, because students are the main customers, we should have had a say in the changes at Nest. If they needed to cut the menu due to money issues we should have been notified about changes.

The school could have also sent out a survey to see what students liked and disliked and gone from there instead of just changing everything at once.

A lot of people, including some of my

friends, also feel the same. “It was a big change and none of the students had the chance to attest or agree with the change” Senior Taelor Norris said.

This change took a huge turn and I think for the worst. As a commuter I loved being able to go to Nest, sit with my friends and order something to drink, but now I don’t even want to go anymore.

There were also huge changes to the menu. There are way less options now than there were before, and again, I think that students should have been aware before coming back from break.

No matter what students were going to be upset about the change, but at least if we knew before we wouldn’t feel as surprised when we came back.

“I use the majority of my swipes on the cafe usually, and that is definitely not the case this semester. I would honestly rather use my excess money to go to Vines and get better quality coffee or teas” Lawson said.

I can’t speak for all AU students, but I do feel like the school could have done better when making changes to the coffee options on campus and letting students know that there will be changes made.

**CRIMSONCUP COFFEE CAN BE FOUND IN THE HAWKINS CONARD STUDENT CENTER, LOCATED ON 401 COLLEGE AVENUE.**



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Crimson Cup located in Hawkins-Conard Student Center

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