



GREENWICH TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The Greenwich Township School District is pleased to announce that we have offered the use of our gymnasium facilities at our Nehaunsey Middle School to the Gloucester County Department of Health for the purpose of offering free vaccinations for those who wish to obtain them; this includes booster shots. The Department of Health will be administering the Pfizer vaccination to all ages eligible and who choose to obtain the vaccination. Parents or legal guardians must be present with minors and must complete, sign, and submit a Covid-19 Vaccination Paper Registration Form. These will be available through the District or upon arrival at the site.

The vaccination clinic will be hosted on two days to allow participants to obtain both doses. The first clinic will be hosted on Tuesday, November 23, 2021, between the hours of 1:30 – and 3:30 pm. The second clinic will be hosted on December 14, 2021, between the hours of 3:30 and 5:30 pm. Participants should park in the side parking lot and enter through the side gymnasium door.

Under current CDC, state, and local health recommendations and certain close contact exposure guidelines, vaccinated individuals may not be required to quarantine in the event of possible exposure. Therefore, it is helpful that the vaccination status of students be communicated to our school nurses to assist them in the contact tracing process.

The District will continue to follow contact tracing investigations and appropriate notifications as advice from school physician and/or state and local DOH officials dictate. Any students or employees identified as a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19+ individual have been, and will continue to be, contacted by representatives of the District and provided necessary information regarding the exposure and quarantine requirements. Any student or staff member exhibiting Covid-like indicators should remain at home until symptoms have stopped.

The District will continue to balance the need to inform those at-risk or exposed with the right to privacy of our students and staff. Since September 1, 2021, 35 individuals within our school district community have tested positive for the coronavirus or about 7% of our total school population. This includes students and employees, a total of over 500 people. The District will update this information periodically, but we are unable to provide any specific information or other identifying characteristics about the individuals who have tested positive because that could violate the person's right to privacy about his or her health.

We will continue to follow protocols and advice recommended by the school physician and/or state and local Department of Health Officials. Their guidance and District guidelines may change as circumstances warrant. One change that we will begin to implement on November 15, 2021, is to accept negative COVID-19 rapid test results for asymptomatic students. These rapid tests must be conducted on days 5-7 following the exposure in order to return to school following 7 days of quarantine.

We understand the level of concern among the public regarding both exposure to COVID-19 and the educational impact of being excluded from in-person learning. Our health and safety protocols attempt to balance each concern in order to reduce possible exposure to COVID-19 at school while still providing a thorough and efficient education to our students.

As always, we appreciate your efforts to support the schools in our mission to secure the health, safety, and educational progress of our students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jennifer Foley-Hindman".

Dr. Jennifer Foley-Hindman