



Subject: Free COVID-19 Vaccinations for 12-15 Year Olds

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

Many students and families are anxiously awaiting the summer ahead after a year filled with new challenges and uncertainties. While COVID-19 has brought about changes, the crucial role vaccinations play in keeping children, their classmates, and communities safe remains unchanged. Since the start of the pandemic, over 200,000 children in Illinois have been infected with COVID-19. We hope that the months ahead will be healthy ones, free of vaccine-preventable disease.

Schools with lower rates of vaccination are more likely to see outbreaks, which can lead to time away from school in addition to more serious consequences for the health of children and families. [The American Academy of Pediatrics](#) has strongly expressed their support for approved COVID-19 vaccines in younger children and adolescents as “**key, safe mechanisms that protect individuals and populations against many infectious diseases**”.

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The FDA authorized the **Pfizer vaccine** for use in people ages 12 to 15 and the CDC recommended the vaccine's use in this new group. To facilitate the vaccination of our students in this age group, **Forest Park District 91 will be hosting a vaccination clinic for our students on June 3, 2021 in the Gymnasium at Forest Park Middle School.** We encourage unvaccinated students and their family members to take advantage of this event. The parent or guardian must be present for the vaccination of minors. To register for the vaccination and secure your time, please use the link below:

[District 91 Student Vaccination Sign-Up](#)

If you need more information about the COVID-19 Vaccine, the links below may be helpful:

[The Science Behind COVID-19: Parent FAQs](#) (American Academy of Pediatrics)

[Key Things to Know About COVID-19 Vaccines](#) (Center for Disease Control)

Illinois' [Coronavirus website](#), which includes a [comprehensive list of state vaccine locations](#).

We appreciate you doing your part to keep schools and communities safe.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent