

May, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian:

With the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approval of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for all ages 12 years and older, LincolnHealth has partnered with your local school district to make the vaccine readily available, for your convenience and to improve access to this important public health measure. **Your child's school will share days and hours of LincolnHealth vaccine clinics at your school.**

We believe there are some important reasons to consider this opportunity; it is optional for your child.

- The vaccine was approved after studies show it is safe and extremely effective.
- The vaccine will help prevent your student from transmitting the virus to others.
- It will be easy to get your student vaccinated at the school.
- The vaccine is free to you.
- Maine has one of the highest rates of increase of positive COVID -19 tests in the pediatric population in the country. Over the past 2 weeks, there have been significant outbreaks in Maine schools (999 students).
- The COVID-19 virus variants are causing widespread infections among young people in Maine. However, the vaccine is effective against the variants.
- The vaccine will give you some reassurance this summer. As people get together with friends and family, you will know your child is protected from COVID-19.

If you are interested, review the steps below to participate in the school-focused clinics with LincolnHealth:

- Please read the vaccine fact sheet, found here: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download>
- Fill out the two attached MaineHealth forms: 1) Registration 2) Consent form – **most important this must be signed by a parent.** If your student has health insurance, it will be charged. But the vaccine will be free to you even if you do not have insurance.
- Please return for a 2nd dose in 3 weeks, which will again be hosted in partnership with your child's school.

If you or other family members, 12 years or older, would like to receive a vaccine at a school-focused clinic you may attend the clinic as a walk-in during the assigned hours – each person receiving the vaccine will need to fill out their own paperwork.

We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity. Our experienced staff will be available at the school vaccination clinics to care for your child.

Yours,

Lincoln Health Pediatric Providers

Anne Barker, NP-C, Sheila Carroll, MD, Catherine Cavanaugh, DO, Cynthia Dechenes, MD
Ryan Donohue, MD, , Melissa Keepert, MD, Jennifer Oddleifson, PA, , Andy Russ, MD MD,
Kathryn Williams, NP Eric Worthing, MD, Jennifer Wright, NP, and Jan Yost, NP.