



Hello Galesburg-Augusta Families of Students Ages 16 and up,

We are working with the Kalamazoo County Health Department to assure that our schools remain the safest place possible for students. In an attempt to make schools even safer, the health department is offering our school district vaccination slots for students who are 16 years of age and older with approval of a parent or guardian.

Currently, the Health Department is only offering Pfizer's product as it is the only COVID-19 vaccine approved for children 16 and older. The Health Department reports that the Pfizer product will be used unless future FDA approval of other vaccines come available. Additional information about the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine can be found at [www.kalcounty.com/covid19vaccine](http://www.kalcounty.com/covid19vaccine).

**You will be signing up for an appointment for Dose 1 only on April 20 or 21.** Vaccine supply is limited and appointments may be cancelled or rescheduled depending on availability. We ask that you register for an appointment by **7 am** on April 19. Please understand that there are limited slots at each clinic. If you are unable to sign up at this clinic there will be more opportunities. If you have questions please contact Jennifer Chiechi or Nancy Saline at [Jennifer.chiechi@garams.org](mailto:Jennifer.chiechi@garams.org) and [Nancy.saline@garams.org](mailto:Nancy.saline@garams.org). We will continue to send this letter out with links to sign up for clinics until everyone who is interested has the opportunity to be vaccinated.

We strongly encourage parents and guardians to accompany their students to the clinic if at all possible. This is to ensure everyone is comfortable and available throughout the entire vaccination process. **If the form is signed by a parent or guardian but the parent or guardian cannot accompany the student to the clinic, the student can still receive the vaccination as all students will be monitored for any possible side effects as a result of receiving the shot. If your student needs help with transportation please contact Jennifer Chiechi or Nancy Saline and the school will try to help provide transportation.**

What to know prior to booking your appointment:

- When you book your appointment, use your school email address vs. a personal email address. Please double check that the email address is correct before booking appointment
- This link is for you alone. **Do NOT share this link with anyone.**
- You must arrive at the clinic with your registration/consent form already signed by a parent or legal guardian. You can find the form here: [HCS Registration Form](#).

It is the policy of the Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools that no discriminatory practices based on sex, race, religion, color, age, national origin, disability, height, weight, or any other status covered by federal, state or local law be allowed in providing instructional opportunities, programs, services, job placement assistance, employment or in policies governing student conduct and attendance.

Complaints or inquiries related to discrimination should be forwarded to:

Superintendent of Schools  
1076 N. 37<sup>th</sup> St.  
Galesburg, MI 49053

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- You are scheduling Dose 1 only at this time. At the vaccination clinic you will schedule Dose 2.
- Demand for vaccine is very high at this time and vaccine supply is limited. The appointments are First Come, First Serve. The health department strongly encourages you to schedule your Dose 1 Appointment right away. If you are unable to schedule with this link please know that there will be more opportunities to schedule an appointment.

Link to schedule appointment: [4/20 Vaccine Clinic-Students](#)

[4/21 Vaccine Clinic-Students](#)

Thank you for helping your community get through this pandemic by supporting the things we can do to make a difference:

- Mask up
- Social distance
- Wash hands
- Don't go to school or work sick
- Avoid large gatherings
- Get vaccinated

Sincerely,

Jennifer Chiechi and Nancy Saline

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