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Dear Parent or Guardian:

Based on clinical trial results reported by Pfizer, it is very likely that the US FDA and CDC will, on May 14th or sooner, expand eligibility for the Pfizer mRNA COVID-19 vaccine to all Americans age 12 and older.

In anticipation of this, we are working locally with Pen Bay and Waldo County General Hospital (MaineHealth) to plan to hold vaccine clinics at our school. We want to make COVID-19 vaccination as convenient as possible. Because vaccination requires two doses given three weeks apart, we will be offering these clinics as soon as possible – to avoid a need to get the second dose when summer vacation has already started.

There are a number of important reasons to consider taking advantage of this opportunity:

- Pfizer has reported that this vaccine is safe and tremendously effective at protecting adolescents from COVID-19 infection.
- Because it is so effective, a vaccinated person is very unlikely to become a source of COVID-19 spread to anyone else. As more and more people in our community get vaccinated, we will see fewer and fewer COVID-19 cases.
- Fewer cases will get us closer to returning to the lives we miss – including school without masks and social distancing.
- Vaccinated people, including school students, do not need to quarantine in the event of a COVID-19 exposure.
- Fewer cases will prevent increases in what are known as viral ‘variants.’

Vaccine clinics will be offered on the following dates and locations: Tuesday, May 18th for the 1st dose and Tuesday, June 8th for the 2nd dose.

If you would like your child to be vaccinated through the clinic we are planning at school:

- Please read the vaccine fact sheet, found here: <https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download>
It is likely that a newer version that covers children down to 12 will be published on Wednesday or Thursday. Although we do not anticipate any major changes, we will also make this available to you.
- Fill out the attached forms. Most importantly, the consent form needs to be signed. Your student will be given a paper copy of this form to take home. Whether or not you have insurance, these vaccinations will be free of charge to you. If your student has health insurance, it will be charged, but the vaccine will still be free to you.
- If you have questions about the vaccine, CDC.gov website will have additional information. Additionally, your child’s primary care physician will be able to answer your questions.

If you have any questions, please contact the RSU #3 School Health Office at 207-568-4606.

Sincerely,

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