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Dear Parent or Guardian:

The US FDA has granted emergency use authorization for the use of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for all people 12 years and older. Brunswick School Department is pleased to announce that we have partnered with Mid Coast Hospital to offer school-based vaccination clinics for students ages 12 and older.

The clinics will be at Coffin School. The first shot of the vaccine series will be administered on May 20 and the second shot will be administered on June 10. BJHS students with parental consent will have the opportunity to walk to the clinics. BHS students with parental consent will be transported from the high school to the clinics. The vaccine is free.

If you are interested in having your child participate, please complete the following steps:

1. Read the vaccine fact sheet found [here](#).
2. Fill out the Mid Coast Hospital Consent Form at [this link](#). This form is also available in [Portuguese](#) and [Lingala](#). Have your BJHS child return the completed form to their teacher and your BHS child return the completed form to the main office by 5/18/21.
3. Fill out the Mid Coast Hospital Registration Form at [this link](#). If your child has health insurance, it will be charged but the vaccine will be free to you. Have your BJHS child return the completed form to their teacher and your BHS child return the completed form to the main office.
4. Fill out the [CDC Pre-Vaccination Checklist](#) the day of the clinic. Have your BJHS child return the completed form to their teacher and your BHS child return the completed form to the main office the day of the clinic.

Please note all forms can be found on the [BSD COVID-19 Response webpage](#).

Although vaccines are optional, we believe there are some important reasons to consider taking advantage of this opportunity for your child:

- 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.
- The vaccine will help prevent your child from transmitting the virus to others.
- The vaccine was approved after studies show it is safe and effective.
- It will be easy to get your child vaccinated at the school. Many vaccine clinics and pharmacies do not offer the COVID-19 vaccine that is approved for children.

- Once your child is fully vaccinated, they will not need to quarantine after an exposure to COVID-19.

Mid Coast Hospital will also continue their public clinic at Brunswick Parks & Recreation, 220 Neptune Dr. Clinic hours are Monday through Saturday, 7:30 AM – 12:30 PM & 2:30 PM-7:30 PM. Parents are encouraged to visit [www.midcoasthealth.com/clinics](http://www.midcoasthealth.com/clinics) for clinic details, including how to make an appointment.

Sincerely,

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