

May 14, 2021

Dear Ridgefield Families,

You may have heard the news that the Pfizer vaccine is now approved for adolescents aged 12-15 years old. The Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup completed its review of the federal process and unanimously concluded that the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine is safe and effective for youth aged 12 to 15. The Workgroup provided its confirmation to the governors of California, Nevada, Oregon, and Washington.

In light of this development, I am pleased to announce that Ridgefield High School is hosting a free clinic for students and the general public. On Wednesday, May 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., anyone aged 12 and older can receive a COVID vaccine. A parent or legal guardian must accompany minors 12-15 years old. Vaccines are free for everyone, and ID and health insurance are not required. The Pfizer vaccine will be available for people 12 years and older and requires two doses. Second doses will be provided at the same time and location on Wednesday, June 16. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is also available for people 18 years and older and only requires one dose.

To sign up for a vaccination appointment at RHS, please [register in advance with the Washington Department of Health here](#). Note that this online registration system works best when using either the Google Chrome or Safari web browsers. The Internet Explorer browser is known to have errors when accessing the signup form. The insurance information section of the signup is optional – you just have to select something for the “insurance type” field (selecting “no insurance” is an option). If you need any assistance scheduling an appointment, including language assistance services, you can call (888) 225-4625, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

As I’ve mentioned before, I believe the most powerful tool we have in the fight against COVID is vaccines proven to be safe and incredibly effective. By the time you read this message, my 13-year-old son will have already received his first dose of the vaccine.

I am encouraged by the progress we’ve seen lately, and am optimistic that we will continue full, in-person learning once school returns in the fall. For families who wish to continue online learning for the 2021-22 school year, we encourage you to consider [Wisdom Ridge Academy](#), our new Alternative Learning Experience program for K-12 students. At Wisdom Ridge, families are their children’s co-educators.

While the majority of learning will take place in the home, Ridgefield teachers will still provide supervision, academic support and will see students for in-person weekly check-ins and monthly progress reports. [Enrollment for next year is open now](#) at all of our District schools.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools. Stay well and remain #RidgefieldResilient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nathan McCann', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Dr. Nathan McCann  
Superintendent