

Regional School Unit 1

34 Wing Farm Parkway, Bath, ME 04530

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May 21, 2021

Dear RSU 1 Families,

We are pleased to share that over 100 students ages 12 and older opted into our COVID-19 vaccine clinic and received their first dose of the vaccine series. Thank you to all of the RSU 1 and Mid Coast Hospital staff who helped make this happen!

If a student was unable to attend and would like to participate:

For those who were unable to attend, but would like their student to receive the first dose on June 9th, the date of our second clinic, we are now able to open up this option. If you will be signing your student up for their first dose of the vaccine on June 9th, please fill out the permission slip packet linked below.

Remember, students need to be 12 years of age on or by June 9th to be able to receive their vaccine.

Students will leave this clinic with detailed information about how to schedule their second dose through Mid Coast Hospital since school will be out on summer break at that time.

If a student received their vaccine at the first clinic:

We have held on to their COVID -19 vaccine record cards and will bring them to the second clinic on June 9th. After their second shot, we will again keep the cards to record the information in their student health records. Vaccine cards will then be sent home via the mail in report card envelopes. Should a family need their vaccine card before report cards get sent home, please contact the front office of your child's school and they will coordinate a pick-up time with you.

Information for Vaccine Clinic #2:

- Date: Wednesday, June 9th
- Location: Morse High School/ Bath Tech gym
- Time: 9:30 am - 12:15 pm
- Vaccine Type: [Pfizer](#)

Transportation to the clinic:

- For WCS and BMS, transportation will be coordinated and provided by RSU 1 during the school day.
 - For MHS students, they can stop in the MHS gym anytime between 10:30 am - 12:15 pm. For those off campus on this Wednesday, students may choose to either organize a ride on their own or sign up for a ride by indicating the need on the permission slip form.
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Again, our efforts to hold vaccine clinics in our district are motivated by:

1. Wanting to ensure transportation and access don't impede a student's ability to get vaccinated should they wish to; and,
2. Having fewer students miss school in the future as those who get vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine.

Permission Slips Forms:

For those getting their 1st vaccine on June 9th:

- Complete the RSU 1/ Mid Coast Hospital vaccine [permission slip packet #1](#) by printing it out or by emailing your school secretary that you would like a paper packet sent home.
- This packet includes:
 - o RSU 1 Permission Slip and Transportation Request
 - o Patient Registration Form
 - o Patient Consent Form
 - o CDC Pre-Vaccination Checklist

For those getting their 2nd vaccine on June 9th:

- Complete the RSU 1/Mid Coast Hospital vaccine [permission slip packet #2](#). The paper packet will be sent home with your child closer to the clinic date or can be printed from home.
- This packet includes:
 - o RSU 1 Permission Slip and Transportation Request
 - o Patient Consent Form
 - o CDC Pre-Vaccination Checklist

Please note:

- o *No ID cards are needed for student vaccinations.*
- o *Whether you have health insurance or not, the vaccine will be free to you.*
- o *You can read more information on the Pfizer Covid-19 vaccine and side effects by clicking [this link](#).*

All forms will need to be turned in to the school no later than the morning of Monday, June 7th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patrick M. Manuel'.

Patrick Manuel
Superintendent

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LETTER FROM MID COAST HOSPITAL to RSU 1 FAMILIES

May 21, 2021

Dear Parent or Guardian:

With the U.S. FDA and CDC's approval of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine for all ages 12 years and older (an expansion that includes ages 12 - 15), we are pleased to offer this vaccine to your children ages 12 and older. Mid Coast Hospital will be our healthcare partner administering vaccines.

These vaccines are optional for your child. However, we believe there are some important reasons to consider this opportunity.

- 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 student is protected from COVID-19.
- The vaccine will also help prevent your student 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 student vaccinated at the school. Many vaccine clinics and pharmacies do not offer the COVID-19 vaccine that is approved for children.
- The vaccine is free.

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 for clinic details, including how to make an appointment.

Thank you,

Mid Coast Hospital

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