



Union City Area School District
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April 23, 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian of students 16 years of age or older,

We have some very exciting news! We are partnering with Meadville Medical Center to offer and assist all of our students that are 16 years of age or older the opportunity to get vaccinated.

This is obviously a parent choice, but we want to pass along very important information about the vaccine opportunity as well as how this could impact your student and family in the future.

First let's cover the vaccination opportunity. Anyone interested in getting their student that is 16 or older vaccinated can have that done this upcoming Friday, April 30th at the old Peebles in Meadville. Pending the receipt of all necessary paperwork and permissions, the school district will bus those students to Meadville and escort them to be vaccinated. They will be receiving the Pfizer vaccine, and we will repeat the process on Friday, May 21st, for the second shot.

If your student has already received the vaccine that is great. It would be greatly appreciated if you could please send in a copy of their vaccine card to the HS Main Office. This will be kept in your student's confidential medical file, and will help us deal with future quarantining situations.

We know there are differing opinions on the pandemic and the vaccine. Let me briefly go over the benefits of your student receiving the vaccine. Students that are fully vaccinated would no longer need to be quarantined as close contacts unless they are displaying symptoms indicative of COVID-19. To put that in perspective, we are approaching 1000 documented quarantines this school year. Only a handful of these actually had COVID-19. By getting this vaccine, your student would not only have protection against the virus, but would also be giving themselves the best chance of being in school for in person learning and participation in extracurricular activities without interruption.

If your student is interested, they should stop by the office to pick up the permission slip for being bussed to the vaccination site (Meadville) as well as the consent for the vaccine and return it by Wednesday, April 28th, at the latest. This paperwork is also attached to this email

Please consider this layer of protection for your student and your family. Again, it is a personal choice, but we want to assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Matthew W. Bennett'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'M' and 'B'.

Matthew W. Bennett

Superintendent of Schools
Union City Area School District