



April 23, 2021

**Re: COVID-19 Pfizer Vaccination**

Dear,

The purpose of this correspondence is to facilitate the administration of the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine to eligible students attending the Union City Area School District (UCSD). Effective April 14<sup>th</sup>, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has deemed all persons 16 and older immediately eligible to receive the Pfizer vaccine.

In cooperation with UCSD, Meadville Medical Center (MMC) is planning to offer first dose vaccination to eligible students at the former Peebles Department Store on Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>. The second dose will be administered on Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup>, at the same location. The Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine requires two doses to complete the vaccination process, which are administered approximately three weeks apart. Any eligible students from Union City participating in the Pfizer vaccine will be transported to Meadville Medical Center's vaccination clinic located at the Park Ave. Plaza in Meadville, Pa.

**The COVID-19 vaccine is voluntary and requires informed consent. Students under the age of 18 will need parental or guardian consent in order to be vaccinated.** Additional information regarding the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine can be attained by visiting <https://www.fda.gov/media/144414/download>.

We strongly encourage all eligible students to receive the vaccine as it is safe and highly effective at preventing severe disease and reduces the likelihood of transmitting COVID-19 to others. MMC has administered approximately thirty-two thousand doses locally without any serious adverse reactions. However, it is common to experience tiredness, soreness at the injection site and other mild symptoms, which are explained on the FDA's website.

A consent form has been enclosed, which will need to be signed and returned prior to vaccination for any student under the age of 18. Please return the consent form to the school nurse's office on or before Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. There is no cost to any participant receiving the vaccination. If you have additional questions, you can also contact MMC's COVID-19 vaccination information line at 814-336-1800.

In closing, I thank you for your time and attention to this matter. I strongly encourage you to allow your child to be vaccinated as it is extremely important for the health and wellbeing of your child, family and our community.

Sincerely,

Philip E. Pandolph  
President & Chief Executive Officer