



Monday, February 1, 2021

NKC Schools families,

North Kansas City Schools has continued to collaborate with our local health partners throughout the winter to plan for the safe and efficient distribution of COVID-19 vaccinations to our staff members. Along with wearing masks, social distancing, and frequent handwashing, we know that vaccines are one of the best measures available to protect against the virus. As COVID-19 vaccinations become more widely available, NKC Schools has plans in place to provide opportunities to all of our employees who elect to participate.

The state of Missouri continues to distribute vaccine doses to communities across the state, first prioritizing healthcare workers and those who are 65 years of age or older or have qualifying health conditions. Many of our NKC Schools staff members received their first doses as those within priority groups approved in January. When Missouri moves to Phase 1B-Tier 3, all school staff will be eligible to receive the vaccine. It is strictly optional and will not be required as part of employment in NKC Schools.

Thanks to our ongoing partnership with Truman Medical Center (TMC), NKC Schools will provide vaccinations to all staff who elect to participate. Last month, the district asked all staff members to indicate their interest in receiving a vaccine to develop initial plans for a clinic in our district. While we gauged interest earlier this year, we are now at a point to bring this to fruition. Vaccinations will be provided at specified sites throughout the district in partnership with TMC. This morning, we asked our staff members to begin reserving their COVID-19 vaccination. Once the state approves Phase 1B-Tier 3, we will work with TMC to order supplies. We are excited to provide this opportunity for all NKC Schools staff members who would like this service.

To best serve our students and minimize disruptions to learning, NKC Schools' vaccination clinic may require a virtual learning day for all students or for those in specified grade levels. We will provide as much notice as possible to families, recognizing the need for time in advance to make plans. The latest information about COVID-19 cases in our district is accessible any time at nkcschools.org/dashboard. See all coronavirus-related updates at nkcschools.org/coronavirus. Should you have questions or would like to have further conversation, please don't hesitate to reach out via [Let's Talk](#). Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we navigate new challenges together as one NKC Schools community.