

Board Resolution on the Administration of Vaccines to School Personnel

Whereas, the Governor of Missouri has issued Executive Order 20-02 and subsequent orders declaring a state of emergency pursuant to §§ 44.100 *et seq.* relating to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

Whereas, the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is responsible for the coordination and distribution of COVID-19 vaccines as they become available and has designated responsibility to the State Implementation Team (SIT) and Regional Implementation Teams (RITs) to direct local distribution;

Whereas, the State of Missouri's [COVID-19 Vaccination Plan](#) has identified education as a critical infrastructure sector and school personnel as a priority population for vaccination;

Whereas, the Board of Education of the Columbia 93 Public School District (Board) prioritizes the health and safety of its employees, service-providers and the students it serves; and

Whereas, minimizing transmission of disease in the school environment is crucial to returning all district students to in-person learning;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

1. The Board supports the priority designation of school personnel for vaccination and encourages DHSS to define "school personnel" for this purpose to include all school district employees, regardless of title, as all school employees work collaboratively and are authorized to interact with teachers, students and the public. In addition, the Board encourages DHSS to include in the definition of "school personnel" district contractors that work in school buildings or provide services to students including, but not limited to bus drivers, food service providers, and therapists, many of whom have ongoing and direct contact with students and the public on a daily basis.
2. The Board requests information and guidance from DHSS, the SIT and the relevant RIT on how vaccines will be distributed and administered to school personnel in the region and how the district can best prepare to assist in this effort while maintaining ongoing and effective educational services.
3. The information and guidance from DHSS, the SIT and the relevant RIT are necessary in order for the district administration to work cooperatively with DHSS, the SIT, the RIT, the local health department and entities authorized to administer the vaccine in the region to:
 - a. Educate school personnel, student, parents and community members on the benefits of vaccination in general as well as the COVID-19 vaccine;

- b. Create an action plan so that school personnel may be prepared and expeditiously vaccinated as soon as doses become available in the region.
 - c. Create a plan on how the district can participate in the equitable distribution of the vaccine to students, parents and other members of the community at large to the extent such vaccinations can occur without disrupting the district's ongoing education program and the need to maintain a safe learning environment.
4. The Board recognizes that there are populations in the district that are historically underserved and are high-risk for COVID-19 and other illnesses, including district students of color and their families. The Board encourages DHSS, the SIT and the RIT to pay particular attention to these communities and to ensure these communities are provided equitable and convenient access to the vaccine. The Board directs district administration to likewise focus district resources to assist when able in the equitable vaccination of the entire school community, including students of color, and to bring to Board's attention how the district can further assist in the effort.

ADOPTED THIS THE 11th DAY OF JANUARY, 2021.

HELEN WADE
PRESIDENT, BOARD OF EDUCATION

ATTEST:

TRACY DAVENPORT
SECRETARY, BOARD OF EDUCATION