

POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Staff Vaccination Update
Wednesday, March 3, 2021

Today, Governor Tom Wolf and the COVID-19 Vaccine Task Force announced that Pennsylvania will use the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) single-dose COVID-19 vaccine for PreK-12 public and non-public school teachers and other school staff. *The vaccination of educators is separate from the ongoing Phase 1A vaccine rollout, which continues at an accelerated pace.*

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) last weekend authorized the Johnson & Johnson vaccine for emergency use. Pennsylvania will receive 94,600 doses this week. To quickly get the vaccine into educators' arms, the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the departments of Education and Health are partnering with the 28 Intermediate Units (IUs) to establish vaccine sites. The PA National Guard and AMI Expeditionary Healthcare (AMI) will administer the vaccine.

Each IU have at least one vaccination site with most locations starting vaccinations between March 10-13. The District continues to work in conjunction with the Pennsylvania Governor's Office and the Montgomery County Office of Public Health to provide Pottsgrove with the necessary resources to keep our staff and students safe.

The initial priority is vaccinating school staff that have regular and sustained in-person contact with students during the regular school day, including teachers and staff providing pre-k and elementary instruction, special education, English learners and associated support because younger children are more susceptible to learning loss and their families are more likely to have childcare challenges. The plan is to have all school staff, regardless of priority level, vaccinated by the end of March.

All eligible district employees and contractors have been notified of this update and must complete the COVID Vaccine Survey by Friday, March 5th at 5:00 pm.