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Dear Families,

As you might be aware, all New Yorkers aged 12 and up can now receive a free COVID-19 vaccine. This is great news for the health and safety of your child, your family, your school community, and the whole city.

In partnership with the NYC Test & Trace Corps and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene, some school sites—including your child's—are now offering vaccinations to make it as easy as possible to stay safe. No appointment is needed, and anyone who is eligible for the vaccine can receive it—including you and other family members.

Getting your child vaccinated is safe, confidential, and easy. Here's what you need to know:

- You will not need to provide proof of immigration status or a social security number to get vaccinated. Identification is only required for proof of age.
- You do not need health insurance to get vaccinated
- **For all individuals under 18, a parent or legal guardian must provide consent.**
 - Students aged 12 to 15 must be accompanied to the vaccination site by a parent or guardian, or another adult caregiver designated by the parent or guardian.
 - For students aged 16 to 18, parental consent may also be provided over the phone.
- **All records and information associated with vaccination are kept strictly confidential.**
- Vaccines are administered by trained medical professionals.
- On-site telephone interpretation in multiple languages will be available.

While strongly recommended, vaccinations are not mandatory. However, citywide vaccination has already dramatically reduced COVID-19 positivity rates, helping to reopen the city, restore in-person gathering, and deliver a brighter future.

If have any questions, visit nyc.gov/covidvaccine for all the facts. We hope you will consider getting your child vaccinated soon.

Sincerely,

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