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COVID VACCINES AVAILABLE TO ALL ELIZABETH TEACHERS RETURNING TO THE CLASSROOM

Mayor Bollwage, Superintendent Hugelmeyer Announce Vaccine Date

ELIZABETH, NJ— March 26, 2021 — Mayor J. Christian Bollwage and Olga Hugelmeyer, the Superintendent of Schools, announced this morning that Covid-19 vaccines are available to all Elizabeth School District teachers who are returning to the classroom.

Beginning today through March 29th, teachers who are returning to the classroom, can register for the vaccine which will be administered at the Dunn Sports Center by Trinitas Regional Medical Center staff.

“All of the decisions we have made to educate our children have been based on the best available health science and data,” said Superintendent Hugelmeyer. “The statistics show the vaccines are the best way to safeguard health. No one wants to greet children at their schools more than the teachers, staff, Board of Education, and me; and this can give us the chance to do so. I would like to thank Mayor Bollwage and Trinitas for securing these vaccines and making our teachers a priority.”

Presuming transmission rates and vaccination availability permits, Elizabeth Schools plan to reopen in stages. The district’s program for children with autism reopened on March 22nd for in-person learning and the reopening plan thereafter anticipates children in Pre-k through Third grade to return to classrooms toward the end of April and additional students shortly thereafter.

The District has taken extraordinary steps to protect students and staff, including purchasing more than 4,000 air purifiers for classrooms, as well as extensive disinfectant and PPE for staff.

“The health and safety of our community is my first priority and making sure our teachers returning to the classroom are vaccinated is one of the final pieces of the puzzle to be able to safely reopen schools,” said Mayor Bollwage. “By protecting teachers who are standing in front of Elizabeth’s children, we are not only protecting them, but the entire City.”

The first dose of the Pfizer-BioNTech two-shot vaccine will be administered on April 1, while the second dose will be administered on April 21st.

Appointments are required and registration information has been communicated to teachers.