



Dr. Saltzman staff message March 3, 2021

To: All EPS staff
From: Dr. Ian B. Saltzman, Superintendent
Regarding: COVID vaccination availability

Good afternoon amazing staff! I hope you have enjoyed seeing students back in the building as much as I have, and that this finds you well.

We know one piece of healthy schools and a healthy community is vaccinations for COVID. You may have heard that yesterday President Biden announced several exciting developments. He announced:

- A new partnership between Merck and Johnson & Johnson to expand production, and Johnson & Johnson will now begin operations 24/7.
- By implementing Defense Production Act, **they will have enough vaccines to vaccinate every adult in America by the end of May.**
- He directed every state to prioritize vaccination of the educational workforce. **Challenge: every educator, school staff member, child care worker to receive at least one vaccine by the end of March.**

As a follow-up to Biden's challenge, Governor Inslee announced that, effective immediately, all school staff are prioritized and moved into vaccination stage 1b1, which means you are immediately eligible for a vaccine.

The WA Department of Health will be announcing soon exactly what that looks like, where, and how you can get your vaccine. We will keep you updated as we know there is currently a shortage of vaccines available.

There is currently an opportunity for a small number of staff to receive their vaccination this weekend. We are pleased to offer, through a partnership with Safeway/Albertsons pharmacy, an onsite COVID vaccination clinic for up to 600 Everett Public School staff.

The clinic will be held at **Evergreen Middle School on Saturday, March 6, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.** Safeway/Albertsons will be managing the appointments and administering the vaccinations. You must have an appointment, and bring your badge the day of your appointment as well as the waiver attached.

To schedule your appointment, visit [this link](#) and register. Once you sign up, **please print and sign this attached consent and release form to bring to the vaccination clinic.**

Please do NOT forward this link to anyone outside Everett Public Schools, or post on social media. These slots are reserved for EPS employees only.

Please do not arrive more than 15 minutes ahead of your appointment time to allow for social distancing.

This is the [Johnson & Johnson vaccine](#), which means **it only requires one shot**. If you have already received your first shot of one of the other manufactured vaccines and are waiting for your second shot, this one will not work for you.

We plan to have additional vaccination clinics for our staff as vaccine becomes available, and of course you can always visit your health provider's office or visit one of the [community vaccination clinics](#).

We commit to keeping you updated as more information becomes available.

Please be safe and be well,

Ian Saltzman
Superintendent