

Promoting Vaccines During Report Card Pickup / Parent-Teacher Conferences

As a district, it is important that we use every opportunity available to us to inform parents and guardians of the COVID-19 vaccine's safety and efficacy. **We hope you will communicate to your students' parents and guardians about the importance of getting the COVID-19 vaccine during parent-teacher conferences and report card pickup.**

CPS has designed [this flyer](#) and this [FAQ handout](#) in both English and Spanish to be printed and included along with report cards for every student.

In addition to distributing these materials, it is also important to communicate verbally with parents and guardians about the importance of vaccines. Teachers are some of our most trusted messengers, and we believe families hearing directly from their students' teachers will increase their willingness to get vaccinated. Here are some messages we encourage teachers to share in conversations with families at parent-teacher conferences this week:

- **The vaccine is safe, effective, and free for all Chicagoans ages 5 and up.**
- **No proof of insurance or citizenship is required to get vaccinated.**
- **Children ages 5 to 11 years old will receive a smaller dose of the Pfizer vaccine — just a third of the amount of the adult vaccine.** This will reduce the likelihood of side effects—such as sore arms, fever, or aches. The needle used to administer the vaccine to children is also much smaller.
- **Once fully vaccinated, students will not be asked to quarantine at home when they come into contact with someone who tests positive for a current variant of COVID-19, as long as they are well.** This means students can remain in school where they get the best instruction, and parents and guardians won't have to scramble to find child care for a quarantine period.
- While vaccinations are the most important tool we have in preventing the spread of COVID-19, we also encourage you to visit cps.edu/covid to **sign your student up for regular COVID-19 testing to keep our schools as safe as possible.**

Thank you for your assistance with ensuring our parents have timely and accurate information about COVID-19 vaccines. You are considered among the heroes of the pandemic, and we greatly appreciate everything you have done and continue to do to ensure CPS students receive the best and safest education possible during this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

Pedro Martinez , Chief Executive Officer

Chicago Public Schools

MAKE A PLAN

GET VACCINATED

Children ages 5 and up are now eligible to get vaccinated against COVID-19!

I have little cousins, little siblings, and all of them are the big reason I got vaccinated.



COVID-19 Vaccines are:

- Safe
- Effective
- Widely available
- Lifesaving

And fully vaccinated students without symptoms won't have to quarantine if they are exposed to current variants of COVID-19.

Find a COVID-19 vaccine site near you

- Visit [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov)
- Text your zip code to 438829
- Call 1-800-232-0233



HAZ UN PLAN

VACÚNATE

Tengo primos y hermanos pequeños, ellos son la gran razón por la que me vacuné.

¡Los niños mayores de 5 años ahora son elegibles para recibir la vacuna contra el COVID-19!



Las vacunas contra el COVID-19 son:

- Seguras
- Efectivas
- Ampliamente disponibles
- Salvan vidas

Y los estudiantes que estén completamente vacunados y que no presenten síntomas no tendrán que ponerse en cuarentena si están expuestos a las cepas actuales de COVID-19.

Encuentre un sitio de vacunación cerca de usted:

- Visite [vacunas.gov](https://www.vacunas.gov)
- Envíe un mensaje de texto con su código postal al 438829
- Llame al 1-800-232-0233

