

Good afternoon East Windsor families,

We want to share some very important updates that require your attention, including:

- School Vaccine Clinic for students ages 5-11 on Mon., 11/15
- Parent/Teacher Conferences, Nov. 17-19
- Screen & Stay
- Mask Wearing & Student Vaccination Status Request

School Vaccine Clinic, ages 5-11, Mon., 11/15 from 3:30-6:30 p.m.

East Windsor Public Schools has partnered with Griffin Healthcare to offer a Pfizer-BioNTech COVID19 Vaccine Clinic for children age 5-11 on **Monday, November 15th from 3:30 to 6:30PM at the East Windsor Middle School Cafeteria**. A parent or legal guardian will be required to accompany children to their vaccine appointment and will be required to complete necessary paperwork and consent. Please see the attached fact sheet for more information on the vaccine: [Pfizer 5 through 11 Fact Sheet for Recipients-COVID-19 Vaccine Final.pdf](#)

In order to accurately plan for the required number of doses needed for our clinic, **we NEED all interested parents to complete this one question survey found on the link:** <https://forms.office.com/r/qaAJedFXWJ>.

This survey will close on Thursday, 11/11 at 10AM. Further information regarding our clinic will be forthcoming once the survey has closed.

Parent/Teacher Conferences & Protocols for attending in-person

As a reminder, parent/teacher conferences are scheduled to be in-person on November 17-19 (virtual conferences are still an option). For those parents interested in an in-person conference, conferences will be limited to one parent and no children or will be limited to the one child for which the conference is being held. If you are unable to secure child care, please schedule a virtual conference.

In addition, we recommend a virtual parent teacher conference if you are having any COVID-19 symptoms or have traveled out-of-state recently. The guidelines below will determine where you should schedule a virtual conference:

- If you have any COVID-19 symptoms or are not feeling well
- If you have traveled out-of-state or internationally in the last 14 days and have stayed out of state for more than 24 hours
- if you have been exposed to anyone with COVID-19 in the last 14 days
- If anyone in your house is quarantined due to an exposure

Please follow our COVID-19 mitigation strategies during your parent/teacher conference as we work to keep everyone safe and healthy during this time.

- hand sanitize upon entrance to school
- masks must be worn at all times
- maintain 6 ft distance between you and the teacher
- refrain from shaking hands
- no eating or drinking during the conference

- hand sanitize upon exit of the building

Each school will send out more information next week about signing up for your child's conference.

Screen & Stay

Last Thursday, Governor Lamont issued the Screen and Stay initiative to Connecticut schools that choose to participate. Under the initiative, students that are close contacts but have no symptoms can remain in school if they meet certain conditions. Our team of administrators are currently reviewing the guidance and the feasibility with implementation. I expect to provide an update on our ability to implement this option by the end of the week.

Mask Wearing & Vaccination Status Request

As COVID-19 health data trends in the right direction for our community, and the Governor lifts some restrictions for cities and towns, many people continue to ask our school principals, office assistants, and myself for an update regarding the state's mask mandate for schools. Unfortunately, the governor's statewide mask mandate requirements for public and private school systems has not yet been changed. However, local and state organizations have recently inquired from school districts on the percent of eligible students that are vaccinated as this information may impact future decisions on mask wearing. As a result, we request that if your child is vaccinated that you provide this information to your child's school nurse.

I realize and acknowledge we all have some level of mask fatigue, but remain hopeful that as we continue to do what's best for those around us, we will move closer to the day we will be able to announce the lifting of restrictions in our schools.

Last, I want thank you for your continued support and attention to the updates provided. As a reminder, parents are encouraged to ask your child questions about tomorrow's activities as our students are participating in instructional activities designed to honor our veterans in an effort to highlight the importance and meaning of Veteran's Day.

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