

As you are aware, schools will be closed on Friday, November 12, 2021 for Vaccination Awareness Day — a city-wide effort to get as many Chicagoans as possible, especially children, vaccinated against COVID-19. We are writing today to provide important information to you about how to make this day a success.

Finding a Vaccine

CPS is sending the following information to families on how to schedule an appointment. If families reach out to you about finding a vaccine, please direct them to this information:

The quickest and easiest way to find a vaccine appointment:

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

If you cannot find a convenient appointment through [vaccines.gov](https://www.vaccines.gov), here are some other options to get vaccinated:

- Make an appointment at [a clinic run by the Chicago Department of Public Health](#)
- Make an appointment to get a vaccine [in your home](#)
- Call the City's COVID-19 helpline at (312) 746-4835.
- Make an appointment at [a CPS Regional COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic](#)
- Make an appointment at [a CPS Mobile Event](#)
- Make an appointment at [a CPS School-Based Health Center](#)

Importance of Vaccination

Here are some messages we encourage you to share with families in preparation for November 12:

- **The vaccine is safe, effective, and free, and no proof of insurance or citizenship is required.**
- **Children ages 5 to 11 years old will receive child-sized doses of the Pfizer vaccine, which is 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 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.

Thank you

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