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More than 250 students, family members, school staff vaccinated against COVID-19 in BCPS schools during first week of service

Service to expand from 3 to 11 schools on May 19 and to 19 schools by May 26

Towson, MD – In its first week of offering COVID-19 vaccines in high schools, Baltimore County Public Schools has vaccinated more than 250 students, their family members, and school staff.

The school-based COVID vaccine program, operated in partnership with the Baltimore County Department of Health, began Monday, May 10, at three high schools. It will expand to eight more high schools on Wednesday, May 19, and an additional eight high schools on Wednesday, May 26.

Those who received their first vaccine doses this week will receive their second doses in June.

“Our goal is to return all students to full-time, in-school instruction”, said BCPS Superintendent Dr. Darryl L. Williams. “Our partnership with the Baltimore County Department of Health brings us one step closer to the realization of that goal. We are grateful to our school-based nurses and community volunteers for their dedication to this effort.”

Debbie Somerville, BCPS coordinator of the BCPS Office of Health Services, also expressed thanks to the Baltimore County Department of Health and BCPS school nurses. “When we look back at this pandemic,” Somerville said, “I will always be proud of the passion and commitment of BCPS school nurses to the health of our community. They are the embodiment of an unsung hero.”

“The selfless acts of care and courage demonstrated by our school nurses, throughout the pandemic, have been a true inspiration,” added Dr. Michael Zarchin, chief of the BCPS Division of School Climate

and Safety. “The school-based vaccination program is just one of many examples of the commitment school nurses have made to keeping our school communities healthy.”

Principals also expressed their support.

Brian Powell, principal of Kenwood High School, said, “I’m extremely excited to have this opportunity of the vaccine clinic in our school for our students and community. We are grateful for our school nurses and health partners to support us as we move towards our goal of five days a week instruction for our students. We have a daily motto at Kenwood High School to take care of each other and our community, and this opportunity does just that!”

“Milford is proud to host COVID vaccinations for our students and their families,” said Kyria Joseph, principal of Milford Mill Academy. “We believe the school is a resource to the community, and this opportunity allows our families to access the vaccination to keep their children safe.”

Charlene DiMino, principal of Towson High School added, “Vaccination clinics offer convenience for our students and familiarity with site-based, trained professionals. We are incredibly grateful for the efforts of our schools’ medical professionals and the expert advice from the Office of Health Services.”

Online registration is required at all school-based vaccine clinics, and the vaccine offered is the two-dose Pfizer BioNTech. There is no charge for the COVID-19 vaccine. Schools will provide a registration link for students and their families, and families and staff can reach out to the school nurse with any questions.

Remaining dates at BCPS high schools with school-based wellness centers

Please note that each clinic location will only serve students, their families, and staff affiliated with the school unless otherwise noted. These vaccine clinics will be open from 9 a.m.–1 p.m.

Chesapeake High/ second doses: June 1, 3

Dundalk High/ second doses: June 1, 2, 4

Kenwood High/ second doses: June 2, 4

Owings Mills High/ first doses: May 17, 19, 20 / second doses: June 7, 9, 10

Parkville High (also serving students from Loch Raven High for first doses on May 19 & second doses on June 9)/ first doses: May 18, 19, 21 / second doses: June 8, 9, 11

Lansdowne High/ first doses: May 24, 26, 28 / second doses: June 14, 16, 17

Woodlawn High/ first doses: May 25, 26, 28 / second doses: June 15, 16, 18

Remaining dates at other selected BCPS high schools

Please note that each clinic location will only serve students and their families affiliated with the school unless otherwise noted. Students who attend Catonsville Alternative School, Eastern Technical High School, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, Rosedale Center, and Western School of Technology will receive links to sign up for vaccines at their home/zone school.

School (other schools served)/first and second vaccine dates/clinic hours

Catonsville High/ May 26 & June 16/ from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Dulaney High/ May 26 & June 16/ from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Franklin High/ May 19 & June 9/ from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Hereford High/ May 19 & June 9/ from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Milford Mill Academy (also serving students from Randallstown High) /May 26 & June 16/ from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

New Town High (also serving students from Randallstown High)/ May 26 & June 16/ from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Overlea High/ May 26 & June 16/ from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Patapsco High/ May 19 & June 9/ from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Perry Hall High/ May 26 & June 16/ from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Pikesville High/ May 19 & June 9/ from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Sparrows Point High/ May 19 & June 9/ from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

Towson High (also serving students from Loch Raven High)/ May 19 & June 9/ from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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