



Bethel Park Elementary

Student COVID Vaccination

At Bethel Park Elementary, our first priority is ensuring all students have a safe environment in which to learn. Never has that been more challenging than in the past two years, working to keep students in school where they learn best, while also navigating a global pandemic. In an effort to continue making school safer we hope that families will join us in increasing our protection against the COVID-19 virus through vaccination.

We understand that many families may be hesitant to vaccinate their students, and although a vaccine requirement in the near future is unlikely, we do believe it is our best tool to get back to normal as quickly as possible. To that end, we are offering incentives for families that do help us by vaccinating their students. For those families that are still undecided, information has also been included below.

Incentives

1. The first 50 families that send in proof of vaccination will receive a \$20 Domino's gift card (1 per student vaccinated)
2. All students that receive a vaccination and send in a picture of their card before January 31st, 2022, will be entered to win an [Oculus Quest 2 VR](#) Headset. Winner to be announced February 4th, 2022.

Additional incentives/advantages may be announced later in the year (e.g. vaccinated students may not have to wear masks, additional raffles).

In order to receive incentives, families must:

1. Get students vaccinated. Please see the vaccination locations listed below.
2. Submit proof of vaccination through one of the following methods:
 - a. Bring vaccination card to the main office at the school
 - b. Take a picture of the vaccination card and send it to
 - Email: info@piloted.org
 - Text: 317-759-0713

[Vaccine Information for Parents/Guardians - FAQ](#)

Do students really need to be vaccinated? Is COVID that serious for children?

Since the start of the pandemic, there have been nearly 2 million cases of COVID among children ages 5-11 years old. Though they often do not develop serious symptoms, children are as likely to be infected and can become very sick, sometimes with long-term effects. Additionally, children infected with COVID can pass it along to other adults who may be

more susceptible to serious illness. Getting your student vaccinated protects them, as well as their classmates, teachers, staff members at the school, and the rest of your family.

Are the vaccines safe? Do children experience side effects to the vaccine?

Children may experience mild side effects from the vaccine, similar to adults, including: swelling, redness, and pain at injection site, fever, headache, tiredness, muscle pain, chills, and nausea. Though uncomfortable, these side effects are simply a sign that the vaccine is working, and are not a cause for concern.

Serious side effects in response to the vaccine can include anaphylaxis (allergic response) or myocarditis (swelling of the heart muscle), though these are extremely rare. During your first dose, you will be asked to wait 10-20 minutes after receiving the shot to ensure that no immediate effects occur.

Long term side effects are very unlikely following any vaccination, including the COVID-19 vaccination. Research of past vaccines has shown that side effects generally happen within six weeks of receiving a vaccine dose. For this reason, the FDA required each of the authorized COVID-19 vaccines to be studied for at least two months (eight weeks) after the final dose and no longer term effects were found.

Can my student get COVID from the vaccine?

No. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are both mRNA vaccines, which work by introducing your body to only a small part of the virus (protein). Flu-like symptoms after receiving the vaccine are a result of the body reacting to that protein, not an indication that there has been an infection with the virus.

Should I get my student vaccinated if they have already been sick with COVID?

A previous infection does offer some protection against a second infection, but studies show that the vaccine provides longer-lasting protection against COVID. Experts recommend that everyone be vaccinated, regardless of whether or not they have had a COVID infection. If you have had COVID, the CDC does recommend waiting 90 days before vaccination.

Where can I get the vaccine?

- Convenience/Grocery Stores: [CVS](#), [Walgreens](#), [Kroger](#), [Walmart](#) (schedule online)
- Indianapolis Motor Speedway (parking lot, 4551 West 16th Street): Walk-in 4-8 p.m
- Good News Health Clinic (11 Eastern Ave., Indianapolis, IN 46201) - 5-11 year olds only
- IND Health Net Barrington (3401 E. Raymond St, Indianapolis, IN 46203)
- To look up additional locations, use the Indiana Department of Health's [website](#)

If you are still unsure about the vaccine for your child and would like to discuss further, you can contact the school. We are happy to answer any and all questions not addressed here.

References:

- [CDC Website](#)
- [COVID vaccinations for kids 5-11 could start this week. What Hoosier parents should know.](#)