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Dear Parent/Guardian:

Today St. Mary's County Health Department (SMCHD) [announced](#) that all those living in St. Mary's County, ages 12 and up, are eligible for local COVID-19 Pfizer vaccine clinics. Appointments for Pfizer vaccine this week and next week are currently available at www.smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine on late afternoon/evenings and weekends in order to accommodate student and parent schedules. Those needing telephone assistance with registering for a vaccine appointment may call SMCHD at (301) 475-4330.

Vaccine clinics will be a drive-thru mechanism at the Hollywood Volunteer Fire Department and require the student to **register in advance with parental consent**. The second dose of the Pfizer vaccine will be scheduled for three weeks later. Free transportation assistance may be arranged by calling SMCHD at (301) 475-4330 with **at least 24-hours notice**.

For more information and to make an appointment, visit <https://smchd.org/covid-19-vaccine/>. Please review information about allergies on the [SMCHD vaccine website](#) prior to registering for the drive-thru vaccine appointment.

We are hopeful these coordinated vaccine clinics will assist students and their families. Vaccines have demonstrated effectiveness in preventing both severe COVID-19 illness and silent infection that can be passed to others. Fully vaccinated and asymptomatic persons are able to continue with in-person school, sports and extracurricular activities when they would have otherwise quarantined after an exposure to COVID-19.

Sincerely,

J. Scott Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools