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One Year After COVID-19 Closed Schools SLPS Announces Vaccines for Area Educators



ST. LOUIS, MO – Through a coordinated effort of Saint Louis Public Schools (SLPS), the Army National Guard and the Urban League of Greater St. Louis, more than 2,000 SLPS staff and other St. Louis City educators will begin receiving COVID-19 vaccinations on Monday, March 15.

All appointments have been made and, over the course of four days, March 15, 16, 18, 19 (starting at 9 a.m. every day except Wednesday), educators will have access to the Janssen COVID-19 vaccine by Johnson & Johnson through a temporary clinic established in the Vashon High School (3035 Cass Ave.) gymnasium. Vashon students studying in-person will temporarily return to virtual learning for the week.

According to SLPS Superintendent Dr. Kelvin Adams, the District has also extended an invitation to area educators from charter, private and parochial schools. "Gaining access to the COVID-19 vaccine has been a top priority for our District. Now, through our partnerships with the Urban League and the Army National Guard, we are pleased to be able to offer this measure of protection for our staff and the greater community of educators in the interest of increasing the safety of all staff and students."

The District is also appreciative of the efforts of Walmart in providing additional vaccine support for SLPS staff.

Again, this vaccination effort is targeted to educators and is by appointment only. SLPS will release information regarding future makeup dates and times for staff members who need to reschedule appointments. In addition, if you have previously started a COVID-19 vaccination series (Pfizer or Moderna) the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that you continue with your current series.

For more information on the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine, please click <u>HERE</u>. For the District's COVID-19 data dashboard, visit <u>www.slps.org/dashboard</u>.