

January 20, 2021

Dear School District of Haverford Township Community,

I am pleased to announce that the Superintendents of Delaware County, along with the Chester County Health Department and Delaware County's Covid Task Force, have developed a vaccination plan for educational faculty and staff throughout the county. All plans have been vetted through the school leaders and have been submitted to the PA Department of Health.

The plan calls for four school-based vaccination sites, located in Garnet Valley, Radnor Township, Ridley, and Upper Darby, to be opened concurrently throughout 3 to 4 weekends beginning as early as February 13. All vaccination sites will be operated using an appointment-based model and will require staff to verify their employment with a Delaware County School District at the time of vaccination.

Unfortunately, we have not been allotted the necessary dosages to launch our plan. To begin vaccinations on February 13, the County will need approximately 25,000-30,000 doses of vaccine by February 3. We have been advocating for the proper amount of vaccines so that we can begin to secure our schools. Regrettably, we have not been allotted the necessary number of doses to initiate our plan.

To say that my colleagues and I are disappointed is an understatement. We know that the vaccine is not a cure for the virus, but it is another important tool in the fight against COVID-19. Although receiving the vaccine is voluntary for our staff, we realize that this mitigation effort is an important step when it comes to opening our schools to a greater degree for our students.

Tomorrow evening the Board will consider adoption of a resolution asking the General Assembly to provide the vaccines that we need.

Now, we need your help. We are asking our families to contact Joanne Roth of the Department of Health, Bureau of Emergency Preparedness & Response at joroth@pa.gov, and Cindy Findley MSW Pennsylvania Department of Health | Bureau of Communicable Diseases Director | Division of Immunizations at cfindley@pa.gov to ask that Delaware County receive the requisite doses to implement our plan.

Thank you for ensuring the safety of everyone in our community.

Sincerely,
Maureen Reusche, Ed.D
Superintendent