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## **U-46 to Offer COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics at All 40 Elementary Schools**

*Students ages 5-11 to be able to get vaccine during school day*

**ELGIN** - With federal health officials now recommending that children ages 5 to 11 be vaccinated against COVID-19, School District U-46 is holding optional vaccine clinics at all 40 of its elementary schools this month.

The clinics will allow students ages 5 to 11 to be vaccinated with the pediatric dose of the Pfizer vaccine during the school day. For a student to participate, their parent or guardian must register them for the 1st and 2nd doses of the vaccine, and submit a consent form to their school nurse.

There is no mandate for students to participate, it is completely optional and free. The vaccine clinics will be held in school libraries.

“I know that many families of younger children have been eagerly awaiting the chance to give them the protection offered by the COVID-19 vaccine,” said Superintendent Tony Sanders. “We decided to offer these clinics at our elementary schools as a service to our busy families. They won’t need to worry about transportation or locating a trusted provider, and their children can be vaccinated in a place that is familiar and comfortable to them.”

The vaccine clinics will start at 13 of U-46’s elementary schools on Friday, Nov. 12, with another 13 schools hosting clinics on Friday, Nov. 19, and the final 14 holding their events on Tuesday, Nov. 23. Because the pediatric COVID-19 vaccine requires two doses, students will receive their second shot about three weeks after their first, also at school.



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Parents who want to be present while their child is vaccinated will be able to do so by letting the school know in advance, answering a few COVID-19 screening questions upon their arrival, and using the District's normal guest-management system to receive a temporary ID.

More information about U-46's elementary COVID-19 clinics can be found at [u-46.org/covidclinics](http://u-46.org/covidclinics).

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*School District U-46 serves families in 11 communities: Bartlett, Elgin, Hanover Park, South Elgin, Streamwood and Wayne, as well as portions of Carol Stream, Hoffman Estates, St. Charles, Schaumburg, and West Chicago. In total, the District encompasses 90 square miles within the Fox River Valley, approximately 45 minutes west of downtown Chicago, and includes communities within Cook, DuPage and Kane counties. More than 36,000 pre-K through 12 graders attend the 57 District schools and programs. To learn more, visit the U-46 [website](#), or like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#).*