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CCPS to Close Friday, September 3 Encouraging Students/Staff to ‘Get Vaxxed’

District supports Georgia Governor Brian Kemp in promoting vaccinations | Vaccination Incentive Update

JONESBORO – Clayton County Public Schools’ (CCPS) “Clayton Calling the Shots” informational vaccination campaign is supporting the efforts of Georgia Governor Brian Kemp to encourage all individuals to “Get Vaxxed” by receiving a COVID-19 vaccination. As a result, District leadership announces that the school system will **close on Friday, September 3, 2021** to serve as an incentive for eligible students and CCPS employees to get vaccinated.

In making this announcement on Monday, August 23, the Governor said “I’m asking all state employees who have not yet gotten their shot to consider scheduling it on or before Friday, Sept. 3rd ... For those of you that have been vaccinated or got their shot before Sept. 3rd, please take this day off as a “Thank you.””

“We are proud to support the efforts of Governor Kemp in making this day available to our students and staff to take this important step to secure their health and safety as we continue to deal with the ongoing pandemic,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO of Schools. “As the Governor stated, for those who have received their vaccination, please accept this day as a token of our appreciation.”

“**Clayton Calling the Shots**” will offer the Pfizer vaccine during a mass vaccination drive at Lovejoy Middle School, 1588 Lovejoy Road in Lovejoy on Friday, September 3, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. To register for this event, use the following link: <https://forms.gle/DTsWQ1mT7HKmcBS59>. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. The second dose of the Pfizer vaccine will be offered on Friday, September 24, 2021.

The Clayton County Health District will also be offering vaccinations on Friday, September 3, 2021 and individuals can register by completing the following instructions: To access the portal and schedule an appointment please visit [COVID-19 Vaccination Registration \(powerapps.portals.us\)](https://powerapps.portals.us) and proceed to the COVID-19 questionnaire. Once you complete the questionnaire, search for Clayton County – Battle Creek Dose 1 Pfizer on September 3rd to book your appointment. If you need assistance you can call (678) 479-2223.

Employee Vaccination Incentive Update

Superintendent Beasley also announced additional details related to a monetary incentive for employees who would become vaccinated by the end of September.

“As part of our Clayton Calling the Shots information initiative, the district will be offering a one-time incentive for all full-time and part-time employees who get vaccinated by Thursday, September 30,” Dr. Beasley said. “Full-time employees will receive \$500 while part-time employees will get \$250.”

It is the intent of the district to pay this incentive, with employees being taxed at their normal payroll rate, by no later than Friday, October 29, 2021. This *one-time supplement* will be paid using CARES **funding** (federal funds). The incentive will apply to **all** employees who have been fully vaccinated by Thursday, September 30, 2021.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited by Cognia. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 50,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth largest school system in Georgia.

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