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COVID-19 vaccinations available for PSS students, staff at schools

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corporation (CHCC), in partnership with the CNMI Public School System (PSS), will offer school-based COVID-19 vaccinations at PSS schools. The effort follows the approval of the Pfizer-BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5 to 11 years old by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on Nov. 2, 2021.

The school-based outreaches are available to students and staff of PSS. Parents or legal guardians will need to register their children for vaccination by visiting <u>www.vaccinatecnmi.com</u>, or contacting (670) 682-7468 (SHOT). Walk-ins are not accepted at the school-based outreaches.

For families whose children do not attend a PSS school, the Multi-Purpose Center vaccination site is available to administer all three COVID-19 vaccines Monday to Saturday, 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Registration is highly recommended, but walk-ins are accepted at the Multi-Purpose Center vaccination site.

"School-based vaccination events have a long history and have successfully contributed to lower morbidity and mortality due to vaccine-preventable diseases," said CHCC Chief Executive Officer Esther L. Muña. "The school is an ideal place to reach children from all cultures, socioeconomic groups, and age groups, and is conveniently situated in communities for ease of accessibility for students, parents, and staff alike."

"PSS supports this initiative and recognizes that school-based vaccination sites provide students with a comfortable and familiar environment," said PSS Acting Commissioner of Education Eric M. Magofna.

The school-based vaccination effort for students and staff will be in compliance with CDC guidelines. The community is reminded to practice the 3 W's at all times: wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance.

PSS has worked with the CHCC to finalize plans to include location, logistics, and staffing.

First dose	School	Time
Nov. 18, 2021	Koblerville Elementary	8 a.m. – noon
	School	
	Tinian Elementary School	1 – 4 p.m.
	(Tinian Health Center)	
Nov. 19, 2021	San Vicente Elementary	8 a.m. – noon
	School	

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Nov. 19, 2021	Tinian Junior/Senior High	
	School (Tinian Health	1 – 4 p.m.
	Center)	
Nov. 22, 2021	Hopwood Middle School	8 a.m. – noon
Nov. 23, 2021	Oleai Elementary School	8 a.m. – noon
	Kagman High School	8 a.m. – noon
Nov. 29, 2021	Dr. Rita Hocog Inos Junior/Senior High School	9 – 11 a.m.
Nov. 30, 2021	Kagman Elementary School	8 a.m. – noon
100. 30, 2021	Sinapalo Elementary School	9 – 11 a.m.
Dec 1 2021	Gregorio T. Camacho	8 a.m. – noon
Dec. 1, 2021	Elementary School	
Dec. 2, 2021	Tanapag Middle School	8 a.m. – noon
Dec. 6, 2021	William S. Reyes	8 a.m. – noon
Dec. 6, 2021	Elementary School	
	Saipan Southern High	8 a.m. – noon
Dec. 7, 2021	School	
	Da'ok Academy	8 a.m. – noon
Dec. 9, 2021	Dandan Middle School	8 a.m. – noon
Dec. 12, 2021	Francisco Mendiola Sablan	8 a.m. – noon
Dec. 13, 2021	Middle School	
Dec. 14, 2021	Garapan Elementary School	8 a.m. – noon
Dec. 15, 2021	Chacha Ocean View Middle School	8 a.m. – noon
Dec 16 2021		<u> </u>
Dec. 16, 2021	Marianas High School	8 a.m. – noon

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